

NOTES OF JOY



Rev. Joy Walker
Minister

Hello Friends,

Did you know that it makes little difference who your ancestors were or your heredity? I say this because I often hear people say such things as, "I am from a broken home" or "My father was an alcoholic and my mother was highly neurotic. So, what chance did I have?" And, I say, "The chance of a lifetime!" because each of us have two inheritances...one from humankind and one from Source. From our Creator we receive the capacity to think, to reason, to renew our mind and, thus, to change our lives. As we rid ourselves of negative attitudes and beliefs, we will rid ourselves of negative conditions.

I do understand that one may not always be able to control the outer conditions that come into his life or even how other people may behave. However, we can control how we respond. Whatever condition we find ourselves in, the important thing to remember is the attitude we bring to it. Our theme for this month is "I AM INSPIRED. I AM inspired to do all that is mine to do." Inspiration comes from the inside...from God. The harmony in our personal affairs depends on the love and harmony in our heart.

As we celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13, 2018, we give thanks for inspiring mothers, grandmothers, aunts, mothers-to-be and other caregivers. We bless fathers, teachers, dear friends and special people who continue to fulfill a role of inspiring others to live a joyous and fulfilling life. Whether giving a tender touch or a strong embrace, these dear ones are always there to comfort and inspire us without thought of reciprocity. We thank Spirit for bringing caring individuals into our lives.

I invite you to join us each Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. at Unity of Southeast Texas where we are growing and unfolding in the love of God's family.

In His Service,

Joy

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BOARD OF TRUSTEE DECISIONS

- Plant gardenias in clay pots in front of church
- Seek quotes to re-stripe parking lot and labyrinth
- Investigate the Pay Pal square for accepting tithes/offerings
- Consider grant proposal shared by Kathryn Chenoweth
- Approved proposal by Edwin Cruz to hold Veggie Fest in October 2018

PROSPERITY REPORT FOR MARCH 2018

Income	\$3,967.00
Expense	<u>\$4,073.76</u>
New Income	(\$106.76)

CHURCH GROUNDS SPRUCED-UP

We are sincerely grateful to the Building and Grounds ministry team in helping us to make our facilities more beautiful. The extension of our lawn; the trimming of trees and bushes and adding red mulch; the additional signage; the repainting of the children playhouse and benches; painting the flowing fountain and so much more! Again, thank you!



CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION



It's time once again to don your Mexican attire, bring a Mexican covered dish and come to celebrate **Cinco de Mayo Sunday on May 6, 2018**. It is always fun building tacos and enjoying this festive occasion.



PRAYER CHAPLAIN TRAINING

The annual Prayer Chaplain training will take place on **Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** led by Sandra Rucker. Those in training will be Leo Stewart, Shirley Rappaport, Richard Drapeau, Cleon Fowler and Edwin Cruz. We are so grateful to those who serve in this capacity. It is always a joy to receive a call with the request: "How may I pray for you today?" Thank you, Prayer Chaplains for lovingly listening to us.



MOTHER'S DAY

Each year we celebrate Mother's Day by providing roses for all of the women of the church. You will want to be present on **Sunday, May 13** for your special rose. Men may take a rose home to that special someone.

MAD HATTER'S TEA

What fun!! Each year the Hospitality Ministry team lead us in an enjoyable activity of laughter and joy as we engage in wearing outrageous hats. Come prepared to enjoy an hour of humorous fun following our celebration service on **Sunday, May 20, 2018**. There will be delicious snacks and lots of prizes, especially for the person wearing the weirdest hat, the funniest hat and so many more. Do come and let out your inner child!



Those Who Serve



Sunday Services

Director of Music

Paul Thomas

Greeter

Sheri Champagne

Ushers

Linda Ferrell
Diane Rogers

Sound Tech

Diane Rogers

Platform Assistant

Joe LaGrange

Prayer Chaplains

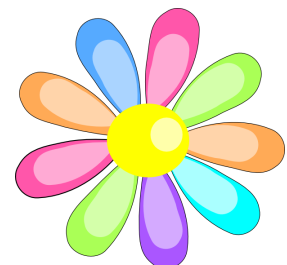
Leo Stewart, Chair
Dr. Richard Drapeau
Shirley Rappaport

Prayer Line


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Board of Trustees

Kathryn Chenoweth
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Cleon Fowler
Shirley Rappaport
Diane Marie Rogers
David Stanley
Leo Stewart
Rev. Joy Walker





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00pm Meditation for Beginners 7:00pm Golden Triangle Sierra Club	2 10:00am Master Mind Group 11:30am Silent Unity Service 5:30pm Beginner Tai Chi 6:00pm Adult Child of	3 5:30pm Tai Chi 7:30pm Yoga	4 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Anniversary</i>	5 10:00am Class Lessons in Truth Prayer Chaplain Training 7:00 am—5 pm
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PRAYER CHAPLAINS INSTALLED

On **Sunday, May 6, 2018** the Prayer Chaplains will be newly installed during the Celebration Service after taking a day of training. Sandra Rucker will conduct the installation ceremony.

LESSONS IN TRUTH

Only two sessions left! It's not too late to attend. Rev. Joy covers two lessons each week. So, if you have not attended, you still have the opportunity to share in four lessons. Lessons in Truth by Dr. H. Emilie Cady is one of Unity's basic textbooks. This course in practical Christianity is life-changing.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

We will observe Memorial Day on **Sunday, May 27, 2018**. A sheet of paper will be provided for participants to write the names of loved ones who have made their transition. These individuals will be remembered in our Memorial Day service.



OUR COMMUNITY LABYRINTH

Open to the public from sunup to sundown, the Unity Community labyrinth is the largest labyrinth in the Southeast Texas region. It is a seven circuit triune pattern.



The labyrinth is an archetypal symbol of wholeness that invites one into a transformative prayer experience.

Walking this mystical path is a personal pilgrimage to spiritual wholeness.

The labyrinth has been used for centuries. It is a tool for bridging the known and unknown so that individuals may experience transformational growth, expansion and self-discovery.

It is our purpose to bring awareness to this sacred space.

Contact Us

Rev. Joy Walker, Minister is available for appointments, special services or for counseling on a Love Offering basis.



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