

Celebrating the Holydays at UEL!

Christmas is always a magical time at UEL as we join together for the traditional services that bring us meaning and joy.

We officially began the season with guest speaker **Rev. Dr. Martha Creek** on **Sunday, December 16**, who filled us with peace to last through the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Rev. Martha is a nationally recognized New Thought speaker and facilitator whose mission is to spread the Unity message. She invites everyone to visit her website, www.marthacreek.com, and enjoy her monthly newsletter, 70 free YouTube videos and 100 podcasts. We were so blessed by her time at UEL!



Our **Candle Lighting Service** on **Thursday, December 20** was truly a Holy Night! Rev. Val and the Chaplains presented the "12 Gifts of the Divine" and Colette Mattingly and Don Watson gave us goosebumps with "O Holy Night" and "Ave Maria." Of course, the finale with each of us lighting our candles and singing "Silent Night" is always a mystical time at UEL! And then we dove into a counter full of yummy treats and enjoyed the festivities.



Sunday, December 23 brought our traditional **Christmas Service**. Rev. Scott DeMarco presented "Twas the Night Before New Thought," and we had a delightful visitor from the North Pole: Mrs. Claus, who brought treats for the kiddos of all ages.



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Rev. Val led our annual **Burning Bowl Service on Sunday, December 30** as we released those thoughts, behaviors, relationships and all that no longer serves us. This moving ritual makes room for and prepares us to receive the infinite blessings of the new year.

(We will move into 2019 with the Divine guidance of the **White Stone Service on Sunday, January 6.**)

Among our many, many blessings of this season, is the gift of a brand new 9' Christmas tree for next year - with 1000 working lights! After ten Christmases and winters outdoor in the shed, our tree has seen its "better days" - no way to hide the big areas where the lights no longer work and the branches that sag. A huge **Thank You!** to our tree angel for this gift! (And a sale plus coupon at Hayneedle.com.)

Thank You! to everyone who helped make this Holyday season so meaningful and joy-filled at UEL!



Mrs. Claus, aka Karen Crompton



Sunday, January 6

12:25 pm

CommUnity Meeting

Members will vote to change our Bylaw language from "council" to Board of Trustees" to comply with Unity Worldwide Ministries guidelines and Kentucky law. We will also vote to elect a new member to our Board of Trustees. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, but only active members may vote.

White Stone Service

Sunday, January 6

11:00 am





They ARE Love In Action!

Volunteers are the heart and hands of Unity of East Louisville! Without our volunteers, we literally would not have Sunday services, a beautiful facility or the classes and programs we offer.

In years past, we had big volunteer recognition luncheons, complete with "Volunteer of the Year" awards. Recognizing those whose service extends far beyond serving on a LIA team is an important aspect of honoring our volunteers.

This year, we honor two people who have given tirelessly of their time and talents to UEL for more than a decade. Each greets the opportunity to serve with a smile and willingness to take on whatever tasks needs to be done.

On Sunday, December 30, LIA Coordinator Elaine Wood surprised **Margie and Charlie Logsdon** with a token of our appreciation for their years of service - a gift card to Selenas (rather than a dust-catcher plaque or award).

Margie has served as the co-coordinator of our Chaplaincy programs for several years; she's an Usher/Greeter and can always be found helping out whenever needed.

Charlie has served as the co-coordinator of the Sacred Grounds team, the Audio/Visual/PowerPoint team and the Facility team, as well as providing assistance as needed for a myriad of tasks.

We are so very blessed to have you in our UEL family!

It's time to update our **Love In Action** roster! If you have not completed a 2019 Service Form, they are on the back table. Please



decide which of the many teams speak to your heart - and time/availability.

Among the teams are:

- **Audio/Visual** - Charlie Logsdon and Rollin Phillips, Co-coordinators
- **Bookstore and Library** - Carol Cloud, Coordinator
- **Outreach Ministry**
- **Special Events/Hospitality**
- **Facility Team** - Charlie Logsdon and Bruce Wood, Co-coordinators
- **Sacred Grounds** - Charlie Logsdon, Co-coordinator
- **Usher/Greeters** - Chris Mattingly and Cynthia Phillips, Co-coordinators
- **Welcome to UEL Team**
- **Women's Ministry**

Detailed information on each team - needed skills/interests, requirements and time commitments are on the back table. See **LIA Coordinator Elaine Wood** if you have questions.

Interested in being part of the worship service?

January 20, following the service, please stay for a brief introduction and training to allow each of us to share the gift of our voice through platforming, prayer, singing, presenting the message, Daily Word readings or creativity through PowerPoint, bulletin and other gifts you want to bring to the community. See Rev. Val.

Church Ladies Luncheon



Join the UEL gals for lunch...

**Tuesday,
January 8, 2019**

12:00 noon

Martini Italian Bistro

4021 Summit Plaza Drive
The Paddock Shops
(formerly The Summit) Brownsboro Road
(between N. Hurstbourne Pkwy and the Gene Snyder)

If you'd like to join us, please sign up at church, or email Elaine at elainecw27@gmail.com.

New class begins...

Unity Foundations
begins Sunday, January 6
9:15 - 10:15 am - downstairs
classroom. Facilitated by
Rev. Valerie and Kathy Schmidlin

This class is for those seeking UEL membership and anyone wanting to learn more about Unity's history, principles and teachings.

Are you curious about
A Course In Miracles?
Or maybe you've been studying this book for years.
A new book study group will meet on **Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.**
Facilitated by Nelda Ramey

Moving forward in light and love



Happy New Year! A New Year, a New Day allows us to re-vision our life. We let go of those thoughts no longer serving us and empower ourselves with Divine Ideas, such as our Twelve Facilities.

As we go within each day and connect to the inner spark of life, we know all things are possible - and we live knowing the Truth. We are each a bright light in the universe filled with love, living an abundant life, which we manifest through our inner wisdom and understanding with clarity, ease and grace.

Let us affirm together a blessing for our spiritual home: "Unity of East Louisville is a dynamic, spiritual environment where each soul comes to rejuvenate, practice wholeness and share love in the world."

Blessing and Joy,

Rev. Valerie Mansfield
Ministry Advisor

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For questions or to provide information, please contact Elaine Wood at elainecw27@gmail.com

A new year of abundance!

"This year will be different!"

How many times have you said that, hoping for greater prosperity, better health, good relationships, a new job - or whatever you desire? So, join us as we explore and integrate these proven principles - and *let 2019 be the year of manifesting your heart's desires!*

We'll begin a 5-week series - **Abundant Living** - on **Sunday, January 13.**

January 13

Speaker: Elaine Wood

Opening to Divine Abundance: "Yippee!" or "No, thanks."

A greater understanding of the laws of spiritual economics opens us to new ideas and beliefs about abundant living and creates a healthy perception of abundant living. We'll explore the principle of being open and willing to receive.

January 20

Speaker: Rev. Valerie Mansfield
"Abundance Begins with You"

First we must raise our consciousness to be aware of the ever present divine substance in the universe and in our life. We manifest with faith and the realization of Truth, "I am a child of the Universe, richly endowed with the fullness of All-Good." As we tune into the unlimited possibilities we create our life.

January 27

Speaker: Nancy Little

"If You Believe Then..."

An attitude of believing is real and creative by the attunement with the universal creative flow. This flow of abundance is ever-present and waiting to unfold from within. What is waiting to be birth in and through you is only limited by your thoughts and actions.

February 3

Speaker: Rev. Valerie Mansfield
"Living with a Grateful Heart"

"A grateful mind is a great mind which eventually attracts to itself great things." Plato.

As we contemplate life from the highest point of view with the awareness of Oneness and Truth we realize the ever-presence of substance. Be thankful for the abundant presence everywhere.

February 10

Speaker: Rev. Ray Nelson
"Living in the Flow"

Living in the flow requires living using the universal law of compensation, give and you receive. A new level of understanding of the giving consciousness leads to a happier, prosperous life. What are you awaiting to experience and unfold for you, your family and community?

In addition to these five Sunday messages, you're invited to join a new class: **Abundant Living**, facilitated by Rev. Valerie. (See below).

If your schedule doesn't work for Tuesday evenings or your travel plans will cause you to miss one of the five Sunday messages, remember, Unity has many wonderful, life-changing prosperity authors, including Catherine Ponder, Edwene Gaines and Charles Fillmore. Visit our Bookstore and the Library for many of these books.

Let's each call forth a fabulous 2019 of infinite abundance!

Abundant Living

Tuesdays, January 8 -

February 5

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Sign-up sheets in back under bulletin board

UEL shone brightly at the EACM Christmas Store!

In case you have wondered exactly what happens at the store - and where your donations go - here's a recap.

Rather than ask people to go shop in the Christmas chaos and guess what to buy, UEL congregants simply donate cash - then Elaine and Bruce Wood do the shopping. They head right into the Thanksgiving night sale crazies and then to the Black Friday messes - all in the name of getting **at least** 50% off every item. This is why the monetary value of our contributions to the store are always two to three times the amount donated.

It's hard to describe the Christmas Store - unless you've seen it. Here are the basic details:

1. EACM certifies everyone who shops and determines the number of adults and children included per family. Each shopper must be actively enrolled on the EACM programs for life "enhancement," ESL or other program. Each family is scheduled for a certain day/time to shop. Each person gets three gifts - two of the \$10-\$20 range and one \$20+. 140-150 families participate each year. We saw several grandparent who are now caring for their grandkids due to drug-addicted parents.

2. The store is currently held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Watterson Trail, where they provide space for the store (activity center), a wrapping center and several storage/staging areas. Bruce and Elaine completed their 6th year at the store. He's in charge of "inventory management" (keeping the tables stocked); she runs the wrapping center - and both help set up the store.

3. The participating churches bring their donations to the store by Monday afternoon, as each item must have a red or green sticker to indicate value, then put in the correct staging area. With the larger churches bringing in \$3,000 - \$5,000 in merchandise, there's an incredible amount of sorting/ pricing and organizing to be done in a short time.

4. The store, which is staffed by volunteers, is "open for business" Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, which makes for 10-hour work days. Items are organized by age, gender and category. Each shopper is checked out and sent to the gift wrapping center for free wrapping, if they like.

So, know that you helped make Christmas merry for a lot of families! **Thank you for caring and sharing!!!**



Yes, that's our own Carol Cloud working with Elaine in the wrapping center.



Bruce runs a tight ship in the inventory management/staging process.

Mickey and Rebecca Geracitano invite you to a
Crystal Bowl Meditation
"Creating Our Bliss for 2019"

Friday, January 18
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Please gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 to create a sacred space of peace and loving intentions. Offered on a Love Offering basis.