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## MEDITATION PRACTICES

*With Rev. Steve Colladay*

**Saturday, Feb 12**

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

*Plus 3 Wednesdays*

**February. 16, 23 and March 9**

6:30 to 8:30 pm

*Love Offering*

SEE  
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*Childcare available. Contact Christina for reservations.*

**Rev. Steve Colladay is offering a Meditation Practices class beginning February 12 that will give you some answers to the most common challenge facing spiritual seekers: how to overcome the ego's strong resistance to meditation and how to start, or begin again.**

**Practicing the Silence as part of the prayer and meditation process is fundamental to Unity teachings.** It is also essential for the development of spiritual understanding. During this class the main focus will be placed on the meditation process. Meditation will be defined and practiced in various ways. Benefits of this process will be explained and different methods to deal with resistance to it as well as initiating a regular practice of it will be approached.

You will experience a variety of meditation techniques, which everyone will have the opportunity to journal about. In addition, after reading about and discussing meditation practices, each student will create a personally designed meditation program for themselves. The assignment is to practice your meditation program for a month! Then write a brief description of the experience - how it impacted your life, and how you plan to integrate meditation into your life on an ongoing basis.

10 credit hours for this class is available through the Spiritual Education and Enrichment (SEE) program of Unity Worldwide Ministries.

## Living in the Garden of God

By Rev. Steve Colladay

"I am the vine," said Jesus, "you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in whom, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. Apart from me, you can do nothing." (John 15:1-17.) This second month of the new year is a perfect time to be reminded that we are not alone, we cannot bear fruit by ourselves. Perhaps our new year resolutions have already lost some of their shine, and we find ourselves again experiencing an all too familiar inner tension. Such inner tension as: autonomy vs community, separation vs joining, and special relationships vs Holy relationships.

We want different things in our lives: part of us wants to be free, independent, completely autonomous, unrestrained freedom to do what we will, when we will. For example, some of us would like to live alone and free in some frontier wilderness, though few of us act on this form of freedom. But another part of us, equally strong, wants to live in a community of loving, meaningful, supportive people. We yearn for companionship and sharing. Our dark-nights-of-the-soul are really cries of loneliness and isolation. Thus, we experience the inner tension between our "Desperado" selves and the part of us that needs people.

A part of us feels like our prison is walking through this world all alone. The classic song Desperado says it all:

*"Out ridin fences, oh, you're a hard one, but I know that you've got your reasons; these things that are pleasing you will hurt you somehow...Desperado, you know you ain't gettin younger...your pain and your hunger are drivin' you home...and freedom, oh freedom--that's just some people talkin'; your prison is walking thru this world all alone."*

When we respond to this voice inside of us, we may create patterns of aloneness and isolation. We begin to believe that we're alone in this world, and thus begin to search for the perfect partner, family and community to meet our needs: we're not complete without them! "They have what I lack," our ego tells us. Inevitably we find that the "perfect" partner, family, and community have human flaws, and we then become committed to fixing, changing and controlling them when our needs aren't met. And more often than not, our needs aren't met and again listen to the ego saying, "Next." And we move on, and our life may continue in desperation.

However, we also have a strong voice within that says, "I need people. My life takes on new meaning in my relationships with others...my family community, my spiritual community." And when we listen to this voice, we search after the right person, the perfect family, the perfect church, the perfect community.

*A Course In Miracles* talks about living in the garden of God, and its answer: relationships.

*"For an unholy relationship is based on differences, where each one thinks the other has what he has not. They come*

*together, each to complete himself and rob the other. They say until they think that there is nothing left to steal, and then move on.... A holy relationship starts from a different premise. Each one has looked within and seen no lack. Accepting his completion, he would extend it by joining with another, whole as himself. He sees no difference between these selves, for differences are only of the body. The Holy Spirit's temple is not a body, but a relationship. In this world, God's Son (you) comes closest to himself in a holy relationship."*

So just how do we *live* in the garden of God? How do we find a holy relationship?

1. We don't ask God to change our relationships that aren't working--partners, family, community, **we ask God to change our minds**. When we are tempted to become disturbed, we absolutely know there's another way of looking at the other person and we say with confidence "Next"! The Christ is the vine; without the Christ we can do nothing.

2. We surrender all relationships to God by aligning ourselves with the Holy Spirit. How do we know when we're aligned with the Holy Spirit: when everyone in our life can behave in any way they wish and our own inner peace remains unshaken. Unconditional love is what we're talking about.

Thus, we learn from one another! We support one another, we experience God's love, reflecting it and sharing it with one another. Unity on Greenville is a spiritual community where nothing is more important! What keeps people coming to Unity is not that Unity meets your needs, but that here you are seen as whole and complete right now--perfect--loved and loving. Therefore, together we seek to live in and through the Christ Spirit, putting down deep roots, building a firm foundation--in Christ. Friends, the garden of God is in relationships, family, in community, and is nourished forever by the sweet Spirit of the Christ.

## Prayer for Living in the Garden of God

**Holy Spirit, help me come to my senses, help me come down from my fences, open the gate.**

**Let me know there's a rainbow above me, let me abide in Christ and bear the eternal fruit, the fruit of wholeness, the fruit of joy, the fruit of love.**

**I commit to joining by offering my fruit to others by offering love, because they are love, by letting someone love me, because I am love.**

**This new day, I live with wholeness, confidence and love in the garden of God.**

## Unity Church of Christianity Gets a New Look!

As a Unity spiritual community, we belong to an international association, Unity Worldwide Ministries, headquartered at Unity Village, Missouri. In the past year, national research was conducted to learn more about how we clearly present our-selves to those who are seeking a like-minded community. The results were conclusive and we are moving to implement the recommendation in our ministry.

*Our new logo is:*



You will begin to notice that our print materials, Sunday morning slides, E-news, website and signage will change to reflect this new identity being adopted throughout the Unity movement. These changes will take place over time in order to be good stewards of our funds.

In addition to visuals, the research was conclusive about how we describe ourselves. (See [unity.org/branding](http://unity.org/branding) for the complete details.) Through it, we are joining with other Unity ministries to speak with one voice to the world.

The branding initiative also links our ministry to other aspects of Unity including Silent Unity and Unity School of Christianity which will create a clearer understanding for those learning about Unity. Since the logo and language were tested with a large group of Unity people, plus those who weren't familiar with Unity, we are confident that our new identity welcomes new people into our community.

## NOW IS THE TIME, AND WE ARE THE ONES! A Unified Identity for Unity

Unity's research bears out the fact that there are many people out there hungry for what we offer. What better time to unveil a new identity that can be shared with the world?

**We remain who we are: a Christian-based organization founded on the teachings of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore.**

Our time has come to shine, to take our place as the spiritual movement we were born to be. By putting ourselves to the world in a high quality, consistent way, we can do just that.

**Target Audience.** Based on research, our target audiences consist of Cultural Creatives and dissatisfied Christians (mainly those already attending a church). Cultural Creatives comprise a group of an estimated 50 million people. They value: authenticity, engaged action, idealism, globalism and ecology, and the importance of women. They also see the world as interwoven. Core Cultural Creatives also value altruism, self-actualization, and spirituality.

Unity ministries across the U.S. and Canada are adopting the new look and identify so that we are consistent with one another. This doesn't take away our individuality; it only makes it possible for people, who may not know about us to have the opportunity to find our spiritual home. Our spiritual community is a part of a greater whole and it is truly inspirational to see the power of our identity being unified within the Unity movement.

*Below is a sample of our new look and identity:*



**Unity offers practical, spiritual teachings that empower abundant and meaningful living.**

**We provide practical teachings to help people live healthy, prosperous and meaningful lives.**

**Learn more about Unity's new identity**  
in our Feb. 27 annual meeting and in a special meeting March 13 @ 12:30!



**A Companion on your  
2011 Journey of  
Abundant Living!**

**Affirmative Prayer With Someone  
Multiplies Your Blessings**

Throughout history the greatest spiritual masters have urged us to pray with one another. Now in Unity's **2011 Year of Abundant Living** program, you have an opportunity to jump-start an amazing year by joining with a compatible partner or group to support each other in Unity's unique and powerful affirmative prayer process.

You are invited to find a Prayer Partner on your own, or ask our chaplain coordinators to assist you finding a partner:

Jimmie Gibbons: .jmg061450@hotmail.com  
Judi Raines: jcr9734@att.net

**11:00 am Sunday Celebration Service**

Go to "Services" tab at [dallasunity.org](http://dallasunity.org) home page

**THE YEAR OF ABUNDANT LIVING**

**FEBRUARY THEME: ABOVE ALL, LOVE**

**FEBRUARY 6**

**Returning to Love**

*Rev. Steve Colladay*

**FEBRUARY 13**

**God's Love in Acton**

*Rev. Steve Colladay*



**February 14 – 7:00 pm**

**Marriage / Partner Renewal Ceremony**

*Rev. Steve Colladay*



**FEBRUARY 20**

**Love is Letting Go of Fear**

*Rev. Steve Colladay*

**FEBRUARY 27**

**Hiding the Light of the World**

*Rev. Steve Colladay*

**YIPPEE!!**

**New partitions &  
doors in women's  
restroom!**

Contributions towards  
the \$2,000 non-  
budgeted cost are  
appreciated!

**♥ Valentine's Day at Unity! ♥**

**Monday, February 14**

**Marriage / Relationship Renewal  
Ceremony & Reception**

**All couples: married/committed/straight/  
gay.**

**7:00 pm**

*With Rev. Steve Colladay*

**RSVP:** To register, please sign up in the foyer or  
email: [unityongreenville@dallasunity.org](mailto:unityongreenville@dallasunity.org)

**Child care available For reservations call Christina.**

## Youth and Family Ministry

By Karen Romestan, Director

2011 began in a major way for the Youth & Family Ministry at Unity on Greenville. We continue to be blessed with the presence and love of Kayla Dirks as our Nursery Assistant and we are very happy to welcome Mark and Kelli Sloan as our Teen Sponsors!

Rev. Steve graciously offered his office space to the youth and our Uniteens are transforming that space into their gathering / multipurpose room. There is unlimited potential in our YFM and each of you has an opportunity to support our youth with your time (one Sunday per month as a teacher/sponsor), talents and treasure. Watch the Joykids Newsletter and weekly announcements for our manifestation list (some may call that a wish list).

The children shared their interest in the stories of the Bible and learning from the Bible and we have made a commitment to have the first Sunday of each month as Bible Sunday. We are now learning to use the Five Basic Unity Principles in our daily lives and we look forward to experiencing Unity's Living Curriculum throughout the year.

Look for young faces and excitement each 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday as our young Truth Students participate in the sanctuary service and experience Unity as the adults do. We will be hosting Super Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month and ALL are welcome to share special afternoon events as a church family!

Myrtle Fillmore asked the question, "Who will take care of the children?" At Unity on Greenville, the answer is an enthusiastic, heartfelt, "We will take care of the children!"

Abundant blessings, Karen

Director, Youth & Family Ministry

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### Youth and Family Ministry Staff

Kellie and Mark Sloan, Teen Sponsors; Karen Romestan, Director; Kayla Dirks, Nursery Assistant.

## UNITY FRIENDSHIP PACT

*Youth & Family Ministry*

***We Agree to:***

**Listen Carefully**

**Touch Gently.**

**Walk Softly.**

**Speak Truth.**

**See God. Be God.**



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**NEWS FROM THE BOOKSTORE**

If you have not yet seen our new arrangement in the bookstore, take some time to come and visit us. We have a variety of Books, CD's, Greeting Cards, Journals, Magnets, Wisdom Cards, Affirmation Candle Holders and Unity Cookbooks also currently a 40% discount on various books.

Do you have books which you have purchased from our bookstore which you have read but no longer need? Please consider donating them back to us for the Lending Library.

If you don't see what you need on our shelves we can order for you. Just fill out the form at the cashier's desk and we will do our best to get it.

The Bookstore's e-mail address is: bookstore@dallasunity.org. Let us know your needs.

**All Paths Lead To God – Even Mine**

*By Grace Bradley*

It's evident that we in Unity believe that "all paths lead to God." Don't we hear Jewish rabbis quoted in the Sunday Morning Lesson? Don't we bless each other with the Hindu blessing "Namaste – the Christ in me blesses and honors the Christ in you?" Don't we have the Muslim Sufi calendars and poems in our bookstores? We point proudly to these examples of our inclusiveness and liberalism. But...we also accept fundamental Christians, Mormons, Roman Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses, and all others.

Personally, I have had to come to terms with this Unity foundational statement. I found it easier to accept the Hindus than my fundamentalist relative who made it plain, on more than one occasion, that he thought what I believed fell far short of Truth, and that he, of course, held the high road. I was able to come to terms with my feelings when I thought about the path that my relative experienced. There were already 2 boys in the family when the doctor announced that he would be a girl. At his birth his mother was so disappointed when the nurse brought him to her that she almost pushed him off the bed. Instinct took over and she grabbed him and held him to her. She continued to have these dichotomous feelings toward him throughout his upbringing. Of course he would have different beliefs, different values, different habits from mine – his upbringing had an entirely different tone from mine. Of course he would select a spiritual path perfectly suited to his life preparation and lessons – one different from mine; not better nor worse, just different and suited to each of us.

So, what do I do whenever I fall short and DO judge him? *A Course in Miracles* Lessons 281 & 284 say, "I can be hurt by nothing but my thoughts" and "I can elect to change all thoughts that hurt." Thinking that my relative has judged me harshly and that he's wrong to do so only makes me feel bad. I can change those thoughts to ones of Love: in this moment he is doing the best he can, with what he has, given his life experiences and beliefs – and they are perfectly suited to him.

In this moment I, in judging him and getting my feelings hurt, was doing the best I could with what I have given my life experiences and beliefs. He and I are doing the SAME THING: we're both doing the best we can. I can extend Love to him and myself – I widen my circle of Love and once again am on The Path to seeing Oneness in all. That makes me feel good – makes me feel the Love that I am.

<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE (Preliminary)</b>			
<b>DECEMBER 2010</b>			
<b>Total Income</b>	25,650		
Expenses	<u>22,506</u>		
<b>Net</b>	<b>3,144</b>		
<b>PRELIMINATRY 2010 January – December 2010</b>			
<b>Total Income</b>	255,237		
Expenses	<u>271,024</u>		
<b>Net</b>	<b>-15,787</b>		

**We are a tithing Spiritual community!**  
**At Unity on Greenville, we tithe 10% of our income to sources of our spiritual nourishment, such as Unity World Wide Ministries, Silent Unity, Unity Institute, the South Central Unity Region, Unity Texas, and local non-profit community organizations. We invite you to be a tither! *God is Our Source!***

**OUR COMPASSIONATE COMPANION**

*A Transformative Journey through Grief and Loss*

**Last Thursday of each month**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm**

With Prayer Chaplains Ben and Marilyn Garcia, Karen Romestan and Ellen Wilson

*Everyone invited!*

**Annual Unity Community Meeting**

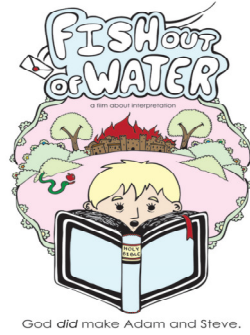
**Sunday, February 27, 12:30 pm**

Make your plans now to attend our Annual meeting on February 27 immediately following the 11 am service. We'll elect Board of Trustee members, discuss how our spiritual community moved ahead in 2010 and what is planned for 2011 and beyond. Everyone is invited--members or not! (Note: Only active members vote.) Snacks will be served.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Attention all members! We look forward to your continued membership with our church. As you know, all members must renew their membership annually. If you plan to be an active member in 2011, please sign the Active Membership Renewal roster in the foyer of the church. (If your name is not listed, please add it to the list.) Or email your notification to the church: [unityon-greenville@dallasunity.org](mailto:unityon-greenville@dallasunity.org).

Members who do not renew by February 27 will be automatically listed as "inactive members" during 2011; you may change your membership designation at any time just by letting us know!



**FISH OUT OF WATER**  
What does the Bible *really* say about being gay?

**Movie and Dialogue**  
**Tuesday, March 1,**  
6:30 pm

[www.fishoutofwaterfilm.com](http://www.fishoutofwaterfilm.com)



**Traditional Irish Music by one of Texas' finest ensembles!**

[www.jigsawmusic.info](http://www.jigsawmusic.info)

**IN CONCERT! 7:30 pm**  
**March 12**

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**Tickets available online or at the door**

[www.dallasunity.org](http://www.dallasunity.org)

**Weekly E-News**

Do you receive our weekly E-News with the latest information about events at Unity on Greenville? If not, you may email a request to be added to our mailing list: [unityongreenville@dallasunity.org](mailto:unityongreenville@dallasunity.org).

## Unity Cares Prayer Program For February, 2011

You are invited to hold the following individuals and businesses in prayer during the month of February:

**Unity Cares for Youth:** Sophia Lino

**Unity Cares for Adults:** Peggy Bennett, Priscilla Craig, Stephen Freedman, S.R. Hale, Michele Houston, Lawrence Kaster, Kathy Latour, Robb Rogers, Treneka Simmons, Susie Spartano, James Terrell, Karen Wilson.

**Unity Cares for Business:** Another Broken Egg Café (Greenville Ave.), Colemont Insurance Brokers of Texas, Gincard Designs, Placecol, Positive Christianity.Org, The Cleaning Company.

**Unity Cares** is a Prayer Ministry program at Unity on Greenville in which 12 adult names plus one child or teen name plus six businesses are randomly drawn "by Spirit" each month from our church and vendor mailing lists. These folks will receive prayer support from our congregation as well as Silent Unity during the month.

### Who We Are

We are a loving and supportive community for understanding our oneness with God and practice the universal spiritual principles of love, abundance, wholeness, and happiness as taught by Jesus Christ.

### Our Vision

We are a beacon of spiritual light and a loving sanctuary for our urban world. We seek to meet the needs of all generations by sharing our positive Unity message.

**We reserve the right to accept everyone regardless of race, creed, age, physical ability, sexual orientation or religion of origin.**

**That's our position  
and we're sticking to it!**



**A Positive Path for Spiritual Living**

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EVERYONE INVITED!**