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FALL GREETINGS COU COMMUNITY,

September welcomes us into the season of Fall—a beautiful time of transition, reflection, and harvest. Spiritually, autumn invites us to pause and acknowledge the growth and expansion that have taken place within us. Just as nature moves through cycles of growth, harvest, release, and renewal, our own spiritual journeys unfold in similar rhythms.

The changing seasons offer us an opportunity to reflect on the natural cycles of our lives. Fall reminds us that growth is not always about moving forward or doing more. Sometimes growth means pausing to recognize how far we have come, gathering the wisdom

we have gained, and lovingly releasing what no longer serves us.

This month, we are invited to create space—both within and around us—for what is ready to emerge. Just as the trees release their leaves, we can release old beliefs, expectations, habits, and fears that may be taking up space in our consciousness. When we let go, we make room for new possibilities, deeper awareness, and greater visions to take root.

Fall is also a season of gratitude. It is a time to harvest the bounty of our lives and recognize the blessings already present. Rather than focusing on what may be missing, we can consciously shift our awareness toward abundance, prosperity, and appreciation. What have you cultivated this year? What growth

are you celebrating? What are you ready to release? And what new possibility is quietly seeking to emerge through you?

Take time this month to connect with the changing world around you. Feel the crispness in the air, notice the changing colors, and listen to the whisper of the leaves. Nature has a way of reminding us that change is not something to fear—it is part of the divine rhythm of life.

May this season of harvest bring you a deeper appreciation for how far you have come, the courage to release what is complete, and the openness to welcome what is ready to be born.

In deep gratitude and appreciation,
Rev. *Linda*

WHO WE ARE AT COU

OUR MISSION

Transforming lives and inspiring people to make a positive difference in the world.

OUR VISION

Centered in God, we envision a world free of judgment and filled with love.

OUR CORE VALUES

Spirit-led, Service, Inclusive, Joy, and Prosperous

sundays
10:30am

Unity's FIVE PRINCIPLES



These ancient universal principles taught by *Unity* offer foundational guidance for living abundantly and staying in tune with your own *divine nature.*



SEPT 6
God Is, I Am



SEPT 12
The Power of Thought



SEPT 20
Pray and Move Your Feet



SEPT 27
Guest Speaker: Jeff Holland



CENTER OF UNITY



**Community
Member
Orientation**
sunday, september 13
11:45 – 12:30pm

Come join Rev. Linda in the Prayer & Meditation Room to learn about Center of Unity and how to deepen your spiritual journey with our Beloved Community.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
11:45 am
in the Sanctuary

Leadership will introduce the Minister Search Team and Ambassador Team and give updates and general timelines of the process. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and express concerns.

UNITY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**OPENING CEREMONY LIVE
STREAM:**

Wednesday, September 9 | 6:30 pm

SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER:

Thursday, September 10 | 10am - 3pm

LOVE IS ALIVE

Each September, people around the world join together in prayer, affirming the power of divine love and our shared connection as one human family. Unity's annual World Day of Prayer began in 1993 when a group of ministerial students gathered around the fountain at Unity Village to pray together. What started as a simple act of faith has grown into a worldwide 24-hour prayer vigil that unites thousands of hearts across the globe.

This year's theme, **Love Is Alive**, reminds us that love is not simply an emotion—it is a living, active presence within us, guiding our thoughts, our words, and our actions. Together we affirm:

**LOVE LEADS ME.
FAITH STEADIES ME.
PRAYER CARRIES ME FORWARD.**

Center of Unity invites you to participate in this sacred day on **Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m.** to watch the Opening Ceremony Live Stream together at **7 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. We also welcome you to join us on **Thursday, September 10th**. Our sanctuary will be open for prayer from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Whether you come to offer a prayer, spend time in quiet meditation, or simply rest in the peaceful presence of our sanctuary, all are welcome.

Prayer request forms will be available for you to write the names of those you wish to hold in prayer. Please place your completed requests in the prayer box so that our Care Team, Prayer Team, and Silent Unity can join with you in prayer during this special observance.

If you are unable to attend in person, you are invited to submit your prayer requests directly to Silent Unity or participate in the worldwide online prayer vigil. Together, we become part of a continuous circle of prayer that spans the globe, reminding us that love truly is alive and always at work.

To learn more about World Day of Prayer, participate online, or submit a prayer request, visit worlddayofprayer.org or the Unity World Day of Prayer page.



**LIFT YOUR VOICE
SUNDAYS 11:45 AM**

Have you ever felt the joy of song? Do you find yourself humming along during Sunday services or tapping your foot to the rhythm? If so, the church choir may be calling your name!

- ♥ Build lasting friendships and find encouragement.
- ♥ Strengthen your musical skills.
- ♥ Experience a spiritual and emotional uplift in harmonizing.

No auditions are required, just a willing heart. Rehearsals are held every Sunday from 11:45 am in the choir room. All voice parts and experience levels are welcome!

Come be a part of something meaningful. Come sing with us.
We'd love to welcome you to the choir family!



As we get nearer to the end of August, I am rejoicing that cooler weather is on its way. I'm so grateful that we were able to get those air conditioners at the church replaced and paid for. Thank you God for prosperity in so many forms! Our *Daily Word* for August 16th tells us that... "Prosperity includes spiritual wealth and health as well as joy and satisfaction. I experience prosperity through my material comforts, but I also feel prosperous through the amazing functioning of my physical body and my active mind. I am prosperous through the spiritual bond I have with God and the deep peace it gives me."

At Center of Unity, we have been blessed with prosperity in its many forms, with a sense of belonging, community, service, and spiritual transformation. In the physical form, however, there is a now a need to replenish our reserve fund to replace the dollars spent keeping our church and grounds beautiful and functional, as well as physical labor needed to beautify the "backyard" of the church.

We can also be grateful for the many changes and new projects which are sprouting forth in various areas of our church. Over 70 congregational interviews have been completed

under the Evolutionary Council Conscious Conversation project. I'm excited to hear what the combined results of this will be. What is the combined wisdom of our community? What do people want going forward to support their spiritual transformation? The information gained from these interviews will be used to make strategic planning later this year or early next year.

Upcoming projects from the Board and other work groups include reaching out through Affinity Groups which will promote a sense of community and sharing. Potential common interest groups such as Community Service, Dinner/Social, New Members, and Singles are being discussed. Through common interests, it is proposed that our members, new and old, can get to know each other better, and put into practice the spiritual principles that we are learning.

Most of you are aware by now that our beloved minister Rev. Linda Taylor will be leaving us sometime next spring. I say this both joyfully and sadly knowing that she has exposed us to and "taught" us so much during the seven years she has been minister at Center of Unity. This change, of course, requires

that we begin a committee starting from the Board which will do an extensive search for a new minister for our growing congregation. Rev. Linda is helping us to do that also! But it will be up to us to find and hire a new minister. Plans are being made for that now, looking at how it was done in the past and the best way to do that in our ever more complicated world.

On an ending note, I am so happy and grateful to be a part of the Center of Unity and able to serve as a Board member, member of the Care Team, and more personally, a member of the Metaphysical Bible Study zoom group on Tuesdays. It's very interesting to hear Rev. Linda's Sunday talks explaining some of the Gnostic Gospels that we have been studying in Metaphysical Bible Study. These documents were discovered in the Nag Hammadi Library in Egypt and, though piecemeal, give us a firsthand look at Gnostic spirituality, which corresponds in many ways to our beliefs in New Thought today. Just one more area to learn and grow!

Many blessings,
June Brookshire, M.S.—Board Vice President

ARTIST
WANTED!



The Art Project at COU

Interested? Contact: June Brookshire
(817) 868-1400

Limit: 3 pieces per artist

Showcase your talent, be seen, and inspire others through your creative voice.

The hallway outside the sanctuary is meant to be an **ever-changing art gallery** and we want *your* work to bring it to life! Don't you love seeing the walls filled with art that uplifts the spirit, sparks conversation, and celebrates the beauty of our congregation?

Artist Details

- Artwork will be displayed for 90 days
- Pieces may be offered for sale
- A portion of all sales will support COU, helping our church continue to grow and thrive



Connect. Grow. Belong.

SpiritGroups are a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in a deeper, more meaningful way while building friendships around shared interests and a desire to live life from a place of spiritual principles.

Whether you're looking to meet new people, explore a shared interest, or simply find a greater sense of connection and community, SpiritGroups are designed to help you do just that.

Stay tuned for more information! Groups will begin meeting the **last week of September**.



SAVE THE DATE

GET INVOLVED FAIR

Come discover the many ways you can participate in our community

SUNDAY, OCT 4
FOLLOWING SERVICE

From Volunteering to Small Groups, including several new Affinity Groups (Dinner, Serve Team, Parent launching).

The Art of Quantum Living

A Practice of Personal Transformation



Saturdays
October 17 - November 21
10:00am - 12:00pm

Meet in
Fellowship Hall

Facilitated by:
Grant Trevithick

\$50 class fee
includes workbook

Sign-Up
centerofunity.org

Have you ever wondered why you react when others stay calm? Have you ever wondered why no matter how hard you try, you just cannot seem to get ahead?

Come and learn how to be able to identify your hidden beliefs. It is often our hidden beliefs that drive our reactions, our actions, and stop us from accomplishing our goals.

Once you identify these beliefs, you will learn a simple method for re-writing your past and free yourself from these limiting hidden beliefs.

All this in only six weeks, and you will leave with the tools you need to transform your life into something far more powerful.



CENTER OF UNITY LANDSCAPE UPGRADE PROJECT

AS PART OF THEIR SERVICE PROJECT, THE COU LEADERSHIP TEAMS ARE GIVING SOME MUCH-NEEDED ATTENTION TO THE LANDSCAPING ALONG THE SIDE AND BACK OF OUR CHURCH HOME—AREAS THAT WEREN'T INCLUDED IN THE FRONT LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

WE'D LOVE FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY TO JOIN US! THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP:



LEND A HAND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

JOIN US AS WE TREAT THE BEDS WITH PRE-EMERGENT, LAY DOWN LANDSCAPING NETTING, AND SPREAD MULCH. IF NEEDED, WE'LL CONTINUE THE WORK THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY.
PLEASE BRING RAKES AND GLOVES IF YOU HAVE THEM.

SIGN UP



ENJOY SOME TREATS & SUPPORT THE PROJECT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | FOLLOWING SERVICE

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM WILL BE SELLING BAKED GOODS AFTER SERVICE TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE APPROXIMATELY \$3,000 COST OF LANDSCAPING MATERIALS.



MAKE A DONATION

WANT TO HELP BUT CAN'T JOIN US IN PERSON? YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT.
[DONATE VIA PAYPAL BY CLICKING THE BUTTON BELOW OR VISIT [CENTEROFUNITY.ORG/GIVE](https://centerofunity.org/give)]
PLEASE NOTE "LANDSCAPING" WHEN MAKING YOUR DONATION.



EVERY HELPING HAND, SWEET TREAT, AND CONTRIBUTION BRINGS US ONE STEP CLOSER TO CREATING A BEAUTIFUL AND WELCOMING SPACE FOR OUR ENTIRE CHURCH COMMUNITY!



Youth Ed Dollar Store Needs

Our Youth Ed Dollar Store is in need of supplies, especially items that appeal to our pre-teens and teens!

It turns out we have some budding anglers among us—**fishing lures and spinners have been a big hit!**

As you're shopping, keep an eye out for

fun and inexpensive items in **clearance sections, leftover party favors, seasonal markdowns, and dollar stores.** Every little donation helps us keep our Youth Ed Dollar Store stocked with exciting rewards for our youth.

Donations can be left in the blue basket in the Youth Ed hallway.

Thank you for helping make Youth Ed fun, engaging, and rewarding!

We're Growing Our

YOUTH MINISTRY

We have exciting news—our Youth Ministry continues to grow! What a wonderful blessing to see more children and teens becoming part of our church family.

We recently launched a new Y.O.U. (High School) class. This new group reflects the incredible growth of our ministry and provides another opportunity for our teens to build meaningful friendships, strengthen their faith, and grow together in a supportive community.

As our ministry grows, so does our need for caring volunteers.

The good news is that **NO** lesson planning is required! We provide all the curriculum, activities, and supplies.

EMAIL DEBI



Together, we're nurturing the next generation and building a vibrant, loving spiritual community—one child, one teen, and one Sunday at a time.

3 TEACHERS NEEDED:

2— to assist with our 4-year-old - Kinder class on 3rd & 4th Sundays.

1— for the grade school class on 1st Sundays.

All you need to bring is your caring heart, a welcoming smile, and a desire to encourage our youngest learners as they discover God's love and the light within themselves.

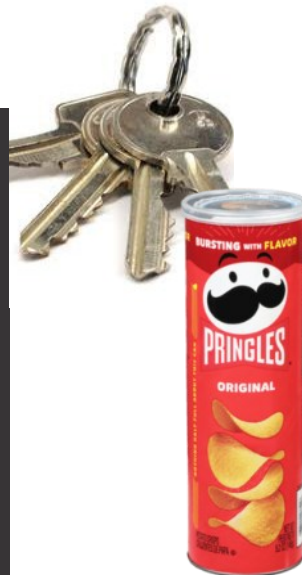
Whether you've taught children before or simply enjoy spending time with them, we'd love to welcome you to our ministry team.

If you feel called to serve or would like more information, please contact Debie.

RECYCLE WITH US!

We need old keys (all sizes) and empty Pringles cans with lids for future crafts.

Leave donations in the blue hamper in the YE hallway.



JOIN OUR NEW WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

COUKIDS FAMILIES | STAY CONNECTED

We've grown SO much (yay!!) that Debie has officially hit the limit on how many phone numbers she can include in a single message. What a great problem to have!

To help simplify communication, she's created a **COUKids WhatsApp Community** where we can share reminders, announcements, and all the fun happenings in one convenient place.

Join us here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LVhIMCN90qK197SC9zMg2c>

We're so grateful for this amazing, growing village! ❤️
Let's keep the connection going.

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY^{ORG}

Communities Foundation of Texas' North Texas Giving Day is an online giving event designed to empower every person to give back to their community by supporting local nonprofits and causes they care about in one easy-to-use platform.

The event helps build awareness and support for nonprofits like nothing else. One year, over \$63 million was raised through gifts to 3249 local nonprofits.

Please consider giving to help one of the many local organizations represented at www.northtexasgivingday.org on September 17. And although we're not part of the charities registered for the North Texas Giving Day, one can always donate to Center of Unity at <https://centerofunity.org/give>.



• • TREE OF LIFE • •

The Tree of Life provides a unique and beautiful opportunity for creating a perpetual remembrance of loved ones, friends and special groups. Prominently displayed in the hallway, our Tree contains reminders of special people and groups. And remember, your gift also supports our church, a real win/win situation! Pick up a brochure at the Info Center today.

"The enlivening Spirit of God is freely expressed in and through me. It illumines my mind, regenerates my body, in-spires me with creative ideas, empowers my constructive actions, and easily and harmoniously arranges all of my circumstances. Every aspect of my life is now in divine order."

- Roy Eugene Davis

The Care Team is honored to affirm your good with you and to hold you in the light during difficult situations!

LAST
SUNDAYS

Benefiting the GRACE

FOOD PANTRY

WHAT
WE NEED?

CANNED FOOD &
OTHER NON-
PERISHABLES



Bring non-perishable food donations to Fellowship Hall on the last Sunday of each month for distribution to clients of the GRACE Food Pantry. Donations are welcome all month long, so feel free to place shelf-stable items in the marked receptacle in Fellowship Hall anytime.

Items such as canned proteins, low-sodium foods, low-sugar options, and high-fiber staples are especially appreciated. (And yes—Spam is still welcome, too!)

Please check expiration dates before donating. We want to ensure the food shared with GRACE families is fresh, safe, and ready to enjoy.

Q food, fellowship & fun

1ST SUNDAY LUNCH

11:45 AM

Southern Dishes

LOVE
OFFERING

Sunday, September 6 | 11:45 am

Join us after service for a fun-filled afternoon of **Southern food, fellowship, and connection** for all ages!

This month, we're serving up some good old-fashioned Southern favorites! Come relax, enjoy a delicious meal, and connect with old and new friends as we gather together as a church family. Kids, grandparents, friends, and visitors are all welcome!

Love offerings are appreciated.

CENTERING PRAYER

1st Sundays
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Join Mark and Dawn Morris next month on September 6th in the Prayer Room for Centering Prayer, a type of Christian meditation. We will do two 20 minute sits, then spend a few minutes in Lectio Divina, a meditative scripture reading.

Visit contemplativeoutreach.org for more info.

CORKED

Join our Social Group for fun outings each month.

Contact

**Barbara Luders | 682-208-9334 or
b.luders@yahoo.com**



BRUNCH, LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

at Lazy Dog Restaurant
2521 State Hwy 121, Euless
Sunday, September 27
12:00 pm

Come hungry and stay awhile! Join us after service for a fun time of great food, good conversation, and even better fellowship at Lazy Dog.

Whether you're catching up with longtime friends or meeting someone new, it's the perfect way to keep the Sunday spirit going!

Enjoy delicious, handcrafted food and drinks in Lazy Dog's warm, comfortable, homey atmosphere.

RSVP to Barbara by September 22nd so we can save you a seat! Bring your appetite—and come enjoy Sunday together!

INNER JOURNEY BOOKSTORE

Nourish Your Spirit. Support Our Community.

Discover Something New This September

September invites us to slow down, explore new ideas, and continue deepening our spiritual understanding. We invite you to carry that curiosity into a visit to Inner Journey Bookstore.

You'll find books and resources to enrich your spiritual journey, along with journals, cards, and thoughtful gifts that encourage reflection, growth, and meaningful connection.

Every purchase at Inner Journey Bookstore does more than inspire your personal path—it also supports our church community. As a 100% nonprofit bookstore, all proceeds help sustain the programs and ministries that make Inner Journey such a vibrant spiritual home.

Thank you for supporting Inner Journey Bookstore, where every purchase nurtures both your spiritual journey and our shared community.

Bible Study ONLINE

TUESDAYS | 11:30 AM

Discover deeper spiritual meaning in scripture and reconnect with the good that God is unfolding in your life right now. Each class stands on its own—join any time and drop in as you're able. All are welcome!

ZOOM ID 702 400 166

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS | 9:30AM

Looking to explore last Sunday's message more deeply? Join us for thoughtful conversation and spiritual connection—whether you're joining in person or online. Each session is self-contained, so you can drop in anytime!

ZOOM ID 858 102 650 49

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wes Crowder	01
Kyle Bush	05
Ben Cox	06
Susan Spradlin	07
Alison Moreland	20
Michelle Accardo	12
Sharon Crowder	22
GiGi Johnson	23
Lisa Thorn	23
Rebecca Trainor	30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Melanie Medlin & Michael Ross	03
Lori & Patrick Fagerquist	07
Shane & Lori Sheffield	28

AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

Every Sunday

Each week, we ask those whose last name matches the schedule to bring a healthy snack to share with the community.

5th Sundays we invite ALL to share a snack.

**06
A-G**

**13
H-M**

**20
N-S**

**27
T-Z**



Joyful MOMENTS

SHARE. CELEBRATE. CONNECT



Scan me!



The Joyful Moments Board is a place to share milestones, achievements, family moments, and other meaningful experiences. Through photos and stories, we can celebrate together, learn more about one another, and stay connected beyond Sunday mornings.

WHAT BELONGS ON THE BOARD?

Life's milestones, achievements, family moments, and uplifting experiences.

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:



Births/ Adoptions



New Business Launches



Weddings/ Engagements



Awards/Recognitions



Graduations



Service Milestones



Retirements



Sweet Family Moments



Anniversaries



Other meaningful moments you'd like to share

HOW TO SUBMIT

1



SCAN

Scan the QR Code above with your phone camera

2



UPLOAD

Upload a photo from your device

3



SHARE

Tell us about your moment

4



CELEBRATE

We will add it to the board for you

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

Submissions should be community-focused, family-friendly, and aligned with the spirit of the board.

The board is intended for celebrations and meaningful life moments

All submissions are reviewed before being posted

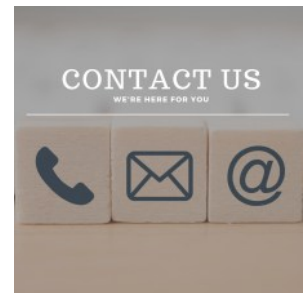
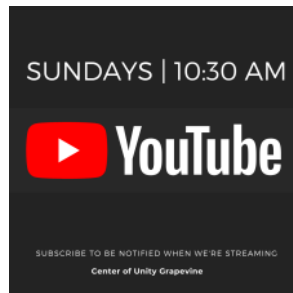
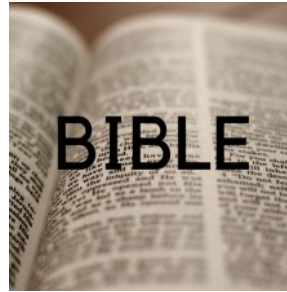
No sales, promotions, political content, medical updates, or similar announcements

Center of Unity reserves the right to decline submissions that do not align with the purpose and spirit of the board.

Photo submission via the Google Form requires a Google Account. If you do not have one, you may fill out the form and leave the photo upload blank. Then e-mail your photo to CoUnity.Office@gmail.com. Physical submissions are also accepted. Please see Katee or Cynthia Harnest for details.

RESOURCES

simply click the pic to be re-directed to the information you want



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www.centerofunity.org

Our Mission:

Transforming lives and inspiring people to make a positive difference in the world.

Our Vision:

Centered in God, we envision a world free of judgment and filled with love.

FINANCIAL NEWS

God is the Source of Center of Unity. We are lavishly prospered in all ways. Thank you, God!

July General Fund

Income	\$18,094
Expense	(\$28,541)
Net Income	(\$10,447)

YTD General Fund

Income	\$170,648
Expense	(\$206,611)
Net Income	(\$35,963)

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:30 am Metaphysical Bible Study	2	3	4 Office Closed	5
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