

July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:15 pm - Toastmasters 7 pm - "A New Earth" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)	2 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	3	4	5
6 10 am - ACIM 9 & 11 am Service: "Headed for a Train Wreck" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)	7	8 6:15 pm - Toastmasters 7 pm - "A New Earth" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)	9 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	10	11	12 10 am - Volunteer Cleaning Crew
13 10 am - ACIM 9 & 11 am Service: "Breaking Through Your Blocks to Abundance" (Rev. Joan Gattuso) BURNING BOWL SUNDAY	14	15 6:15 pm - Toastmasters	16 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	17	18	19
20 10 am - ACIM 9 & 11 am Service: "Make Your Dreams Come True" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)	21	22 6:15 pm - Toastmasters	23 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	24	25 7 pm - Drum Circle (Baba Jubal Harris)	26 10 am - Volunteer Cleaning Crew
27 10 am - ACIM 9 & 11 am Service: "Beyond the No, Beyond the Know, into the Now" (Rev. Joan Gattuso) 12:30 pm - Unexpected Income Prayer Meeting	28	29 6:15 pm - Toastmasters	30 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	31		



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"A New Earth" Concludes in July

The exciting series, "A New Earth," presented by **Rev. Joan Gattuso** concludes in July with classes on the 1st and the 8th. The final class will feature a DVD of Eckhart Tolle at Findhorn, the famous New Age community in Scotland. The series remains open to anyone who wishes to attend.



News from Unity of Greater Cleveland

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From Our Minister

What Does It Mean?

Dear Friends,

At dinner one night in January we were about to begin, and I said to David, "Oh, I haven't done **A Course in Miracles** today." It was lesson 5 or 6 or 7—the same as the date. And I asked, "What is it?"

David replied, "You know. . .it's like 'nothing means anything,' or 'I give everything all the meaning it has for me.' It's one of those yadidayadidayadidas." You had to be a **Course** student to get it. It wasn't disrespectful.



If you've done these studies for 30 years or so, sometimes the lessons become humorous. Nothing means anything. I don't know what anything means. I don't know what anything is for. You know you don't know anything. It's a giant spiritual stride—surrender, surrender, surrender until you get it.

The Dalai Lama says to meditate on emptiness. It's the same thing. IT'S THE SAME THING. What's empty? It's the stuff we get so upset about in life that we think is so enormously important. We don't even remember, after a couple of years go by, what it was. So it couldn't have been all that meaningful.

So we meditate on emptiness, on meaninglessness, and we awaken a little bit more.

Loving blessings,

Joan

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From the Bookstore

We Plan, God Laughs by Rabbi Sherre Hirsch

In every stage in life, we set out making plans about what we want, how to get it and how satisfied we will feel



when we get there. In Sherre Hirsch's *We Plan, God Laughs* she theorizes that

too often our plans are limited to ones we think up at bedtime, or are devised by our parents or what looks good on a resume.

Exploring serious spiritual issues, Hirsch takes readers through ten steps to create a plan that reflects who we are now and who we want to be—a plan that is alive, organic and in sync with God. Hirsch teaches that letting go is key to making the connection and that the most ordinary life is extraordinary in the eyes of God.

She suggests, "It is time to make small tweaks and see where they lead. What can you tweak today?" This book is a fun read and will cause spontaneous outbursts of laughter.

Browse the bookstore for all your gift giving needs.

New Practitioner Training This Fall

A new Practitioner class will begin this fall at a date to be determined later. If you feel called by Spirit to deepen your spiritual commitment to others and within yourself, please contact the church office (216 751-1198).

Devoted Practitioner **Vivian Miller** says of her responsibility, "Being a Practitioner has strengthened my connection with Spirit and has given me an opportunity to reach out to others and be of service on a deeper level."

The training will last approximately one year.

Rev. Joan on All Four July Sundays

Rev. Joan Gattuso presents four important messages during July. Make certain you hear each of them.

July 6: "Headed for a Train Wreck." Egos and pain bodies collide on track #4.

July 13: "Breaking Through Your Blocks to Abundance." Be bold and claim your prosperity on Forgiveness Sunday.

July 20: "Make Your Dreams Come True." Don't be discouraged if outer circumstances appear to get worse before they get better.

July 27: "Beyond the No, Beyond the Know, into the Now." Discover how to encounter wholeness.

Practitioner Recommitment July 13

July 13, Burning Bowl Sunday, also will have the recommitment ceremony for our Practitioners who devote themselves to assisting in the ministry of Unity of Greater Cleveland through prayer and the nurturing of others in a variety of loving ways.

Drum Circle Scheduled for July 25

The drum circle led by **Baba Jubal Harris** is set for Friday, July 25, at 7:00 p.m.

This drum circle offers you the opportunity to learn to drum in the spirit of peace, love and unity. Says Baba, "I express my love and devotion to God through the music of the drum. I have studied with master drummers in West Africa and America for over 25 years." Bring a drum with you. If you do not have one, there will be instruments available.

Keeping Our Building Spotless

Thanks to the volunteers who come on on Saturdays to keep our building clean. The team will meet on Saturdays, July 12 and 26, at 10:00 a.m.. Sign up on Sunday or call the office at 216-751-1198 to assist. We appreciate your help. Four people volunteering, for example, can complete the task in a little over an hour.

Our Newest Members

The newest members of Unity of Greater Cleveland are shown with Rev. Joan Gattuso. Left to right are David Kleckner, Michelle Hurt, Florence (Lori) Busher, Rev. Joan and Timothy Machan.



Burning Bowl Service on Sunday, July 13

The first Burning Bowl Service of the year will be held on Sunday, July 13, at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. This powerful service gives you the space to witness all your blocks to love disappearing in the flames of forgiveness, after which they return from where they came: nothingness.

You can release all that stands in the way of your fulfillment and recharge this year with a clean slate. From *A Course in Miracles*: ". . . let forgiveness show you what to do, through Him Who is your Guide, your Savior and protector, strong in hope, and certain of your ultimate success. He has forgiven you already, for such is his function, given Him by God. Now you must share his function."

Church Picnic Scheduled for August 17

Our church picnic, acknowledging 24 years of Unity of Greater Cleveland, is scheduled for Sunday, August 17. Mark your calendars and watch for location in the August newsletter.

Unity of Greater Cleveland Volunteer & Staff Directory

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Meals on Wheels - Open

Web Site Manager: Tim Machan

Sunday Service Times - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (nursery at both services) Children's Church, Lightstreamers, Uniteens, and Y.O.U. - 11:00 a.m.

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