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June and July Lessons Inspire

June and July have spiritually uplifting Sunday lessons from **Rev. Joan Gattuso**, while on July 24 the inimitable **Rev. Edwene Gaines** presents “the best” prosperity lesson. Here’s the lineup:

June 5: “For Everything There Is a Season” (Rev. Joan Gattuso). This is an in-depth revisit of a reason, a season, a lifetime.

June 12: “Range and Depth” (Rev. Joan Gattuso). Here’s how to achieve a balance between the two in your life.

June 19: “Integrating Our Spirit with Music” (Rev. Joan Gattuso). It’s a rock and roll Father’s Day featuring Stefana Dadas.

June 26: “Time Marches On” (Rev. Joan Gattuso). What are you waiting for? Time isn’t waiting for you.

July 3: “Celebration of Freedom” (Rev. Joan Gattuso). Let us always remember to be grateful for what we have.

July 10: “Choosing Heaven I” (Rev. Joan Gattuso). We constantly choose between joy and pain, heaven and hell.

July 17: “Choosing Heaven II” (Rev. Joan Gattuso). I’m so happy I have recognized my true nature.

July 24: “Prosperity Plus” (Rev. Edwene Gaines). Here’s how to once and for all learn the principles of *true* prosperity.

July 31: “Inner Vision of Perfect Sight” (Rev. Joan Gattuso). God is the love that will

From Our Minister

Dear Friends,

This double issue newsletter is a bit late due to illness, which I know you’ll understand.

There’s an old expression, “We make plans and God laughs.” I have always found that expression to be mildly annoying. It can only be true if we anthropomorphize God. To me it says we must remain fluid as a stream, not frozen like a glacier. We make plans; then life happens. Around these plans we can be fluid or solid.

On Memorial Day we had plans—quiet plans—but plans. Then I called my friend Barbara Smith to see how her husband Rev. Stan, who was in the hospital, did through the night. Said Barbara, “He did fine, but he passed away very quietly and consciously about an hour ago.”

Everything shifted as I left to go to the hospital to bless his body and perform a ritual sealing off of the chakras. I was a bit shocked that he transitioned so quickly, and it reflected in my driving becoming scrambled on the way to the hospital—even though I had visited Stan at least six times when he was in and out of the same hospital.

I got ridiculously lost, going miles past my destination, and I became more and more nervous as time passed. There were few places open to ask directions on the holiday. My unplanned adventure took me all over the Western suburbs. Finally I remembered to pray, and I stopped the car.

I wondered if perhaps the reason I was so lost was to have time to ready myself to see Rev. Stan’s body without his spirit in it. When at last I arrived at his hospital room, it was so evident that “he” was gone.

We say: Godspeed dear and precious friend, wonderful minister, great sage, and holy teacher of God. Godspeed.

Let us remain fluid like a clear stream as we move through this summer. God bless.



Love,

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From the Bookstore

Charles Roth was a Unity Minister for over 40 years before his death, and was led to write *A New Way of Thinking*, a beautiful book on survival techniques. You will not find this book on the shelves of your outfitter store or where survival equipment is sold.

Spiritual survival is its focus. Each chapter dismantles a traditional way of thinking and handling one of life's challenges and reframes it into a blessing with simple tools that can move you from feeling like a victim to conquering the very obstacle that immobilized you.



Affirmations and elemental steps are suggested that break down your former thought process and methodically lead you to selection of a spiritual tool to transform your thinking and your life. This book can change your thinking and ultimately change the way you handle life's speed bumps. It is available in the Empowerment Book Store at Unity of Greater Cleveland.

Prosperity Breakfast on June 18

The next rewarding Prosperity Breakfast is set for Saturday, June 18, 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.

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Sacredness of Breath and Sound

Visiting Australian interfaith minister and recording artist **Phil Jones** will present an interactive workshop—"Discovering the Sacredness of Breath and Sound"—which teaches meditation and simple breathing techniques with the **Australian didgeridoo**.



The didgeridoo is an ancient, mesmerizing drone instrument made from a eucalyptus tree and traditionally played in ceremony and healing by the Aboriginal clans of Australia. Playing the didgeridoo creates soothing and resonant harmonics that easily erase the "monkey chatter" in the mind, enhancing mental clarity and emotional equanimity.

The primordial vibration of the didgeridoo and the simple breathing techniques help create a state of relaxation, lower blood pressure, relax the heart, improve digestion, and reduce sleep apnea and snoring.

Phil will teach four basic steps during the workshop:

Step 1. Accessing a state of inner tranquility and connecting to the Divine within, which includes simple breathing exercises for enhanced meditation. (The most important aspect of the instrument.)

Step 2. Demystifying the technique of Circular Breathing, where you'll learn how to continuously make a sound through the instrument while breathing at the same time.

Step 3. Bridging the subtle and physical realms via the expansion of Harmonics.

Step 4. Creating nature, animal, percussive, and toning sounds through the Projection of the Voice.

Phil has performed Sanskrit chants for over 40 years and will begin the workshop with meditative chanting, setting up a wonderful vibration for the workshop, whereby participants will be invited to tone and chant as he sings and chants to the accompaniment of a Shruti box (a traditional east Indian instrument).

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Edwene Gaines and “Prosperity Plus” on July 24

If you are ready to learn and practice the principles of true prosperity, the “Prosperity Plus Workshop” on Sunday, July 24, at 1:00 p.m. will answer your questions and inspire you to act.

Edwene Gaines has made a one hundred percent commitment to the transformation of the abundance consciousness of Planet Earth. She presents her Sunday lesson on this vital material.

An ordained Unity minister, she shares with humor and joy the four spiritual principles of prosperity...

Finding your Divine Purpose

Forgiveness and Worthiness

Tithing and Giving

Setting Clear-cut Goals

Edwene guarantees that this event will change your life...if you are teachable.

Edwene Gaines, author of the book *The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity, A Simple Guide to Unlimited Abundance*, is owner-director of Rock Ridge Retreat Center in Valley Head, Alabama.

An ordained Unity minister since 1979, she is also president of The Masters' School. She has trained over 400 Master Prosperity Teachers. She travels approximately 250 days a year presenting Prosperity, Commitment and Riches & Honor Workshops. She has created and markets CD's and affirmation cards through her company, Prosperity Products.

A Certified Firewalking Instructor, she facilitates the Firewalking Ceremony several times each year. Edwene has served as a member of the International New Thought Alliance Executive Board. In 2006 she was honored by the International New Thought Alliance with the Torchbearer for New Thought Award. That same year she was honored by the Association of Unity Churches International with the Light of God Expressing

Award at their annual conference.



Unity of Greater Cleveland Volunteer & Staff Directory

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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

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Greeter Coordinator - Liz Parks

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Hospitality - Paul Landis, Rudy Barnes

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Sunday Service Time - 11:00 a.m.

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

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June

- 5, Sunday, 10 am ACIM
11 am Service: "For Everything There Is a Season" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)
- 7, Tuesday, Toastmasters 6 pm
- 8, Wednesday, Prayer Service 12:30 pm
- 12, Sunday, 10 am ACIM
11 am Service: "Range and Depth" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)
- 14, Tuesday, Toastmasters 6 pm
- 15, Wednesday, Prayer Service 12:30 pm
- 18, Saturday, Prosperity Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
- 19, Sunday, 10 am ACIM
11 am Service: "Integrating Our Spirit with Music" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)
- 21, Tuesday, Toastmasters 6 pm
- 22, Wednesday, Prayer Service 12:30 pm
- 26, Sunday, 10 am ACIM
11 am Service: "Time Marches On" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)
- 28, Tuesday, Toastmasters 6 pm
- 29, Wednesday, Prayer Service 12:30 pm

A Rock and Roll Father's Day Sunday

Special Father's Day music on June 19 is highlighted by Stefana Dadas, in Cleveland again from California. She will be backed up by Vincent Veith, Brian Henke, Martin Flunoy and others. It will be a lively Sunday, supported by a stirring lesson from Rev. Joan Gattuso. Don't miss it.

New Member Sunday June 26

Now is the time to become a member of our church. The requirements are simple. One need to have attended for at least three months, have a desire to become more involved in the church, and attend an orientation session on Sunday, June 12, after the service.

You'll be glad you decided to further your commitment by becoming a full voting member of Unity of Greater Cleveland.

July

- 3, Sunday, 10 am ACIM
11 am Service: "Celebration of Freedom" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)
- 5, Tuesday, Toastmasters 6 pm
- 6, Wednesday, Prayer Service 12:30 pm
- 9, Unity Book Club 11 am
- 10, Sunday, 10 am ACIM
11 am Service: "Choosing Heaven I" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)
- 12, Tuesday, Toastmasters 6 pm
- 13, Wednesday, Prayer Service 12:30 pm
- 16, Saturday, Prosperity Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
- 17, Sunday, 10 am ACIM
11 am Service: "Choosing Heaven II" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)
- 19, Tuesday, Toastmasters 6 pm
- 20, Wednesday, Prayer Service 12:30 pm
- 24, Sunday, 10 am ACIM
11 am Service: "Prosperity Plus" (Rev. Edwene Gaines)
- 26, Tuesday, Toastmasters 6 pm
- 27, Wednesday, Prayer Service 12:30 pm
- 31, Sunday, 10 am ACIM
11 am Service: "The Inner Vision of Perfect Sight" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)



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