



“Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a soul like me...” It’s possibly the best loved hymn of all time. Some of us may remember its author John Newton was a former slave trader who later became an abolitionist and a clergyman. He wrote the lyrics as a true reflection of his former life and his recognition of God’s Grace. The dictionary defines the word grace as “...unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration and sanctification.” Now is a good time to ponder grace as spring and Easter are experienced as times of renewal, regeneration and resurrection (overcoming). Think about some times in your life when you were spared awful events or seemed to reap more good than you sowed. The truth is we live always and in all ways in a state of amazing grace; what is needed is our recognition, our acceptance and our response. What can our response be but appreciation? Look all around at nature, art, music, family, friendships and *feel* that state of grace. Feel the kindness of trees who take in the carbon dioxide we breathe out and give us life sustaining oxygen. They shield us from the sun; provide shelter, food & much more. We, in turn, give them back carbon dioxide. We may not have the best record of caring for *them*, but trees continue to offer their gifts to us and the world. Take in the beauty of the sunset and marvel at the awed response it calls forth within you- it seems sunsets were made just for us to enjoy. Unity author Eric Butterworth states: “Grace is divine favor, the activity of God’s love working for you constantly. It is not dependent upon any special faith on your part...You do not have to earn grace. It is not something that comes only to the good. It comes to all alike, simply because all alike are expressions of God.” That’s pretty amazing. Revel in it and bestow it upon others this spring!

Through many dangers toils and snares, I have already come. Tis’ grace that brought me safe this far and grace will lead me home- John Newton

Dates to remember:

Mar 1: Armand & Angelina lead the service.

Mar 6 & Mar 13, Fri: Twelve Powers Class, Shrine club 11:30-1:30 pm. Led by Maryann Shepherd, LUT, the class focuses on the 12 powers of humans as described by Unity co-founder, Charles Fillmore.

March 7: Daylight Savings Time begins, but not in AZ.

Mar 9-10: Holi, Hindu Festival of Colors.

Mar 17: St Patrick’s Day Captured by raiders as a 16-year-old in northern Britain, Patrick was taken across the Irish Sea by pirates and sold into slavery. Escaping from six years of bondage after receiving a spiritual vision, Patrick returned to Ireland decades later, armed only with a mystic’s faith, to abolish slavery and human sacrifice.

March 19: Spring Equinox & first day of spring.

March 20, Friday: Drums Manifest Truth, Shrine Club, We were blown away by this family group in Dec.

4pm: Didgeridoo Lessons - This Australian Aboriginal

instrument is known to have many healing benefits for body, mind & soul. In this 1 hour workshop you will learn the basics of playing the didgeridoo-how to achieve a drone and a variety of sounds. Bring your own, if you have one, or use one of theirs. \$10 donation.

6 pm Sound Immersion Meditation Featuring a didgeridoo (made from local plants), drums, bell drum, singing bowls, orbital & other instruments and enhanced by healing Reiki energy, this meditation offers healing on all levels. Bring a mat, pillow and blanket. \$20 donation.

March 27, Fri, Kirtan: 5:00 pm at the Shrine Club. This call & response chanting of the names of God is healing, relaxing & deeply spiritual. Join us!

Continuing:

A Course of Love study group: Sat 3 pm at BHC library.

Meditation 9:30 am Sundays. We welcome you.

Bingo: Sundays 3 pm, sales tables open at 1:30.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: GINNY FLETCHER

Sometimes, those who have the greatest impact on our spiritual evolution are those who are mostly ‘behind the scenes.’ Such is the case for our beloved Ginny Fletcher. While Ginny’s stature is small, her spiritual power is great. A long-time member of Unity and student of Self-Realization Fellowship, ACIM and ACOL, Ginny is a vortex of peace. We’re honoring her this month as the creator of this newsletter, now in its fourth year! Ginny is also a Board Trustee and a member of the Prayer Ministry. She can be found helping out in the kitchen and with Unity Bingo! You’re AMAZING, Ginny, and WE LOVE YOU!!!



WE HAVE CONTINUED TO HAVE GREAT TURNOUTS, GREAT PLAYERS & AN AMAZING TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS! WE HAD COOL DOOR PRIZES FOR OUR VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION AND LOTS OF LOVE! WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THOSE WHO'D LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN THE FUN AS VOLUNTEERS AND/OR PLAYERS...IS IT YOU? THANK-YOU FOR YOUR DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS! WE ARE CALLING FOR MORE NEW OR LIKE-NEW ITEMS FOR OUR NEXT BINGO CELEBRATION ON 3/15 FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY! SEE NATALIE.

The Homeless Outreach Team, HOT: Project Connect will be held on Mar 7th, 9 am – 1 pm at MCC, Bullhead campus. Vendors will be available representing agencies & organizations which are helping local community members with low or no-cost services. Food is provided; the city buses will be running. Call 928-293-0418 for additional questions or needs. Come find out what is happening in the area!
Mar 23 is slated for a "soft" opening of the family shelter. Save the date of Apr 25! for the grand opening of the Catholic

Charities Community Services--**Legacy Foundation, Christine Stamper Center for Help & Hope.** Submitted by Hilary Williams.

EarthCare Ministry: A preview of April events: In honor of Earth Day, April 22, we will be having several informational displays and seed swaps on the tables. We plan to have a labyrinth walk; the Parkway cleanup & much more! Submitted by Maryann Shepherd, Licensed Unity Teacher (LUT).

Happy Anniversary.....Happy Birthday.....Happy Easter.....Happy Anniversary.....Happy Birthday.....Happy Easter

UNITY SPIRITUAL CENTER OF THE MOHAVE VALLEY WILL CELEBRATE ITS 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY ON APRIL 12!

THIS IS EASTER SUNDAY. WE ARE PLANNING A POTLUCK ANNIVERSARY EASTER BASH! GINNY FLETCHER HAS AGREED TO COORDINATE THE EVENT; SHE IS LOOKING FOR SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS TO FORM A SORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE. PLEASE CONTACT HER IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO HELP. WE WILL BE PUTTING A SPECIAL CONTAINER ON THE COFFEE/SNACK TABLE FOR DONATIONS SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS CELEBRATION.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, 2000 THE REVS ANN & JOHN COOLIDGE HELD THE 1ST MEETING OF UNITY CHURCH OF THE MOHAVE VALLEY IN A SMALL ROOM OF THE BHC BEST WESTERN MOTEL. JOHN & ANN KNEW THE POWER OF AFFIRMATIVE PRAYER; THEY ESTABLISHED THE PRAYER MINISTRY WHICH IS STILL THE VERY LIFELINE OF UNITY OF THE MOHAVE VALLEY. SOME OF THE ORIGINAL CHARTER MEMBERS STILL ATTEND AND ARE ACTIVE IN OUR COMM-UNITY. THEY ARE: BOB O'KEEFE, DAVE & BELINDA WELLER, DODIE STUFFLEBEAM AND JERRY PAPKE. DID YOU KNOW? OUR CO-MINISTERS, REV NATALIE LEHMAN & REV BARRY TERWILLIGER HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR OVER 12 YRS!

ON FEB 24 WE WERE GRACED BY MUSIC FROM OUR OWN GRACENOTES & SOOZI., THEY WERE JOINED BY LEE, A TALENTED MUSICIAN & SONGWRITER. WHAT A JOY! THANK-YOU TO ALL OUR MUSICIANS! MUSIC TOUCHES OUR HEARTS IN SUCH A SPECIAL WAY.

Our own lore m. dickey, Ph. D, is a health consultant for North Country Healthcare, and was interviewed by the Mohave Daily News regarding his involvement in a state loan repayment program which is benefiting local mental health practices. In the Feb 26th edition of the newspaper, lore was interviewed regarding his work. He specializes in helping those in the transgender community; a group of people of all ages, struggling for support and acceptance. Thank you, lore, for shining your light of love for all!

Thanks for your cooperation with the animal policy. We are pleased to offer live sound in the Social hall if you need to bring your dog.

Prayer is a very important part of the Unity ministry. We have prayer ministers available to pray with you after the service. We also have a local confidential prayer circle; a prayer request box is available on the front table.

*SILENT UNITY IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS PER DAY TO PRAY WITH YOU BY PHONE, 1-800-NOW-PRAY. YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS ONLINE AT WWW.UNITY.ORG/PRAYER or download the *Upray* app.*

HEAR SUNDAY MESSAGES FROM OUR INSPIRING CO-MINISTERS, READ THIS NEWSLETTER AND MORE ON OUR WEBSITE. LIKE US ON FACEBOOK TOO!

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

Revs Natalie Lehman and Barry Terwilliger, Co-Ministers.

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