



Board Report

What a ride we are on in this year of 2021! Living in the unknown has become our lived reality: When and how will COVID restrictions be lifted? When will we have a new minister and what will that person be like? When can live music and the choir return? What's happening with our Youth Ministry program? Can we get together socially again? And WHEN will the Baristas return to bless us with a cup of joe on Sunday mornings?

I am so grateful that beyond all of these questions lies a certainty that runs deep - a certainty that Spirit is at work in our individual lives and in the life of this ministry, and that all is well. Even when answers to our questions seem out of reach, when we can't see beyond our next step, we know that our calling, first and foremost, is to align ourselves with the Love that passes all understanding. We are here to become who we've come here to be - magnificent expressions of the Beings of Light that we are.

So let's support one another in doing just that. Let us move beyond our fears, our judgments and our pandemic-fueled patterns of isolation and disconnection. Let us look into each other's eyes again and share our stories. Let us sing and laugh and forgive together.

And yes, there are actually a few answers available, with more coming all the time. Almost all COVID restrictions have now been lifted! Masks are now optional anywhere in the building for those who are vaccinated. Following Governor Inslee's guidelines, (cont. pg. 3)

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Adult Spiritual Education Update

CLASSES & SPIRIT GROUPS

Spiritual Journeys 9 am

Sunday Service 10 am

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The Adult Spiritual Education Team has met regularly this summer and thus far, we have several highlights and actions to share...

Highlight 1: SpiritGroups are on break this summer.

Highlight 2: David McClure is leading 3 book studies this summer:

THE WISDOM OF EMMET FOX - THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - on Zoom from Sept 1 to October 27 & in our Chapel September 2 to October 28

MAKE YOUR LIFE WORTHWHILE - EMMET FOX - on Zoom November 3 to December 15 & in our Chapel November 4 to December 16.

Highlight 3: Al Konigsfeld led a video discussion on the topic of faith. Participants watched a video on their own and they discussed questions at the Zoom gathering. This is a format that we hope will catch on and be useful to our all.

Divine Action 1: We are working on creating content for our USC YouTube channel.

Divine Action 2: We will be launching Spirit-Goups again in the fall.

If congregants have ideas for our group to explore as a possible offering they should feel free to reach out to our team.

Outgoing Adult Spirit Ed Team Lead,
Judi Jamison



The Transition Team has been meeting regularly to share ideas, help each other and stay connected. Tara Wear coordinates the team consisting of the following people: Al Konigsfeld (Chaplains), Amber McKenzie (Sunday Service Team), Ann Howard (Library), David Leinweber (Technology), Gary Lock (Facilities), Gaye & Dave Ribble (Outreach and Marketing), Rev. Jackie Green (Youth Ministry), Salli Sledge & Jeff Hunter (Connections), Jeff Tawney (Volunteers) and Jim Sldege (Finance).

Highlight 1: Connection is happening in the garden after Sunday services. Coffee and Tea are served, and all seem to love the fellowship in a beautiful setting, which is our Prayer Garden.

Highlight 2: Jeff Tawney is leading up the Volunteer Team as they write their mission statement and as they assist the various teams recruit, recognize and retain volunteers, which is the heart of our mission-centric Center!

Divine Action 1: Continue to adjust with the changing times and foster opportunities for the team and our Unity family to connect!

Divine Action 2: Continue to meet as a team and live our mission.

Transition Team Lead, Tara Wear

(Cont. pg. 1) we do ask those who are not vaccinated to continue to mask indoors, other than when eating or drinking. Masks are optional for everyone outside. No more signing in or showing vaccination cards, and social distancing is optional. We are opening the doors to small group meetings, classes and activities. We are delighted to welcome children and youth of all ages, and their families, back into our midst. We are moving ahead to include more live music in our service, and we are in the process of finding a new Music/ Choir Director. And rumor has it that the Baristas are excited to swing into full operation soon.

The Board and the Ministerial Search Team continue to send out the energy to the Universe to draw to us the minister who will be a great fit for our congregation, and we invite you to join us in holding that energy. We are so grateful to all of you who are stepping up in ownership of Unity and continuing to lend your financial support, time and talent; our gratitude extends also to our amazing staff and Transformational Speakers. Together we are continuing to manifest our mission of transforming lives and inspiring people to make a positive difference in the world.

Blessings, Joan Broeckling, Board President

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE



WITH REV.
JACKIE GREEN



"Recent Highlights & Divine Action" from Youth Ministry

The Youth and Family Ministry Team continues to join together to pray, vision, plan and take action in support of our Unity Community

Highlight 1: Connected with families by Zoom, email & phone
Hosted Spring Fling gathering May 15 at Cannon Hill Park

Highlight 2: Opened Youth Program May 23 for youth 4 yrs - High School

Highlight 3: Facilitated: Prayer focus Sunday June 13
Leaders: Joan, Hank and Michelle Broeckling.
Sang a chant: "Thank You God for ____" kids provided words
Moved as walked: Labyrinth (portable canvas tarp)
Drew & Wrote: Prayers of affirmation
Played: Circle game activity

As we move forward we anticipate completion of ongoing projects and exploration of exciting new opportunities.

Divine Action 1: Provide staff and protocols to invite our youngest members (baby & tots) to rejoin us on Sunday.

Divine Action 2: Vision, plan, finance and take action to refurbish the children's play area.

Our Unity spiritual family, everyone who calls Unity their home, are vital in nurturing our youngest members. It is said "it takes a village to raise a child". All of us are like aunts, uncles, grandparents. Godparents, teachers, mentors, guides, spiritual companions.... What role do you play in our family?

Volunteer Needs: We need adult helpers to work with our UniTots (nursery 0-4/5ages). **Each age group needs a team of 4 volunteers:** 2 each Sunday and 2 to rotate with them when the need arises. Our Y.O.U. team is complete. See Rev. Jackie or email her at Jgreen@unityspokane.org to help out!



Literary Corner

Reading. Writing. Musings.

LIBRARY UPDATE by Ann Howard

As Unity Spiritual Center prepares for a total opening soon, please know your Library is ready and waiting for you to browse the extensive book collection. The check-out system is very easy. Just sign your name and date on the card at the back of the book and leave this card in the designated basket. You may keep and enjoy the book for four weeks. At the end of that time bring back the book and place it in the designated return basket. The library volunteers will process it and return it to the bookshelves. [Cont. next page]

The Unwelcome Guests

by Tim Ryburn

As we perform our inner housekeeping of the mind, we find that there are a couple of unwelcome guests in our Mind Space; fear and anxiety. When matters became very frightening in our world, our Amygdala's lit up and welcomed these guests into our Mind Home, allowing them the run of the house. However, a year and a half later, everything around gives us indications that these guests have completed their work and really need to move out. There are not just one, but many COVID vaccines, cases and death rates are way down, and the economy itself seems to be climbing strongly.

So why, then, do fear and anxiety, keep shouting warnings no matter what the reality now is? Perhaps it is because "danger" is all they really know how to do. We do not need to berate them or scorn them, but its okay to say that you won't miss them. It is time to let those other higher functions of our beautiful frontal cortex in so that rational thought, joy, and acceptance of "what now is" can have its day. It is time to share again, laugh again, hug again, and allow ourselves the Divine gift of being care-free from time to time. Those little parts of our lizard brain will always show up when true danger is near, but for the sake of love, life, and enjoying the beauty of each other and the world around us, it is time to say goodbye to The Unwelcome Guests.

Recent Library Highlights & Divine Action

Highlight 1: Children's books in the Youth and Family Center have been re-organized and indexed for easier retrieval and return by the Youth Education teachers.

Highlight 2: New Parent Education Library of over 100 books has been completed. Books are indexed and arranged for easy check-out and return. They are available for teachers and parents and cover a wide range of topics of interest involving children.

Divine Action Projects for the Upcoming Quarter

Action 1: The goal for the Library in the near future is to update our collection of books. Older books - that have not been checked out in several years- will be removed from the shelves and archived. A list of these books will be kept at the back of the general book index. This will not only increase space on Library shelves, but will make the book collection more interesting by featuring newer books.

Action 2: Review and condense the Reference Section of the Library. Find a two-shelf bookcase to hold this collection.

Report Submitted by Library Volunteers,
Ann Howard and Jane Giesel



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(L- Jane, R-Ann)

abundance report

Thank you

Board Treasurer



As summer moves along, it is important to consider joining the growing number of congregants who are using some form of automatic giving. This means that our Center receives your financial support even when you are on vacation or are out enjoying our beautiful mountains and lakes. Please contact Sara Hawkinson (shawkinson@unityspokane.org) to set up auto tithing.

For the first six months of 2021, our total revenues were \$124,030 while our total expenses were \$90,857. While our net income is a positive \$33,173, the YTD numbers through June 2021 include the 1st PPP loan of \$34,200 being 100% forgiven. This forgeable loan is included in our YTD total revenue. As of 6/30/2021, the General Fund bank account had an ending balance of \$43,360, and for that, we are grateful.

-Charlie Ker, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees



Generosity Report



THANKS TO YOU, WE ARE LIVING OUR MISSION

Through your generosity, we are transforming lives and inspiring people to make a positive difference in our world! This quarter we have donated to

Wonderfully Made-\$293.20

Odyssey Youth Center-\$293.19

Lutheran Community Services-\$341.08

Lands Council-\$341.09

Carl Maxey Center-\$286.01

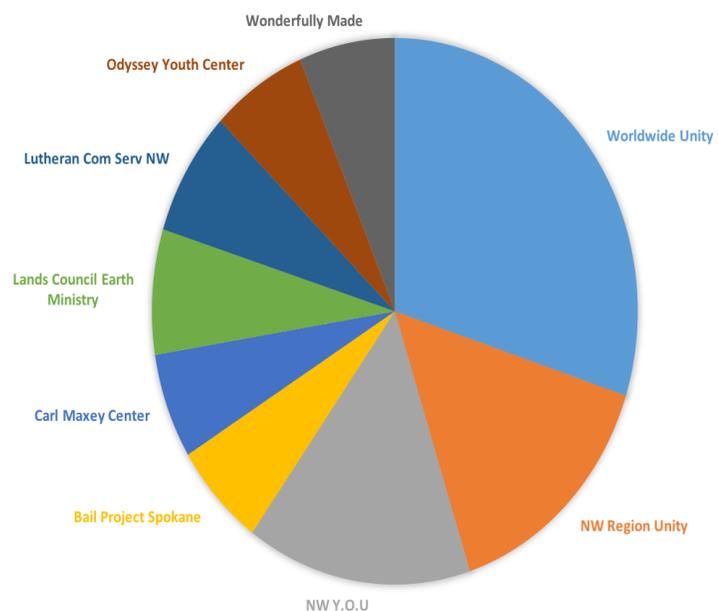
Bail Project Spokane-\$286.01

Unity Worldwide-\$1,306.60

NWYOU-\$651.80

NWUnity Region-\$651.80

USCS QUARTERLY COMMUNITY GIVING





Chaplain & Prayer Team

UPDATE



Now that we are back doing regular Sunday services, The Chaplains would like to remind everyone that we will continue to accept on-line prayer requests, as well as those placed in the boxes at church. We would also ask you to save Thursday, September 9 on your calendars for the Unity World Day of Prayer. The Chaplains will host a prayer vigil in the chapel from 3 to 7 pm, followed by a labyrinth walk at 7. All are welcome to come in for a few minutes to add their energy.

Al Konigsfeld, Prayer Chaplain

Do you have a Prayer Request? Let our Chaplains know by submitting a prayer request online. Interested in becoming a Chaplain, being added to the Prayer Team, or learning more about World Day of Prayer?

Contact Al at DreamWalkersCoaching@hotmail.com or

Tim at TimRyburn@comcast.net for more information.



**UNITY WORLD
DAY OF PRAYER**
September 8–9, 2021

Add the following to your prayer practice: VOA's Crosswalk, Meals on Wheels, Healthcare Workers, First Responders, Educators, World Leaders, Those Affected by COVID-19, LGBTQ+ Communities, States and Countries in Crisis, Unity Ministers and our Ministerial Search Team.



VOLUNTEER

UPDATE &
OPPORTUNITIES



Youth Volunteers are needed to be with our Unitots (nursery 0-4/5ages) in loving presence during the Sunday Services. See Rev. Jackie or email her at Jgreen@unityspokane.org to help with our youngest Unity family members!

Welcome Team: Greet our guests, welcome them and guide them if needed to the volunteer group that sparks their interests! Help with ushering...bring a smile and a warm greeting to all who enter our center!

Coffee/Tea in the Prayer Garden: Can you make a few pots of coffee / tea and bring the beverage cart to the Prayer Garden following the Sunday Services? Let us know!

Unless otherwise noted, email volunteers@unityspokane.org to start helping! Or see Jeff Tawney in person on Sunday!



For Those Feeling Divinely Called to Support Our Mission of
***Transforming Lives and Inspiring People to Make a Positive
Difference in Our World!***



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Recent Highlights & Staff Shout Outs!

Everything is moving right along on the admin side of things! The staff continue to work hard to ensure our Center is up and running every Sunday, as well as for special events that happen outside of Sundays. Below are some of our recent highlights I want to share with you!

Highlight 1: Implementation of a Unity Member Database

We officially have a database system for all our community and governing members, as well as visitors and guests. The system is called Breeze, and so far, so good! Stay tuned for your opportunity to download the Breeze app so you can update your own member profile! We are also able to email members their love offering statements through the system; which Sara Hawkinson is working on as we speak. Thank you Sara - who is right there with us on saving paper and mail costs!

Highlight 2: We are back to celebrating memorials and weddings

We have had several memorials both in the sanctuary and the prayer garden this summer and we are so grateful to our Unity families who are sharing these important celebrations of life with us. We also have the wedding of long-time member, Liz Ryburn, coming up which is exciting! Special shout out to Lois Green, our amazing event coordinator whose doing a fabulous job, and Caleb Strine who continues to handle the audio/visual aspects and live streaming of these events with such ease. Thank you both!

Highlight 3: Reopening!

There's been a lot of behind-the-scenes work happening to get our Center back in the swing of things now that we are fully reopen. Let's send a special THANK YOU to Liza Mattana for continuing to keep us updated through our e-newsletter on the ins and outs of reopening, as well as upcoming events, activities, classes, speakers, etc... Please keep checking your e-news for the latest and greatest information on all the happenings here! We also want to thank Bee Reynolds for her tireless work keeping the Center clean and welcoming to all who enter. Bee has also worked hard on all the varying chair arrangements in the sanctuary, which has been like a game of musical chairs! Thank you both for all that you do!

The staff and administration continue to live our mission of transforming lives and inspiring others to make a positive difference in our world.

And so it is!

Amber McKenzie, Interim Administrator

If you would like to contact Amber or share your words of gratitude with our staff, please email: amckenzie@unityspokane.org

Book Study with Rev. David McClure

September 1-October 22

Wednesdays on Zoom & Thursdays in the Chapel

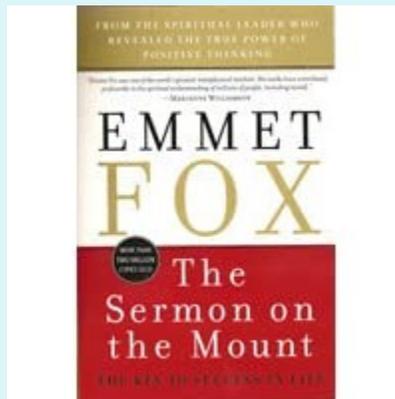
The Wisdom of Emmet Fox, The Sermon on the Mount

Emmet Fox (1886-1951) is one of the most influential spiritual leaders of the twentieth century and a pioneer of the New Thought movement. Join Rev. David McClure in this thought-provoking book study of *THE WISDOM OF EMMET FOX - THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT*. In this study, Rev. David will also share excerpts from his mother's collection of manuscripts sent to her by her sister, Hazel Tenny, who briefly worked for Dr. Fox.

Email Rev. David to register

lanikaiDave1@yahoo.com

Class is available by love offering and your donations are greatly appreciated.



Our Ministerial position has officially been posted on the Unity Worldwide website! Here is the [link to the posting](#). Help us see this position being filled, Divinely, with the right and perfect person, and in the right and perfect time.



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We Hold You in Love & Divine Light...



Our thoughts and prayers are with

- The family of Karen Sanborn on her passing.
- The family of Gretchen George, on her passing.
- The family of Mary Ladwig, on her passing.
- The family of Dan Lapke on his passing.



Here's What's
COMING UP!



Aug 8—Sunday Service with Jared Tawney

Aug 15—Sunday Service with Karen Dunmore

Aug 22—Sunday Service with Rev. David McClure

Aug 28—Hot August Night- BBQ, games, dancing & pie auction, 5-7 pm

Sept 1—The Wisdom of Emmet Fox: The Sermon on the Mount 10 am book study
with Rev. David, on Zoom Sept 1-Oct 27 or In Person Sept 2-Oct 28



Your Board of Trustees invites you to ...

CELEBRATE REOPENING!

Saturday, August 28, 5-8 pm

Unity Parking Lot & Prayer Garden



Games for all ages * Music & Dancing
Crazy Hat Contest (with prizes!) * Free "Raffle"
Reconnecting with each other

Bring:
Yourself, your family and friends

Lawn chairs

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We're cooking up **burgers**
(veggie, meat, chicken) and
hot dogs, salads, desserts
and **sides**.



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