### **UNITY of Monterey Bay**

#### **Spring 2017**

As Earth Mother springs forth in resurrection and rebirth ~ I step out in faith to let my big, bright, brilliant beam of radiant light shine!

# Our theme for 2017 is: Being the Change by Living Our Truth...

2017 continues to bring us multiple opportunities, and powerful incentives, to earnestly embrace our spiritual walk. Building on our Winter commitment to spiritual practices for times like these, we will continue to deepen our spiritual journey, beginning with a 3-part series based on the book, Grounded: Finding God in the World, by Diana Butler Bass.

Later this spring, we will re-visit our Five Basic Unity Principles through the lens of a new e-book by the Rev. Jim Lee (Renaissance Unity, Detroit MI), *God's Got This!* 

And don't miss our lesson on the new movie (based on the book) *The Shack...* 

#### **SUNDAY LESSONS**

#### "Grounded" ~ Where is God? Series

Apr 2 – Finding God Within Creation

Apr 9 – Finding God Within Our Human Story

Apr 16 – Easter Sunday (Communion Service) Finding God Within Ourselves

Apr 21 – Climageddon: Huge Challenge, Major Opportunity

\*\*Apr 30 - The Shack: Love-Under Power

May 7 - TBA

May 14 - TBA

#### "God's Got This" - Unity's 5 Basic Principles

May 21 - Who Is God?

May 28 - Who Am I?

June 4 – Thinking Makes It So

June 11 – Can You Hear Me Now?

June 18 – God's Got This – Through ME!

June 25 - Give & Take

\*\*Fifth Sunday Building Fund Offering

## UMB ~ COPA Walking Our Talk

Every week we affirm our UMB purpose and covenant with God and each other, as being: committed to living and demonstrating Unity Truth Principles and being in service to the world...

Our involvement with COPA (Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action) is providing us multiple opportunities to walk our talk, be the change we want to see in the world, and be "in service to the world..."

Join our COPA Team at a special "Calling the Circle" (& Pot Luck Lunch) – to learn more about our UMB involvement in this transformative organization, and to actually experience COPA's foundational practice of building *Relational Power*.

Calling the Circle & Pot Luck Lunch May 21 - Following Sunday Service



#### Deepening Our Spiritual Journey

If you are looking for ways to deepen your spiritual quest beyond Sunday Services – join us for these other opportunities:

**Second Hour** – Take your Sunday worship experience deeper; join us for *Second Hour*, an informal discussion about the practical application of our spiritual lessons.

11:30 - 12:30 Every Sunday



#### Deepening Our Spiritual Journey cont'

#### Classes - Wednesdays 7 - 9 PM

Deepen your journey and expand your connection within our UMB CommUnity through spiritual classes – offered on a variety of topics on a "love-offering" basis. (Suggested offering \$15/class but finances should never deter attendance.) Check out this quarter's class topics and join us:

#### **Overview of Christian Scriptures**

(In Progress) Get a new understanding of our Christian heritage... Weds. Apr 5,12,19

#### Special Mid-Term Class

Sacred Partnerships: Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and the Divine Feminine. Apr 26 May 3, 10, 17 Facilitated by Dan Shafer, STIR



Unity's Metaphysical Understanding of the Bible

Unity's teachings are grounded in Charles Fillmore's "metaphysical interpretation" of both Hebrew & Christian scripture. This 10-week class will explore this process, and how it informs Unity's teachings, by topic.

Weds. May 24 - July 26



#### Soul Gardeners Women's Group

Join the women of Unity for our monthly gathering of snacking, connecting and spiritual discussion.

All women welcome

**3**<sup>rd</sup> **Saturdays 8:30 – 11 AM May 20; June 17** (\*Apr 21-23 – Retreat)

#### **New Member Orientation**

If you would like to learn about membership in Unity Monterey Bay, sign-up in back of church, and plan to attend this orientation meeting where the meaning and requirements of "membership" will be discussed...

Sunday, April 30th 12:30 - 1:30 PM



#### Summer Dinners\* Extravaganza

One of our most successful FUNdraisers and commUnity-builders is our Summer Dinner\* Extravaganza (\*dinner OR other party/gathering, e.g., dinner, picnics, ice-cream social, murder-mystery party, pizza & games, taco fiesta). Individuals sign-up to host one of these FUN get-togethers (choosing the size, date, theme, and ticket price); and then tickets are sold commUnity wide, with all proceeds going to UMB.

Sign-up to **HOST** is available now. Once events are scheduled, we will advertise & sell tickets in the bookstore.

#### **Sunday Snacks Sponsorship**

Over the past decade-plus, we've enjoyed our Sunday snacks through the generosity of Colleen Adams, and most recently, Gail Schultz. We are so grateful!!!

Currently, we are changing our "snack-source" (due to a dramatic price increase) and are looking for a new (or multiple) sponsors. There will be a sign-up in back seeking monthly sponsors (the cost is \$20/week – or \$80/month). As with the building fund, this needs to be an "over and above" normal giving – in order to really help.

In the meantime, we will continue to have a love-offering basket with the coffee/snacks so anyone can help defray these costs!

We give thanks in advance for our many blessings and abundant flow of Spirit!

Thank you God for this most AMAZING day! MIRACLE follows MIRACLE ~ And WONDERS never cease!