



## We are so very grateful!

October was a busy month of fellowship and fun for our UEL family!

On **Sunday, October 14**, Rev. Scott DeMarco returned as guest speaker for our Celebration Service and to present a workshop, "Prayer and Prayer Practices." What a blessing we shared as we explored the origins of prayer and its transformation in the New Thought movement.

Prayer to a god or gods that controlled the weather, crops, life and death began as humans experienced fear of the unknown and what was going on around them, and sought to solicit protection and "favor." No doubt these early humans also experienced the awe and knowing we feel looking at the night sky or the earth's magnificence. Prayer was mostly beseeching and begging a deity that resides outside of us and far away to have "mercy" and give us what we asked for. As organized religions arose, the concept of a vengeful, punishing god was introduced.

New Thought brought forth a new concept - one omnipotent, loving God/Infinite Being/Universe who loved us unconditionally and is "pleased to give us The Kingdom." We know that affirmative prayers - overflowing with heart-felt gratitude for



*Left: Rev. Scott DeMarco*

*Below: Colette and Chris Mattingly and Carol Cloud were part of the workshop*

*Margie Logsdon and Bruce Wood worked together.*

*Bottom: Rev. Val leads the Community Listening session.*

all that is - bring us into communion with our Source. And we know that we are each part of this loving God and cannot be separated from this eternal Oneness.

Rev. DeMarco will return to UEL on **Sunday, November 18**. His 11:00 am service message will be "**Eden or Gethsemane?**" He will also lead a workshop at 1:30 pm, "**The Wild Weird and Wonderful History of New Thought.**" [See page 4 for details.](#)

On **Sunday, October 11**, Rev. Valerie led a Community "Listening" session where congregants were able to ask questions, offer ideas and explore possibilities to renew and reenergize our spiritual community. among the ideas put forth were movie nights (Thank you, Charlie!),

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**Mark your calendar**  
**Giving Thanks Potluck**  
**Sunday, November 11, 12:45**

Anchorage Presbyterian Church Community Center

11403 Park Road

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a community outreach team to identify programs and projects in which UEL could participate, reinstating a Welcome team to send cards to visitors, and exploring inexpensive marketing options, such as banners and postcards. We left the session with ideas, energy and renewed enthusiasm for our church home!



**Girls just wanna have fun...**

## Church Ladies Luncheon



Join the UEL gals for lunch...

**Tuesday,  
November 13**

**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)



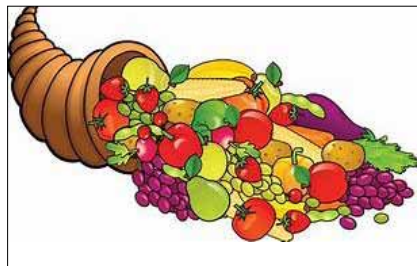
Martini has a variety of salads, vegetarian dishes and lunch specials. And it's quiet, so we can hear each other.

If you'd like to join us, please sign up at church, or email Elaine at [elainecw27@gmail.com](mailto:elainecw27@gmail.com).

## Giving Thanks Potluck

**Sunday, November 11, 12:45**

For those who remember our past **Giving Thanks Potlucks**, their memories include fabulous food, great fellowship and lots of fun! Turkey... sweet potatoes...pumpkin pies...



We have revived that tradition this year! **Anchorage Presbyterian Church** (11403 Park Road just off LaGrange Road by the railroad track) has graciously agreed to let us use their Community Center. Plus, we'll celebrate our church's 16th anniversary!

**Bring your favorite dish - and serving utensil - to share.**

Please sign up or email Elaine ([elainecw27@gmail.com](mailto:elainecw27@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend, so we know what supplies will be needed.

## Think chocolate... MY chocolate...

**Our Chocolate Fudge Cherry Cake raffle is underway!**

The drawing and cake presentation will be at the Giving Thanks Potluck.

**Tickets are • \$1.00 each/**

• 6 for \$5.00

• or 13 for \$10.00



Tickets will also be sold at the potluck. The winning ticket must be present at the potluck to claim the cake. If you can't attend the potluck, give your ticket to someone you trust. (HA HA)

# Moving forward in light and love



Thank you for allowing me to be of service to your community. I love and honor the past work the ministry has done and continue to see the church as a beacon of light shining and sharing Oneness with all.

Many of you are busy doing various tasks to assist in the reorganization of this loved community. We are grateful for the love, time, talent and treasures you are sharing with Unity of East Louisville.

The Board of Trustees (previously the Leadership Council) has been very busy. We have met for meetings, a listening circle, board training and daily email correspondence. We are currently reviewing and updating the By-laws, policies and procedures. The board has created a nominating committee to identify people to run for the two (2) openings on the board at our March 2019 Annual Meeting. They are reviewing a financial committee policy and description. Once it's finalized they will be asking the financial minds in the community to serve.

Elaine and Bruce Wood and I cleaned the office and boxed up all the previous year's paperwork and shredded what we are no longer required to keep. We have a new

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professional bookkeeper, Angeline Green. Bob Watkins continues to review the financials.

On December 9 after church we will have our first **CommUnity Listening Circle**. Listening Circles allow each person to share from his/her heart, knowing that only love is being given to them - no comments or judgments. This process gives each person an opportunity to let go of the past and move into a fresh new

day as a member of community grounded in love and light.

We begin the Christmas Season with a new consciousness knowing the Truth: The Christ within guides us and lights the way!

Blessings,

*Rev. Valerie Mansfield*  
Ministry Advisor

## Speaker calendar

Date	Speaker	Inspirational Music
November 4	Vicky Jeter	Colette Mattingly/Pete Petersen
November 11	Rev. Valerie Mansfield	Don Watson
November 18	Rev. Scott DeMarco	Shannon Modrell/Pete Petersen
November 25	Natasha Pieczynski	Colette Mattingly/Pete Petersen
December 2	Dr. LaVena Wilkin	Colette Mattingly/Don Watson
December 9	Rev. Valerie Mansfield	Don Watson
December 16	Martha Creek	Troubadours of Divine Bliss
December 23	Rev. Scott DeMarco	Colette Mattingly/Don Watson
December 30	Rev. Valerie Mansfield	Don Watson

## They show us the way!

Co-coordinators of the **Audio/ Visual Team**, Rollin Phillips and Charlie Logsdon ensure that we have the words to our songs, affirmations and other elements of our Sunday services. Operating Power Point presentations, this team supports us every Sunday and at special services.



Charlie and Margie have been integral parts of UEL for 12 years. He also co-coordinates the Sacred Grounds Team and is always ready to jump in when needed.

If you'd like to help on this vital team, please see Charlie or Rollin. You'll need to know PowerPoint or Apple's Keynote software - and **they'll train you!**

Rollin has attended UEL for five years with wife Cynthia. A retired US Navy Seabee, he cites the Bible as having great impact on his spiritual life.



Thank you, Charlie and Rollin, for your commitment and dedication!



# Rev. Scott DeMarco returns!



The dynamic and profound **Rev. Scott DeMarco** will return to UEL on **Sunday, November 18** as our guest

speaker at the 11:00 am service and to present a workshop at 1:30 pm, **“The Wild Weird and Wonderful History of New Thought”**

*This is a really fun and interesting topic! How did we get here? Who, what, where, when and why do we teach, study and believe Unity Principles? What is our spiritual family tree and how did Unity and “New Thought” evolve into spiritual communities of faith, acceptance, and diversity? This workshop will introduce you to the very colorful characters leading up to the founding of Unity by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, as well as explore the antecedents to New Thought and why Principle remains inviolate throughout the ages. \$15.00 Love Offering*

And, a perfect Christmas present, Rev. DeMarco will lead our Christmas Service on **Sunday, December 23**.

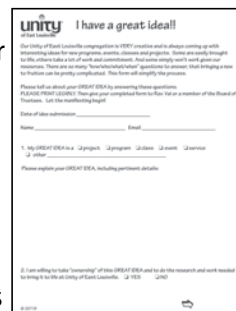
A New Thought (Interfaith) minister trained in multiple spiritual belief systems, Rev. Scott’s interactive approach to spiritual development provides Truth seekers with the opportunity to detach from dogmas and religious tenets, and instead discover a personal and engaging approach to God. He founded and led “The New Thought Spiritual Center,” a thriving church located in Southampton, NY (“The Hamptons”). He has since relocated to Cincinnati, OH, where he facilitates spiritual development workshops. He travels across the country to speak and inspire individuals to discover and celebrate their innate divinity.

Rev. Scott trained at the Centers for Spiritual Living, the Unity School of Christianity, and the Divine Science Ministries. He is a licensed and ordained minister with the Divine Science Federation. He holds degrees from the College of William & Mary, and started his foundational teaching with studies in traditional Philosophy, Integral Theory, Consciousness Studies and New Thought Principles.

He is the author of *Twos the Night Before New Thought*.

## Bringing ideas to life

In any organization, ideas are usually plentiful; bringing them to fruition is often the challenge. We have a new process to gather, evaluate and initiate ideas for projects, programs and events: the **GREAT IDEA form** and **POSSIBILITIES TEAM!** Plus, this process ensures that idea creators are willing to take ownership and do the work to bring their ideas to life.



The forms are available in back of the sanctuary in the plastic rack. If you’d like to be part of **Possibilities Team**, see Rev. Val or Elaine.

## Donate as you shop!

As you begin the annual Christmas shopping season please remember: Amazon Smile - Everyone’s favorite shopping mecca has an “alter ego” - Amazon Smile. Same merchandise, same prices, same service. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to sign up. Be sure to use AmazonSmile when you shop - not your Amazon account regular login.



## Are you Love In Action? Want to be?

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.

This month, we will begin our 2019 **Love In Action** volunteer sign ups for our many teams, including:

- **Audio/Visual** - Charlie Logsdon and Rollin Phillips, Co-coordinators
- **Bookstore and Library** - Carol Cloud, Coordinator
- **Heart & Hands/Card Ministry** - Tracy Adams and Barbara Mudica, Co-coordinators
- **Outreach Ministry**
- **Special Events/Hospitality**
- **Facility Team**
- **Sacred Grounds** - Kristin Kelly and Charlie Logsdon, Co-coordinators

- **Usher/Greeters** - Chris Mattingly and Cynthia Phillips, Co-coordinators
- **Welcome to UEL Team**

Detailed information on each team - needed skills/interests, requirements and time commitments - will be provided. See **LIA Coordinator Elaine Wood** if you have questions or know what service makes your heart happy.

# Preparing our Sacred Grounds for winter

Sunday, October 28 brought together a team of energetic volunteers to clean up our landscaping beds, lawn, parking lot and other grounds areas in preparation for winter.

With rakes and bags in hand, they worked together with joy and laughter. A HUGE **Thank You** to everyone who worked on this project - especially Kristin Kelly and Charlie Logsdon, Sacred Grounds co-coordinators - for organizing this event!



Top L to R: Dawn Middleton, Kristin Kelly, Charlie Logsdon, Bottom L to R: Nathan Lynch, Margie Logsdon



Jan Dommer and Teri Birk



## Church calendar

### NOVEMBER

#### Sunday, November 4

11:00 am Celebration Service  
Speaker: Vicky Jeter

#### Sunday, November 11

11:00 am Celebration Service  
Speaker: Rev. Valerie Mansfield  
12:45 pm

#### **Giving Thanks Potluck**

Anchorage Presbyterian Church Activity Center

#### Tuesday, November 13

12:00 noon  
**Church Ladies Luncheon**

#### Sunday, November 18

11:00 am Celebration Service  
Speaker: **Rev. Scott DeMarco**  
1:30 pm Workshop

#### **The Wild Weird and Wonderful History of New Thought**

#### Sunday, November 25

11:00 am Celebration Service  
Speaker: Natasha Pieczynski



### DECEMBER

#### Sunday, December 2

11:00 am Celebration Service  
Speaker: Dr. LaVena Wilkin

#### Tuesday, December 4

12:00 noon  
Church Ladies Luncheon  
Bell House Restaurant/Wakefield Scearce

#### Sunday, December 9

11:00 am Celebration Service  
Speaker: Rev. Valerie Mansfield  
12:25 pm  
**Listening Circle**

#### Sunday, December 16

11:00 am Celebration Service  
Speaker: **Martha Creek**

#### Thursday, December 20

7:00 pm  
**Candle Lighting Service**

#### Sunday, December 23

11:00 am **Christmas Service**  
Speaker: **Rev. Scott DeMarco**

#### Sunday, December 30

11:00 am **Burning Bowl Service**  
Speaker: Rev. Valerie Mansfield

### It's that wonderful time again!

Once again, UEL will participate in the **Eastern Area Community Ministries Christmas Store**, which provides Christmas gifts for 150+ families in need.

As usual, you don't have to worry about buying the right items and getting them to the store. Bruce and Elaine will do the shopping, deliver the bounty and work all week in the store. You simply give your donations - checks made payable to UEL - to Bruce or Elaine when they begin collecting on **Sunday, November 11**.



In past years, the retail value of UEL's donations have been \$3,000 - \$5,000, thanks to sales, coupons and serious shopping.