

Unity Church of Christ

A Guide to Services and Events

October – December 2023

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OCTOBER 2023

October 7th & November 4th Saturdays
9 am to 12 noon

GROUNDS KEEPING IN-SERVICE



October 1st – Sunday, after 10 am Service
BOARD'S ELEVENSES TEA



Join your Board of Directors as they serve
A British-inspired tea with delicious goodies
and a choice of teas (and coffee) to kick start
our *Adventure in Faith* Program.

October 2nd to 5th – Monday through Thursday
UNITY VIRTUAL FALL CONFERENCE 2023

“Reveal ~ Release ~ Rejoice
A Shared Journey of ReNewal”

Another incredible Eastern Region Fall Conference!

NOVEMBER 2023

November 11th and 12th
4 pm Saturday to 4 pm Sunday
**ADVENTURE IN FAITH PRAYER
VIGIL**



Come pray with us anytime during these 24 hours of
sacred silence. Sign-up in the Narthex or call the
church to reserve your time slot.

November 12th – Sunday, 7 – 8 pm
ADVENTURE IN FAITH SACRED CELEBRATION
(In-person & Facebook Live)

Please join as we celebrate our 2023-2024 *Adventure
in Faith* journey with our beloved Unity Church of
Christ family.

November 13th – Sunday, 10 am
**CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE IN FAITH
CELEBRATION**

November 21st – Tuesday, 7 pm
THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE

Join us in gratitude as we give thanks with our
interfaith friends. This year we will celebrate at Adath
Emanu-El, 205 Elbow Lane, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054.
Directions in the Narthex.

DECEMBER 2023

December 2nd – Saturday, 8 am to 12 noon
DECORATE THE CHURCH

Come All Ye Faithful! Come for an hour!
Come for the morning! Come all ye citizens,
to prepare our Sanctuary for a wondrous
celebration of Light! Sign up in the Narthex or call the
church.



DECEMBER 2023 (cont'd)

December 3rd, 10th, & 17th - Sundays
**TEDDY BEARS AND MITTENS &
PROJECT LOTIONS AND POTIONS**



Bring a Teddy Bear to church! Help
decorate our mitten tree! Items will be
taken to a local children's organization. We
will also be collecting unused full and sample-size
toiletries for those in need.

December 10th – Sunday, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
CHRISTMAS PARTY BRUNCH

Join us for a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, and
celebration directly after Sunday Service! Sign up in
the Narthex or call the church with the food item you
will bring.

December 21st – Thursday, 7 pm
WINTER SOLSTICE SERVICE
“The Longest Night” (via Zoom)

It's difficult to sing “Joy to the World” when you are
experiencing the pain of grief that feels as though it
will never end. If you are dealing with such a loss or
know someone who is, please join us for this virtual
event scheduled on the Winter Solstice, the Longest
Night of the year.

December 24th – Friday, 6:30 to 8 pm
**CHRISTMAS EVE CONCERT & CANDLE
LIGHTING SERVICE**
(In-person & Facebook Live)



The sacred festivities begin with a musical
celebration at 6:30 pm followed by a Candle Lighting
Service at 7 pm. If you are participating virtually,
please call the church *well in advance* and arrange to
have the materials mailed to you or to pick them up
during office hours.

December 31st – Friday, 7 to 8 pm
NEW YEAR'S EVE BURNING BOWL SERVICE
(In-person & Facebook Live)



Join us for this holy service of honoring,
releasing and embracing. If you are
participating virtually, please call the
church *well in advance* to make arrangements for the
materials to be mailed to you or to pick them up
during office hours.

ONGOING:

Wednesdays - 8:00 to 8:30 pm

Mid-Week Service & Meditation (via Zoom)

Take a respite from your week with us every Wednesday
evening to keep yourself grounded, uplifted and in-filled!
Zoom link and password are in your Weekly Blast.

Sunday Talk Titles

October 1 – Adventure in Faith Week 1

God is My Source Spiritually

Reverend Rebecca Galati

“Prayer, as Jesus Christ understood and used it, is communion with God...This communion is an attitude of mind and heart that lifts the individual into a wonderful sense of oneness with God, who is Spirit, the source of every good and perfect thing, and the substance that supplies all [our] needs—whether they are spiritual needs, social needs, mental needs, physical needs, or needs of a financial nature.”

Myrtle Fillmore – Letters of Myrtle Fillmore, “Prayer”
“and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32

October 8 – Adventure In Faith Week 2

God is My Source Mentally

Reverend Rebecca Galati

“We have a very decided part; we are to cease worrying, and being anxious, and thinking and speaking of the past and of the apparent lack and idleness. We are to concentrate all our attention upon the Truth of God, and the truth of our own being, upon the very things we would see taking place in our life. We cannot do this so long as we have negative thoughts in our heart.”

Myrtle Fillmore – Letters of Myrtle Fillmore, “Prayer”
“Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.” Matthew 7:17

October 15 – Adventure In Faith Week 3

God is My Source Physically

Reverend Rebecca Galati

“Whatever the cause of the appearance of negation, turning the attention Godward, with willingness to look into all phases of daily living and to make such adjustments as are wise and loving toward the body, will quickly relieve all strain and congestion and allow the free flow of life to renew nerves and structures.”

Myrtle Fillmore – *Letters of Myrtle Fillmore*, “Understanding the Body”
“Or know you not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have from God?” 1 Corinthians 6:19

October 22 – Adventure In Faith Week 4

God Is My Source in My Relationships

Reverend Rebecca Galati

“Think of God as everywhere present light, and love, and peace, and power, and life. Think of all men, all women, all children as ever abiding in His presence and expressing His qualities. As you do this, you will touch the reality of individuals, and you will invite only the best from them. Spirit will respond as you expect it to, for the Spirit of God is in each and every person.”

Myrtle Fillmore – Letters of Myrtle Fillmore, “Helping Others”
“Owe no man anything, save to love one another...” Romans 13:8

October 29 – Adventure In Faith Week 5

God Is My Source in Community

Lori Petrozino, Ministerial Candidate

“There are matters of universal importance to be considered; and we consider that this body, which has drawn together in a spirit of love and desire to serve, is best able to see and decide and do that which is for the ultimate and highest good of all concerned. Consecration to Truth is one necessary phase of spiritual development. The ability to make practical use of the law is another necessary phase of development.”

Myrtle Fillmore – Letters of Myrtle Fillmore, “Our Methods”
“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them... Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.” Romans 12:6,10 ESV

November 5 – Adventure In Faith Week 6

God Is My Source Creatively

Lori Petrozino, Ministerial Candidate

“We are God’s children. But we are also His brain power, and His hands, and His voice: it is through us that God expresses His ideas, His blessings, and brings forth the unmanifest good in the forms in which we use it. Understanding this gives one a much better attitude toward work and makes one confident that one can and will have plenty to do and will receive compensation for it.”

Myrtle Fillmore – Letters of Myrtle Fillmore, “Our Work”
“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

November 12 – Adventure In Faith Week 7

God Is My Source of Prosperity

Reverend Rebecca Galati

“As we pray, the word of life is going down into us, breaking up old, fixed beliefs and reorganizing our life. The word of life—life as God has planned it—is taking hold of our subconsciousness, and we know that we are free and will begin to use our freedom. Working in the consciousness of freedom, we will be happy and well and busy and prosperous. But our attention will be upon what we are doing rather than upon outer results. The results will take care of themselves once we have started our foundation in Truth.”

Myrtle Fillmore – Letters of Myrtle Fillmore, “Prayer”
“Jesus looking upon them said, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for all things are possible with God.” Mark 10:27



**November 19 – Gratitude, A Season for a Lifetime
Lori Petrozino, Ministerial Candidate**

It has been said that giving thanks is a powerful instrument to use during prayer and as a daily practice. Why is gratitude considered to be a powerful spiritual tool, and do we continue to be grateful when our prayers appear to not be answered? Let's explore the practice of gratitude in preparation for the season of Thanksgiving.

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**November 26 – A Season of Harvest
Reverend Rebecca Galati**

Autumn is a season of harvest, a season of transformation as we reap what we sow and enjoy the fruits of our work. Let's explore the metaphysics of what harvesting looks like and how we get there.

"Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn." Matthew 13:30

**December 3 – The Gift of Faith
Lori Petrozino, Ministerial Candidate**

The Christmas Story is celebrated all over the world in different cultures with Biblical references, folklore, and legend. In our Christmas series we will explore how the themes of advent parallel the story of Christmas in the Bible and some of these folklores and legends. This week we will be exploring "The Wooden Shoes of Little Wolff" from French folklore and how it relates to the character of Joseph in the Bible.

"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily." Matthew 1:19

**December 10 – The Gift of Peace
Reverend Rebecca Galati**

The Christmas Story is celebrated all over the world in different cultures with Biblical references, folklore, and legend. In our Christmas series we will explore how the themes of advent parallel the story of Christmas in the Bible and some of these folklores and legends.

This week we will be exploring "Babouscka", a Russian folk tale, and how it relates to the peace of Christmas.

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you: because he trusts in you." Isaiah 26:3

**December 17 – The Gift of Love
Lori Petrozino, Ministerial Candidate**

The Christmas Story is celebrated all over the world in different cultures with Biblical references, folklore, and legend. In our Christmas series we will explore how the themes of advent parallel the story of Christmas in the Bible and some of these folklores and legends.

This week we will be exploring "The Little Girl and the Winter Whirlwinds" from Bulgarian folklore and how it relates to the character of Mary in the Bible. *"And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to your word."* Luke 1:8

**December 24 – The Gift of Joy
Reverend Rebecca Galati**

The Christmas Story is celebrated all over the world in different cultures with Biblical references, folk tales, and legend. In our Christmas series have been exploring how the themes of advent parallel the story of Christmas in the Bible and some of these folk tales. This week we will be exploring a North American tale entitled "The Christmas Tree Forest" and how it relates to the joy born of spiritual awareness.

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10

**December 31 – The Star of Christmas
Reverend Rebecca Galati**

Our Christmas journey continues as we examine the significance of the Star and the Wise Men in our present day lives. We will even enjoy a return visit from one of our Christmas folktale characters! Come and join us for the journey to the land of the Christ child.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

Sunday Services - 10 am

Livestreamed and Recorded
www.facebook.com/UnityChurchofChrist

Children's Church

First Sunday of each month - 10am

Events

Check your weekly blast for information

Office Hours - Tues/Wed/Thurs

11am to 4pm

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