

Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center

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- January 2025 -

A Closer Walk with God

Facilitated by Rev. Micah Murdock

Sunday, January 19, 2025 11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Unity Hall

Suggested Love Offering: \$20
No one will be turned away

In 2024 a portion of your tithes and offerings went to the following community and Unity programs

Epiphany Episcopal Community Kitchen * Children's Network * Faith in Action

NorthBay Hospice * Vacaville Police Department Children's Crisis * Mark's Growing Center

Meals on Wheels * Opportunity House * Solano County Food Bank

Solano Advocates for Victims of Violence (SAVV) * NorthBay Alzheimer's Services

Silent Unity * West Central Region of Unity Churches * Unity Worldwide Ministries



A Word About EarthCare

by Mei-Ling Albert

2025 will be challenging for protecting the environment and supporting justice on the federal level, but we can take action on the state and local level and get good results.

Be active on the Home Front. Continue composting methane producing food waste until you get really good at it. Along with CO2, methane is driving up the "heat thermometer" in the atmosphere and in the oceans. It is many times stronger than CO2. I

feel grateful to live in a state that demands that we separate out organic waste.

Do you know about these Solano environmental organizations: Solano Land Management and Sustainable Solano? Rush Ranch is associated with SLM, which is protecting the Suisun Marsh from development .The Marsh serves the transition from ocean water to fresh river water. It is home to unique plant and animal species, and is a resting place for migrating birds. SLM recently opened a new regional hiking park. Consider donating. They are doing good work.

Sustainable Solano is based in Benicia and serves all of Solano County. Using volunteers, they build community gardens, when requested, for schools and churches. Eugene Paden school in Vacaville has a newly constructed garden. The emphasis is on sustainability. There are workshops on gardening and cooking, among other things. If you want to know more, sign up for their monthly newsletter. It's interesting.

Regenerative farms have stepped away from monocrop and factory farms because they destroy the soil. Diversity and regenerating the soil naturally are the keys for wholesome foods, nutrient rich soil, and happy farmers. There are several regenerative farms along the border of Solano and Yolo counties. You can request a visit. We are so blessed!

If you are interested in being a part of the EarthCare Team contact meilingmarie@gmail.com using the subject title EarthCare. Please provide your name and contact information. And check out the UWM EarthCare Newsletter www.unityuwm.org/earthcare under "Newsletters" for more information on this program.

Good films to watch on YouTube are Kiss the Ground and Common Ground. If you haven't seen them yet, make the time. Invite friends to watch with you.

Coming Soon (Continued on Page 8) . . .

Annual Membership



Sunday, February 23 - 11:30 a.m.

We will take a look back at 2024 and get an overview of 2025

Membership renewals will be going out soon, please remember to return them by the deadline

Ongoing Classes and Activities . . .

Mondays

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

FA (Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous) - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Daily Word Meditative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m. - facilitated by our Prayer Chaplains and Rev. Micah Murdock

Thursdays

Men of Unity Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. - Second and Fourth Thursday of the month - Held at a variety of local restaurants - Contact Bob Panzer at 707-410-8839 / rmp572@gmail.com or Dave Rybicki at drybicki@solanowireless.com for location and information

Women of Unity Potluck - 11:30 a.m. - Third Thursday of the month - Email Cindy Hulburt at cindyhulburt@gmail.com for information

Board of Trustees Meeting - Third Thursday of the month

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) - Women's Group - 5:00 p.m.

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) - Men's Group - 7:00 p.m.

Fridays

Prayers for the World, First Friday at 5:00 p.m. (available online)

'4th Friday Feed' - Community Kitchen at Epiphany Episcopal Church, 12:00-7:00 p.m. - Fourth Friday of the Month -Volunteers are always needed

Sundays

Worship Celebration - 10:00 a.m. - In person and livestreamed at www.unityvacaville.org

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) - 5:30 p.m.



EarthCare

Join us by signing up to receive information about environmental legislation, needed meaningful actions, positive environmental actions, and learning about the Earth. The

focus will be on the environment and social justice related to the environment

Sign-up by contacting meilingmarie@gmail.com using the subject title EarthCare.

Please provide your name and contact information

You are not obligated to any special actions unless you choose to

Check out the UWM EarthCare Newsletter www.unityuwm.org/earthcare under "Newsletters."

Daily Word Meditative Prayer Service



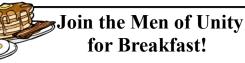
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
in our sanctuary
led by our Prayer Chaplains
and Rev. Micah Murdock

Join the Women of Unity for Lunch!

The Women of Unity meet at 11:30 a.m. on the Third Thursday of the month

Contact Cindy Hulburt at cindyhulburt@gmail.com for more information

Women of all ages are welcome!



The Men of Unity meet at 8:30 a.m. on the Second and Fourth Thursday of the month at various local eateries.

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Community Kitchen at Epiphany Episcopal Church

Fourth Friday of the Month 12:00-7:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us in this important community outreach team and help feed the homeless and hungry

Contact the church office at 707-447-0521 or unityvv@pacbell.net for more information



Unity of the Valley Bookstore

Open on the second and fourth Sunday of the month following the service



Stop by and say hello

The Bookstore also available during normal office hours

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 10:00 a.m. Service NA - 5:30 p.m.	6 NA - 7:00 p.m.	7 FA - 7:00 p.m.	8 Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m.	9 Men of Unity - 8:30 a.m. NA (Women's Grp) 5:00 p.m. NA (Men's Grp) - 7:00 p.m.	10	11
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26 10:00 a.m. Service NA - 5:30 p.m.	27 NA - 7:00 p.m.	28 FA - 7:00 p.m.	29 Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting	30 NA (Women's Grp) 5:00 p.m. NA (Men's Grp) - 7:00 p.m.	31	

Schedule of On-going Classes and Activities

- Mondays, 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
- Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. FA (Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous)
- · Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service
- · Third Wednesday Board of Trustees Meeting
- Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Women's Group (NA)
- Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Men's Group (NA)
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Church Directory . . .

Acting Minister: Rev. Ken Micah Murdock

Church Administrator: Marcella Mackes

Board of Trustees:

Phyllis Flemings, President John Working, Vice President Leticia Widemann, Secretary John Thompson, Treasurer

Ministerial Assistant: Warren Spayth

Prayer Chaplains:

Warren Spayth, Patt Florez, Cheryl Potts, Daniel Perkins **Youth Education:**

Jennifer Darcangelo, Director / YOU Sponsor / KOU

Newsletter / Bookstore: Marcella Mackes

Volunteer Coordinator: Marcella Mackes

Sound Technicians: Warren Spayth, Roy Morris

Music Coordinator: Linda Hogan

Video & Podcast Editor / Webmaster: Lisa Murray

Video Technicians:

Jim Stueve, Bobbi Fortner, Gloria Ramirez, John Working

Did you Know? . . .

- Prayer requests: Prayer requests placed in our prayer chest are read in strictest confidentiality by our Prayer Chaplains, then sent to Silent Unity where they are held in prayer for 30 days.
- Lending Library: If you need a book for a class or for your personal spiritual enrichment they can be checked out from our lending library. The library is available on Sundays before and after the service and during normal business hours Monday-Thursday.
- Bookstore: The Bookstore is available the Second and Fourth Sundays after the 10 a.m. service and on Tuesdays and Thursdays during normal office hours.
- You can support Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center by making a donation through our website: We are able to accept one-time donations or recurring donations made with any major credit card or PayPal. Simply select the blue donate button and follow the prompts.
- You can support Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center by making a donation through Text 2 Give: Simply text the word GIVE to 707-316-8325 and follow the directions.
- You can put your tithe and Love Offerings on your credit card: Credit card donation forms are available by contacting the church office.
- You can bring <u>clean</u> plastic bottles and soda cans to the church to be recycled: This is a community service provided by the Men of Unity. To date they have raised over \$5,000

UNITY PRINCIPLES

Give, and it

Luke 6:38

vill be given to

- God is good and everywhere present.
- The spirit of God lives within each person, therefore, all people are inherently good.
- We create our life experiences through our way of thinking.
- There is power in affirmative prayer, which we believe increases our connection to God.
- Knowing and understanding Unity principles is the foundation. Taking action based on the truth principles transforms our lives and the world.

Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center Financial Statement January-September 2024

Financials are updated quarterly

	January - September 2024	Annual Budget	\$ Under/Over Budget
Income			
300.00 · INTEREST	1.02	1.00	.02
400.00 · BOOKSTORE 410.00 · CLASSES/ WORKSHOPS/	48.96	200.00	-151.04
SPECIAL EVENTS	3,498.52	13,000.00	-9,501.48
419.00 - SUBTENANT INCOME	3,600.00	14,000.00	-10,400.00
420.00 · CONTRIBUTIONS	153,736.49	207,005.00	-53,268.51
430.00 · FACILITY & PROPERTY	11,253.00	11,500.00	-247.00
460.00 · FUNDRAISERS	6,089.60	16,620.00	-10,530.40
490.00 · MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	2.10	25.00	-22.90
Total Income	178,229.69	262,351.00	-84,121.31
Expense			
600.00 · ADMINISTRATIVE	20,560.98	29,788.77	-9,227.79
605.00 · BOOKSTORE EXPENSES*	25.00	325.47	-300.47
610.00 · EDUCATION	3,016.12	4,000.00	-983.88
620.00 · FACILITY**	44,961.48	62,252.25	-17,290.77
625.00 · FUNDRAISER EXPENSES	1,087.23	1,325.00	-237.77
630.00 · MINISTRY	6,348.17	11,532.00	-5,183.83
640.00 · PAYROLL	104,107.08	132,193.00	-28,085.92
650.00 · TITHES & CHARITABLE	7 000 00	10 100 00	11 501 11
GIVING	7,868.89	19,400.00	-11,531.11
6560 · PAYROLL EXPENSES	1076.00	1,350.00	-274.00
Total Expense	189,050.95	262,166.49	-73,115.54
Net Income	-10,821.25	184.51	-11,005.77

*Includes Inventory Purchases and Sales Tax Paid ** Includes Mortgage Principal Payments

We acknowledge God as our source and see abundance flowing forth, blessing all that we have and all that we give.

We gratefully bless those who share their prosperity that we may serve Spirit's work as our Unity community.

Cash on Hand as of September 30, 2024

September 30, 2024

Savings: \$ 13,643.55

Checking: \$ 57,876.78

Flower Fund: \$ 55.26

Petty Cash: \$ 9.34

Total All

Accounts \$ 71,584.93

Total Available

Cash: \$ 60,550.42

Upcoming Activities & Special Events (Continued) ...



Mark your Calendars!! Unity of the Valley's Annual Spring Tea is coming! Saturday April 12, 2025

Hosted by the Women of Unity



Volunteer Opportunities

4th Friday Feed - We have an urgent need for volunteers to assist with this important community outreach team. This is a once per month commitment. We need:

Help with shopping (UVSC covers the cost of food and supplies) * Help with prep and cooking
Help Serving * Help with clean-up

- Usher/Greeter This team is "the face of the church" the team meets and greets all who enter and make sure newcomers feel welcomed. This is a one week per month commitment
- **Hospitality Team** Without this team there would be no coffee or treats to enjoy after the service! This is a one week per month commitment.

Interested?

Contact the church office at 707-447-0521 or unityvv@pacbell.net for more information

Celebrating our oneness - Honoring our diversity

Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center is dedicated to the Belief in God as universal Spirit Our purpose is to provide opportunities for each individual to express their inner Christ Spirit