

# August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	4	5	6
7 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "There's No Reason to Know the Reason" (Rev. Joan Gattuso) <b>Burning Bowl Sunday</b>	8	9	10 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	11	12	13
14 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "People Flock to Things That Make No Sense" (Rev. Joan Gattuso) Noon-PATIO PARTY	15	16	17 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	18	19	20 9:30 am - Prosperity Breakfast
21 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "I'm Moving on Faith" (Rev. Joan Gattuso) PET BLESSING SUNDAY	22	23	24 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	25	26	27 Book Club outing to see the movie <i>The Help</i>
28 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "Original Infection" (Rev. Joan Gattuso) 12:30 pm-Unexpected Income Meeting	29	30	31 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service			



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### From Our Minister

Dear Friends,

As we have been focused on prayer this summer, we are witnessing many happy miracles at our church. Prayer always brings results. We just have to be diligent and never give up.

Occasionally, however, some individuals grow weary and quit, giving up before their goals are realized.

This image of prayer came to me in my meditation. I saw a large tank of water encased in a Plexiglas cube approximately six feet by six feet by six feet. It was nearly filled with clear water. I stood on a short ladder and began to add weighted balls representing prayers to the water.



With each subsequent entry, the level of the water slowly began to rise until it reached the crest and began to spill down the sides of the cube. The now flowing water represented faith and prayer which had reached a critical mass when it began to overflow the crest.

When we are praying and praying, and there seems to be no answer forthcoming, it may well be that we have still not met the depth needed for our critical mass.

This is when we need to be ever vigilant and NOT give up. Keep on keeping on in spite of appearances, knowing that with each subsequent, faithful practice we are moving closer to our desired good—our goal.

This visual illustration is most helpful to me, as I hope it will be for you. Once we reach the critical mass, we will witness all of life flowing more consistently and fruitfully.

This is building consciousness of which I frequently speak. This is what we as a congregation are doing individually and collectively. If you've gotten there, enjoy the ride. If not, don't give up. You're getting close to the crest. God bless.

Lovina blessings,

### Rev. Joan in August

Rev. Joan Gattuso has intriguing lessons scheduled for August. Here is the fascinating lineup:

**August 7:** "There's No Reason to Know the Reason." On Burning Bowl Sunday remember it's ended, it's over—no discussion.

**August 14:** "People Flock to Things That Make No Sense." Have you ever been the one to check your brain at the door?

**August 21:** "I'm Moving on Faith." Keep walking through the doors that are open.

**August 28:** "Original Infection." We have all been infected by falsehoods. Here's how to stop them.

## From the Bookstore

By Vivian Miller  
Bookstore Manager

How do you find your way through the broken pieces to peace? In this searing, honest and searching book, *Peace from Broken Pieces*, best-selling author Iyanla Vanzant recounts the last decade of her profoundly human journey.



Part metaphorical teaching story, part gut wrenching teaching chronicle, this phoenix-rising-from-the-ashes tale is about men and money, love and work, mothers and daughters and life and death.

Learn how to put your personal puzzle together and dare to claim the peace that you truly deserve.

This is a mind altering book that every mother, grandmother, aunt, uncle, father should read. It is masterful, insightful compelling and comical—a must-have for your spiritual library because we will never be finished going through what we're going through, but we will develop survival muscle.

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The Book Club has scheduled an outing to see the movie *The Help* on Saturday, August 27. See Vivian for details.

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The next Book Club meeting will be Saturday, September 24. Mark your calendars.

## Pet Blessing Sunday on August 21

Bring your pet to church! On Sunday, August 21, Unity of Greater Cleveland is having its second Pet Blessing Sunday during the service.

We love our pets like our children, and on this Sunday we will fill our sanctuary with loving pet energy. Bring your dogs, cats, ferrets, hamsters, goldfish—whatever your pet is—to receive collective God support from Rev. Joan and the congregation. (If you bring your horse, we will have to have the blessing in the parking lot.)

If you have any questions, please call the church at 216-751-1198.

## Unexpected Income Program Ends

The Summer 2011 Unexpected Income Program to boost your abundance consciousness is coming to its conclusion for this year.

This plan for prosperous people has been a success once again in lending a big assist in boosting folks' prosperity.

Join with others in the program to pray and share support at the final prosperity get-together on Sunday, August 28, after the service.

You've helped make this summer a prosperous one indeed!

## Prosperity Breakfast on August 20

The next rewarding Prosperity Breakfast is set for Saturday, August 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the River City Grille at the Marriott Hotel in Warrensville Heights. The address is 26300 Harvard Road, just off I-271.

At the breakfast support will be given to all attending through the sharing of prosperity stories, masterminding, and prayer which produces powerful, positive results for all attending.

## Burning Bowl Sunday August 7

August 7<sup>th</sup> is the day to clean up your forgiveness list. That date is Burning Bowl Sunday. During the service you have the opportunity to write forgivenesses to clear your personal slate. After the service, the lists will be taken outside and burned, symbolically releasing all unforgiveness.

## 27th Anniversary Patio Party August 14

To celebrate the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Unity of Greater Cleveland, you're invited to come to a patio party after the service on Sunday, August 14. Since the patio is steps from the sanctuary, it will be easy for you to attend.

Please sign up for the event and bring a dish to share—appetizer, salad, entrée or dessert. **Elaine Sleas** is chairing the event, so please check with her for any questions you have.

## 2011 Backpack Program Awaits Your Generosity

The 2011 Backpack Program is in full swing. This year we are donating backpacks to Chambers Elementary School in East Cleveland.

This program is a valuable one for the youngsters. Please purchase one or more backpacks and have them at the church by Sunday, August 21, so we can deliver them by Wednesday, August 24. Your generosity is what makes this outreach program such a grand success. Check with **Rudi Barnes** if you have any questions.

**Today, give yourself the gift of some time alone.**

*We must all have a habit of solitude, regularly spending time alone in the silence by taking a walk in the woods, sitting on a hill and watching the setting sun, or simply taking a long, hot bath. Remove yourself from the maddening crowd and give yourself the opportunity of experiencing the quiet, gentle goodness of life. Refresh and recreate yourself in peaceful solitude and observe with wonder the amazing possibilities for your life.*

Edwene Gaines

from *The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity*

## Unity of Greater Cleveland Volunteer & Staff Directory

**Founding Minister:** Joan M. Gattuso  
**Board of Advisors:**

**Co-Chairs** - Sandy Deck and Elaine Sleas

**Secretary:** Connie Machan

**Treasurer:** Vivian Miller

**Prosperity Partners:** Debra Coleman, Freddie LaTorre, Al Manger, Sheryl Thomas

**Practitioners** - Rudi Barnes, Marcia Bufford, Debra Coleman, Pamela Ellison, Georgia Hyde, Vivian Miller, Sheryl Thomas, Janet Wasserman

**Assistant:** Felicia Martinez

**Administrative Assistant:** Rudi Barnes

**Minister's Sunday Assistant** - Rudi Barnes

**Youth Education:** Our children are sharing spiritual education with Christ Episcopel Church (Call the church office, 216-751-1198, for additional details).

**Bookstore Manager** - Vivian Miller  
**Volunteers** - Joyce Cherry, Scott Gessner

**Greeter Coordinator** - Liz Parks

**Sound System** - Felicia Martinez

**Florist** - Fresh Market

**Hospitality** - Rudi Barnes

**Web Site Manager:** Tim Machan

**Face Book Manager:** Chris Miller

**Face Book:** At Facebook.com., click on "Daily UGC."

**Sunday Service Time** - 11:00 a.m.

**Children's Church Time** - 9:15 a.m.

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