

LIVING TODAY

| DOING TOGETHER WHAT ONE ALONE CANNOT DO |

Mother's Day Service May 8

You're invited to honor with us the divine feminine on this special day to appreciate Mothers.



Memorial Day Service May 29

Plan on bringing pictures of your loved ones that have passed on who were in our armed services. as we remember their gift of life.

Father's Day Service Jun. 19

Plan on sharing this day we honor the divine masculine for all Fathers to feel valued.



Three Special Services

Come be a part of our special services to celebrate Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day Services.

We will be honoring Mother's on May 8, so plan on connecting with the Divine Feminine energy. Later this month on Memorial Day, May 29, will be a time of sharing and reflection on the many lives of people that have made our freedom a reality. Bring a picture of someone you are honoring for this day and their story if you would be so kind.

Then, we celebrate Unity style the power of the Divine Masculine on Father's Day, June 19.





Rev. Paula Skiles

Be sure to be present for Special Services. Here are just some of the great upcoming opportunities we will have to experience the power of Grace and Holy Spirit in our church.

- **Mother's Day Service**
May 8 @ 11 am
- **Memorial Day Service**
May 29 @ 11 am
- **Father's Day Service**
Jun. 19 @ 11 am

Need a Prayer? A Prayer Box is located at back of our Sanctuary. We pray with you on your request for 30 days and then forward to Silent Unity, who also pray on the request for 30 days.

Unity of San Marcos Recorded Prayer Line 512-396-5433

24/7 Silent Unity Prayer Partner Line 800-669-7729

THE TRUTH IS...

“If therefore your eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light...No man can serve two masters.” (Mat. 6:24, 26)

There is an old story about how we see things. Suppose that a dozen people are all standing on one side of a wall and each person stands at one of various sized openings in the wall. Viewing the scene on the other side of the wall through the opening assigned to each one, the individual will then see all there is within a certain radius. One person may say, “I see the whole world; in it are trees and fields.” Another looking through a larger opening has a more extended view says; “I see trees and fields and houses; I see the whole world.” The next one looking through a still larger opening exclaims: “Oh! You are all wrong! I alone see the whole world; I see trees, fields, houses, rivers and animals”, etc.

This story applies to how we see our relationship with Spirit. One of our co-founders of Unity, Charles Fillmore said, “Man came out of God, is of the same mind elements, exists within the mind of God always. Yet by thinking that he is separate from omnipresent Spirit he has set up a mental state of apartness from his source and he dwells in ignorance of that which is nearer to him than hands and feet.”



THE TRUTH IS...cont.

The fact is each of us views our world similarly. We see it according to the size of the aperture through which we are looking. The aperture is our consciousness and how we interpret what we see is based on our beliefs. The main reason we see ourselves as separate from Spirit is that we are looking at or focusing on the difficulties in our lives as having a reality and belief that they can hurt us. Also, this sets us up to live without the guidance from Spirit that would help us to experience life with less suffering from evil or sin on our part or from others.

Many religious doctrines use the reason human beings experience evil and sin is because of what is termed “the fall of humankind” from God’s grace. And as such, the fall means there is something inherently wrong with us. The result is that humankind is now sinful and there is a resulting disfavor with God. This means we must now prove ourselves worthy of God’s favor over and over in some way and this idea of inherent wrongness is part of more than just Christian philosophy. *Oh and by the way, there is no real hope of overcoming this inherent wrongness about us.*

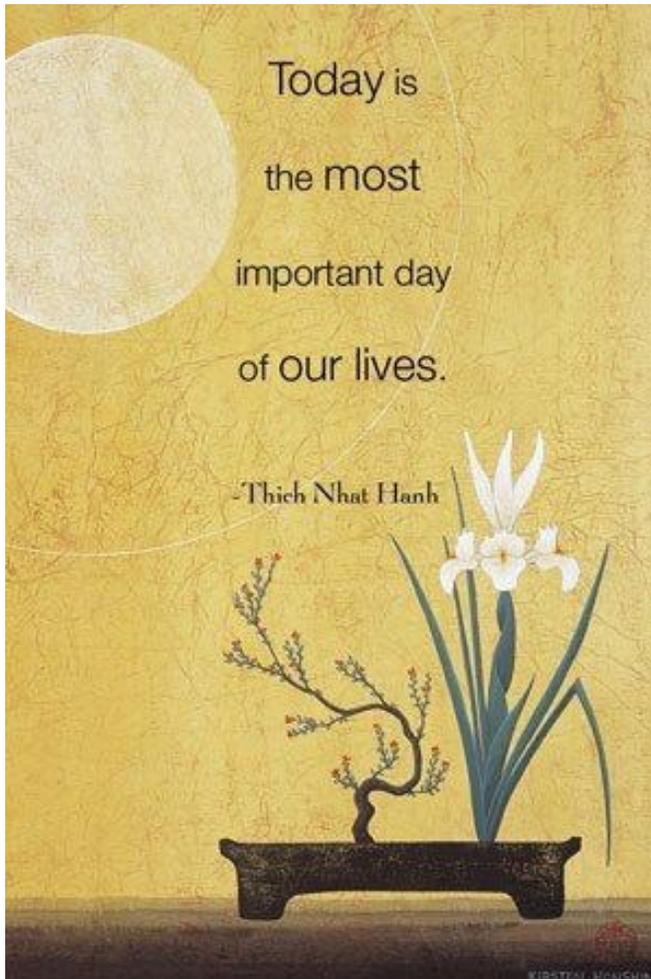
The New Testament word for sin (“amartia” in Greek) means literally to miss the mark. In the Old Testament, the corresponding Hebrew word is “het”. It is the same word that an archer would use if he missed the target. This benign meaning of sin is important to realize. Sin—missing the mark; that is, we are simply falling short of the target of living divine perfection or wholeness. Sin is our failure to express the attributes of Being—life, love, intelligence, wisdom, and other God qualities in any given moment.

To me, it is significant that we understand the benign character of the word sin. It is true we do not always live up to our potential as a child of God. However from a spiritual standpoint, it is much like when a child learning to crawl and walk falls down or can’t get in rhythm. If we would see ourselves in unconditional love then, it brings us to see that our falling short is a more a matter of being out of rhythm than inherent wrongness of our being. By doing so we can more readily forgive ourselves and others if we fall short of our potential in any given circumstance.



I would encourage everyone to stop focusing on the seeming differences, issues and lesser things, and seek but for one thing—the consciousness of the indwelling God in you and in your life. When we do there is a lessening of the sense of separation from God. Just as there is less separation between the spokes of a wheel the nearer that they get to the hub. You will find the nearer you get to the Center, which is our Father/Mother God, the less separation will you see from the world. Are you seeing evil, are you trying to serve two masters, two powers, good and evil? Try focusing all your perceptions to the center of your being. Therefore, let thine eye be single. Perhaps our teacher knew what was needed.

Think on this...blessings, Rev Paula



Unity Basics Membership Class

Begins Apr. 10, 2016

Sun. 12:30-2:00 p.m.

FACILITATED BY: Rev. Paula Skiles

Join us for an 8 week study of Unity Basic Truth teachings. This course is meant to offer insights into the spiritual aspects of our beliefs, techniques on prayer and meditation, as well as how to create denials and affirmations.

If you have thought about becoming a member of Unity Church of San Marcos, but would like to know more about our beliefs, then this is the one to take.

Join Rev. Paula Skiles after Sunday services for this class. Each class will build on itself, so please plan on attending as many of them in the beginning as possible.



L.E.A.P. into the Future.

Listening

Evolving

Appreciating

Participating



We can LEAP into the future of
Unity Church of San Marcos.

The year 2016 is a leap year. Let it be a L.E.A.P. into the Future year. Have you imagined what our church will be like in 5 years? Join Rev. Paula after church on Sundays in May to discuss and share your hopes, gifts, and ideas.

We have some opportunities as a spiritual community ahead of us. The following ideas have been contributed so far, and are a good start for us in the year ahead to reclaim a wonderful future for ourselves. Perhaps you have some other thoughts of what is ours to do today...

“I fairly sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm as I spring forth with a mighty faith to be about that which is mine to do today.”

Charles Fillmore

One issue, need, goal, at a time ...

1. Develop long term, sustainable goals for next 5 years
2. Fund raising for a lighted, more visible sign
3. Improvement of our church property- parking, lighting, landscaping, etc.



***Just To
Keep It
Real***

