



From the Heart ♥

Dear Friends,

Our hearts and soul pour out love, compassion, and a deep desire for peace for our soul brothers and sisters touched by the killings that took place at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg Monday. We pray for the soul-on-goings of each one that died in yesterday's shootings. We pray for the complete healing on every level for those wounded in body and heart.

I invite you to pray with us not only for our brothers and sisters directly touched by this sorrowful event but also for ourselves as we seek to know the truth of God's Infinite Presence is at work. The activity of the Holy Spirit moves forth powerfully here and now even and especially in the midst of such heart wrenching events.

Let us together abide in the Comfort and Peace of the Holy Spirit. Let us know, claim, and live from a place of compassion, and awareness that the Power, Presence and Peace of God transcends all human despair and sense of Separation.

Our resolve and spiritual awareness require that we are present to the full range of human experience and feelings. In so being present we are empowered to transcend, heal and bless the wounds of the heart, soul, consciousness and body.

Where ever you are this day, whenever you find your thoughts and feelings turning towards those affected - I ask you to call forth the healing, harmonizing, comforting Presence of the Divine right into the very center of all sorrow, grief, separation and frustration that we and our brothers and sisters at Virginia Tech who are directly touched by this difficult time may be feeling.

May I gently remind us that our role is one of being centered in the Compassionate Truth that from God, through God, in God, and as living conscious sons and daughters of God we can accelerate that healing process with our prayers and our actions. It begins and ends with you, me, and all who hear the higher call of the Living Christ.

Thank you for joining with me in this Vigil. In Christ we are one. My brother and sister's pain, healing and triumph is also mine. I claim the Triumphant Presence of God to be at work now, healing, blessing, comforting, and uplifting each of us.

*In Loving Service and Celebration,
Reverend Elizabeth*

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Organizational Spheres

Worship - Intention to express our spirituality

Education - Intention to teach & learn

Inreach - Intention to connect with each other

Outreach - Intention to connect with the community

Development - Intention to grow

Administration - Intention to steward what we have

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OUR VISION

Unity Center of Peace Church is a community that acknowledges the sacredness in all creation manifested through the Christ Consciousness within each of us. We live in honesty and integrity. We are a self-creating community that constantly evolves as the individual members grow and change.

OUR MISSION

The Mission of Unity Center of Peace Church is to be a safe space and community for all of us to honor our likenesses and differences as expressions of Divine Love. We express this love by creating a balance between inner being and outer actions.

Treasurer's Report April 2007

	Atten- dance	Tithes	Goal	Ave./ person
1-Apr	52	\$1,645.00	\$1,800	\$31.62
8-Apr	99	1,895.55	1,800	19.15
15-Apr	59	1,093.00	1,800	18.53
22-Apr	65	1,309.60	1,800	21.07
29-Apr	55	1,205.75	1,800	21.92
Totals		\$7,148.90	\$9,000	\$21.66

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Sunday 1 - 4pm or by appointment
Monday 10am - 6pm or by appointment
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Please check our website updates and articles

Board Bulletin

This past month has seen much activity at Unity Center of Peace Church. We have enjoyed Rev. Elizabeth's energy, leadership and insights, and have welcomed many new visitors at Sunday service. We have been blessed with many talented, generous musicians who have enhanced our worship experience. We have engaged in a series of lessons on the 12 Powers. Volunteers have re-evaluated use of the interior spaces of the building and begun to implement changes.

Behind the scenes, a core group of dedicated members have been engaged in a process of making peace with our past. During a weekend retreat, we became aware that UCPC has four "statements" (mission, vision, declaration and statement of intent) listed in various documents. All are similar, and none are comprehensive. Each participant at the retreat wrote three answers to the question, "what does UCPC mean to me?" Answers were varied, yet unified: *Unity Center of Peace is a place where we find sanctuary and belong to a spiritual family. It is a place where we can engage in prayer and service, express ourselves spiritually, offer our creative talents, and receive spiritual nourishment and growth.* We hope to create one statement that will become the guiding influence in our future endeavors. The Making Peace With the Past retreat gave us insights into past unresolved issues which, subconsciously, limit our church's development. We will meet once more, on May 6, in a healing circle to release the past and commit to a forward-thinking mindset of health and prosperity.

Our plan for the May Community Meeting is to give everyone a review of our discoveries at the retreat and to present the newly crafted Statement of Purpose.

As we experience changes, we call upon the members to continue to support the church financially. The trustees are holding a vision of prosperity for the church and ask each of you to honor your commitment to financially support the ministry of UCPC. The musicians have been giving freely of their talents, and the board is, too. I ask you to give generously to our church, a major source of our spiritual enrichment, so that it can continue to serve each of us and the community.

Pat Veenema

Peace Making May 6

Step 3: "Healing Circle" in the Healing Process (developed by Unity's Gary Simmons, begun w/the "I of the Storm" class based on his book of the same name, continued w/the "Making Peace with the Past" weekend) facilitated by Rev. Catherine Padgett and Mr. Steele Smith of Unity of Greensboro:

Not to be confused w/UCPC's own Monday night Healing Circle, this process is a carefully facilitated one in which participants come to see the nature of the pain/wound they are still holding. Individuals will have the opportunity to voice their pain/issue directly to the person they feel is responsible (or a surrogate for that person) while the community surrounds them both in love. They will then be asked to make the decision whether or not they are willing to give up their wound forever and move forward with a clear energy. Only those who have participated in the previous two steps are invited to this closed process.

If you have participated in much or most of the previous two steps, or have any questions, please contact Rev. Catherine Padgett @ revpadgett@triad.rr.com or 336/676.9493(h) or 336/273.0944(w). You may also contact your UCPC contact person: Barbs Burman @ 919.663.3301.

This process has been completed by a group of UCPC members dedicated to this church community, and to Unity Center of Peace Church's ultimate healing and restoration of wholeness, vitality, and prosperity. Reports of this process, and its implications for our community, will be shared at our Community Meeting on Sunday, May 20th.

Important Community Meeting

May 20, 12 -
1:25pm

Our Community Meeting has been re-scheduled due to Mother's Day (have a wonderful one!) We'll have a shorter-than-usual Worship Service so that we can discuss the results of the recent Peace Making Process and our Vision Statement.

No Potluck this time

Unity Principles for Enlightenment & Transformation

with Rev. Elizabeth Thompson
Mondays, May 7, 14, 21 & 25
Culminating in Membership Sunday June 3
7 - 8:30pm in the *Sanctuary*
\$10 Love Gift, 100% to UCPC

*We are here to evolve into our God-selves as
offspring of the Creator. This is simple though
not easy. Yet in group consciousness it is
evident.*

CINCO DE MAYO

Dance event at UCPC!!!

Come join us on May 5
from 7 - 9:30pm
and become acquainted with basic steps to
Merengue, salsa, *regueton*, etc. Love offering -
fundraiser for UCPC, \$10 suggested
Contact Maribel Alvarez for more info: 401-2786

Dream Workshop

Sat., June 9, 9:15am - 4:30/5pm
with Jerry Lazarus

The Wisdom of Dreams workshop will give you an understanding of the nature of dreams, and provide you with a foundation of dream work. Did you know that there are 14 purposes for which dreams come to us? Actual dream examples will be used.

You will:

- Establish a foundation for dream work
- Understand the purpose of dreams
- Make sense out of "bizarre" dreams
- Learn specific interpretation skills
- Understand how dreams are produced
- Understand dream imagery & symbols

To further your ability to interpret and apply dream messages, you will learn the four stages of dream work. We will look at ways in which dreams come to warn us about different areas of our life, alert us to opportunities, nudge us to take a course of action, deal with grief, give us insights into our career/vocation, among others.

You will:

- Understand ways to apply dream messages
- Identify varieties of dreams
- Learn additional interpretation skills
- Enhance recall strategies

Participants in this workshop are welcome to attend subsequent dream group meetings at UCPC.

Workshop Fees: My primary goal is to offer seekers the freedom to attend without financial burden. Therefore, you may make a free-will offering. The suggested donation is for \$110 per person. All are invited to attend.

Coming Soon!

Member Celebration Sunday - June 3

Here's a chance to join UCPC as a New Member or to renew your commitment to this loving, dynamic spiritual community.

Living the Secret:

Connecting Heaven and Earth

Thursdays thru May 31
Suggested love offering, \$10
100% of offerings to UCPC

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm facilitated by Diana Gildea. Questions? Details? email dcgildea@hotmail.com or call 968-1854.

The Secret is no secret to us!

A Course in Miracles:

Sundays at 7:30pm with Kellie Love.
Wednesdays at 7pm with Caroline Wood.
For more info.
Kellie Love - kllove39@aol.com or
919-383-6539.
Caroline Wood - (919) 967-2369 or
cwoo2369@bellsouth.net

The Art of Appreciation The Gift of Gratitude

Sunday May 27, 2007 1:15pm - 3:15pm
Love Offering, \$20 suggested

Often our culturally conditioned ways of expressing "thank you" fall short of conveying our true gratitude, leaving both the giver and the receiver unfulfilled. In this hands-on workshop, participants will explore increasingly effective levels of communication, appreciation and connection. All will learn the four-part Nonviolent Communication process in the context of our deepest need -- to contribute to the well-being of self and others. With a tiny bit of practice, you will be amazed at the change you see in relationships at home, at work and at play.

This offering is based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg, PhD., founder of the Center for Nonviolent Communication (www.cnvc.org).

This workshop is being presented by Eddie Oliver, facilitator, speaker and a teacher of Nonviolent Communication. Eddie enjoys working with individuals, groups and teams who value community, simplicity and service.

Unity Center of Peace Church

May 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Unity Cares</p> <p>We are praying with these spiritual beings in May: Julie & Max Cusatis, Anne Marie DeMichael, Judy Gardner, Diane Gildea, Mark Hirschhorn, Michael Newton, Anne Noyloa & Edgar Clayton, Faye Orr, Betsy Purvis, Anne Viscara, Dave Walser</p>		1	2 Noon Prayer 12 - 12:30pm A Course in Miracles 7 - 8:30pm, Chapel Wild Bunch AA 8 - 9:30pm	3 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 - 8:30pm Sanctuary The Secret 6:30 - 8:30pm Chapel	4	5 Cinco De Mayo Dance Celebration! 7 - 9:30pm Sanctuary
6 Adult Forum: 9:45 am Worship Service 11am - 12:30pm Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Thompson "The Law of Abundance" Music: Marilyn Grubbs Potluck & Healing Circle 1pm until done Led by Rev. Catherine Padgett 7:30pm A Course In Miracles	7 Healing Circle 7 - 8pm, Chapel Unity Principles 7 - 8:30, Sanctuary	8 12 Powers 7 - 8:30pm, Sanctuary	9 Noon Prayer 12 - 12:30pm A Course in Miracles 7 - 8:30pm, Chapel Wild Bunch AA 8 - 9:30pm Sanctuary + Kitchen	10 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 - 8:30pm Sanctuary The Secret 6:30 - 8:30pm Chapel	11	12 IFC Kitchen call Simon Kaplan 490-5949 to register
13 Adult Forum: 9:45 am Worship Service 11am - 12:30pm Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Thompson "Spiritual Empowerment & Divine Attraction" Music: Joyful Noise Choir 7:30pm A Course In Miracles	14 Healing Circle 7 - 8pm, Chapel Unity Principles 7 - 8:30, Sanctuary	15 Board Meeting 7pm, Sanctuary	16 Noon Prayer 12 - 12:30pm A Course in Miracles 7 - 8:30pm, Chapel Wild Bunch AA 8 - 9:30pm Sanctuary + Kitchen	17 Interfaith Worship 7:30pm Sanctuary The Secret 6:30 - 8:30pm Chapel	18	19
20 Adult Forum: 9:45 am Worship Service 11am - 12:00pm Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Thompson "The Fourth Dimension Consciousness" Music: Mark Malachi Community Meeting 12 - 1:25pm, Deck & Sanctuary 7:30pm A Course In Miracles	21 Healing Circle 7 - 8pm, Chapel Unity Principles 7 - 8:30, Sanctuary	22	23 Noon Prayer 12 - 12:30pm A Course in Miracles 7 - 8:30pm, Chapel Wild Bunch AA Annual Meeting 6 - 10pm Sanctuary + Kitchen	24 The Secret 6:30 - 8:30pm Chapel	25	26
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UPCOMING EVENTS NOT TO MISS

*Cinco De Mayo Dance Celebration, Sat. May 5, 7 - 9:30pm

* Peace Making Healing Circle
with Rev. Catherine Padgett, Sun., May 6, 1pm until done

* Community Meeting, Sun., May 20, 12 - 1:25pm

* Interfaith Worship Service, Thurs., May 17, 7:30 - 9pm

* Byron Katie workshop
with Kathleen Hannan Sun., May 20, 1:30 - 4pm

*The Art of Appreciation - The Gift of Gratitude
workshop with Eddie Oliver, Sun., May 27, 1:15 - 3:15pm

* Healing Circle, Mondays 7 - 8pm

* Unity Principles for Enlightenment & Transformation
Tuesdays 7 - 8:30pm

* Living the Secret, Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30pm

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