



*Welcome to the Unity Center,
we're glad you're here!*



Unity is a global, inclusive, spiritual community. We offer practical, uplifting resources to help people of all faiths apply positive spiritual principles to their lives.



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Charles Fillmore

Charles Fillmore (1854 - 1848)

- Born on Chippewa reservation in Minnesota
- Skating accident; multiple treatments
- Episcopalian, but with varied experiences – loved philosophy
- Age 19 – One way ticket down south
- Age 21 – Meets sassy, red-headed schoolteacher named Myrtle



Myrtle Page

Myrtle Page (1845 - 1831)

- Born in Ohio, 8th of 9 children
- Strict Methodist Episcopal, no playing cards or dancing!
- ‘Inherited’ tuberculosis – “fearfully sick” child, yet recognized her connection and oneness with nature
- Age 22 – Oberlin College for teaching degree
- Age 30 – Moved to Texas & met Charles



Myrtle & Charles Fillmore

The Fillmore's (established 1881)

- Texas – Colorado – Missouri
- 3 sons who contributed unique skills, personality, and contributions to the Unity movement.



Myrtle and sons, Lowell, Rickert, and Royal Fillmore 1898



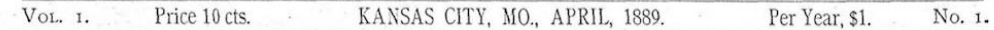
The hunger for truth...

I am a child of God,
therefore, I do not not
inherit sickness.

- Attended lectures on anything spiritual or metaphysical
- Buddhism, Brahmanism, Theosophy, Rosicrucianism, Christianity
- 1886 – Dr. Weeks – turning point for Myrtle
- Myrtle restored to health in two years by loving herself
- Charles, once a disbeliever, healed too



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Written for MODERN THOUGHT

Action goes farther than speculation; it changes possibilities or simple probabilities into realities. And although we cannot

appears to be a necessary condition of growth; to create man must be free. And his freedom lies in thought and action. Man cannot believe because he will; but his fantasy is free, it can extend down into the infinite depths of the invisible and he

The moral law has for a principle a certainty, for condition an uncertainty; its

- 1929** First gatherings 6th & Locust, led by Mrs. Betty Stitt, Unity's first minister
- 1940** Moved to 42nd & Rollins; chapel seated about 125 people, Operated under the name 'Unity'
- 1947** Relocated to Cownie Mansion on Grand, became known as Unity Temple of Truth
- 1952** Renamed Unity Temple of Truth to Unity Church
- 1968** Moved to current location. Community spirit was vibrant: life, love, and connection evident
- 1980** New addition to add office space, bookroom, and basement rooms for Youth Education. Staff included 10 part-time employees (excluding minister, administrator, cleaning services)
- 1986** Another growth phase! Second story addition: added office space, a peace chapel, and a prayer tower. Membership reached 500, with 300 active members



Ship We Welcome You to Our Church...Unity Church of Des Moines

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Join us for your Christmas worship experience. We have a meditation and lesson session at 9:00 and a full service at 10:30. Our Unity-Versity includes book discussion and other adult metaphysical learning opportunities at 9:30. The metaphysical bookstore is open from 9:30 until 12:30 every Sunday. Ours is a metaphysical service based upon Christ principles as a part of everyday living. Healing and prosperity are emphasized in our lessons.

Meeting at:
Unity Church of Des Moines
414 31st Street
Des Moines, IA 50310

CATHOLIC

a of Saint John
 University Avenue
 (kwy & Univ.)

EPISCOPAL

Cathedral Church of St. Paul
The Very Rev. Michael L. Barlowe, Dean
The Historic Metropolitan Parish of Des Moines: A modern, evangelical, catholic

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
 3424 Forest Ave
 277-0875

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

Valley Evangelical Free Church
 Meet at Westridge Elem. School

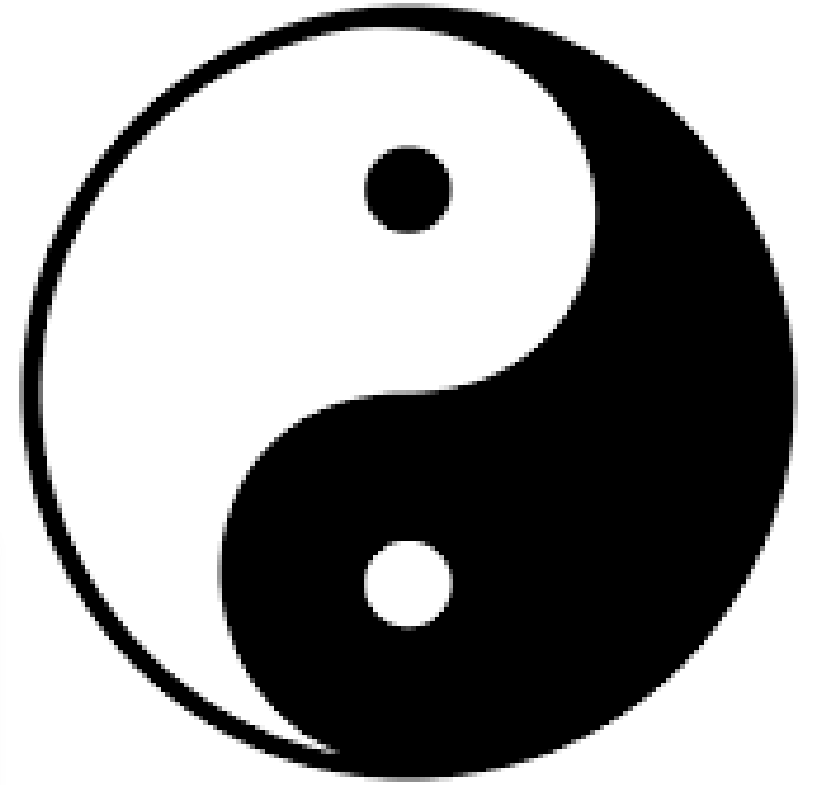
LUTHERAN (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)

Faith Lutheran Church



Duality of Oneness (Unity)

- *“We see the good in all religions and we want everyone to feel free to find the Truth for himself wherever he may be led to find it.”*
- Unity does not stress differences, but the points of agreement.



We are all from One Source; We are all Love, We are all the Light of the World.



Love everyone...

“In regard to world conditions, we must keep our thought of God as over all. Let no thought of hatred or condemnation of any person or country take possession of us...”



Betty & Joe Stitt



Spiritual exploration, healing & growth – for ALL

Growth is happening here... *again*.

- The board is growing
- Involvement in the community is growing
- New visitors are coming
- Children's program is being revitalized
- Free Hugs ministry and lots of new things in the works...





Thanks for
your service,
Zeke!

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Well, well –
look who it is!



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Let there be peace on earth...
*and let it **BEGIN** with **ME!***

Are you living with a Unity mindset? Getting honest...

1. Take a copy (*or more*) of the inner work exercise home with you.
2. Find some quiet time, intentionally remove distractions.
3. Read the questions and sit with yourself – listen to your heart.
4. Identify what comes up. There are no wrong answers. We are where we are.
5. Practice U N I T Y !

