



The Holidays at Unity!



The Angel Remembrance Service, Tuesday, December 3rd 6:30 pm

An intimate service designed to support us in our grief in the midst of holiday festivities. We will share stories, tears and laughter as we remember our loved ones who are now with us in Spirit. *This includes our people and our pets. It also supports other kinds of grief – loss of a relationship, job, etc.* Angels will be provided to hang on the Christmas tree. You may bring your own an angel to be returned after the holidays.

Sharing Christmas with our Greater Community

ADOPT-A-FAMILY: Share the love by adopting a gift from a wish list of a family with a sick child. Sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary or call the church office to see what is needed.

In cooperation with the MSU Sparrow pediatric department.

TEEN GIVING TREE: Brighten up a teen's Christmas by sharing a gift card and/or gift with teens 13-19, in a single parent household living below the poverty line.

In cooperation with the Fledge Foundation

Unity Community Christmas

- Adopt-A-Family
 - Family of 6
 - Deliver Dec. 16th
 - Sign-up sheets
- The Teen Giving Tree
 - At the FLEDGE
 - For ages 13-19 from single parent household living below poverty line or ALICE Threshold.
 - Gifts of \$50
 - Gift cards or list of favorite items



Christmas Eve

Candle Lighting Service

7:00 pm Tuesday, December 24th

"You're an Original Blessing"

A gathering to sing Carols, Contemplate, and light Candles as we embrace a celebration of the Original Blessing that is you, and the Christ within.

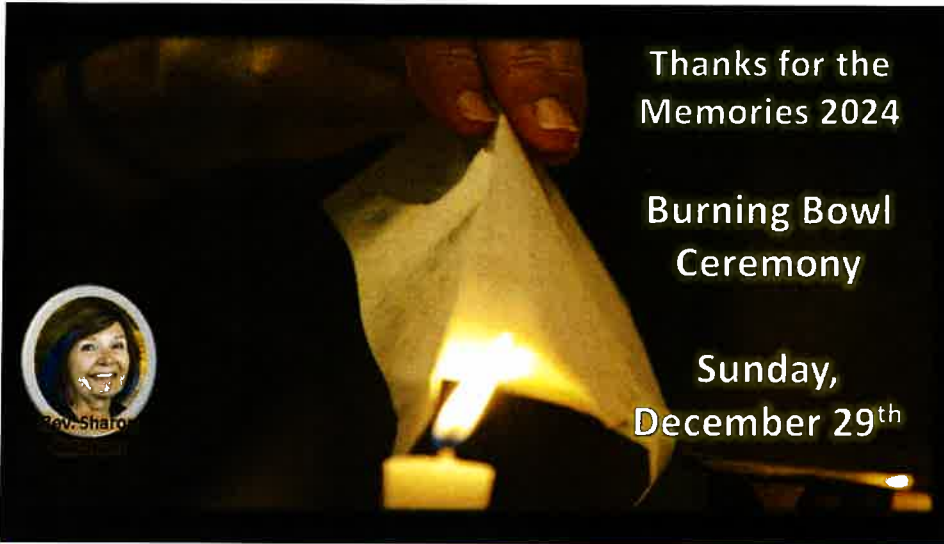
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Special Services

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UNITY ZOOM ROOM
Meeting ID 177 417 886
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Thanks for the
Memories 2024

Burning Bowl
Ceremony

Sunday,
December 29th

10:30 am Sun, Dec. 29th
Unity's Burning Bowl

Meditation, Flash Paper and a willingness to release whatever is not supporting you in living a rich life of peace, joy, and purpose/

Let go of 2024, Let go of hindrances, regrets and anything that is no longer serving you to make room for the good of 2025.

11:45 am Sun, Dec. 29th
White Elephant Party

Relax with a little post-Christmas fun.

Bring a wrapped White Elephant Gift (can be slightly used, a regift, or something that strikes your fancy)

We will each have the opportunity to choose a gift from under the tree or "steal" a gift someone else has chosen – all in good fun

You are welcome to bring snacks to share.

Lots of fun and laughs. And who knows what you'll take home!



Snack-Luck and White Elephant
11:45 Sunday, December 29th

White Elephant
Gift Exchange
Following service

Snack-Luck
Snack foods to share

Stealing
Encouraged!
Let the fun begin!

Welcome 2025
White Stone Ceremony
Sunday January 5th



Welcome 2025

10:30 am Sunday, Jan 5th, 2025
Unity's White Stone Ceremony

We begin the year with a clean slate and open ourselves to divine guidance for the new year. Everyone will receive a white stone from Jerusalem. We will enter a time of meditation to receive a word or two of guidance for 2025.

Break Bread Together



The Lunch Bunch
Contact Nancy Claytor to reserve seat
njclaytor@yahoo.com

Friday December 6th 1:00 pm
Hibachi Grill
5837 West Saginaw HWY
Lansing 48917

The LUNCH BUNCH December 6th, 1 pm
Hibachi Grill 5837 W Saginaw Highway
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Last Wednesday of the month
6:00 pm



No Gathering on
Nov. 27th or Dec. 25th

Next Gathering
January 29th, 2025
Falsetta's Casa Nova



With the holidays upon us, Supper Suppers will not meet again until January 29th at Falsetta's.
[DROP-INS ARE WELCOME Last Wednesday of the Month](#)
[Group will determine location for November at this supper.](#)

Euchre – Tournament Style & Fun Style



1st Friday Night Monthly
Tournament
Cash Prizes

- 6:30 Potluck
- 7 pm Euchre
- \$10



Unity's Monthly
Euchre and Games

3rd Sunday of the month
December 15th



Self-organizing
Euchre and board games

Team Lead: Austin Cox



Let's Go to the Movies

The Education Team has often sponsored movies on a Sunday afternoon. Currently, there is an opening for an organizer to plan movie days. In the past, Unity has offered a pizza lunch for a suggested love offering of \$5-\$10, or popcorn and snacks. USCL has the ability to show movies in the Upper and Lower Lodge for groups up to 15 people or in the Great Hall for larger groups.

If you think this might be yours to do, contact the Education Team facilitator Donnette Pinkerton. pinkertondonnette@gmail.com

It's that time of the year. The season for giving. Save taxes in 2024 while investing in your spiritual home.



YEAR END GIVING

Feels early to start thinking about our taxes, but it's not too early to evaluate the tax implications of yearend charitable donations to reduce your taxes.

Fun Fact: Did you know...?

Generally, IRA distributions are taxable, but QCDs (Qualified Charitable Donation) remain tax-free if sent directly to a qualified charity by the trustee. Yes, it's true. For retirees 70-1/2 years or older, funds donated directly from an IRA to a charity are tax-free upon disbursement. Check with your accountant for verification.

WHERE DOES UNITY TITHE?

Each week during our Sacred Exchange, we mention that Unity is a tithing community. What exactly does that mean? First of all, your minister and Board of Trustees understand that God is our one and only Source of supply which blesses us through many channels. To acknowledge our core belief, USCL sets aside 10% of all income as a tithe to share with organizations which have blessed this community. We divide our 10% into 5 categories.

1. **3% Unity Worldwide Ministries** – As a member of this association, we receive support and training on financial operations, employment services, development, marketing tools, earthcare and ministry service support, as well as it being a foundational Unity resource. UWM also supports the education of future ministers.
 2. **2% Silent Unity** This is Unity's 24/7 Prayer line available to anyone who wants prayer support. This also supports Unity Village, the headquarters of Unity, located just outside of Kansas City, Missouri. Unity Village publishes the Daily Word, Unity magazine (*which is now paired with "Spirituality & Health"*), retreats and archives of early Unity documents plus so much more.
 3. **1% Unity Worldwide Ministries Great Lakes Region.** As a member of this association, we receive support for our ministry, ministers, and laity on a local basis.
 4. **2% Spiritual Enrichment Fund** – This fund is established to support the training of our staff and congregation through conferences, workshops or bringing consultants in to our ministry for the congregation.
 5. **2% Congregants' Choice**** – Each year the congregation nominates local charitable organizations to support in the work they do for our Greater Lansing communities.
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- 10%** Seeds planted to acknowledge Spirit as the Source of All Supply

**** In January, watch for information on how you can nominate a local charitable organization to be a Congregants' Choice for 2025. Note that nominees should align with our core values and were not a Congregants' Choice recipient in 2024.**

The Circle of Generosity

Sharing of tithes and love offerings with Unity is a spiritual practice of acknowledging the flow of blessings that comes with conscious giving and receiving.

This is a personal, sacred activity that each person participates in in their own way.

This is not a debt we owe, but a seed we sow from a consciousness of abundance.

If using a credit card, use the QR code to take you to PayPal from our website donation page.



Thank you for the tithes and love offerings which you have gifted to Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing. We bless your gifts to do the will and the work of Holy Spirit in helping individuals spiritually awaken to their Oneness with God, each other, and all creation.