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Rev Cherie Larkin

Monthly Message

Finding My Tribe
Rev. Cherie Larkin

In the month of October I will be traveling to Sicily, Italy to meet the family of my birthfather. As an adopted child I never knew much about my biological parents. Adoption records in California are sealed, my adoptive parents never shared any information, and when I finally got enough information to search for my birth parents, both had passed away.

I did find and meet two brothers who grew up with my birthmother, and they were very generous with stories, photos, and even gave me some of her jewelry. All I learned about my birthfather, Sebastino Favara, was the information I gained from his death certificate which was minimal because he died deep in alcoholism and homeless.

To be relinquished to adoption makes an imprint on your soul. It's said an adopted child comes through the body of one woman into the heart of another. That was certainly true for me. I was fortunate to be adopted by loving parents who were thrilled to raise me and call me their own.

Still I spent 40 weeks growing inside a woman with her voice, heartbeat, scent etc. only to be born and handed off immediately to a woman with a different heartbeat, voice, scent etc. With no cognitive skills to process

what was happening, it was easy to develop an underlying feeling that perhaps there was something inherently wrong with me because I was not good enough to be kept.

Reframing that experience (which some call a primal wound) can take years. I don't think I'm alone in saying, an adopted child seems to always be looking (however consciously or unconsciously) for their "place" for their true home, looking for their tribe and the people to whom they really belong.

I never found any of my biological father's family and was at peace with that until one day via email I got a note from a man who said we might be a match on 23 and Me. It turned out he is my cousin and, while he lives in San Francisco and his son lives in Rocklin, neither has any interest in meeting or pursuing our connection. But, my new-found cousin did refer me to some relatives in Italy who he said were looking for me. What? Looking for me?

My birthfather left Italy when he was 18 and never looked back or made contact with his family again. His younger brother, Salvatore, always wondered what happened to the older brother he loved, but sadly Salvatore died without ever finding his brother

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- Autumn Days High Tea
- Tibetan Buddhist Vajravidarin Healing Ritual

Monthly Message Cont.

again. Now Salvatore's great grand kids and grandnephews have been on a mystery hunt to find out what happened to their great Uncle Sebastino. As it turns out, I am what happened to him. I am his daughter; and my niece Ashley is his granddaughter; and her new baby, Siena; is his great granddaughter.

The ZOOM connections started, and they were filled with primal energies of connection, raw emotions of immeasurable joy, love, and good will. To be embraced by a Sicilian family is a bit like a scene out of the movie, My Big Fat Greek Wedding. Ashley, Siena, and I are traveling to Sicily to meet our family who have lived in the same town in Lentini, Sicily since before 1820!

I invite you to keep me in your prayers for divine love and order. And to say a prayer for any child who has ever experienced the loss of a parent from whatever cause. May their hearts always know their value and worth.

Chaplains

From the Chaplains Desk. . .

As a young person I was raised in a faith that asked me to practice blind faith and to give myself and my dreams to a God outside myself. Over the years, as my faith has grown, I have come to understand God is within me and all around me. Both immanent and transcendent.

Daily Word reminds us that, God is not a power outside of us to whom we must appeal but is instead the power within that we use to direct our lives. With our faith rooted in divine ideas like wholeness, wisdom, love, prosperity, and peace, we attract those conditions into our lives and everything false falls away.

Give it a try!

PEACE
love
PROSPERITY

Sunday Service, Classes & Misc.

Sunday Service

Sunday Service In Person is at 10:00 AM and Via YouTube Live Stream at 10:15 AM. Live stream link on our YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/@UnityChurchofAuburnCalif-so7gm>

Sisters

Wednesdays, 3-5 pm, Manning Hall

Currently Reading *The Book Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See



With Rev. Rick Reich

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm at Unity

October ~ The Forgotten Witches of Ancient Israel

November ~ If the Only Prayer You Prayed Was Thank you

Unity of Auburn Autumn Days High Tea

October 5, 2024 Two to Four pm

1212 High Street

\$30 per ticket, Purchase Online, in the Unity Thrift Store or at the door.

Tibetan Buddhist Vajravidarin Healing Ritual

By:
Tibetan Buddhist
Monk
Geshe Lobsang
Tsultrim

Oct. 11 6:30-8:00 P.M.
Unity of Auburn 1212 High St.



Misc.

thank you

Our Board of Trustees lives from a consciousness of devotion and love for our ministry. They are ever holding the “high watch” for all good things to unfold in every aspect of our spiritual community. From affirmative prayer to budget meetings, they are steadfast in their practice of Unity principles. This month we give thanks to each of them, Michael Lawson, Kathleen DeMontigny, Denise Anya, Donal Smith, and Sally Smock. They ensure our Unity teachings reach out to bless and inspire you and others. Be sure to give them your thanks and appreciation.

Thank you!
Rev Cherie

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Unity of Auburn October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Open	2 Office Open	3 1:00 pm Anne Roberts Service	4	5 2-4 pm Autumn Days High Tea
6 10:00 am Celebration Service	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 OFFICE CLOSED 3:00 pm Sisters 5:30 pm Spiritwind	10	11 6:30 pm Tibetan Buddhist Vajravaidarin Healing Ritual	12
13 10:00 am Celebration Service, Guest Speaker Natalie Kimball	14 Office Open	15 Office Open	16 Office Open 3:00 pm Sisters 5:30 pm Spiritwind	17	18	19
20 10:00 am Celebration Service, Guest Speaker Tomasine Mitchel	21 Office Open	22 Office Open	23 Office Open 3:00 pm Sisters 5:30 pm Spiritwind	24	25	26
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Our Financial Picture

July 2024 Profit and Loss	
Income	
Love Offerings	\$ 6,343.00
Tenant Rent	\$ 1,186.00
Facility Rent	\$ 1,306.00
Adult Ed	\$ 105.31
Refreshments	\$ 48.00
Fund Raising	\$ -
Thrift Store (Net)	\$ 3,013.75
Total Income	\$ 12,002.06
Expenses	
Building	\$ 3,248.10
Misc	\$ -
Ministry/Mission	\$ 687.60
Mortgage	\$ 2,366.67
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	\$ 7,177.03
SBA Loan	\$ 347.00
Thrift Store Expenses	\$ 43.41
Office Administration	\$ 830.82
Technology & Software	\$ 398.00
Total Expenses	\$ 15,098.63
Net Adjusted Income	\$ (3,096.57)

We are especially grateful to everyone who responded to our request to make offerings via PayPal, mail in, credit card and bank transfer.

Your generosity is inspiring!

And we again affirm that there are no obstacles, only opportunities as we continue to manifest the abundance that will allow us to continue our mission and make our vision a reality.

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Offering practical, spiritual teachings that empower abundant and meaningful living!

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Lessons and Soloists

October 2024 Talk Titles

October 6, 2024

Talk: Unity's Essential Beliefs
Music: Dennis Cain

October 13, 2024 ~ Guest Speaker Natalie Kimball

Talk: Turn, Turn, Turn
Music: Worship Team Singers

October 20, 2024 ~ Guest Speaker Thomasine Mitchel

Talk: Repositioning for Change
Music: Worship Team Singers

October 27, 2024 ~ Guest Speaker Rev Joe Sloan

Talk: The True Meaning of Life
Music: Worship Team Singers



May the blessing of change bring you an abundance of joy, love, peace, good health and happiness for the month ahead and ALWAYS



Unity of Auburn

**1212 High Street
Thrift & Gift Shop**

Donations: Now taking donations.

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & Sunday from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.*

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