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A welcoming spiritual community advancing a positive message that teaches people of all ages and faiths how to thrive in a changing world.

## Monthly Message

Who Else is Ready for Radical Restoration?

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- Usher Meeting
- New Member Orientation
- Thrift Store
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This is an unprecedented time. How do we get back to "normal" when so many need radical financial, mental, and emotional restoration?

During Covid many people experienced illness, loss, loneliness, isolation, fear, worry, and it has continued for what seems like entirely too long. Now that things are opening again, you may be sitting with trepidation about stepping back out into the fulness of life. Others may be filled with confusion and uncertainty about who to trust and how best to proceed. Still others are questioning if they want to go back to "normal" and they are designing a "new normal" for their lives. And some are rarin' to go.

To move forward now, requires assured faith. We are each mystically made, sewn together with spiritual threads. When we become willing to open to Spirit's power of divine restoration, we surrender to a power and love that is always present to support us. Surrendering in faith enables our Spirit to stitch us back together in a mosaic of magnificence. We become more resilient. We adapt to changes more easily and we bounce back from difficulties more quickly. I love the passage from Joel 2:25-26 that reassures us, "I will restore to you the years the swarming locust has eaten.... You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied."

You'll remember in this passage, the Israelites were wandering in the desert starving and feeling abandoned when manna appeared every morning covering the ground with the exact amount of sustenance necessary for the day's supply of food. Miraculously every day without fail, they would eat and then it would be gone. But the next morning there it was again. The same provision and restoration are possible for you.



Rev Cherie Larkin

Myrtle Fillmore reminded us, there is no loss in Spirit. She shared, "Never again be sad or give way to thoughts of what might have been! God is eternal, unchanging good, and you have access to all that God is and has. All that has been destroyed, neglected, or lost through lack of understanding or foolishness, or unforeseen circumstances, or false pride or ambition can and will be brought forth as present good just as rapidly as you grow in consciousness; for God is ever giving just what we expect!

Here is a beautiful prayer adapted from *All Things Made New* by Frances Foulks. I invite you to say to yourself, "*I am divinely restored*!" *Then* get still for a few moments, read the passage over, and let the words settle into your heart to bless and encourage you.

There is with me every moment of everyday a Presence that is all-powerful and all-knowing. It is a shining light that guides me through every valley. It is a sustaining power that leads me on to the very heights. It is a protecting presence that shields me from all of earth's alarms. It accompanies me night and day. It is of such purity and joy that to spend time in this abiding Presence restores me completely. It is stronger than any human strength, greater than any condition or circumstance, more powerful than any personality. When I rest in it, I feel a love so divine that I am lifted above all fear and doubt and difficulties are no more. I can trust it always to guide me for it sees all things in their right relation and releases its power to restore my life and bring all good to pass.

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## Chaplain's Corner



Patty Davis

#### **Release and Renew: A Lenten Prayer Practice**

Reverend Cherie Larkin, in her talk series, "Too Good Not to be True," made several references to the following quote from the Bible, Romans 12.2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind . . . "The *Oxford American Dictionary of Current English* has many definitions for the word "renewal" including to "make new again." But what does the term "renewal" mean in the context of our Unity prayer practices or prayer consciousness?

As indicated in the Unity publication, "Release and Renew 2022 A Spiritual Practice for Lent," the renewing or making new of our minds would begin with the practice of becoming aware then letting go of any negative thoughts, doubts or fears we may be holding onto that do not serve us or block our awareness of the Christ presence within. Once we release those negative thoughts, we replace them with positive or "inspiring" affirmations. By surrendering negativity which limits us, we make room in our minds for positivity which expands, uplifts and emboldens us. This process can have a healing affect not only on our minds but on our bodies as well.

Here are some examples of statements from "Release and Renew" which you can include in your prayer practice (or create your own as you are moved to do so). As you read them aloud or silently in your mind, pay attention to how your body responds. Do you feel tightness or rigidity in any areas of your body when you read the statements of release or relaxation when you read the statements of renewal?

- "I release problems that seem overwhelming.
- I renew my awareness of my spiritual nature.
- I release a habit of judging others.
- I renew my commitment to see the Divine in all beings.
- I release my fear of moving forward.
- I renew my willingness to step out in faith.
- I release discontent and criticism.
- I renew my gratitude in all things.
- I release any apathy or boredom.
- I renew my zeal and enthusiasm."

May your release and renewal statements enliven and enrich your prayer practice and may they bring you peace, comfort and joy this Lenten season.

### Blessings – Chaplain Patty Davis

## Sunday Service, Classes, Counseling

### **Sunday Service**

Sunday Service In Person and Via Facebook Live Stream. Every Sunday we will be meeting in person and via Facebook Live for our 10 AM service. Live stream link on our Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/Unity-of-Auburn-114140051995464/</u> Effective March 1, 2022, the requirement that unvaccinated individuals mask in indoor public settings will move to a strong recommendation that all persons, regardless of vaccine status, continue indoor masking.

If you do not have a Facebook account, you will need one to watch the service. This link will tell you how to create a Facebook account: <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>help/188157731232424?helpref=topq</u>

## SISTERS OF GOOD

The group has voted for the book *From Congirl to Congress, Journey of a Suffragist on the Front Lines* by the local author, Mila Johansen. This book presents the life of Jesse Haver Butler who rose from life on a Colorado ranch to become lobbyist for the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment which granted voting rights to the women of the United States. The book is available through Amazon – paper \$17.95 new, \$9.99 used. Kindle Unlimited free. The book can be ordered through Unity of Auburn by contacting Carrie at admin@unityofauburn.com.

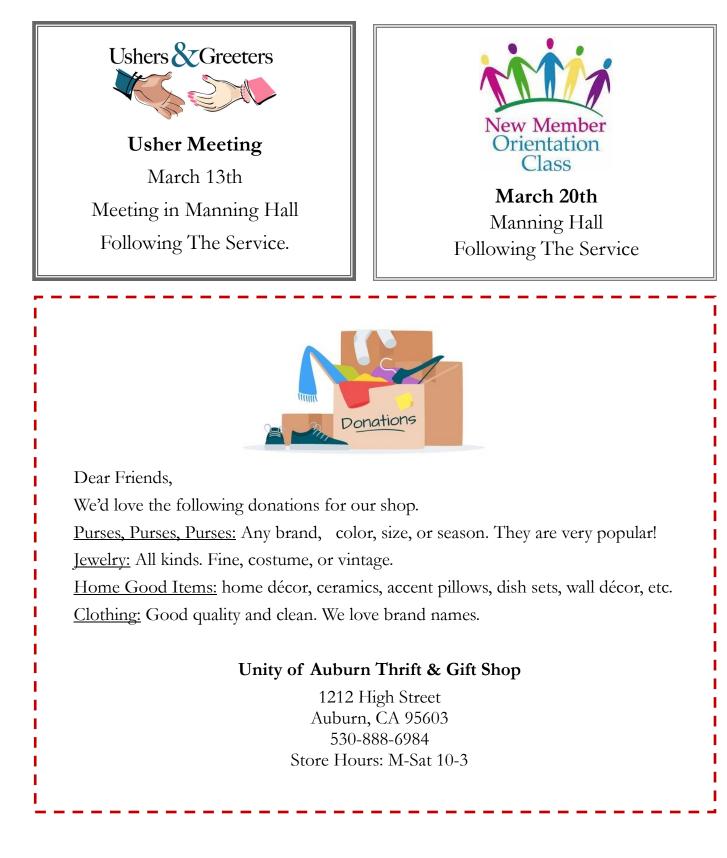
### **Frontiers of Consciousness**

This class is being offered in person and on Zoom *March 28, 2022*. The topic will be Brain Plasticity. If you would like to attend, please send an email to Jacob Walker at Jacob.walker@gmail.com.

Unity of Auburn needs a volunteer to administer our Facebook Live Stream and run the audio-video equipment on Sundays. If you have been looking for a new way to support your ministry, this could be just for you! It is a great job for co-coordinators, so if you and a friend, or friends, would like to split the duties that's also a good option. Please talk to Dave Langley if you are interested. This is one of our most important volunteer positions, so please give it some strong consideration. No prior knowledge of training is necessary. We will be happy to train you on the job.



## Misc







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### Unity of Auburn Staff

| Rev Cherie Larkin | Minister       |
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## Our Financial Picture

| UNITY OF AUBURN FINANCES<br>JANUARY-DECEMBER 2021 |                    |                |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| INCOME AND EXPENSES                               | JAN-DEC 2021       | DECEMBER 2021  |
| Love Offerings                                    | 68,214.39          | 9,196.00       |
| Rent  | 18,798.80          | 2,309.90       |
| Adult Ed./Fundraising                             | 4,457.62           | <200.00>       |
| Youth Education                                   | 0                  | 0              |
| Miscellaneous (\$9,000 SBA Grants & AV Funds)     | 20,589.03          | 7,558.35       |
| Thrift Store Net Income                           | 14,651.44          | 2,022.83       |
| TOTAL INCOME                                      | \$126,711.28       | * \$ 20,887.08 |
| Building  | 19,292.69          | 2,689.50       |
| Adult Ed./Fundraising                             | (Netted in Income) |                |
| Ministry/Mission                                  | 55,847.37          | 3,754.98       |
| Mortgage  | 28,579.68          | 2,381.64       |
| Office Administration                             | 22,395.96          | 2,897.58       |
| Sunday Music                                      | 5,345.00           | 495.00         |
| Tax/Insurance                                     | 10,101.83          | 136.79         |
| Unity Organization Offering                       | 0                  | 0              |
| Youth Education                                   | 0                  | 0              |
| TOTAL EXPENSES                                    | \$141,563.53       | \$12,355.49    |
| NET ADJUSTED INCOME                               | \$14,852.25>       | \$ 8,531.59    |

We are especially grateful to everyone who responded to our request to make offerings via PayPal, mail in, credit card and bank transfer.

Your generosity is inspiring!

And we again affirm that there are no obstacles, only opportunities as we continue to manifest the abundance that will allow us to continue our mission and make our vision a reality.

## Board of Directors



Kathleen Demontigny

What a difference a year makes! As the plants burst forth with leaves and flowers, Unity of Auburn is blossoming with new energy, new ideas and new possibilities.

As the "newbie" on the board, I have been so impressed with the dedication and expertise of my follow board members and the members of the Transition Team. Their hours of work and commitment have brought us to this exciting new iteration of Unity of Auburn. Our new minister, Reverend Cherie, greets each new task with skill, style, and a great sense of humor. We are blessed.

As I write this, two of our valued board members will be retiring. Our treasurer, Sharon Hardie, has been the main stay of our fiscal health for thirteen years. It is an understatement to say that we could not have made it through the challenging past few years without her excellent help. Bill Hamre will also be retiring to be with family in Virginia. He will remain on the board at least through June 2022. His loving and compassionate presence will be sorely missed. He did so much to assist in the recruitment and selection of our new minister. We wish him well. Jacob Walker is stepping down from his perch in the AV booth. We will need several people to replace his skill and dedication. Please consider sharing your skills as a board member after these three retire. We are deeply grateful for their service.

Your board and new minister are working to make needed repairs to our building, secure new sources of funding and improve our outreach. Natalie Kimball, in concert with Reverend Cherie and our Office Manager, Carrie have achieved great progress in making improvements to our building and operating systems. Dave Langley, Bill Hamre and Jacob Walker have made many improvements to our AV system enabling us to live stream our services more effectively.

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### Lessons and Soloists

### <u>March 2022 Talk Titles</u>

March 6, 2022 Talk: The Spiritual Law of Adaptability Soloist: Dennis Cain

March 13, 2022 Talk: The Spirtual Law of Transmutation Soloist: TBD

March 20, 2022 Talk: Doorways to God Consciousness Soloist: Clint Ritchie

March 27, 2022 Talk: Awakening to God Consciousness Soloist: TBD



"Blossom by blossom spring begins....." — Algernon Charles Swinburne





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