



April brings Easter, the time of resurrection. Many of us grew up with the crucifixion and resurrection story of Jesus being interpreted literally as history. Some of us still believe that way but we may have broadened our thinking to include more symbolic meanings as well. The dictionary meaning of resurrection is the act of bringing back to life; other definitions are: regeneration, reawakening, revival, rebirth. Spring, with its increasingly long days, is a fitting time for this as we witness trees and plants that appeared to be dead and dry in the winter, spring forth with new green shoots and leaves. As we walk our spiritual path toward our true Self or indwelling Christ nature there may be times when we feel crucified, lost, dead. In *A Course in Miracles*, Ch 4, Jesus says "...the.. message of the crucifixion is that you can overcome the cross. Until then you are free to crucify yourself as often as you choose." Ha! Notice how the choice is ours not some "bad guys" outside of us. When we don't let go of guilt and judgement, we choke the life out of ourselves even if we were mistreated or abused. What Jesus is saying is that the only way to deal with past hurts is to overcome, let them go, move on. Unity co-founder Charles Fillmore said: "Every time we rise to the realization of the eternal, indwelling life, making union with the Father-Mind, the resurrection of Jesus takes place within us." Even though this sounds simple, it is not easy, right? or we would have already done it! Positive affirmation, prayer and meditation are all tools that can help us come down from our cross. Even just a few minutes a day listening to a short guided meditation, reading the Daily Word or comforting Bible verses can help get us started. Experiment with what works best for you, (one indication of being on track is feeling happy). The main thing is that we do have a choice, we can choose to regenerate, revive; or, perhaps another word for resurrection could be Remembrance. In *A Course of Love*, ch 9 Jesus says: "Yet you have not remembered that the first union is of mind and heart. This first union is union with the Self. This union with the Self is resurrection or rebirth. All are capable of this life-giving union. All are capable of birthing the Self." Wherever you are on your journey is the exact right place and you are doing extremely well. The Peace, Joy and Oneness of the Universe are right there waiting for all of us!

"I AM RESURRECTED INTO THE LIFE, LIGHT AND POWER OF GOD-DW 4/21/19

Dates to remember: We have some great ones this month folks. You will want to experience them all. See you there!

Apr 1: April Fool's Day: Someone has to fall for the pranks others so laboriously craft 😊.

Apr 7: Berylanne (Bo) Stewart will speak; also featured will be music from our own **Grace Notes**.

12 pm to 1:45 pm: The last week of the Healing and Wholeness course, presented by Maryann Shepherd, LUT, Asst Min. The focus is on Charles and Myrtle Fillmore's, interpretation of how Jesus used and demonstrated healing in his own life.

Apr 13, Sat, at 8 am: Parkway Cleanup. Meet at the Circle K. Gloves and safety jackets will be provided. Parkway cleanup is a project of our Earth Care Team! Thanks in advance for helping keep our parkway and our Earth litter free.

April 14, 10 am: Summer Osborne returns! We fell in love with Summer and *Spiritual Revolution* last year and are so blessed to have her return! She will be doing the entire service. We sing a song she taught us last year, "As I Am," at the beginning of our service. She is an awesome musician with an inspiring message.

April 19, Friday evening to April 27, eve: Passover

April 20, Sat, Woofstock: 10 am to 4 pm at the BHC Chamber Park. Bring your dog for lots of fun events and contests like Bone Hunt, Costume Contest & more. Entry is \$10 or 10 lbs dry dog food. This local charity event will benefit the Pet Pantry and is coordinated by Maryann Shepherd.

April 21: 10 am, Easter White Stone Ceremony 10am. This is a beautiful traditional Unity ceremony. During the service we will have a guided meditation which will bring us inspiration and focus for the path ahead in the form of a word or a "New Name." Your word or name will be uniquely yours, it is not necessary to share it with others unless you want to do so.

April 22, Monday- Earth Day: Let's honor and care for Mother Earth this day and every day. We have the whole world in our hands. Plant a tree, hug a rock!

April 26, Friday, Kirtan and Soup! 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Come join us for an hour of call and response chanting which will help calm our spirits and make way for healing. After chanting, we will be treated to homemade potato and leek soup. Thank-you Mahdi!

April 28: Earth Care Team will present our service. There will be a movie at 12 noon, "The Animal Communicator," featuring Anna Breytenbach who has dedicated her life to interspecies communication. Anna telepathically converses with animals understanding what an individual, be it monkey, bird or leopard, has experienced and might be in need of. Maryann Shepherd, Earth Care coordinator, LUT, Asst Min, will orchestrate.

Continuing:

Saturdays: 3 pm, ACIM study group, BHC library.

Sundays: Meditation at 9:30 in the sanctuary, all invited.

April 14: Prayer Ministry meeting 11:15 am.



News! Just finished another great Sunday bingo and as always, we had a great time. We have built a great base of players from around BHC who help make Unity bingo a positive, upbeat experience for everyone. We are continuing to give good payouts due to the great attendance. We have heard repeatedly that Unity bingo is the favorite of many. A BIG, BIG thanks to the team members working each Sunday to make it happen, Natalie, Shirley, Darrell, Susan, John, Bo, Maryann, Jerry, Jackie, Joyce, Kathy and all who help. We may be tired at the end of the day but all agree it is fun! What could make it even better? Yes, you got it, seeing a BIG turnout of Unity members and attendees! There WILL be bingo on April 21st, Easter. Submitted by Linda Hixon.

Homeless Outreach Team, HOT, news! A training session for those interested in helping out at the current Resource Center, as well as, helping in the new shelter will be held by Chaz Martinez on Sat April 6th from 9 am to 4 pm at SW Behavioral & Health Services, 2580 Hwy 95, Ste 125. Bring a bag lunch & beverage. It will be training in Mental Health First Aid and Embracing Diversity. Please contact Hilary Williams or Chaz for further information. Planning has begun for Project Connect, currently slated for Nov 2, 2019. Committee meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month (Apr 18th) at 3 pm at Hope United Methodist church. Anyone interested may attend. We are looking for opportunities to speak to community organizations; if you belong to one, please let us know how to contact the person who schedules presentations and speakers! When you wish to make a donation to the Homeless Outreach Team, you can make a check payable to Unity of Mohave Valley with a memo line clearly marked: "For Homeless Outreach". You can give this check directly to Hilary Williams or John Thibert or put it in the collection basket. Thank-you for your support! Submitted by Hilary Williams.

THE CLEAREST WAY INTO THE UNIVERSE IS THROUGH A FOREST WILDERNESS...JOHN MUIR

John Muir, 1838-1914, also known as the Father of the National Parks, was a Scottish American naturalist, philosopher and early advocate for the preservation of wilderness in the US. Thank-you John that there is not a Walmart in Yellowstone or a housing development blocking the view of the Grand Canyon!

Good-bye Bookstore, Our dear bookstore is officially closed! We thank everyone for your support over the years. We will continue to offer The Unity Daily Word and Science of Mind magazine.

Kitchen: We are still looking for kitchen volunteers to help on the 1st, 2nd and occasional 5th Sundays. It is simple to put out snacks, plates and cups and clean up after the service. There are always people who will help clean up. We thank Connie for volunteering to oversee the 4th Sunday and to all who help. Please contact Natalie if you can help.

News from the Board of Trustees meeting held March 22nd:

A new opportunity to connect with and be of service to each other was proposed by Darrell Hixon. He noted that from time to time someone in our community might need help with a project such as moving or transporting an item requiring a truck, or perhaps require transportation. Also, there are people who might be willing to help on a one time basis. The Angel Network team will revisit this. Darrell mentioned that often it is as rewarding for the helper as it is for those receiving help. "Giving and receiving are one in truth-" ACIM. It was proposed that a box be made available on the front table for these types of requests. These requests would be confidential except for a generic description that would then be posted on a board giving others an

opportunity to serve. Lisa Grove volunteered to make and maintain this board. Although more planning is required as to how we will implement this, we hope to get it going very soon.

Update on Gender Pronouns (GP). We at Unity of the Mohave Valley welcome everyone and want each one to feel at home here in our spiritual community. The Board of Trustees is exploring options for doing this in the very best way. We will have more news about this in future issues. Meanwhile, our new attendee information sheet will continue to offer a place for those who wish to identify their GP.

Coming up in May:

May 5: Guest speaker Sophia Falke. An ordained Unity minister, author and inspirational speaker, Sophia spoke to us last year about "Living the Life You Love." Through *Embracing Greatness International*, a non-profit organization whose goal is: "Transforming the World, One Thought, One Word, One Action at a Time," she reaches out via seminars and coaching to help others find their unique greatness.

In May: Unity Basics Class by Maryann Shepherd, LUT, Asst Min. Date and time TBA

Thank-you Linda Hixon for your tireless contributions and your bingo expertise!

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WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW ATTENDEES, AS WELL AS OUR OLD FRIENDS. WE VALUE YOUR PRESENCE PLEASE FEEL AT HOME IN YOUR SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

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