



# Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center

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**- August 2023 -**

## **LGBTQIA+ Workshop**

**Saturday, August 5**

**10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.**

### **Navigating the Path of Diversity and Religion**

*Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Brock Ford*

In this workshop we will be:

- ♦ Taking a deeper look into the relationship of religion and diversity.
- ♦ Building a bridge to healing and understanding.
- ♦ Looking at scripture used against LGBTQ+ community and scriptures that say to love all as Jesus taught.



Brock is a Minister, Spiritual-Ethical Teacher. LGBTQIA+, Human and Civil Rights Advocate. He has earned a Doctorate Degree in Religious Studies; Master's of Interfaith Religious Studies degree, and was Ordained as a Minister in Science of Mind/Religious Science, and is a former Associate Minister of Unity Spiritual Center of San Francisco

He is currently guest speaking at churches and centers around the San Francisco Bay Area, assuring people of all races, denominations and orientations that they are deserving and capable of love and happiness; helping families heal and learn alternative ways of communicating and of



## **Town Hall Meeting - Sunday, August 20**

**In Valley Hall  
following the service**

*Facilitated by the Board of Trustees*

This is your opportunity to get answers to any questions you have and share your ideas for the future of our spiritual community

Please plan to attend



## **Bunco Bash is Back!! Saturday, August 26 - 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

**Come join the fun!**

**\$20/person - ages 12 and up**

**Salads • Desserts • Prizes • Raffle**

**Tickets on Sale Now!**

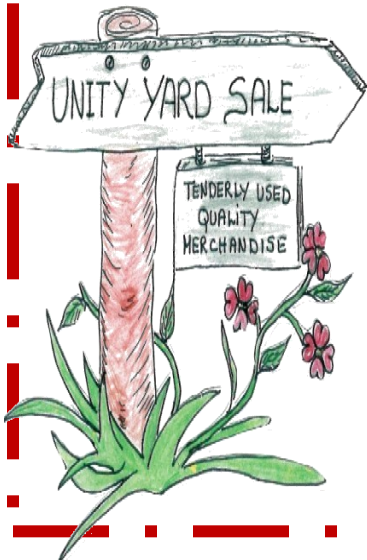
***Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in our sanctuary  
led by our Prayer Chaplains***



## ***Celebrating our oneness ~ Honoring our diversity***

Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center is dedicated to the Belief in God as universal Spirit  
Our purpose is to provide opportunities for each individual to express their inner Christ Spirit

## Coming Soon (cont. on Page 8) . . .



### Unity Yard Sale Saturday, September 2 - 8 a.m.- 12 noon

If you have items to sell and would like to participate applications are available now!

Pick one up in the Great Hall or contact the church office

**- Application deadline is August 25th -**

This is a fundraiser for Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center  
A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the Solano SPCA and the Fourth Friday Feed



#### Friday September 8 Life Line Health Screenings

*Take a step toward staying healthy and active.*

**Pre-registration is required**

For appointment call 1-800-640-6307 or visit  
LLSA.SOCIAL/HC



#### Sunday, September 10 Opening the Intuitive Gate - The Keys to Developing *Your* Intuition with Will Tuttle, Ph.D.

An acclaimed pianist, composer, and author, Will Tuttle unites both eastern and western meditation traditions and is a Dharma Master in the Zen tradition. Uplifting, philosophical, musical, and both challenging and reassuring, this is a workshop that can change lives, as we invite spirit to work its wonders on the ultimate frontier: the human heart.

*More information out soon*

**Will Tuttle will also be our guest speaker and musician**

## Volunteer Opportunities

**If you are looking for ways to lend a helping hand the following teams are looking for you!**

- ♦ **Usher/Greeter** - This team is "the face of the church" - the team meets and greets all who enter and make sure newcomers feel welcomed. This is a one week per month commitment
- ♦ **Flower Committee** - This team provides the beautiful and inspiring flower arrangements that adorn the church.
- ♦ **Hospitality Team** - Without this team there would be no coffee or treats to enjoy after the service! This is a one week per month commitment.
- ♦ **4<sup>th</sup> Friday Feed** - We have an urgent need for volunteers to assist with this important community outreach team. This is a once per month commitment. We need:  
 Help with shopping (UVSC covers the cost of food and supplies) \* Help with prep and cooking  
 Help Serving \* Help with clean-up

**Interested? contact the church office at 707-447-0521 or [unityvv@pacbell.net](mailto:unityvv@pacbell.net) for more information**

# Ongoing Classes and Activities . . .

Email the church office at [unityvv@pacbell.net](mailto:unityvv@pacbell.net) to request an invitation to Zoom meetings

## **Mondays**

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) - 6:30 p.m.

## **Tuesdays**

FA (Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous) - 7:00 p.m.

## **Wednesdays**

Prayer Group - 1:30 p.m. (on Zoom)

A Course in Miracles— 7:00 p.m. —facilitated by Rev Dalia Adams (on Zoom)

Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m. - facilitated by Prayer Chaplains

Silent Meditation—6:30 p.m. (Available online)

## **Thursdays**

Men of Unity Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. - Second and Fourth Thursday of the month - Held at a variety of local restaurants

Contact Bob Panzer at 707-410-8839 / [rmp572@gmail.com](mailto:rmp572@gmail.com) or Dave Rybicki at [drybicki@solanowireless.com](mailto:drybicki@solanowireless.com) for location and information

Women of Unity Potluck - 11:30 a.m. - Third Thursday of the month - Email Pat Chinperetz at [chinperetz@comcast.net](mailto:chinperetz@comcast.net) for location

Spiritual Classics Reading Room - 1:00 p.m. (on Zoom)

Board of Trustees Meeting - 4:00 p.m. - Third Thursday of the month (on Zoom)

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) - Women's Group - 5:00 p.m.

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) Men's Group - 7:00 p.m.

## **Fridays**

Prayers for the World, First Friday at 5:00 p.m. (available online)

'4th Friday Feed' - Community Kitchen at Epiphany Episcopal Church, 12:00-7:00 p.m. - Fourth Friday of the Month - Volunteers are always needed

## **Sundays**

Worship Celebration - 10:00 a.m. - In person and live-streamed at [www.unityvacaville.org](http://www.unityvacaville.org)

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) - 5:30 p.m.

## **Spiritual Classics Reading Room**

## **Mysteries of John**

*By Charles Fillmore*

**First, Second and Third Thursdays  
at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom**

*We will be using Charles Fillmore's book and a Bible*

If you would like to participate in this class,  
contact the office for the Zoom invite.

## **Join the Women of Unity for Lunch!**

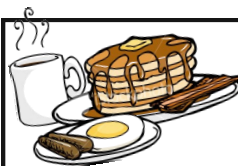
The Women of Unity meet at 11:30 a.m.  
on the Fourth Thursday of the month

Contact Pat Chinperetz at [chinperetz@comcast.net](mailto:chinperetz@comcast.net)  
for more information

*Women of all ages are welcome!*

Join the Women of Unity on August 24 at Vaquero Café  
1010 Vaquero Circle, Vacaville

Come share your "Aha! Moments"  
with the group



## **Join the Men of Unity for Breakfast!**

The Men of Unity meet at 8:30 a.m.  
on the Second and Fourth Thursday of the month  
at various local eateries.

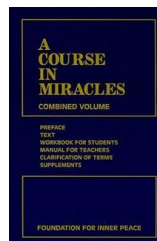
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and information

## **Community Kitchen at Epiphany Episcopal Church**

**Fourth Friday of the Month 12:00-7:00 p.m.**

We invite you to join us in this important community out-  
reach team and help feed the homeless and hungry

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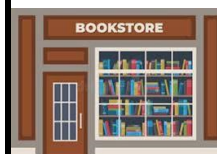


## **A Course In Miracles**

*Facilitated by Rev. Dalia Adams*

**Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

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[unityvv@pacbell.net](mailto:unityvv@pacbell.net) to request an invitation





## **The Unity Bookstore is now open**

**on the second and fourth  
Sunday of the month before  
and after the service**

*Stop by and say hello*

The Bookstore also available during normal office hours  
Tues. & Thurs 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prosperity Class - 6 p.m. (on Zoom) FA - 7:00 p.m.	2 Prayer Grp - 1:30 p.m. (on Zoom) Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m. ACIM - 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom) Meditation (online) Centering Prayer (online)	3 Spiritual Classics - 1:00 p.m. NA (Women's Grp) 5:00 p.m. NA (Men's Grp) - 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Diversity Workshop 
6 10:00 a.m. Service NA - 5:30 p.m.	7 NA - 7:00 p.m.	8 Prosperity Class - 6 p.m. (on Zoom) FA - 7:00 p.m.	9 Prayer Grp - 1:30 p.m. (on Zoom) Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m. ACIM - 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom) Meditation (online) Centering Prayer (online)	10 Men of Unity - 8:30 a.m. Spiritual Classics - 1:00 p.m. NA (Women's Grp) 5:00 p.m. NA (Men's Grp) - 7:00 p.m.	11	12
13 10:00 a.m. Service NA - 5:30 p.m.	14 NA - 7:00 p.m.	15 Prosperity Class - 6 p.m. (on Zoom) FA - 7:00 p.m.	16 Prayer Grp - 1:30 p.m. (on Zoom) Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m. ACIM - 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom) Meditation (online) Centering Prayer (online)	17 Spiritual Classics - 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting NA (Women's Grp) 5:00 p.m. NA (Men's Grp) - 7:00 p.m.	18	19
20 10:00 a.m. Service NA - 5:30 p.m.	21 NA - 7:00 p.m.	22 FA - 7:00 p.m.	23 Prayer Grp - 1:30 p.m. (on Zoom) Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m. ACIM - 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom) Meditation (online) Centering Prayer (online)	24 Men of Unity - 8:30 a.m. Women of Unity - 11:30 a.m. NA (Women's Grp) 5:00 p.m. NA (Men's Grp) - 7:00 p.m.	25 4th Friday Feed Community Kitchen at Epiphany Episcopal Church	26 Bunco Bash 
27 10:00 a.m. Service NA - 5:30 p.m.	28 NA - 7:00 p.m.	29 FA - 7:00 p.m.	30 Prayer Grp - 1:30 p.m. (on Zoom) Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m. ACIM - 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom) Meditation (online) Centering Prayer (online)	31 NA (Women's Grp) 5:00 p.m. NA (Men's Grp) - 7:00 p.m.		


### Schedule of On-going Classes and Activities

- Mondays, 7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
- Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - FA (Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous)
- Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. - Prayer Group (on Zoom)
- Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. - Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service
- Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. ACIM facilitated by Rev. Dalia Adams (on Zoom)
- Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Centering Prayer (online)
- Wednesdays - A Time of Silent Meditation (online)
- Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous Women's Group (NA)
- Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous Men's Group (NA)
- Second and Fourth Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - Men of Unity Breakfast
- Third Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees Meeting (on Zoom)
- Fourth Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - Women of Unity Luncheon
- Fourth Fridays, 12:00-7:00 p.m. - Community Kitchen at Epiphany Episcopal Church
- Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
- Sundays, 5:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA)



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10 10:00 a.m. Service Workshop: <i>Opening the Intuitive Gate</i> - Time TBD NA - 5:30 p.m. Gateway Church - 6 pm	11 NA - 7:00 p.m.	12 FA - 7:00 p.m.	13 <b>UNITY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</b> Prayer Grp - 1:30 p.m. (on Zoom) Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m. ACIM - 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom) Meditation (online) Centering Prayer (online)	14 Men of Unity - 8:30 a.m. Spiritual Classics - 1:00 p.m. NA (Women's Grp) 5:00 p.m. NA (Men's Grp) - 7:00 p.m.	15	16
17 <b>Fall Reflections Week 1</b> 10:00 a.m. Service NA - 5:30 p.m.	18 NA - 7:00 p.m.	19 FA - 7:00 p.m.	20 Prayer Grp - 1:30 p.m. (on Zoom) Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m. ACIM - 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom) Meditation (online) Centering Prayer (online)	21 Spiritual Classics - 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting NA (Women's Grp) 5:00 p.m. NA (Men's Grp) - 7:00 p.m.	22	23
24 <b>Fall Reflections Week 2</b> 10:00 a.m. Service NA - 5:30 p.m.	25 NA - 7:00 p.m.	26 FA - 7:00 p.m.	27 Prayer Grp - 1:30 p.m. (on Zoom) Daily Word Contemplative Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m. ACIM - 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom) Meditation (online) Centering Prayer (online)	28 Men of Unity - 8:30 a.m. Women of Unity - 11:30 a.m. NA (Women's Grp) 5:00 p.m. NA (Men's Grp) - 7:00 p.m.	29 4th Friday Feed Community Kitchen at Epiphany Episcopal Church	30

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## Church Directory . . .

**Senior Minister:** Rev. Dr. Dalia Adams

**Board of Trustees:**

Phyllis Flemings, President  
John Working, Vice President  
Leticia Widemann, Secretary  
John Thompson, Treasurer

**Minister's Assistant:** Warren Spayth

**Office Manager/Newsletter:** Marcella Mackes

**Prayer Chaplains:**

Warren Spayth, Patt Florez, Cheryl Potts,  
Genevieve Cushing

**Youth Education Team:**

Genevieve Cushing - Youth Ed Director/YOU Sponsor

**SEE Education Director:** Rev. Dalia Adams

**Sound Technicians:**

Warren Spayth, Thomas Nabarrete, Roy Morris

**Bookstore:** Marcella Mackes

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Marcella Mackes

**Video & Podcast Editor/Webmaster:** Lisa Murray

**Video Technicians:**

Jim Stueve, Bobbi Fortner, Gloria Ramirez,  
John Working

## Did you Know? . . .

- **Prayer Chaplains** are available for prayer support, home or hospital visits, and listening when you need someone. Prayer Chaplains are available after church on Sunday or may be reached by calling the church office (Mailbox #6).
- **Prayer requests** are read in strictest confidentiality, placed in our prayer chest, then sent to Silent Unity where they are held in prayer for 30 days.
- **Lending Library:** If you need a book for a class or for your personal spiritual enrichment they can be checked out from our lending library. The library is available on Sundays before and after the service and during normal business hours Monday-Thursday.
- **Bookstore:** The Bookstore is available the Second and Fourth Sundays before and after the 10 a.m. service and on Tuesdays and Thursdays during normal office hours.
- **You can support Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center by making a donation through our website:** We are able to accept one-time donations or recurring donations made with any major credit card or PayPal. Simply select the blue donate button and follow the prompts.
- **You can support Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center by making a donation through Text 2 Give:** Simply text the word GIVE to 707-316-8325 and follow the directions.
- **You can put your tithe and Love Offerings on your credit card:** Credit card donation forms are available by contacting the church office.



### UNITY PRINCIPLES

- ♦ God is good and everywhere present.
- ♦ The spirit of God lives within each person, therefore, all people are inherently good.
- ♦ We create our life experiences through our way of thinking.
- ♦ There is power in affirmative prayer, which we believe increases our connection to God.
- ♦ Knowing and understanding Unity principles is the foundation. Taking action based on the truth principles transforms our lives and the world.

# Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center Financial Statement

## January-June 2023

*Financial Report is updated quarterly*

	January - June 2023	Annual Budget	\$ Under/Over Budget
Income			
300.00 · INTEREST	.21	1.00	-.79
400.00 · BOOKSTORE	50.10	75.00	-24.90
410.00 · CLASSES/ WORKSHOPS/ SPECIAL EVENTS	2,714.00	8,125.00	-5,411.00
419.00 - SUBTENANT INCOME	1,370.00	12,000.00	-10,630.00
420.00 · CONTRIBUTIONS	108,693.35	210,300.00	-101,630.65
430.00 · FACILITY & PROPERTY	5,320.00	8,800.	-3,480.00
460.00 · FUNDRAISERS	4,473.50	14,320.00	-9,846.50
490.00 · MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1.01	20.00	-18.99
Total Income	122,622.17	253,641.00	-131,018.83
Expense			
600.00 · ADMINISTRATIVE	13,525.88	26,537.12	-13,011.24
605.00 · BOOKSTORE EXPENSES*	3.00	505.00	-502.00
610.00 · EDUCATION	400.00	2,700.00	-2,300.00
620.00 · FACILITY**	27,605.45	56,905.89	-29,300.44
625.00 · FUNDRAISER EXPENSES	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
630.00 · MINISTRY	5,525.07	14,131.69	-7,606.62
640.00 · PAYROLL	64,365.66	137,673.00	-73,307.34
650.00 · TITHES & CHARITABLE GIVING	5,613.34	12,488.30	-6,874.96
6560 · PAYROLL EXPENSES	759.50	1,200.00	-440.50
Total Expense	118,797.50	253,641.00	-134,843.10
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,824.27</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,824.27</b>

\*Includes Inventory Purchases and Sales Tax Paid

\*\* Includes Mortgage Principal Payments

*We acknowledge God as our source and see abundance flowing forth blessing  
all that we have and all that we give.*

*We gratefully bless those who share their prosperity that we may serve  
Spirit's work as our Unity community.*

### Cash on Hand as of June 30, 2023

Savings:	\$ 13,644.72
Checking:	\$ 66,220.67
Flower Fund:	\$ 135.30
Petty Cash:	<u>\$ 9.34</u>
Total All Accounts	\$ 80,010.15
Total Available Cash:	\$ 75,345.66

## Coming Soon . . .

# 2023 Fall Reflections *Have a Little Faith*

September 17 - October 29

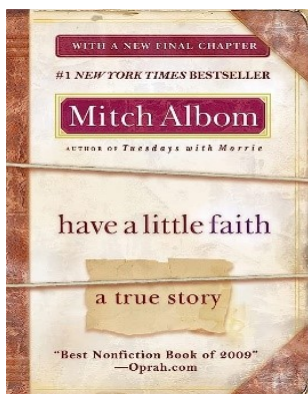
Small Study Groups will be forming soon!

**If you would be interested in facilitating a small group  
in-person or on Zoom contact the church office**

(study groups will be limited to 8 participants)

*This is an opportunity for spiritual growth, to deepen friendships,  
make new friends, and recommit to your spiritual community*

Books will be available in the bookstore soon or get yours online



**About the Book:** What if our beliefs were not what divided us, but what pulled us together? In *Have a Little Faith*, Mitch Albom offers a beautifully written story of a remarkable eight-year journey between two worlds -- two men, two faiths, two communities -- that will inspire readers everywhere. *Have a Little Faith* begins with an unusual request: an eighty-two-year-old rabbi from Albom's old hometown asks him to deliver his eulogy. Feeling unworthy, Albom insists on understanding the man better, which throws him back into a world of faith he'd left years ago. Meanwhile, closer to his current home, Albom becomes involved with a Detroit pastor -- a reformed drug dealer and convict -- who preaches to the poor and homeless in a decaying church with a hole in its roof. Moving between their worlds, Christian and Jewish, African-American and white, impoverished and well-to-do, Albom observes how these very different men employ faith similarly in fighting for survival: the older, suburban rabbi embracing it as death approaches; the younger, inner-city pastor relying on it to keep himself and his church afloat. Albom and the two men of God explore issues that perplex modern man: how to endure when difficult things happen; what heaven is; inter-marriage; forgiveness; doubting God; and the importance of faith in trying times. Although the

texts, prayers, and histories are different, Albom begins to recognize a striking unity between the two worlds -- and indeed, between beliefs everywhere. *Have a Little Faith* is a book about a life's purpose; about losing belief and finding it again; about the divine spark inside us all. It is one man's journey, but it is everyone's story

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