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closed Friday, July 3.*

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*Spend the summer with
Daniel Nahmod, Rev. Mary Manin Morrissey,
Rev. Sallye Taylor and Rev. Edwene Gaines*

July 2009

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with Joey Klein**
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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Do Be Do Be Do

Genesis: 2:3 "And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested."

Most of us have a natural drive to do. To do more. And to do more still. Our lives are full of work commitments and family obligations and household chores and healthcare appointments and on and on. We have busy schedules, and if we aren't careful, the schedules become the driver of our lives instead of our own inner spirit.

In his book, *Sabbath*, Wayne Muller puts it this way, "In the relentless busyness of modern life, we have lost the rhythm between action and rest. When action is universally prescribed as more useful than rest, we inevitably lose our way."

A spiritual teacher used to remind me, "Patricia, just to be is holy. Just to breathe is divine." Just hearing her words made my breathing slow down so that I could deeply inhale and exhale.

Summer is a time to exhale. It is time to rest, relax, renew, and recharge. It is a time to just be. Renewal doesn't have to mean traveling to a far-off exotic beach for a costly vacation. It happens any moment we pause to rest for an hour of meditation or an afternoon of fun.

In Genesis, we are told that after God finished creating the Universe, He rested on the seventh day.

This is the foundation for the notion of Sabbath—resting from work to reconnect with Spirit.

It is a common practice for ministers to take sabbaticals—extended periods of time for rest, study and spiritual renewal. I begin my two-month sabbatical on July 8 and will return September 8. During my sabbatical, I will take spiritual retreats and have extended time in solitude for prayer and reflection.

While I am away for my time of renewal, you will be treated to an experience we are calling "Summer Jam." The two months are exciting—guest speakers, Daniel Nahmod Concert, All-Church Talent Show, Summer Jam Fun Night, Pancake Sunday and more. It is all designed to make the summer a time for you to have fun and recharge at UCOP.

I am a bit jealous of all the fun you will have, but I am deeply committed to my spiritual path and being the very best spiritual leader I can be. Be assured that I will hold all of you in my heart.

Much Love,
Patricia

*Pack-a-Backpack Summer Outreach 2009*

Sponsor backpacks – Sundays, July 12, 19 and 26

Help make a difference in a child's life by sponsoring one or more backpacks filled with all the supplies they need for a joyful start for the upcoming school year. Imagine a child's face when they receive your gift and the confidence it brings.

Backpacks are distributed to children through Community Linc, Restart Inc, Safehome, St Vincent's, and our own spiritual community. To serve behind the scenes to support the program contact Genevieve Normand, Service Ministries Coordinator at gnormand@ucop.org or 913.649.1750 x 3025.

Board of Directors

On June 7, 2009, members of Unity Church of Overland Park voted and welcomed their new Board of Directors. Individuals were elected to 2 three-year member terms and 2 one-year alternate terms. The Board attended a retreat on June 19-20 to establish the direction for the church and their roles.

The 2009 / 2010 Board of Directors:

Ellis Megee, President
Rev. Patricia Bass, Member
Allen Carl, Alternate
Randy Gerard, Vice President
Tom Hadley, Treasurer
Paul Heath, Member
Debbie King, Member
Patti Klinge, Alternate
Shawn Wegner, Secretary

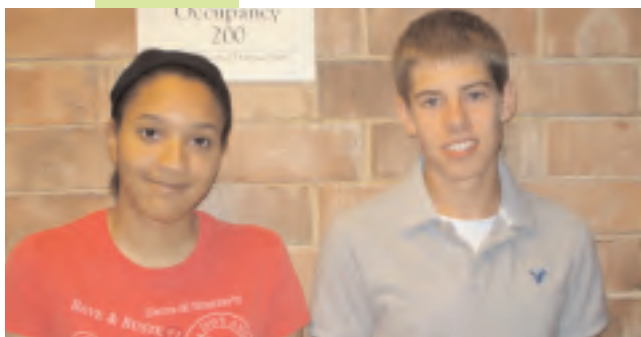
We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Danielle Keith and Carla Wakefield who are retiring from loving service on our Board. Danielle completed four years as a member, where she served two years as President, and Carla completed one year as an alternate. We are grateful for their service and commitment.



Front – L to R, Shawn Wegner, Randy Gerard, Ellis Megee, Rev. Patricia Bass.
Back – L to R, Allen Carl, Paul Heath, Patti Klinge, Tom Hadley, Debbie King

Y.O.U. Seniors

I would like to congratulate our graduating Y.O.U. (Youth of Unity) members. This past May, Charlotte Davis, Joseph Sheppard (not shown below), and Colin Statler graduated from high school. Charlotte, Joseph and Colin - we honor you, we bless you, and we behold the Christ in you! Congratulations on your graduation!



Y.O.U. Dinner

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Start saving room for a delicious dinner now! I am excited to let you know that before this year's All-Church Talent Show our Y.O.U. will be hosting a Taco Dinner. Last year's dinner was a great success, and I know the food this year will be every bit as delicious and savory as last year. We will see you all in Harmony Hall on August 28 before the Talent Show!



Dinner tickets available on Sundays starting August 9.
\$10 – Adults, Kids 12 and younger - \$5

Brandon Nagel,
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Spotlight Gallery

Artist Nancy Byram:

Unique and Bold Fabric Art

June 27—August 27

For more information visit

www.keepsakeframingservice.com



The Facilities—They Are Changing

As you walk around the church, notice the many changes to our facilities.

The Bookstore has a new look with glass walls and doors at the entry. Perhaps felt more than seen is the new environmentally friendly HVAC and energy management systems.

The first floor restrooms are being totally remodeled and when finished will be ADA compliant. Remodeling on the basement and on the second floor will begin after work is completed on the first floor.

As we look at new landscape plans for the church, notice what is being done by one of the Action Planning sub-teams, the "Dirt Angels," as they weed, trim, and clean-up around the facility.



Crane lifting old HVAC units to replace with new ones.



Bookstore Hours:

M–Th: 11:00–5:30 • Sun: 8:30–1:00
913.649.3875 (closed during services)

Books available by Rev. Mary Manin
Morrissey Building Your Field of Dreams
and *No Less Than Greatness.*
15% off Angels in July

Office: 913.649.1750 • Fax: 913.649.0429

Church office hours:

9:00 am–5:00 pm Mon–Thurs

Bookstore: 913.649.3875

Heartline: 913.649.3214

Website: www.ucop.org

Celebration Services: Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am
Nursery Care and Sunday School is available.



Friday, July 17 • 7 pm
Spirit Groove Concert
with Daniel Nahmod

Dessert bar after the concert
Adult tickets available online at www.ucop.org
Adult & youth tickets on sale Sundays
\$15 advance, \$20 at the door, \$5 youth (18 and younger)

Friday, July 31 • 6 pm, 9 pm movie showing
Summer Jam Fun Night

Sponsored by the Singles' Group, Youth & Family Ministry, Board of Directors and Staff. Come and enjoy relaxed play with yard games, kid's games, basketball, kickball, music and more! Grilled hotdogs and tofu dogs, buns, drinks and condiments provided. Bring your lawn chairs and a side dish or dessert to share. Fun for all ages! If you are interested in serving at this event, please contact Brandon Nagel at 913.649.1750 x 3009 bnagel@ucop.org or Tamie Mills at x 3013, tmills@ucop.org.

Thursday, July 9 • 7 to 9 pm
Crystal Bowl Concert
with Joey Klein,

Founder of the Institute of Transformational Studies

Experience crystal singing bowls and be filled with radiant energy and divine light from this pure sound. Includes history of bowls and guided meditation. Register at www.ucop.org. Love offering.



Friday, Aug 28 • 7 pm, 5:30 Taco Dinner
All-Church Talent Show
and Y.O.U. Taco Dinner

Audition dates:

- 2 pm, Sunday, August 2
- 7 pm, Tuesday, August 4

Auditions last approximately 5 minutes. All ages and talents welcome. Have questions or want to audition? Contact Fred Albers at 913.649.1750 x 3015 or albers@ucop.org

Summer Jam

SUMMER VACATION GUIDE
Unity Church of Overland Park
July 9–September 6

- Plan your summer vacation with your spiritual community at Unity Church of Overland Park.
- Fill your spirit with sensational guest speakers and a Spirit Groove concert.
- Relax and play at Summer Jam Fun Night and be entertained at the Talent Show.
- Invite family, friends and neighbors.
- All are welcome home for summer vacation.

For details visit www.UCOP.org.



Sundays this Summer
Celebration Services 9 & 11 am
Afternoon workshops 1:30 to 3:30 pm
Register for workshops online
www.ucop.org. Love offering.



Sunday, July 12

Rev. Sallye Taylor

Living Prayed-Up

Soloist Bukeka Newby Shoals

Afternoon Workshop:

It Works If You Work It

- Pack-a-Backpack Outreach begins.



Sunday, July 19

Greg Coles

Wake Up! Awakening to Your Call

Soloist Daniel Nahmod



Sunday, July 26

Rev. Mary Manin Morrissey

Being the Difference

Soloist Kelly Potter

Afternoon workshop

Standing Firm When Your World Is Shaking



Sunday, August 2

Rev. Bob Barth

Unfolding Your Myth

Soloist Teri Wilder

Hawaiian Shirt Day

Pancake breakfast after both services

sponsored by the Men's Group

- Talent Show auditions begin
- Backpacks due



Sunday, August 9

Rev. Edwene Gaines

Riches and Honor

Soloist Chris Foster

Afternoon workshop

Riches and Honor



Sunday, August 16

Rev. Eileen Stulak

How Sweet It Is

Soloist Kelley Hunt

12:30 pm Ice Cream Social & Dessert Auction

sponsored by Volunteer Team Leaders and Y.O.U.



Sunday, August 23

Tom Anderson

What Haunts You?



Sunday, September 6

Rev. Eileen Stulak

I Want to Celebrate



Sunday, August 30

Garland Landrith

Create Miracles with the Quantum Field

Afternoon workshop

How To Manifest the Life Of Your Dreams (EFT Tapping Level 1)

Step into serve our guest speakers this Summer.

If you are interested in supporting our guest speaker's workshops as a greeter, usher or product sales assistant, please contact Genevieve Normand, Service Ministries Coordinator at gnormand@ucop.org or 913.649.1750 x 3025.

Visit www.ucop.org for more information