

December 2025

[www.UnityLansing.org](http://www.UnityLansing.org) Calendar, Events and General Information

## Adopt a Family or a Teen for Christmas

Information on how  
You can participate

[www.unitylansing.org/adopt-family-christmas](http://www.unitylansing.org/adopt-family-christmas)

Wrapped Gifts need to be at  
Unity by December 14th



### CREATE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS FOR OTHERS!

#### YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SANTA!

Unity has adopted a 4-person family through UofM Sparrow and 10 Teens through the Fledge.

Commit to your gifting preferences by signing up at the table in the lobby.

**Wrapped gifts need to be at Unity Sun., Dec. 14.**

Questions: See Chrissie Shearer

Help decorate the Great Hall for the Advent season  
Bring out the sparkle, Hang up the lights!



Deck the (Great) Hall

Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>  
10 AM – Noon ish

An Intimate Service of Remembrance & Celebration  
of our loved ones- both human and pets



Remember

Angel Remembrance Service  
Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm

Time to remember our loved ones in spirit  
Option to bring an ornament to place on the tree.

Let's Get "Up to Christmas"  
The Sunday Advent Series

Are You  
UP to Christmas?!!

Sundays at 10:30 am  
November 30<sup>th</sup> Waking Up to HOPE  
December 7<sup>th</sup> Growing Up to PEACE  
December 14<sup>th</sup> Cleaning Up to LOVE  
December 21<sup>st</sup> Showing Up for JOY

Wednesday 7 pm  
December 24<sup>th</sup> Lighting Up as CHRISTMAS



Unity's Traditional Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service  
Carols, Candles, and a Special Message – All Ages

Christmas  
Eve  
Service

7 pm December 24<sup>th</sup>

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### IN PERSON COURSES – Monthly or Weekly Gatherings

**A Course in Miracles In Person**

**CLASS TOPIC:**  
"The Time for Rebirth"  
Section X plus 241-244

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00 pm LODGE**

Facilitators  
Carol and Dan Maynard

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month Noon**  
**A Course in Miracles**  
**With Dan and Carol Maynard**

**EXPLORATION AND The Quest**  
**THE SPIRITUAL QUEST**

**1:30 – 3 pm Tuesdays**  
In person only Upper Lodge  
Facilitator: Rev. Sharon

Next Session Begins  
Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>  
Topic to be determined Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Tuesday Group restarts Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Weekly, Tuesdays 1:30 – 3 pm**  
**On Hiatus until January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**With Rev. Sharon Ketchum**

**10 am Unity Lodge Lower Level**  
**Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Unity Prayer**  
**Monthly Gathering**  
Prayer Practitioners & those  
interested in practicing prayer

Rev. Grace  
Nieldemus

LuAnne  
Champion

Prayer Practitioners available to pray

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 10:30 am**  
**Prayer study and practice**  
**With Rev. Grace and LuAnne Champion**

**Sunday Morning's GROUP MEDITATION**  
Good For Your Psyche, Your Soul, & Your Peace Of Mind

- Sundays, 9:45 – 10:15
- Upper Lodge

Open invitation to  
Sign-up to lead a meditation

**Sundays**  
**9:45 – 10:15 am**  
**Weekly**  
**meditation**

**Women's**  
**Group**  
**Monthly 1 pm**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

**ALL-INCLUSIVE WOMEN'S GROUP**  
**No Limits. No Labels. Just Women.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month noon – 1 pm**  
**December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Coordinators: DeShaun, Jill, and Donnette**

**Be Advised that Zoom Class schedules may be impacted by Christmas and New Year's holidays.**

**WEEKLY ZOOM CLASSES** **Unity Zoom Room Meeting ID 177 417 886 Pass Code 601744 DROP-INS ARE WELCOME**

**living untethered**

**Mondays 1:30 pm weekly**  
**Zoom with Kathi Frederick**

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**Book study of "Living Untethered"**

**A COURSE IN MIRACLES GROUP**

**with Lisa Schmidt**

**TUESDAYS 7 – 8 pm**  
**ZOOM**

**Tuesdays 7 pm with Lisa Schmidt**  
**Study A Course in Miracles**

**A Course of Love**

**Wednesdays**  
**7:00 pm Zoom**

**Fall 2025 Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Facilitator Bill Diedrich**

**Wednesdays 7 pm with Bill Diedrich**  
**Study A Course of Love**

**The Monthly Zoom MASTERMIND GROUP is on Hiatus until 8 am January 31<sup>st</sup> to honor Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. The Mastermind Group regularly gathers on the last Saturday of the month with Lisa Schmidt facilitating.**



### NEW!!! Community Bulletin Board

Located in front hallway, outside of the Great Hall doors, is the new Community Bulletin Board.

*This is the appropriate place to share information about non-Unity events and gatherings not sponsored by Unity. You may also place your business cards here.*



Unity Office Hours: Closed Wednesdays, Saturdays  
Open 10 am – 3 pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri  
Other times by appointment



## CHRISTMAS FUN AND GAMES Reindeer and White Elephant Style!

Here's a plan for Christmas – Reindeer Games at Unity

Here's a plan for the Post Christmas Re-Gift season!

Don't have anything going on for Christmas Day?  
Come to Unity's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reindeer Games

- Thursday, December 25th
- 1:00 – 3:30 pm USCL Campus
- All kinds of tables games. Fun group games too!
- Bring a game to share. Bring a snack to share.
- Be prepared to share FUN & LAUGHTER
- QUESTIONS? See Nan Podany or Chris McEnhill



If planning to attend, sign up on credenza.



See you in 2026!  
Last Wednesday of month  
6:00 pm



NO GATHERINGS IN  
NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER  
DUE TO HOLIDAYS

SEE YOU January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location  
To be  
Announced

Unity  
Breaks Bread  
Together  
Monthly

At a local restaurant.

"No Host Meals"  
(each person pays  
their own tab)

LUNCH BUNCH meets December 5th

House of Hsu 1:00 pm

RSVP to Unity Office 517.371.3010

Or email Nancy Claytor njclaytor@yahoo.com

This helps us know how many seats to reserve.



Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Lunch Bunch 1 pm  
House of Hsu  
639 E Saginaw Hwy  
Grand Ledge

Contact Nancy  
Claytor to reserve seat  
njclaytor@yahoo.com



**SUPER SUPPERS WILL MEET AGAIN**  
**JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup> Location to be announced**  
RSVP to Unity Office 517.371.3010  
Or text Lisa Haston 517.483.3017  
This helps us know how many seats to reserve.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month following service



Noon December 21<sup>st</sup>

Bring a board game!  
Or join someone else's game  
Friends are welcome

**MONTHLY BOARD GAMES DAY**

Noon on December 21<sup>st</sup>

Take a break from Xmas Prep!

Bring one of your board games or join someone else with  
their game. Have some fun.

Meet some new people. Bring a friend.

Facilitators: Chris McEnhill and Austin Cox

## 2025 Board of Trustees for Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing



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12 DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Office Hours Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 10-3 Closed Wednesdays Saturdays by appointment	1 1:30pm "Living Untethered" Zoom	2 6:30 pm Angel Remembrance Service 7 pm A Course in Miracles Zoom	3 Office Closed 1 pm Home Book Club 7 pm Zoom A Course of Love	4 8-10 am Rental LABP 5 pm "Remember My Name" Service World AIDS Day	5 1 pm Lunch Bunch 6:30 pm Kappa Alpha Psi Rental 6:30 pm EUCHRE	6
7 9:45 am MEDITATION 10:30 am SERVICE Noon A Course in Miracles	8 1:30pm "Living Untethered" Zoom	9 7 pm A Course in Miracles Zoom	10 Office Closed 7 pm Zoom A Course of Love	11 8-10 am Rental LABP	12	13
14 9:45 am MEDITATION 10:30 am SERVICE Noon USCL Board Meet	15 1:30pm "Living Untethered" Zoom	16 7 pm A Course in Miracles Zoom	17 Office Closed 7 pm Zoom A Course of Love	18 8-10 am Rental LABP	19 4-8 Wedding Rental	20
21 9:45 am MEDITATION 10:30 am SERVICE Noon Board Games Day 5 - 7:30 Member private event	22 1:30pm "Living Untethered" Zoom	23	24 Office Closed 7 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 1 - 3:30 pm Reindeer Games	26 Boxing Day Office Closed Noon - 6 pm Member private event	27
28 9:30 Prosperity Plus sign up 10:30 am SERVICE Burning Bowl Noon White Elephant	29 1:30pm "Living Untethered" Zoom	30	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed			

## A Sacred Exchange - The Circle of Generosity

*Unity is autonomous and fully self-funded by its congregants.*

Sharing of tithes and love offerings with Unity is a spiritual practice of acknowledging the flow of blessings that comes with conscious giving and receiving. This is a personal, sacred activity that each person participates in in their own way.

*This is not a debt we owe, but a seed we sow from a consciousness of abundance.*

You are encouraged to enter into a prayerful mindset and heart-set of gratitude as a spiritual practice whenever you are making a love offering.

*If you are donating by credit card, use the QR Code to the right to link to PayPal.*



## Congregant's CHOICE

Each year, congregants nominate local charitable organizations which bless and inspire them to receive a portion of our tithes. Nomination for 2026 will be open January 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, we vote on our choices. The highest votes receive tithes for a quarter. The Final Nominees split the tithes for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

<https://www.unitylansing.org/congregants-choices-2025>

For the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025, we are honoring the following organizations with our tithes.







AND



**Ready to be Santa's helper this year and add to the magic of someone's Christmas?**

Adopt one or more of the items from the wish lists of our family of 4 or of our 10 teens by signing up at table in the lobby.

**Wrapped gifts need to be delivered to Unity by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**For full details, go to <https://www.unitylansing.org/adopt-family-christmas>**



**Commit to providing one or more items on this family's wish list.**

**All gifts should be wrapped and delivered to Unity by Sunday Dec.14,2025.**

**James — Age 3**

**Clothing Size: 5T**

**Loves: Spiderman, Bluey**

Item
Outfit (Size 5T)
Socks / Hat / Mittens / Scarf
Winter Coat
Toy (Spiderman or Bluey)
Tablet/Kindle Fire

Ayce and James both love Basketball and would enjoy a Nerf ball & Hoop

**Ayce — Age 6**

**Special Note: Autistic**

**Loves: Baby Shark & Bluey**

Outfit (10 youth)
Socks / Hat / Mittens / Scarf
Winter Coat
Toy (Baby Shark or Bluey)
Tablet/Kindle Fire
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
Toys that sing
Toys that stack

**Aubrey — Age 8**

**Clothing Size: 12 Youth**

**Favorite Color: Pink**

**Loves: Hello Kitty**

Outfit (Size 12 Youth)
Socks / Hat / Mittens / Scarf
Winter Coat
Hello Kitty Toy / Accessory
Easy-Bake Oven
Tablet/Kindle Fire

**Household Needs**

Pots & Pans
Silverware
Mugs / Cups
Dishes
Sheets – Queen
Sheets – Full
Blankets
Towels (esp. washcloths, prefers dark green)
Shower Curtain & Bath Mat
Gift Card – Costco
Gift Card – Meijer

**Grandma Marlene (67)**

**Raising her three grandchildren**

**Needs:**

- New boots (Size 9)



**Adopt a Teen (from a local family living in poverty or below the ALICE Threshold)**

**Teens are often missed in traditional local gift-giving programs.**

**This offers them an opportunity to feel how special they truly are.**

**A \$50 Budget is suggested for each teen**

**HOW TO SUPPORT OUR TEENS: Sign up for a teen and then pick up a card at the table in the lobby with their wish list.**

**If you can not make it into Unity, email [UnityLansingOffice@gmail.com](mailto:UnityLansingOffice@gmail.com) and we will send the list to you.**

**A wrapped present with the teen's name needs to be at Unity by Sunday, December 14th.**

**Charles (17)**

**Deontay (16)**

**Devin (16)**

**Devino (14)**

**Evan (17)**

**Kenneth (18)**

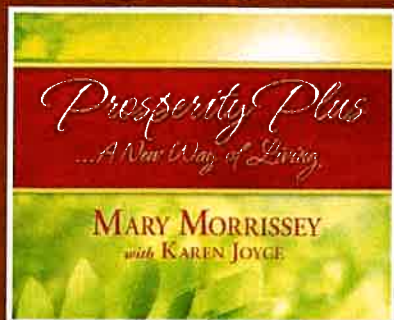
**Morgan (19)**

**Nathaniel (17)**

**Noah (14)**

**Vincentia (17)**

**Coming January 2026**



Class is closed to new students after February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Release blocks!  
Live with more ease and flow!  
Create a vision for your life dreams!

Introduction to Course  
Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>: Noon In Person & Zoom  
Remainder of classes – in person only

Class Meetings 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Mondays - 10 weeks  
Jan. 26 – Mar 30  
Upper Lodge

Facilitated by  
Dan Maynard



**Is 2026 your year for abundance?**  
**Check out this highly transformational course:**

– “Prosperity Plus”- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – Mar 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 – 8:30 pm Unity Lodge

Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Noon  
Introduction to the Prosperity Plus Course

Monday, Jan. 26, the 10-week class series begins.  
*The class is closed to new students after the February 2<sup>nd</sup> class.*

**The Monthly Friday Empowerment group  
is restarting in 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month: Potluck and Book study**

First book is “There is No Other” by Ram Dass  
(Amazon's price is \$26.44)

A collection of teachings taken from Ram Dass’ lectures. In these times, Ram Dass’ teachings on wholeness and unity are more needed than ever.

**Sign-up at credenza if you are interested in joining!**

Questions? See Nanette Podany

**“Empowerment”  
(Bookstudy and Potluck)**

Beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month  
South Hall  
10:30 am – 1:00 pm

“There Is No Other  
- the Way to Harmony and Wholeness”  
By Ram Dass  
Amazon \$26.44

Foreword by ANNE LAMOTT

**THERE IS NO  
OTHER**  
*The Way to Harmony  
and Wholeness*  
**RAM  
DASS**

Edited by PARVATI MARKUS  
Featuring contributions by SHARON SALZBERG,  
JOSEPH GOLOSTEIN, and JACK KORNFIELD

**Join Our Youth Care Team**

Beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Unity Youth Care 10:30–11:30 am

Commit to one week a month  
• Two people each week

• Youth Care Facilitator: Danielle McMahon

• Church will run a background check on all volunteers



**Our Youth & Family Team is offering care for our  
youth in the Activity Room during Sunday Service  
beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

We are holding the vision of this evolving into a full-fledged  
Sunday School experience.

**Openings for Adults to commit to being in service one  
Sunday a month. See Danielle McMahon**

Children begin in the sanctuary and return to their  
parents/guardians prior to the end of service.

**What do we want to offer for Spiritual Education  
and Development at Unity?**

Pam Nelson is leading a refresh and reorganization of our  
Education Team.

Plan now to attend an initial meeting at noon Sunday,  
January 9<sup>th</sup> Upper Lodge to co-create our path forward.



• Join Unity's Education Team  
• This is an informational and  
organizational meeting to discover  
where people's interests lie and what  
we, at Unity, want to offer in terms of  
classes, workshops, movies, and special  
events.

**Reorganizing for 2026  
Facilitator Pam Nelson**

**Meeting Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Noon Upper Lodge**

