

A monthly publication of West Sound Unity Church

## The journey continues The Healing Christ Love

by Rev. Max Lafser

The book of John portrays the mystical experience of Jesus in which the Son of Man is revealed as the Son of God. the inner reality governing the outer form. Charles Fillmore, in his book based on the book of John. leads us into mystical experiences. At one level of understanding, the message of John gives us a literal account of Jesus' healing ministry, but at another level the message reveals the mystical awareness and the spiritual perception needed to discern the fabric of the material world as transitory and the realm of soul as eternal. Mr. Fillmore opens the way for the study of these mystical truths, where there is an expansion of our awareness and a movement from time/space reference and personality to the hereness and nowness of consciousness.

I'm inviting you to participate in this unfolding of consciousness

from the man/woman of earth to the holy man who has his being in Christ and experiences the grace and truth embodied in a healing Christ love. As the inner spiritual meaning of Jesus' ministry unfolds to us, we will participate in his God experience and we will move toward total enlightenment. Thus, the master of our "house," the divine Self, leads us each step to that final communion feast which takes place in that "upper room" of divine consciousness.

Our starting point is the divine principle, as stated in the first chapter of John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." (John 1:1-2) In the beginning—in principle—God expressed its life, its intelligence, its Self, which is I AM. God spoke and the word went

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#### Mission statement:

West Sound Unity Church is a ministry using the teachings of Jesus Christ to inspire the experience and joyful manifestation of God's unconditional love for all in a safe, loving, and nurturing environment. Angel notes *Thanks* with a hug to...



May 2006

**Sally McAllaster** and **Jamie McAllaster** for contributing to the Maundy Thursday service with music that fed the soul.

**Linda Rice** for continuing administrative and bookkeeping support in the office.

**Terri Tucker-Ralph** for bathroom cleaning this past month.

For all the many hands that contributed to the programs in early April...a big warm hug. Especially Cloyd Kilgore, the popcorn man; **Deb Jesewitz** who helped at every movie event and brought the team of students for extra assistance; Charley Ralph for repairing the ceiling and with **Terri**, hanging the draperies: Linda Rice & Drew Pennington for spray painting the drapery hardware; and all of you who helped with ticket and bookstore sales and the guest packets and offered assistance wherever it was needed. You made these events a huge success!

#### (Continued from page 1... The Healing Christ Love)

forth into expression, unfolding, disclosing and revealing Itself in its divine nature and character. This word was with God and this word was God and this word is God. The divine principle must always be our starting point in our lives and in our contemplative meditations. Each day we must consciously remember the spiritual nature and character of the IAM that IAM.

These Wednesday night lessons together will lead us deeper and deeper into the appearance of our own living truth that life is God and God is good and I am that life and that goodness. I look forward to having you join me in these weeks. Knowing that this consciousness is ever aware of its fullness of this light and love and in this realization of his spiritual inheritance. Jesus said. "I am come that they may have life and they might have it more abundantly." I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evenings for the outpouring of beauty and divine life and love in each of us as we join our master teacher.

## **Blessings**, Max

Note: The class begins May 3 and will be based on the book, Mysteries of John by Charles Fillmore. Copies will be available in the bookstore.

## Happy May birthdays!

Kay Watkins	May 3	]
Irene Endresen	May 4	1
Donny Plankenhorn	May 5	]
Marilyn Carlson	May 7	
Nondi Nichols	May 8	j
Laurel Sayers	May 12	2
Nancy Plankenhorn	May 13	
Margie Hyatt	May 19	1
Lou-Ann Lauborough	May 23	2
Bonnie Leinweber	May 23	j
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Diane Newman	May 24
Ann-Marie Legere	May 25
Kathy Rongholt	May 26

**Did we miss** vour birthday? We'd love to recognize vour special day.



Please contact the office so we can add vour name.

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# **April Prosperity**

Tithes were sent to the Association of Unity Churches and the NW Region of Unity Churches.

Echruary



	February	March
Income Expenses	5,765.87 8,327.91	7,800.51
Net (+ or <>)	(2,562.04)	
Credit Card balance	24,212.95	179.66
Other current payables	<u>1,941.95</u>	<u>1,281.43</u>
Total Payables	26,154.90	1,461.09
Kitsap Bank loan	6,787.58	-0-
Total Debt	32,942.48	1,461.09

The great fiscal news in March: both the Kitsap Bank loan and the credit card where paid off, with only a small interest amount still due on the credit card. Due to the accounting method originally set up for the credit card, the expense items are not accurately reflective of the current status and have been omitted for the moment until appropriate adjustments can be made. This will be clarified in the next report. We give thanks for the resources to eliminate the debt and create abundance in all forms of energy in the life of West Sound Unity!



# From the board

By Sally McAllaster, Trustee

One of my favorite books is *Simple Abundance*. If it's not part of your library, I would sug-

Sally McAllaster

gest you take a look at it and see all of the wonders that are included.

# Let all thy joys be as the month of May

The month of May cast her magic spell as spring's promise is finally fulfilled. This month we turn our attention homeward. as we continue to weave simplicity into our daily round while reacquaianting ourselves with the transformative power of the third Simple Abundance principle---Order. With fresh eves and a loving, appreciative heart, we reconsider our daily rounds. As we learn to savor everyday epiphanies, we encounter the Sacred in the ordinary.

~ Francis Quarles

#### Suggested epiphanies:

Today a new sun rises for me:

everything lives, everything is animated, everything seems to speak to me of my passion, everything invites me to cherish it.

Every spirit builds itself a house, and beyond its house a world, and beyond its world a heaven. Know then that world exists for you.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

#### Simple Abundance says this:

There is an Indian proverb that says that everyone is a house with four rooms, a physical, a mental, an emotional and a spiritual. Most of us tend to live in one room most of the time, but unless we go into every room every day, even if only to keep it aired, we are not a complete person.

Now some talk about my passion—music. The music program at West Sound Unity is continuing to grow and change. Our wonderful Daryl Spadaccini is with us twice a month and more on holidays. The choir under his direction is coming together for an occasional Sunday service. We

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hope there will be more occasions in the future.

Jeanie Schenewerk is back singing with us...not on a regular basis, but when she can fit it into her busy schedule. She's retired, you know, and she's busier than ever.

The soloists have been very responsive whenever asked to take a particular Sunday. So far, they are Randy Parris, Nancy Plankenhorn, Ron Rice, Jamie McAllaster, Megan McCormick, Kay Watkins and me. I'm sure there will be more to come. The variety we have is exceptional. I hope the congregation will keep us informed of any new voices in the church. Nancy and I heard Ron Rice singing in the services and asked him to help with the music program. He is also a Soundsters member.

Simple Abundance on music: I think I should have no other mortal wants, if I could always have plenty of music. It seems to infuse strength into my limbs and ideas into my brain. Life seems to go on without effort, when I am filled with music. ~ George Eliot

"You already know that music can be an exquisite source of pleasure and entertainment. But did you also know that it can be a powerful form of prayer, meditation, and healing? Actually, musical therapy is an ancient tradition. Since the dawn of humanity, spiritual healers known as shamans have used drums, bells, and rattles to drive disease from the body, depression from the mind, despair from the soul."

"With stammering lips and insufficient sounds, I strive and struggle to deliver right the music of my nature...."

~Elizabeth Barrett Browning

#### Simple Abundance again:

"The concerto of Real Life is playing: delight with thanksgiving in the major and minor chords of its beautiful refrain."

I hope these words have touched your hearts a bit. They're not mine, as I stated, but they are favorites of mine.

A *Simple Abundance* ending to these wanderings:

"So it shall be with your world. With harmony as your guide, trust that your everyday moments will soon begin to resonate in a rhapsody of fulfillment."

# News Flash!

## Puget Soundsters Concert, 7:00 pm, Friday, May 19.

Several church members are part of this fantastic chorale group. Plan to hear a great medley of songs! Refreshments afterwards.

## Auction morphs to raffle

The Auction Committee met recently to discuss strategies for the coming auction and decided to switch gears and go for a raffle. While the auction seemed like a good idea at the time, and will certainly be revisited in the future, volunteer availability dictated the change.

We anticipate this to be a fun event where everyone in the church can be involved by selling inexpensive tickets to friends, family, and co-workers.

Suggested items to donate to the cause: services; gift certificates; fine chocolates, coffees, and teas; assorted beverages; beauty and bath items; candles, etc. Small items like these can be made into theme baskets. We are also still looking for some big-ticket items, such as a time-share, bed and breakfast, or a weekend retreat (one has already been generously donated by Drew and Helen Daley).

Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the church office. The kick-off will be Sunday, June 4, with tickets available at church that day. Drawings will be at the church picnic, August 13. See the enclosed insert for more details on how you can help. The deadline for contributions is Sunday, May 21, so hurry!

Thank you, **Joyce Cowdery** and **Donna Huntwork** for taking the lead on this committee project!

# New Facility Committee chair

With thanks and appreciation, we welcome **Ed Duhamel** as new chair of the Facilities Committee—the function that manages our building and property. With Ed at the helm of maintenance issues, we can be confident our building is in good hands. He's an expert jack-of-many-trades, a superb "horse trader," possesses a delightfully wacky sense of humor, and has seen the church through earlier updating and refurbishing projects.

We also gratefully receive **your** skills and talents, as projects are identified, to continue loving stewardship of our building.

Take a moment to write or call the church and let us know what skills you have that might contribute to repairing, refurbishing and maintaining the church. You can also help by being our eyes to notice details that need attention and pass them on to the office or to Ed.

You'll be hearing and seeing more of Ed as we organize some projects for the summer. Keep your jeans ready for upcoming wear-your-jeans-to-church Sundays.



From the book store By Jim Bryan

As I write this on Sunday, April 9th, Max is back, bringing us a great ser-

mon with lots of

Jim Bryan

energy, and Margie has just created a near miracle week of planning and expediting two movie premiers and workshops, an evening of music, another of healing and in her spare time has attended to the business of the church. What an exciting time to belong to West Sound Unity!

The evening with the Redfield's was particularly important to me

as his book "The Celestine Prophecy" appeared at just the right time in my life and in my spiritual development. The program and the movie were very timely reminders.

If your have not yet read **The Celestine Prophecy**, I would highly recommend it, as well as the movie. James Redfield has also written follow -up books: **The Tenth Insight: Holding The Vision**; **The Secret of Shambhala: In Search Of The Eleventh Insight**; and he is currently working on a twelfth insight book. He also has a mini-reminder book. **The** 

#### **CelestineProphecy: A Pocket Guide To The Nine Insights**, a

Handy little book to keep you in the flow of synchronicity.

At this point in time, I think our bookstore is out of Redfield books with the exception of the lovely coffee-table book on the making of the movie. If you would like to add any of these books to your library, perhaps the bookstore would put together an order based on presales.

## Wyming P. Sun Seminars in May! Wednesday, May 7, 7:00pm, The Soul and Faith Saturday, May 13, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, The Ancient Healing Discipline of Feng Shui

A skilled linguist and metaphysical Bible scholar who studied with Dr. Rocco Errico, Wyming returns for a visit in May with two presentations. On Wednesday, May 7, Wyming will present our midweek renewal class, *The Soul and Faith*. What has been left out of religion in the modern world is the soulcraft. We are urged to be spiritual, to comfort others in pain, to have faith, without being taught the secret of any of these things. Wyming will explore the secrets and these questions: What is the soul? Did man make up God? How do we lose our soul and how can we get it back? What is faith? How do we perform the acts of faith? What do we do when we feel lacking in faith?

In addition, Wyming is a classical Feng Shui consultant, practicing professionally for the past ten years. He continues his study of this ancient Chinese healing art as a pupil of a Taiwan Feng Shui master. In a look at the ancient discipline, we learn more than where to put the wind chime and where to hang the mirror. We come to understand it as the path of healing breath through the human's environment and the study of physical objects as filters of healing breath, and of how that healing breath can be channeled for inspiration, profitable ideas and human relationships.

Happy moments... praise God.
Difficult moments...seek God.
Quiet moments...worship God.
Painful moments...trust God.
Every moment...thank God.



# Youth Ministry

By Terri Tucker- Ralph

Greetings from the

Youth Ministry. As part of our teaching curriculum each month, we study one of the twelve powers, a Unity principle, and a virtue.

You may have noticed in our Youth Ministry building a funny looking tree decorated with all kinds of interesting objects. This



(L-R) Serenity Huntwork, Terri Tucker-Ralph, Taylor Bruchet

is our twelve-power tree, which at the first of each month we redecorate according to the power of the month. The power for May is "power." We will be looking at different ways we use our power to create our world. We will study the third basic Unity principle, which states that through the power of God our thoughts can change our life. The virtue we will be studying is "integrity."

Please join us during service on May 21, as we honor our teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day. Parents, mark your calendars for the 27th annual kids camp June 24-27. This year's theme is **Courage of a salmon—going against the flow.** Registration forms are due on May 28. If you haven't as yet received a registration form, please let a teacher know.

A big hug and a Happy Mother's day to all the moms, both young and old. Every minute of the day, every mile on the way, God in you as you reflects a bright shining ray. Shine on.

Note from Evie: The Easter Basket Auction last month was a happy success, and we thank all of you who participated—those that brought, those that bought, and those that put it all together to make it work out. The brunch (and all of the time and effort that went into it) was a nice touch too. The final tally was close to \$1,800.

# Youth building spring cleaning

Join us in another wear-yourjeans-on-Sunday sprucing up party is in the Youth Building. Let's gather our tools and talents and give our terrific Youth leadership team a gift of time and energy to freshen up the Youth Center and create a marvelous atmosphere in which our marvelous children and youngsters are encouraged in a spiritual foundation.

The leadership team of Kathy, Terri and Evie will have a wish list of tasks for us for this spring project. We'll provide a lunch so you have fuel for the afternoon and we'll joyfully share tidying and fixing and blessing our Youth Center and ministry.

## What God is Like

I did not know what God is like Until a friendly word Came to me in a hour of need — And it was God I heard.

I did not know what God is like Until I heard love's feet On errands of God's mercy Go up and down life's street.

I did not know what God is like Until I felt a hand Clasp mine and lift me when alone I had no strength to stand.

I think I know what God **is** like,

For I have seen the face Of God's son looking at me From all the human race.

~ James Dillett Freeman

## More YOU's news

By Margie Hyatt, Church Coordinator

There's exciting news from several of our graduated YOUers. These young people took their family and Unity foundation and added vision and faith to find these great directions in life.

Harold Dodd has been accepted at the Western Culinary Institute/Le Cordon Bleu in Portland, Oregon, and enters the 14month program in August, graduating in November 2007. When I asked Kelly (Mrs. Harold) for some details. she wrote: "I guess the synchronicity of it all is in the style of the school and how perfect it is for Harold—it's almost as if the school is set up for him to succeed. Harold says he feels a sense of peace because for the first time in his life. in terms of school/work, he feels like he is headed on the right path. We are both excited and are looking forward to the adventure of his education and our living in Portland. Plus. Harold has three good leads for restaurant and/or personal chef work waiting for him when he graduates the school. We definitely feel the love and support of Spirit in our lives—all is in Divine Order!"

**Rachel Simpson** started her new job as assistant to both the Youth/Teen and Young Adult Coordinators at the Association of Unity Churches International on Monday, April 24. Her job description is long and she is already very busy: YOU confer-



Chelsea Coopershear (L) and Stella Rivet (R)

ence and other events, continuing as a leader in NGU (Next Generation Unity) International, and working on the International Retreat set for June in Georgia. Rachel arrived at Unity Village last week in time to be honored as "Volunteer of the Year" at the volunteer luncheon. And she found a nice apartment that is located halfway between the Association office and Unity Village. You can send your congratulations to Rachel at Rachel@unity.org.

Some of our YOU are leaving the state to meet their dreams, but that wasn't far enough for **Stella Rivet**. Stella and her friend **Chelsea Coopershear** are in Vietnam for eight weeks doing volunteer work at Red Cross orphanages and day care center in DaNang with the organization, Global Volunteer Network. Stella is in the middle of the application process to join the Peace Corps and sees this opportunity as a good preparation for that experience.

You can read the Kitsap Sun article about Stella and Chelsea (who also attended our church) at kitsapsun.com: Features. Stella works with her mom, Susan, in a family e-business and they are posting her reports from Vietnam on their website. To follow Stella's progress: http://www.thriftyfun.com/ tf96506464.tip.html

These centers meet the basic needs of the children they serve and there are always needs beyond what can be provided, even things we might think as basic: diaper rash cream, diaper wipes, and toys. If you want to support the work Stella and Chelsea are doing, you can make a contribution to a fund set up so they can purchase such items in Vietnam. Checks payable to Stella Rivet, mailed to her home address will then be deposited in a checking account that Stella can access in Vietnam. If you want to help out. send a check to Stella Rivet, 3742 SE Ardenwald Place. Port Orchard, WA 98366.

We're proud of our young people. Yeah YOU Team!

And that's not all...**the Cowdery family** has good news. Monica received an Award of Excellence in photography from WA State PTA Reflection Art Program for a picture she took while in Japan last summer as Bremerton's representative for the Kure Sister City Foreign Exchange Student Program.

And Max (Cowdery, that is) took first place in the Washington State Science Fair. Yeah Max!! Grandpa Don is pretty proud of his brood.

# West Sound Unity Church Raffle

Name:	Day Phone:
E-mail:	Eve. Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_I am willing to sell raffle tickets (Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 per book, and will be signed out in books of 10). I need \_\_\_\_\_ books.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to volunteer to help with the raffle (note: you do not need to be present for the drawing to help).

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) have a donation(s). Specify:

I can contribute or procure these popular items:

Spa Se facial, Fine C	rvices (massage,	Salon Services (hair cut/color) A getaway place (condo, cabin, timeshare) Airline Miles
I can host a round of	golf at a private course:	(name of golf club)
I would be willing to	donate two or more tickets (c	ircle):
Seattle Storm	Seattle Sounders	Seattle Mariners
Seahawks	Sonics	UW
Seattle Opera	Seattle Symphony	Pacific NW Ballet
ACT	Intiman	Seattle Rep
Other sportin	g event:	•
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I would be willing to host a party/outing at my (circle): Home Boat Private Club Other:

Donations (or this completed sheet) must be submitted to the church office no later than Sunday, May 21. Tickets will be available Sunday, June 4, and the drawing will be August 13 at the church picnic. It is not necessary to be present in order to win. Questions? Call Joyce Cowdery at 373-3270 or Donna Huntwork at 792-9727.

## May 2006 Activities at West Sound Unity Church

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm potluck, 7:00 pm class — May 3, 17, 24 & 31

During the month of May Max will lead a class, The Healing Christ Love, based on the Charles Fillmore book, *The Mysteries of John*. Please request your copy in the bookstore so they can be ordered.

Sunday Service, May 7, 10:00 am Margie Hyatt, speaker Teacher Team meeting, 11:30am in the conference room

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## Sunday Service, May 14, 10:00 am *Mother's Day Celebration*

Rev. Max Lafser, speaker

## Kitsap 'Kordianists, May 18, 7:00 pm

An accordion social is a gathering of local accordion players and accordion lovers, in a social atmosphere to play for others and to learn from others. EVERYONE is welcome to play! \$2

## Puget Soundsters Concert May 19, Friday, 7:00 pm

Several church members are part of this fantastic chorale group which rehearses here at our church. They perform a variety of musical styles and the offering benefits our church. Refreshments afterwards.

#### Sunday Service, May 21, 10:00 am

#### **Teacher Appreciation Day**

Join us for special recognition of our dedicated Youth Ministry teachers team.

# Spring Clean-up Party & Facilities Committee meeting, 11:30 am

This is a come-to-church-in-your-jeans day! Join the discussion about the facilities committee and learn how we are planning to move forward maintaining our church home. Enjoy lunch which will be provided, grab your cleaning supplies and tools and help spruce our Youth Center to honor our marvelous youngsters and teachers.

I am open to a rich flow of divine ideas!						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 3	Thursday	Friday 5	Saturday
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West Sound Unity Church Ministry Services

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Please advise us if you or someone you know has entered the hospital. Local hospitals usually do not inform us when someone is admitted, even though you may disclose your church affiliation.

#### Weddings, Christenings and other Services

Our minister is available for a variety of services customized to your needs. Please call the church office for more information.

#### **Personal Consultations**

Our minister is available in matters of spiritual guidance. Please call the church office to schedule an appointment.

## Sunday Service and Youth Ministry Schedule

The Sunday Service is 10:00 am. Our Youth Ministry is also 10:00 am and includes Nursery—0 to 3 years old, Youth Ministry—3 years through grade school, Uniteens—Jr. High, and Youth of Unity—High School.

## Hours and contacts

Church office - Wednesday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; other times by appointment. Bookstore and Lending Library hours: Sundays - before and after service and during office hours. **Telephone numbers:** Office (360) 479-1757; Bookstore (360) 479-1757; Fax (360) 479-1758 (call first); **E-mail:** Unitychurch@qwest.net **Website:** http://www.westsoundunity.org/

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