



## THE UNITY MESSENGER

Unity of Santa Rosa  
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The *Unity Messenger* is being retired as a print newsletter, and is being rolled out as a monthly blog. The blog will feature one article per month and an updated calendar. For the most up-to-date calendars, workshops, and events, please go to [unityofsantarosa.org](http://unityofsantarosa.org). The blog will be available online under Newsletters for now, and will be available printed out in the Social Hall. Please pick up your copy today!

## Upcoming Events

### September 2019

- **Sunday the 15th: Dr. Richard Southern; Music by Star Tom**
- **Sunday the 22nd: David McNair, Licensed Unity Teacher; Friendship Sunday; Music by Star Tom**

**Saturday the 28th: Coastal Walk on the Kortum Trail party hosted by Sue Hicks from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

- **Sunday the 29th: Rev. Larry Schneider; Music by Star Tom**

**Sunday the 29th: Metaphysical Bible Interpretation from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

### October 2019

**Wednesday the 2nd: Prayer & Meditation Circle from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.**

- **Sunday the 6th: Rev. Sonya Milton; Birthday and Prosperity Sunday; Music by Andoni**

**Sunday the 6th: Quartet Andoni Concert from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday the 12th: Church Rummage Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

- **Sunday the 13th: Rev. Dr. Patricia Keel; Music by Star Tom**

**Sunday the 13th: Writing Group from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

**Saturday the 19th: Zentangle Luncheon party hosted by Star Carpenter from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

- **Sunday the 20th: Janice Campbell, Licensed Unity Teacher; Music by Momo Cortez**

**Friday the 25th: An Evening of Mahjong party hosted by Guy from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

- **Sunday the 27th: Rev. Dr. Patricia Keel; Friendship Sunday; Music by Star Tom**

### November 2019

- **Sunday the 3rd: TBA; Birthday and Prosperity Sunday; Daylight Savings Time Ends; Music by Star Tom**

**Sunday the 3rd: Writing Group from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday the 6th: Prayer & Meditation Circle from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.**

**Saturday the 9th: Second Annual Crafts Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

- **Sunday the 10th: TBA; Music TBA**

- **Sunday the 17th: TBA; Music TBA**

- **Sunday the 24th: Rev. Dr. Patricia Keel; Friendship Sunday; Music TBA**

## **Tithing** **By El Chess**

Tithing doesn't just mean giving money. Tithing means acknowledging that by giving back we have received spiritual value from a particular source, for example, Unity of Santa Rosa. The Unity universal law of giving and receiving is at work here. To be in the flow of good, prosperity, and abundance, we need to both see where our good is coming from and where we are being spiritually fed, and give back to the source of that abundance. This is aligning ourselves with the law. Receiving value is only part of the cycle. It is up to us to complete the law for ourselves by giving back.

At the very least, tithing offers us the opportunity to express our gratitude for whatever good we receive when we gather together at Unity.

Unity suggests three ways of the giving back. The first way is to give of our "treasure," for example, money, property, estate planning, food, or materials possessions. The second way is to give of our time—otherwise known as volunteering to help. Service through giving time is needed and is fully rewarding. Ushers, chaplains, kitchen helpers, and choir members all make the community thrive. The third way to give back is by offering a talent or gift that we possess for the good of Unity of Santa Rosa, like cooking or carpentry.

However, when it comes to the discussion of money in communities such as ours, some of us become uncomfortable, for many different reasons. When we give to Unity because we want to for the value it offers us, it doesn't feel like an obligation, but rather like a way for us to show our personal gratitude. Since we want unity of Santa Rosa to be here long, long into the future, we do our part today to support it, sustain it, and flourish it.

In order for that to happen, we need to make sure Unity of Santa Rosa is fiscally sound. Unity has expenses and bills to pay just like everybody else, and we are responsible as a group for doing our very best to make that happen.

Each of us makes a difference! We can each find a need and fill it at Unity of Santa Rosa. All gifts are appreciated and necessary for our future.

Thank you for your giving to Unity of Santa Rosa. You make an enormous difference.