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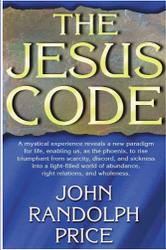


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## June Classes

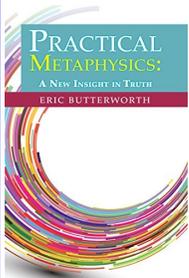
### The Jesus Code Sundays at 9am Facilitated by Rev. Jim



In this very special book, John Randolph Price writes about a very vivid dream during the night of January 1, 1998, where he was emphatically denied access to the secret gate leading to Cosmic Consciousness. Both curious and concerned, he pondered what to do next. Then he was suddenly given the specific instruction: See Jesus for the Code. This unique story will teach you what it means to be "spiritual" in this world.

### Practical Metaphysics: A New Insight in Truth

Wednesdays at 10am & 6pm



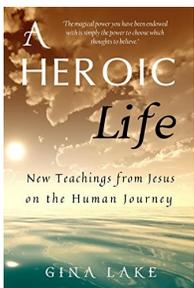
Learn what it means to live from a deeper place of consciousness—live the abundant, true life you desire—with this book from renowned spiritual leader Eric Butterworth.

The author of *Discover the Power Within You* shares his profound insights on living metaphysically. Through lectures, meditations, and activities, Butterworth's *Practical Metaphysics* will awaken you to the centered place of your own truth and offer you paths to health, love, prosperity, and peace of mind.

Increase your spiritual awareness and improve your life with this inspiring collection of lessons created by the gifted minister and teacher.

### A Heroic Life: New Teachings from Jesus on the Human Journey

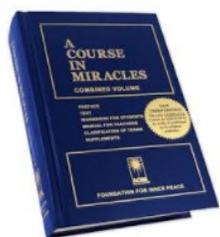
Sundays at 12:30pm



The hero's journey—this human life—is a search for the greatest treasure of all: the gifts of your true nature. These gifts are your birthright, but they have been hidden from you, kept from you by the dragon: the ego. These gifts are the wisdom, love, peace, courage, strength, and joy that reside at your core. A Heroic Life shows you how to overcome the ego's false beliefs and face the ego's fears. It provides you with both a perspective and a map to help you successfully and happily navigate life's challenges and live heroically. You will learn how to skillfully manage changes, how to overcome difficulties, how to master your

negative emotions, how to cultivate inner strength, how to be happy, and how to be true to yourself.

### A Course in Miracles Tuesdays at 10:30am



In response to repeated requests, we have formed a group to study *A Course in Miracles*. Perhaps you'd like to explore miracles. Join us at 10:30am on Tuesdays. We will take an in-depth approach, using recorded lectures by Dr. Ken Wapnik, the world's foremost ACIM teacher. Please call Renee 623-332-4981 if you are interested or if you have any questions.

  
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Tuesday through Thursday

8:30am to 5pm

Sunday 9am to 1pm

## A Prayer for Prosperity

By Unity Minister and Prosperity Teacher, Edwene Gaines



Father/Mother/God, I invite the Holy Spirit to take charge of my journey to prosperity. I let go of all that has gone before and I now begin anew. I am free and forgiven for all the mistakes I have made in the past.

I open myself now to expressing a brand-new magnificence. I open myself to the infinite possibilities that are mine to choose. I open myself to receiving all the goodness I can have and to all the greatness I can achieve.

I invite the Holy Spirit to heal my body, to harmonize my emotions, to renew my mind, to fill me now with a mighty faith that empowers me and allows me to commit to being all that I can be. And so it is, Amen.

## Financial Statement Six Months ending June 30, 2018

Income	
Sunday Contributions	\$51,490.00
Less 10% tithe	<b>\$5,149.00</b>
Other Income	<u>\$18,368.94</u>
Net Income	<b>\$64,709.94</b>
Less Expenses	<u><b>\$111,307.27</b></u>
Net Operating Loss	<b>\$46,597.33</b>
Interest Income	\$54,537.73
Less 10% Tithe	<u><b>\$5,453.78</b></u>
Operating Income	<u>\$2,486.62</u>
Designated Income	\$3,280.00
Less Designated Expense	<u><b>\$21.55</b></u>
Net Income	<b>\$5,745.07</b>

## Lunch and Learn

Our July Lunch and Learn group listened to and appreciated a great presentation by Howard Fisher on the book Heart Intelligence. Thank you Howard.

The next Lunch and Learn will be Wednesday, August 22 at 12:00 pm. We will be discussing the similarities and differences between Unity, Unitarian, Religious Science, Christian Science, other Christian denominations, along with Hindu and Buddhist.

If you have a question or a topic that you would like to present to our group, please contact Rev. Sharon.

## Women of Spirit

The Women of Spirit met on July 1 to share lunch and life. Renee Falkowski shared her inspiring spiritual journey with us. We discussed the beauty of our sister relationship within the Unity Spiritual Center community. The comments as we concluded was that we had fun and felt bonded and cared for by the other women.

The next Women of Spirit gathering will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 11:30 am. All women are invited to join us. If you feel moved to share your spiritual journey let Rev. Sharon know.



*We are blessed and we are thankful for your support!*

## CommUnity Garden

The CommUnity Garden is ready to plant. Irrigation has been installed. We have added other raised beds. Would you like to sponsor one to grow food for the community? A \$100 donation buys the materials and installs the raised bed.

Would you like to plant your own bed? The \$100 donation will also reserve the bed for your use; plant what you'd like. The beds are watered automatically.

Our new manager for this project is Andy Klunk. His contact is [andyklunk@gmail.com](mailto:andyklunk@gmail.com)

# August 2018 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<b>August Birthdays</b> 7—Darlene Hubard 12—Yolie Carrier 15—Karen Haag 16—Flo Essary 21—Nancy Dearborn & Ron Lingard 22—Karl Feiste			<b>1</b> 1pm—AI-Anon 6:15pm OA
<b>5</b> 9am—Jesus Code 10:30am—Pray-Trust-Wait...Repeat —Rev. Lei Lanni Burt 11:45am—Fellowship Potluck (A-D Serve)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10am Tai Chi 10am Prayer 10am Search for God 10:30am A Course in Miracles 10:30am AA 6pm Choir	<b>8</b> 1pm—AI-Anon 6:15pm OA
<b>12</b> 9am—The Jesus Code 10:30am—Language of the Heart—Rev. Sharon - 11:45am—Fellowship Potluck (E-K Serve)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10am Tai Chi 10am Prayer 10am Search for God 10:30am A Course in Miracles 10:30am AA 6pm Choir 2pm Fall Festival Planning Team	<b>15</b> 10am—Practical Metaphysics 1pm—AI-Anon 6pm—Practical Metaphysics 6:15pm OA
<b>19</b> 9am—The Jesus Code— Rev Jim 10:30am—The Thought Exchange—Healing—Rev. Jim 11:45am—Fellowship Potluck—(L-O Serve) 12Noon—Single's Planning Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10am Tai Chi 10am Prayer 10am Search for God 10:30am A Course in Miracles 10:30am AA 6pm Choir	<b>22</b> 10am—Practical Metaphysics 12Noon—Lunch and Learn 1pm—AI-Anon 6pm—Practical Metaphysics 6:15pm OA
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August 5—Rev. Lei Lanni Burt



Rev. Lei Lanni will be conducting the Sunday Celebration Service on August 5. She is inviting us to look at ways we can nourish and expand our prayer consciousness. She will explore practical steps to apply in life as we experience the human condition.

Have you felt frustrated, confused, or even overwhelmed lately? Join us as we Pray-Trust-Wait and...Repeat.”

Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 9am Chair Yoga 10:30am AA 2pm Depression Support Group 5:30pm OA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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### Unity Spiritual Center Lending Library Check It Out!

Our lending library has more than 1,700 books. We have Unity Basics books, self-help books, current spiritual authors, such as Wayne Dyer, Deepak Chopra, and many others. Our library is kept organized by two wonderful volunteers, Sharon Rodriguez and Cecelia Novak. We sincerely appreciate their service!

And a friendly reminder to those of you who are using the library, and know you have an overdue book out on loan: Please help our busy librarians out by returning the books, without them having to take the time to send you a reminder.

We see this resource as a blessing to everyone!

Did you know that...

### Unity Spiritual Center is Green

Unity Spiritual Center has established an active program of caring for God’s creation via environmental stewardship that will preserve and restore creation for all living things on Earth. We actively work with staff and congregants to reduce the environmental impact of our church facilities and activities through steps such as:

- Recycling of Paper
- Energy Efficient Light Bulbs
- Draught Resistant Plantings
- Smart, Programmable Thermostats
- Honey Bee Conservation
- Use of Compostable Bamboo Plates

## Come Alive!



"We have the mind of Christ." 1 Corinthians 2:16

I once had a friend that said that she wasn't creative at all. She prayed for God's creativity to come through her. Over the next 20 years she became one of the most creative persons that I have ever met. This

can happen to each and every one of us.

In 1871 an American artist worked in his rundown studio in the poor section of London. He didn't have the money to buy new materials, so for his new painting he used the reverse side of another half-finished portrait.

He called his new creation "Arrangement in Gray and Black." The artist sent it to the Royal Academy and it was rejected. But then later, one Academy member thought it wasn't that bad, and persuaded the others to allow it to be shown.

The critics panned the painting. The public disliked the piece. After the painting was sent back to the artist, it sat in his cellar for the next 10 years gathering dust. The artist rediscovered the painting one day, dusted it off, and thought to himself, "this painting had potential."

He sent the painting to America to be exhibited at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Officials at the academy were unimpressed and hung it at the end of the dark corridor which was seldom visited. When they put it up for sale, nobody wanted it.

After months on display, without selling, they sent it back to the artist, and he put it back in his basement for another three years. The thirteen-year-old painting was brought up from the cellar one last time. The artist sent the painting to the Paris Salon. There, it caught the eye of the French Premier. Art critics were horrified when he bought it for the Luxembourg Museum for \$600. The artist, however, was elated because most portraits go from the Luxembourg Museum to the famous Louvre Museum. This is where the painting hangs today.

After it reached the Louvre, it was loaned to the United States for a time, and thousands of people paid to see it. Armed guards guarded it twenty-four hours a day. Once, this was a painting -- nobody

wanted. Now "Arrangement in Gray and Black" is one of the world's most valuable artworks. Over a period of time it was given a more common name with which you may be more familiar -- "Whistler's Mother."

We have the potential for greatness, but we can't expect people to see it in us first. We must see it in ourselves first and believe even when others don't believe. God inspired this artist. God worked through his hands. God's genius came through this artist to create something that will last forever.

But, if it was so great, why did the public and the critics not realize it? Why didn't they recognize the genius immediately? Others are often slow to recognize God-given genius, but we must be fast in feeling it, expressing it, and holding on to it.

When we allow God to work through us – we will create a life masterpiece that will stand the test of time. "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." Romans 12:2

Even when others cannot perceive it yet, the creative genius is coming through, we must not give up before our time. Our time will come. Why do the public and the critics often not realize true genius in creation when they see it? Why don't they recognize the God-given genius immediately?

Every masterpiece that has ever been created has been created by the Mind of God coming through the minds of humans. So often in this world when God creates through the consciousness of a Mozart a melody that will live forever, people do not have the ears to hear. When God uses the mind and hands of great painters, inventors, or writers, people often do not have the eyes to see.

Human consciousness often doesn't have the eyes and ears to comprehend the beauty, the good, the profound love or the teachings of the Divine. As humankind matures they can sense more of the wonder and eventually recognize the masterpiece.

Jesus asked, "Do you not yet perceive, or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear?"

God's creations are of the character so high and vast that it is hard for the five human senses to comprehend, because their consciousness is cast in a mold of limited space and time. These are

## As we think in our hearts... so are we!



Sunday messages are so important to me and I hope they are key to some ideas that just might be useful to you.

Messages start with titles some 5 or 6 weeks before the date. Then they slowly develop over time with ideas that are “chance” discoveries. It is amazing how the information comes from many sources and

from many places. I have even gotten ideas from TV commercials or someone’s Facebook blog. There is always more than enough for a 20 minute talk. There is now a process of culling the material down and how I hate to exclude some material or stories to leave others intact.

I’d really like to tell you more, but I must also remember and trust that what you need on your spiritual journey is coming to you and through you anyway. What you need is always there.

I appreciate your comments regarding classes and lessons. I especially love questions and I routinely answer all emailed questions. If they are from class material, I may answer the question in the subsequent class.

There were several questions regarding my July 15, *The Heart of it All*, lesson. The most asked was about practical steps in dealing with our stories.

As you may recall, I expressed three important ingredients in spirituality.

1. There is only one presence and power in the world... and in your life!
2. We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.
3. Throughout the day, you’re telling yourself stories about what’s going on, about how wrong other people are to do what they do, about your situation, about how good or bad you are at things.

My challenge to you is to start to notice what you’re telling yourself in those stories. The questions arose when you wondered how to deal with the stories that have arisen. We may have told and retold the same story for decades.

It’s important to be aware of what those stories are, and how they’re affecting your happiness. If a

story is making you happy, and you’re aware of that, then great! If you’re not aware of it, it’s not such a big problem if it’s making you happy, but what happens if the story starts to make you unhappy with your life? Then if you’re not aware, you’ll have those very difficulties.

So, what can we do if we’re hooked on a story?

The first thing you can do is regard it as a dream. That doesn’t mean it’s false, it just means that it’s something you’re playing out in your head, just like a dream, with very real emotional results. See it as a dream. See if you can come out of the dream to the reality of what we call God and the world around you at the very moment. What sensations are happening right now, as opposed to this dream?

The next thing you can do is not act on the story. Even if you’re caught up in it, that doesn’t mean you have to lash out at someone or run away to distraction or comfort. Just sit with the story, notice how it’s making you feel, notice the physical sensations in your body. But don’t act, just stay with your awareness.

And the third thing to do is to redirect the thoughts. Affirm the first principle. There is only one presence and one power. Direct your attention to that presence and the many ways it is manifesting in your life.

There is no presence and power that can possibly disturb you. If there is, you have forgotten that first principle.

If your story involves what others think or what others have said, remember, “what others think of you is none of your business.” They are just making up their stories!

There is another way of being: where you don’t cling to the stories but instead just be aware of the moment as it is, without interpretations, without judgements, preconceptions. Stories will still come up, but you can notice them. Just come back to the present moment.

So, in this present moment, what is true?

**There is only one presence and one power in the world.... And in my life!**

P. S. Starting Thursday, October 4 I will be facilitating a class on the evolution of Christianity at RISE. You are invited to enroll through RISE.

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changeable and transient while the creations of God are substantial and lasting. But it is a human's privilege to understand the creations of God, for it is through them that humans can remake their world.

We are all creative people; some of us are artists, writers, inventors, poets, or countless other talents given to us by God. Do not weigh your talent or success on the thoughts of others. Do not compare yourself to other people. Your talents are unique to you, just as your fingerprint is unique to you. You are working to better your world, keep persevering because the world needs your unique, special, individual light.

## Ice Cream Social

The July ice cream social was so much fun! We ate ice cream; homemade peach ice cream made by Rev. Jim, and played games. Some folks learned how to play the board game Sequence while other played Rummy or Mexican Train. The afternoon flew by and folks were asking us to schedule another one sometime soon.

Deepest thanks for all that arranged it and all that participated. Let's do it again!



## Depression Support Group

On Thursdays we have been hosting a depression support group with Jill Neeley. Depression affects people from all walks of life, no matter what their background. It can affect people of all ages as well. Here is a chance to check in with others that need and offer this support.

## Unity People's Convention

Rev. Jim and Rev. Sharon want to thank you for sending us to the Unity Worldwide Convention in Kansas City in June. It was a fabulous week. We are filled with new ideas and inspiration about what's next for our Unity movement and for our wonderful Unity Spiritual Center.



We attended some inspirational and educational workshops. We listened to long-time Unity ministers share their experiences as Unity ministers. This discussion was very authentic as they talked about "things they wish they hadn't done". They also addressed burn-out and balance in the life of ministers.

High Tech – High Touch was a topic that was part of the discussion, on how to move forward in bringing Unity Principles to the world of technology while still creating a community where people feel they are part of a spiritual family.

Here are some of the items from the convention worth cheering about: Unity World Headquarters at Unity Village, home of Silent Unity, Daily Word, Unity Online Radio, and more, and Unity Worldwide Ministries, which oversees the Unity churches, are taking tangible steps to form a new, unified organization. We will vote on a new, united structure at the next Convention in June of 2019.

When attendees at the convention heard about the need for a new roof at the Unity headquarters in Nigeria, one minister after another stood up to pledge a donation toward the \$15,000 goal. When we finished, a total of \$32,500 had been collected! That's enough to put on the new roof in Nigeria and help churches in Puerto Rico still recovering after the hurricane and some other international ministries as well. What an inspiring, spontaneous action! There were representatives from thirteen countries attending the Convention.

Both Unity World Headquarters and Unity Worldwide Ministries reported that they ended the year with a financial gain. Both organizations are financially blessed. Unity has forty-six students enrolled in the seminary ministerial program.