

# TAKE YOUR SOUL ON A SUMMER ROAD TRIP Only Minimal Gas Required!



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***Unity Church Presents***  
**Quest for Truth:**  
**Spirituality and Science**  
**July 13—August 24, 2008**



**UNITY CHURCH  
IN CHARLOTTESVILLE  
Presents**

**QUEST FOR TRUTH:  
SPIRITUALITY AND SCIENCE  
JULY 13 -AUGUST 24, 2008**

*All Events in the Unity Church Sanctuary  
2825 Hydraulic Circle (on Hydraulic Road)*

*The most beautiful and most profound experience is the sensation of the mystical.  
It is the sower of all true science. (Albert Einstein - "The Merging of Spirit and Science")*

Spirituality and science arguably have one thing in common—the quest for truth. Modern scientists and ancient seers and mystics take different directions and are often guided by different methodologies. The question is, what does each have to offer to the other? From July 13 through August 24, Unity Church in Charlottesville is devoting seven weeks to the exploration of *Spirituality and Science*, investigating how each can contribute to a greater understand of our own lives and the universe in which we live. Join as we take our souls on a road trip—only minimal gas required!

**Sunday, July 13**

***The Heart/Brain Connection***

**With Rev. Patricia Gulino Lansky, LCSW & Co-Minister of Unity Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Music: Doug Schneider, Greg Harris**

How do we tap the wisdom and power of our heart energy? We know that the heart loves and feels. But did you know that the heart also thinks, remembers, communicates with other hearts, helps regulate immunity and contains stored information that continually pulses through your body.



*Doug Schneider*

Explore new scientific research about cellular memories and their role in the mind/body/spirit connection. New research proves that the human heart, not the brain, holds the secret that ancient sages have taught for thousands of years.

**Presenter**

Rev. Patricia has been the co-minister of Unity Church in Charlottesville since October, 2001. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and, prior to ministry, had her own private psychotherapy practice in Miami, Florida for 15 years. Rev. Patricia is an inspiring teacher, workshop presenter and spiritual counselor.



**Wednesday, July 16**

***How to Meditate: Mantra Meditation & Centering Prayer***

**with Rev. Don Lansky, Co-Minister, Unity Church**

**6:30 – 9 p.m.**

This experiential class is the final part of our four-part “How to Meditate” series. It is designed for people who do not have a meditation practice or who feel that it is difficult to meditate. However, experienced meditators will enjoy the information and silence. You will practice mantra meditation using different mantras for comparison. You will also learn how to practice the Centering Prayer technique which claims its roots from the early Christian tradition. Love offering

**Presenter**

Rev. Don has been the co-minister of Unity Church in Charlottesville since October, 2001. Prior to that time, he was the senior vice president of a multi-million dollar cruise agency in Miami, Florida. Don was trained by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi as a teacher of the Transcendental Meditation Program and taught TM for 14 years. He has been practicing the TM technique for 38 years. (This will NOT be an instruction in the TM technique).



*Revs. Don & Patricia*

**Friday, July 18**

***Friday Night at the Movies: Kilowatt Ours***

**7:00 p.m.**

Follow filmmaker Jeff Barrie as he searches America’s cities, towns and countryside for solutions to the great energy challenges of our day. Learn how to dramatically reduce your own energy bill and improve the environment at the same time. Love Offering



**Sunday, July 20**

***What Happens When We Die: The Meeting Point of Spirituality and Science***

**With PMH Atwater**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Music: Ken Ellis & Shelley Lee Cole**



*Ken & Shelley*



The field of near-death studies has undergone a major shift in the last two years, and along with it, the view of death and how we die has also changed. Today, it is widely recognized that consciousness continues after death. What was once considered fantasy, hallucinations or paranormal is now accepted as natural and typical to the shift we will all one day make.

***Workshop - The Near-Death Phenomenon: Beyond the Myth to an Even Greater Light***

**1-3 p.m.**

*PMH Atwater*

Based on *The Big Book of Near-Death Experiences* and *Coming Back to Life*, by PMH Atwater, this workshop takes another look at myths like "the light at the end of the tunnel," and focuses on the exciting news - that the greater light of spirituality, of Deity/God, is central to near-death experiences and to what happens to experiencers afterward. Through the lens near-death states offer, we can cover subjects like heaven and hell, the dead come back, visions, intuition, paranormal manifestations, synchronicity, otherworldly journeys, the pattern of after effects, and more.

## **Presenter**

P. M. H. Atwater, L.H.D., is one of the original researchers in the field of near-death studies, having begun her work in 1978. To date, she has published nine books on her findings, from a research base of nearly 4,000 adult and child experiencers. Her latest book is, *The Big Book of Near-Death Experiences: The Ultimate Guide to What Happens When We Die*. In 2005, PMH was awarded the Outstanding Service Award from the International Association For Near-Death Studies (IANDS), and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Transpersonal Hypnotherapists, as well as an honorary degree in Therapeutic Counseling from a school in Sri Lanka. Dr. Atwater experienced three near-death experiences in three months in 1977.

## **Sunday, July 27**

### ***The Biology of Belief: Unleashing the Power of Consciousness, Matter & Miracles***

**With Rev. Don Lansky**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Music: The Unytunes**

Based on Bruce Lipton's book, we'll explore stunning new scientific discoveries about the biochemical effects of the brain's functioning and how all the cells of our bodies are effected by our thoughts.



*The Unytunes*

### ***12 Powers Workshop: Imagination (After Church Service)***

**1-3 p.m.**



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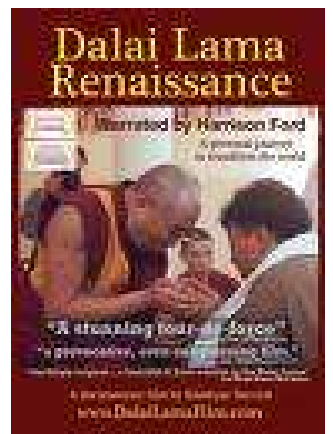
## **Sunday, July 27**

**Movie: *Dalai Lama Renaissance***

**Co-Sponsored with Jefferson Tibetan Society**

**6 p.m.—\$10pp**

At the edge of the Millennium, The Dalai Lama of Tibet invited 40 of the West's leading, most innovative thinkers in their respective fields to his residence tucked away in the Himalayan mountains of Northern India to discuss the world's problems and how we can solve them. What transpired was unexpected and powerful, and was captured by an 18 person, 5 camera film crew. The Wakan Foundation for the Arts took its 18 person crew to India and shot more than 140 hours of video footage during the week-long meeting and exploration of the future of mankind-- enough gripping and beautiful footage to make a powerful and cinematic documentary. The resulting feature-length documentary, *Dalai Lama Renaissance*, has already received awards at many prestigious film festivals. The film is 80 minutes long and is narrated by actor Harrison Ford.



**ALL EVENTS WILL BE IN THE UNITY SANCTUARY AND OFFERED ON A LOVE OFFERING BASIS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

**Monday, July 28**

**Venerable Doboomb Tulku Rinpoche**

**Co-Sponsored by the Jefferson Tibetan Society**

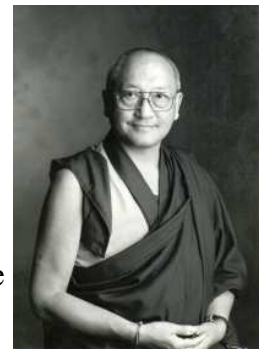
**12 noon, 5:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. (different teachings)**

Rinpoche has worked closely with H.H. Dalai Lama for the past 35 years. He fled Tibet in 1959 when he was 18 years old and became the Director of Tibet House in New Delhi, India in 1981.

Tibet House is the cultural centre of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, whose purpose it is to keep the Tibetan cultural heritage alive and make it accessible to a global audience. In 1996, Rinpoche

was appointed by the Dalai Lama as Director of the Foundation for Universal Responsibility.

The foundation was established with the prize money awarded to the Dalai Lama as recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. Its purpose is to work for universal harmony and well-being. **Attend one session or all three—each session will be different.** More information at [www.avenue.org/jts](http://www.avenue.org/jts). Tickets available at the door.



**12 noon** Introductory Talk on Buddhism & Universal Responsibility (\$10pp)

**5:30-7 p.m.** Manjushri Empowerment Ceremony to sharpen our wisdom and intellect so we can progress spiritually. (\$30pp)

**7-8 p.m.** Break

**8-9 p.m.** Concluding Talk; Discussion; Questions & Answers  
(\$20pp—must have attended 5:30 session to attend this meeting)

**Thursday, July 31**

**Interfaith Pray for Peace**

**7:15 p.m.**

Co-Sponsored by Unity Church, Geshar Center for Jewish Spirituality and the Interfaith Cooperation Circle of Central Virginia, the Interfaith Pray for Peace Gathering welcomes people of all faiths, backgrounds, and beliefs to an inspired and inspiring flow of prayers, meditations and songs for peace. In the Unity sanctuary.

**Sunday, August 3**

***Cosmos, Mysticism, and Reverence for Life***

**Rev. Michael Dowd**

**Music: Soul Pajamas**

**10:30 a.m.**

How can the evolutionary sciences deepen our spirituality and help us love the life we live?

Learn how science can be interpreted in deeply meaningful ways, and how the Sacred Story of the Cosmos and Sacred Story of Life offer guidance for these times.



*Rev. Michael Dowd*

**Workshop - *Thank God for Evolution (After church service)***

**1-3 p.m.**

In this lively talk, Rev. Dowd will cover the major themes of this 2007 book, *Thank God for Evolution!* which has received endorsements from five Nobel laureates, as well as leaders across the religious spectrum. Learn how our modern understanding of this 14 billion year old Universe, as given by mainstream science, builds bridges, provides guidance, and restores realistic hope for individuals and families, for humanity, and for the body of life as a whole.

Love offering



*Music by Erin & Dan of Soul Pajamas*

## **Presenter**

Reverend Michael Dowd is the author of *Thank God for Evolution* and is one of the most inspiring speakers in America today. For the past six years he and his wife, Connie Barlow, a noted science writer, have lived permanently on the road sharing a sacred view of evolution with religious and secular audiences of all ages, as America's evolutionary evangelists. At home in both conservative and liberal settings, and uniquely gifted at building bridges between religious and nonreligious people, Michael is passionate about sharing the 14-billion-year epic of evolution in ways that uplift and expand heart, mind, and soul.

**Tuesday, August 5**

***The Neurobiology of Relationships***

**With Christine A. Walker, LCSW**

**7 - 9 p.m.**



*Christine Walker*

Learn how attachment patterns, formed very early in life, drive all aspects of human development, and become biologically embedded in our bodies and in our brains. These attachment patterns form the very core of our personality structure and become the template for all relationships throughout life. They also serve as the thermostat for our emotional reactivity to everyday life situations. Love offering

## **Presenter**

Christine is a psychotherapist in private practice in Charlottesville. Her longstanding passion to understand the inner lives of human beings has guided her 35 year career working with children, families and adults. She spent many years working in the field of public child welfare where she received recognition from The Commonwealth's Commissioner of Social Services. Christine holds a Masters of Social Work Degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

**Sunday, August 10**

***Quantum Theory and Consciousness***

**Stanley Sobottka, Emeritus Professor of Physics, UVA**

**10:30 a.m. at Unity Church**

**Music: Donna Salter, Carlos Fagundo**



*Stanley Sobottka*

**Workshop - *Quantum Theory and Consciousness*  
1 - 3 p.m. (After church service)**

What is the nature of reality? What are we? We shall inquire into these questions using the practice of inquiry within a framework of quantum theory. This is a workshop in seeing, not in believing, and we shall avoid ideology and religion. By the end, we will have made fundamental discoveries about reality and how we might realize true peace. There is no mathematics in this workshop, nor is a physics background necessary. Love offering

## **Presenter**

Stanley Sobottka was a physics professor at the University of Virginia for over 30 years and is currently an Emeritus Professor of Physics at UVA. Since 1992 he has taught many seminars and courses on reality, quantum theory, and consciousness.



*Music by Donna & Carlos*

**Friday, August 15**  
**Friday Night at the Movies - Contact**  
**7 p.m.**

*Contact* is a 1997 science fiction film starring Jodie Foster and Matthew McConaughey, that follows the relentless efforts of the film's main protagonist, Dr. Eleanor Arroway, as she searches for evidence of the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence. The film explores what might happen if such contact indeed were made, and the enormous difficulties the human race might encounter in coming to understand that contact, with significant internal conflict occurring in differences over culture, religion, politics, and human perception as the story plays out. Free.



**Sunday, August 17**  
**Beyond Theology**  
**With Rev. Don Lansky**  
**Music: The Unytunes**  
**10:30 a.m.**



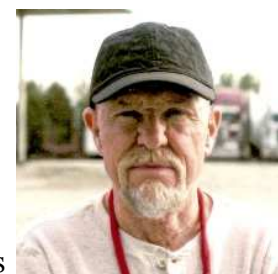
Joseph Campbell once said that, “the ultimate mystery of Being is beyond all categories of thought.” What would it mean to live in a world that successfully integrates science and spirituality – a world which could accept both the objective scientific method of western science, and the subjective scientific method of the great mystics throughout the ages? What if labels and ideologies didn’t interfere with people of different traditions ability to reach out to one another?

**12 Powers Class: Order**  
**1-3pm**

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**Tuesday, August 19**  
**Soul Ecology: A 5 Element Approach to Understanding the Split in our Consciousness and What to Do About It**  
**With Clay Moldenhauer**  
**7-9 p.m.**

Do you experience your soul as instinctual ego-centered acculturations, or as organic heart-centered enthusiasms; was it created by your own efforts, or is it God given? How does the soul interface with consciousness and unconsciousness, or the earthly powers of nature and the sacred powers of the Creative Universe? Jesus is said to have said “Seek and ye shall find,” which has produced an abundance of seekers and self-certified finders, and seeker books and finder books, and books about seekers, and books about finders, and books about books.



*Clay Moldenhauer*

Spend an evening with Clay digging thru the layers with the tools of semantic archeology, exploring the ecology of the soul using the five elements (earth, water, fire, air, space) as the GPS of our adventure. Come away with a comprehensive view of the subject, some new intellectual skills, a bundle of resources, and fresh appreciation of what lives inside you. Bring paper, pen and clip-board. Please register in advance. Love offering

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### **Presenter—Soul Ecology...(Cont.)**

Clay Moldenhauer is a published writer, teacher, children's health advocate and spiritual activist. He attended UVA on a full DuPont scholarship in physics, and graduated with a degree in English and a two year non-credited tutorship in American History. Later graduate work included two internships in the Drug Dependence Institute in Yale University's School of Medicine.

**Sunday, August 24**

**Unity Taize Service**

**Music: Ken Ellis, Unity Praise Singers and Friends...**

**10:30 a.m.**



*Ken Ellis*

With its origins in the ecumenical Christian community founded by Brother Roger in Taize, France, Unity's annual Taize service is a unique blend of meditation, music, silence, scripture and reflection. We have adapted the traditional Taize service to appeal to people of all faith traditions and spiritual paths. This is an uplifting, heart-opening, and profoundly spiritual experience that you won't want to miss.

### **ABOUT UNITY CHURCH IN CHARLOTTESVILLE**



Unity is a world-wide movement that was founded in 1889 by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore in Kansas City, MO, as part of the growing New Thought movement in America. We refer to ourselves as "culturally Christian and universally inclusive," meaning that while our primary inspiration is from the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, and the teachings of Jesus Christ, we recognize truth in all of the world's sacred scriptures and faith traditions and view each person as a unique expression of the divine energy we call God (by many names). Currently, there nearly 1,000 Unity churches and study groups around the world.

Unity welcomes all people regardless of religion, faith or spiritual tradition, race, creed, or lifestyle.

Unity Church in Charlottesville has been a part of the Charlottesville community for 30 years. Our services are held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We welcome you to celebrate with us. Visit our web site at [www.unitycville.org](http://www.unitycville.org)