



From the Heart ♥

Called to the duty of creating a monthly message, I am motivated to be as clear as I can; to write what I truly know; to let my sharing be a product of my experience. I feel I have spent enough time validating my experience from the perspectives of other forums, disciplines and religious structures. It is time to let the conclusions stand on their own.

In dealing with the rising issues of my life, it seems I always come back to the one thing I believe I know; the one thing I believe I can count on - that there is a place within me that I can focus upon that is filled with an active resonance that feels wonderful, peaceful and exciting.

I have come to believe that all my answers and all my understanding (my guidance and my wisdom) originate from within this resonance and that my practice of making contact frequently with this resonance ensures that I am and will be a happier person enjoying an improving lot.

Michael

Board Bulletin

Our October Community & Special Membership Meeting was a lively session attended by 33 involved members (including a few guests!) The President's Third Quarter Report was a detailed synopsis of our accomplishments to date. Most noteworthy are: (1) our Youth Education program now includes a teen program, which will be meeting twice a month; (2) our Community meetings are now on the 2nd Sunday of the month; (3) Mark Malachi is more actively involved with the church, speaking & performing music more regularly; (4) our Nominating Committee is activated in preparation for the Feb '07 Board elections; (5) the Search Team has progressed to the next phase in the progress toward selecting final candidates for the position of UCPC Minister/Spiritual Teacher (see David Richter's detailed report in this issue).

We also elected 4 new members to the Nominating Committee: George Sharp, Debbie Hall, Joanne Dahill, & Tim Shanholtzer, with Marilyn Grubbs serving as an alternate. It is the role of this team to canvass our membership and develop a slate of candidates ready, willing, and able to serve on the Board of Trustees. Their task is to fill the slate with enough choices to fill the 5 vacancies (a one-year, and two 4-year terms) that will be on the Board in Feb, '07.

We also elected two members to the Board of Trustees. Congratulations Caroline Demoise & Chris Egle!! Thank you for stepping up at this juncture of our journey! We greatly appreciate your commitment and your saying YES! to being of service to our UCPC church and community in this way.

So, what's next? These next few months are a time of great transformation for us. We intend to find our next minister and elect our next class of Board Trustees in Feb, '07. Meanwhile, we have some recovery & healing to process, and some prosperity & abundance to manifest. I invite you to connect with the Divinity within yourself and to see It in each other. Realize the gift within you and offer it wholeheartedly to your community. We all need to know that we are each here for each other and in support of our church. And so it is. Amen.

Barbs Burman, President
UCPC Board of Trustees

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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.

Search Committee Report

The Search Committee would like to report on the progress it is making in its search for a temporary minister (with the possibility of becoming permanent) for Unity Center of Peace Church. The Committee, which is composed of: Lorraine Lewis, A.C. Bushnell, Caroline Demoise, Barbs Burman, Joanne Dahill, Shawna Donaldson, and David Richter, is planning to fill the ministerial position by February, 2007. At present, the search has been narrowed down, from a larger pool of submissions, to six applicants. The criteria/qualifications established as the basis for reviewing the applicants' submissions were/are as follows:

Unity Center of Peace Minister Qualifications

Responsibilities include providing spiritual leadership through teaching and counseling, manages day to day operations, supervising employees and practicing fiscal soundness and working in collaboration with the Board of Trustees.

Requirements:

- Licensed ordained minister (Unity ordained or willing to pursue Unity ordination)
- Experienced counselor
- Dynamic speaker and educator
- Practices a collaborative leadership style and supports a community consensus model
- Honors interfaith practices and integrates these with Unity Principles

Present applicants include: Carolyn Craft, Beverly McPherron, Bob Trowbridge, Caroline Wood, Erin McCabe, and Diadra Price/Carolyn Craft. These applicants have made it to Phase 2 of the process, which will involve telephone interviews, during which time the applicant will be engaged in a conference call interview with Committee members. These interviews are scheduled for the last week of October.

The three applicants which then emerge as best qualified from this phase will move to the next phase of the process. Phase 3 involves inviting the applicant to spend a weekend with our community: leading the worship service, conducting a workshop for congregants, meeting with the Board of Trustees, individual counseling, etc.

The Search Committee endeavors to keep this process visible and available to all in the community at Unity Center of Peace Church. We welcome input and suggestions and we will continue to keep the community informed as to the progress and status of the search process.

Blessings, *David Richter*, Chair

 *Musical Musings* 
Missa Gaia

On a recent Saturday, my friend Jill and I were at the security desk at New York City's Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the largest cathedral in the world, to pick up pre-ordered free passes for church the next morning. Missa Gaia, or Mass for the Earth, has been performed there to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on the first Sunday in October annually since 1985. I've wanted to attend ever since Mark Smith taught me the beautiful "Blue Green Hills of Earth" that we often sang at UCPC. Our tickets were lost, but we were told to come back in the morning. With crowds (some years up to 5,000) expected to line up at 7 am for the 11 am service, I had little hope. I created an affirmation to keep my mind and energy positive and said the Prayer of Protection.

On Sunday I talked my way past a long outside line of people, ushers, and security guards to get to the person inside whom I was to see. With great relief and gratitude, I received my tickets, and on my way out of the building to stand in line for admission to the sanctuary, I was drawn irresistibly to the magnificent sound of Blue Green Hills as I'd never heard it.....I followed my ears down some hallways until what lay before me was a 400 piece choir of children and adults, the Paul Winter Consort made up of a 12-piece band, and an expansive sound too glorious to describe. I stood in my tracks, unable to move. I meant to listen only to that song, but then noticed a few others sitting to listen to the rehearsal, so I thought, I will, too! I found the best seats in the cavernous temple, called Jill and told her where to meet me so I could give her her ticket, and had the privilege of hearing the rehearsal. When people came to ask me who I was and I told them my name, they'd all heard of me (due to the ticket mishap), and welcomed me warmly. I introduced myself to Paul Winter because I'm friends with flutist Rhonda Larson who played with his band for many years. Paul is 67 now but still plays saxophone amazingly.

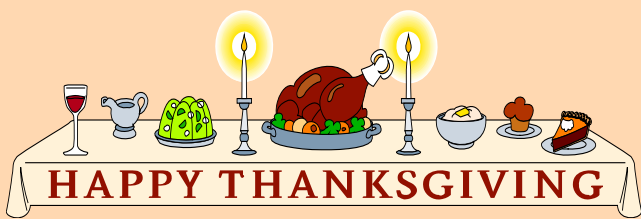
The service spanned almost two hours, based on the Episcopal Mass but interwoven with ecumenical readings from the Koran, African drums, rattles, and dances, Native American flute music, dances with colorful ribbons and flags, puppets flying, recorded sounds of wolves, whales, and loons, and the original Missa Gaia music by Paul Winter which was played by his band, an organ, and the huge combined choir, part of which consisted of the UNC-Wilmington Chamber Choir. The music, including the Cantic of Brother Sun/Sister Moon and Sound Over All Waters, was magnificent and the readings deep. The short sermon was about global warming and saving our environment.

Many in the audience brought animals into the service, including dogs of every kind, cats, birds, parrots, macaws, and more. Every animal was given a collar of fresh flowers to wear. The dogs barked and howled during the service and were petted and loved. Children wandered around and asked animals' names and exchanged furry hugs and kisses. The energy in the space was of love, respect, and inclusiveness.

Toward the end of the service, in total silence, adults and children, all dressed in white, led the procession of animals into the cathedral, down the long aisle and up to the front. Each person led or held one animal, and each animal, or its container, was draped in garlands of fresh flowers. The animals were a golden eagle, a very large camel, a white reindeer with a complex rack of antlers, a pig carried in a man's arms, a giant tortoise wheeled on a cart, a monkey, a porcupine, a baby opossum, a rare breed calf, an African pygmy goat, a chicken, two lambs that said baaa, baaaa, a rabbit, a mini-horse, a guide-dog led by a person in a wheelchair, llamas, two love birds each carried in the hands of a child, and many, many more. I'm told that some years they bring in an elephant, but this year renovations being done on the cathedral prevented it. The animals were lined up and blessed by the Bishop and then proceeded back down the aisle once again in dignified silence.

I give thanks to have experienced this uplifting, memorable forever, spiritual experience. I have a new love for the earth and her beautiful creatures. A CD recording of Missa Gaia is available at Amazon.com. I've placed two copies of the printed program booklet in the church foyer for you to see.

Helen Spielman



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, Nov. 23, 1:00 PM Potluck signup
in foyer

After the meal, we'll hike on the trail, then
return for pie and coffee.

Please join us for a fun, relaxing, family time!

Coordinator: Pat Veenema 308-5653,

pjoy54@hotmail.com

New Member Orientation

Thurs. Nov. 9, 7 - 8:30 pm

New Member Sunday

Sun. Nov. 12 at Sunday Services

Please let Michael or Mariah know if you're
interested in being a member. If you've never
stood up to join or if you haven't been to an
orientation yet, here's your chance to make it
official!

*** Jewelsong Open House after Sunday
services Sunday Nov. 19, 12:30 - 2 pm**

Namaste Holiday CONCERT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2006

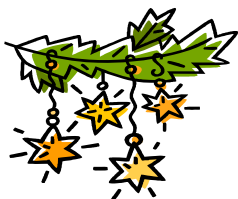
8:00 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.

Unity Center of Peace Church

STARRING

The Youth of UCPC

UCPC Musicians



**Experience
Grace**

· teacher · healer · poet · mystic

*Grace is a love-realized mystic whose life is
passionately devoted to the awakening of
consciousness on the planet. She brings deep
awareness, insight and compassion to her work
with people all over the world.*

Sunday, November 5 11:00am

Grace Speaks on *Being the Presence of Love*

Unity Center of Peace Church, 8800 Seawell School Road,
Chapel Hill, Love Offering

Sunday, November 5 1:00-4:00Pm

Awakening into Being—An Afternoon with Grace

Unity Center of Peace Church, 8800 Seawell School Road,
Chapel Hill, \$35

Sunday, November 12 1:30-4:30Pm

Rising into Radiance—an afternoon with Grace

Unity Center of the Triangle, 524 E. Whitaker Mill Road,
Raleigh, Love Offering

Tuesday, November 14 7:30Pm

**Grace's Master Class—Go deeper & work with
higher energies**

Pre-registration required, \$65, Chapel Hill location,
Attendance limited to 12, Call 932-3037

Friday, November 17 7:30Pm

Satsang with Grace—*Being the Radiance of Love*

Munay Spirit Center (near Charlotte in Stanley, NC),
www.munayspirit.com or (704) 263-5323, \$15

Saturday, November 18 10:00am-7:00Pm

**A Day with Grace—*A Return to the Heart* at Munay
Spirit Center**

www.munayspirit.com or (704) 263-5323, \$120 (\$99 if
registered by November 11)

**Questions? Chapel Hill & Raleigh Events call AC at
(919) 932-3037, Charlotte Events call Marti at (704)
263-5323**

**Private sessions are available—Call 932-3037 for
more information**

Treasurer's Report October 2006

	Atten	Tithes	Goal	Ave./ person
1-Oct	66	\$1,333.57	\$1,375	\$20.21
8-Oct	68	1,648.37	1,375	\$24.24
15-Oct	60	1,237.00	1,375	\$20.62
22-Oct	59	\$582.00	1,375	\$ 9.86
29-Oct			1,375	
Totals			\$6,875	

November 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<p align="center">UNITY CARES</p> <p><i>We pray with these people during the month of November:</i></p> <p>PJ Dodson, Deborah Dorland, Janis Dorr, Clay Everett, Sharon Goldbloom, Nathan Rollins, Todd Skorian, Linda Smith, Machai St. Rain, Paula Turner, Jeanne Wagner, Richard & Pat Yell</p>			<p align="center">1</p> <p>Noon Prayer Tai Chi 6:45 - 7:45 pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>A Course in Miracles 7 - 8:30 pm Chapel</p> <p>Wild Bunch 8 - 9:30 pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p>	<p align="center">2</p> <p>RIF A'I MARUFI (SUF) 9 pm - 12 am Sanctuary + Kitchen</p>	<p align="center">3</p>	<p align="center">4</p>		
<p align="center">5</p> <p>Adult Forum: 9:45 - 10:45 am Service 11 am - 12:30 pm Speaker: <i>Grace</i> "Being The Presence of Love" Music: David Richter</p> <p>Grace Workshop 1 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>A Course In Miracles 7:30 pm</p>	<p align="center">6</p> <p>Healing Circle 7 - 8 pm Sanctuary</p> <p>RIF A'I MARUFI (SUF) 8 - 11 pm Sanctuary + Kitchen</p>	<p align="center">7</p> <p>Minister's Workshop 7 - 9pm</p>	<p align="center">8</p> <p>Noon Prayer Tai Chi 6:45 - 7:45 pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>A Course in Miracles 7 - 8:30 pm Chapel</p> <p>Wild Bunch 8 - 9:30 pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p>	<p align="center">9</p> <p>RIF A'I MARUFI (SUF) 9 pm - 12 am Sanctuary + Kitchen</p>	<p align="center">10</p> <p>Friday Night Live! Teen OverNight Pizza Dinner 6pm, overnight until noon Saturday</p>	<p align="center">11</p> <p>Teen overnight until noon</p> <p>IFC Kitchen call Simon Kaplan 932-8858 to register</p>		
<p align="center">12</p> <p>POTLUCK & COMMUNITY MEETING 12:30 - 2:30pm Adult Forum: 9:45 - 10:45 am</p> <p>New Member Sunday Service 11 am - 12:30 pm Speaker: Michael McCluskey "The Love Machines" Music: Joyful Noise Choir</p> <p>A Course In Miracles 7:30 pm</p>	<p align="center">13</p> <p>Healing Circle 7 - 8 pm Sanctuary</p> <p>RIF A'I MARUFI (SUF) 8 - 11 pm Sanctuary + Kitchen</p>	<p align="center">14</p> <p>Minister's Workshop 7 - 9pm</p>	<p align="center">15</p> <p>Noon Prayer Tai Chi 6:45 - 7:45 pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>A Course in Miracles 7 - 8:30 pm Chapel</p> <p>Lay Ministry Team 7 - 9 pm <i>Minister's Office</i></p> <p>Wild Bunch 8 - 9:30 pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p>	<p align="center">16</p> <p>Interfaith Worship 7:30 pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>RIF A'I MARUFI (SUF) 9 pm - 12 am Sanctuary + Kitchen</p>	<p align="center">17</p>	<p align="center">18</p> <p>Dances of Universal Peace workshop 9:30 am - 5 pm Dance 7:30 - 9:30 pm</p>		
<p align="center">19</p> <p>Adult Forum: 9:45 - 10:45 am Service 11 am - 12:30 pm Speaker: Hilton Lee "The Secret Life" Music: Jewelsong</p> <p>Jewelsong Open House 12:30 - 2 pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>Board Meeting 1 - 4 pm <i>Chapel</i></p> <p>A Course In Miracles 7:30 pm</p>	<p align="center">20</p> <p>Healing Circle 7 - 8 pm Sanctuary</p> <p>RIF A'I MARUFI (SUF) 8 - 11 pm Sanctuary + Kitchen</p>	<p align="center">21</p> <p>Minister's Workshop 7 - 9pm</p>	<p align="center">22</p> <p>Noon Prayer</p> <p>A Course in Miracles 7 - 8:30 pm Chapel</p> <p>Wild Bunch 8 - 9:30 pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p>	<p align="center">23</p> <p align="center">Thanksgiving</p> <p>RIF A'I MARUFI (SUF) 9 pm - 12 am Sanctuary + Kitchen</p>	<p align="center">24</p>	<p align="center">25</p>		
<p align="center">26</p> <p>Adult Forum: 9:45 - 10:45 am Service 11 am - 12:30 pm Speaker: Michael McCluskey Music: Janie Imperial</p> <p>Women's Vision Circle 5:15 potluck, 6 - 8 pm meeting</p> <p>A Course In Miracles 7:30 pm</p>	<p align="center">27</p> <p>Healing Circle 7 - 8 pm Sanctuary</p> <p>RIF A'I MARUFI (SUF) 8 - 11 pm Sanctuary + Kitchen</p>	<p align="center">28</p> <p>Minister's Workshop 7 - 9pm</p>	<p align="center">29</p> <p>Noon Prayer</p> <p>A Course in Miracles 7 - 8:30 pm Chapel</p> <p>Wild Bunch 8-9:30pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p>	<p align="center">30</p> <p>RIF A'I MARUFI (SUF) 9 pm - 12 am Sanctuary + Kitchen</p>				
<p align="center">   BIRTHDAY CORNER   </p> <p align="center">Happy Birthday to this month's special people: Maria Jaramillo, Logal Paul, Natasha Teasley, Diane Diller, Dorothy McGee, Mariah Wheeler, Ahnie Rising, Deborah Dorland, Charlie Johnston, Leslie Council</p>								

UPCOMING EVENTS NOT TO MISS

* **Grace Workshop after Sunday Worship Service**
Sunday Nov. 5, 1 - 3:30 pm

* **Interfaith Worship Service**
Thursday Nov. 16, 7:30 - 9 pm
led by John Seskavitch & Mark Malachi

* **Friday Night Live! (Teen OverNight)**
Friday, Nov. 10, 6 pm to noon Saturday

*** **Potluck & Community Meeting**
New Member Sunday, Nov. 12
12:30 - 2:30 pm

* **Jewelsong Open House after Sunday services**
Sunday Nov. 19, 12:30 - 2 pm

* **Thanksgiving at UCPC Thursday Nov. 23**

* **Women's Vision Circle**
Sunday Nov. 26, 5:15 potluck, 6 - 8 pm meeting

NAMASTE HOLIDAY CONCERT
Friday, DECEMBER 1, 2006 8 - 10:30 pm

UCPC Business Service Directory

Advertise your business and/or professional services to your UCPC community in our new directory.

Your community wants to buy from you first before they shop elsewhere.

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