



Unity Church of Hilton Head Island

Connections

Daily Word

Affirmations

Inner Peace

I am one with God. I am one with infinite peace.

Guidance

Divine guidance moves me to new heights of wisdom and success.

Healing

I am a whole and hold being, an expression of divine perfection.

Prosperity

I accept the abundance of God flowing to me and through me now.

World Peace

United in divine love, we walk a path of peace.

These affirmations are from the Sept/October 2009 Daily Word.

Note from the Editor

For the next two months, prosperity will be the theme. You will learn that true prosperity is more than just material wealth but the abundance of joy, health, peace of mind, loving relationships, spiritual development and divine inspiration in your life. This newsletter explores the Unity concepts and practice of prosperity in one's life. You will find prosperity is much more than a bank balance or an accumulation of goods but a spiritual way to look at the blessings of one's life.

To achieve prosperity, Unity offers the use of affirmation, prayer, tithing, expecting *unexpected* income and the simple daily use of prosperity banks. Wonderful examples of practitioners of prosperity are Mary Lou and Frank Stark who are consistent givers of their tithes and talent to the church. From The Healing Letters, Myrtle Fillmore's view of prosperity will give you heart when times are tough. This month's book review of the Dynamic Laws of Prosperity will provide the "how to" of achieving prosperity in your life. Don't forget the power of prayer, especially Unity's World Day of Prayer, September 10 celebrated at UCHHI. Live Long and Prosper.

Cathy Sneed

Reflections

GOD IS MY PROSPERITY

God is my prosperity—a prosperity that truly satisfies me

Prosperity is never really about having an abundance of things; it is about knowing God and knowing that God and knowing that God has created an abundant world for us.

There may be a limit to the things I can claim as mine. Someone may build a bigger house, own a better car, or earn more money. However, the abundance of God is for

everyone and satisfies every need.

To know God as a loving presence is to experience prosperity. To realize that God's Spirit lives within me is to feel prosperous. To understand that God's spirit is also within my loved ones is to consciously share the good news of prosperity. To believe I am worthy is to be prosperous. To believe I am worthy is to be prosperous.

God is my prosperity- a prosperity of abundant blessings that satisfies every need.



From The Daily Word...

"Love, Inspiration, and Guidance for Everyone"

Unity of Hilton Head Chaplain and Prayer Ministries are available for your prayer needs. To reach a chaplain, call Elizabeth Mc Ginnes @ 843-341-3899. Chaplains are also available each Sunday after church.

The WORD of the MONTH
PROSPERITY

"The consciousness of God as the abundant, everywhere present resource, unyielding, ready for all who open themselves to it through faith."

...from The Revealing Word

by Charles Fillmore



Frank & Mary Lou Stark

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Spiritual Practitioners Extraordinaire is one way to describe Frank and Mary Lou Stark. Another way is to say "they walk the talk." From early on Mary Lou and Frank have followed the spiritual path as individuals, as a married couple, and as a family. Mary Lou was raised in the Unity movement in Kansas City and Frank has always been a spiritual seeker. During their 45 year marriage they have studied numerous spiritual paths including Religious Science and Unity.

For Mary Lou, Unity principles keep her on the positive side of the proverbial "half glass analogy." Frank has creatively penned his own spiritual mission statement that says "My purpose is to use my creativity and spiritual connections to adventurously inspire others to freely explore their unique ideas and concepts in a loving and caring way." It is not surprising that Frank's compassion for others was generously given to others for over 40 years as a licensed clinical social worker. Frank's compassionate heart has helped count-

less clients in the throes of mental illness and substance abuse. Mary Lou, likewise, has a long career helping the blind in various public and private settings. Most notably was her last position at the Library of Congress as Head of the Braille Development Section. As for family, the Starks have two artistic sons, Brian, 39, and Mark, 32. Brian recently started his own business called *Authentic Marketing* geared to helping healers while Mark pursues his sculpting and art career in New York

The Starks are busy people and you will consistently see them at church on Sundays helping with the set up. Frank heads the "bulletin folding brigade" and Mary Lou helps set up the fellowship table. Both generously support the Connections Ministry. In the past Mary Lou served as a Board Member and Frank has been a small group leader. They both value the fellowship of UCHHI and feel that our church has been truly blessed to have Justin as our spiritual leader. In addition to church activities, Mary Lou is a Certified Parliamentarian and is

constantly crocheting blankets for neo-natal ICU babies as part of Julie's Mission. Frank keeps busy with ceramics, reading, drumming and Toastmasters. Frank is on the organizing board of Healing Haven Institute, a new non-profit domestic violence program to help break the domestic violence cycle through education and skills training. Clearly, Mary Lou and Frank believe in service to others and both reported their passion is helping and enjoying others.

Another spiritual quality exemplified by the Stark's is their adherence to a prosperity consciousness. First, they are Consistent Givers at UCHHI. They have used the prosperity principles throughout their marriage. Frank recalled a story early in their married life of unexpectedly losing his job upon their arrival in New York. However, using a prosperity consciousness, he discovered a better job plus negotiated a higher salary! In sum, the Stark's are the "genuine article" and their spiritual goal and daily practice is "to cultivate the desire to be happy."

Spirit Work

The Little Bank that Could! - Your UNITY Prosperity Bank

Do you remember having a Piggy Bank or special collection box as a child and the powerful feeling you had dropping in that coin and later breaking it open and seeing all those shiny coins spill out? The Prosperity Bank from Unity offers the same joy and the same results. Pick up a Pros-

perity Bank at church and establish your consciousness of God's prosperity in your life. Here is how it works. For one month, affirm daily the six prosperity affirmations as you drop in your change. Then, at the end of the day review your affirmations and thank God for your gifts and positive experiences received that day. Notice too if you were aligned with the Christ mind and main-

tained a complete trust in God for your supply and abundance. At the end of the month, turn in your Prosperity Bank at church and see how your abundance as prospered you and in turn prospers our church.



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Healing Letters by Myrtle Fillmore

In these excerpts from the chapter "Permanent Prosperity" Myrtle reminds us that prosperity first begins in consciousness and follows divine laws. More simply stated "take care of the inner and God will take care of the outer."

"The only way to become permanently prosperous and successful is through quickening, awakening, and bringing into righteous use all the indwelling resources of Spirit. When we develop our soul and express its talents and capabilities in loving service to God and humankind, our temporal needs will be supplied in bountiful measure..."

A rich consciousness always demonstrates prosperity."

"Prosperity is the result of complying with the laws that are revealed by the Spirit of truth within. Those who are prosperous and successful are the people who have a rich consciousness. They open their minds to rich ideas, and then cash in on these ideas in an outer way... A great help in realizing permanent prosperity is to come into the realization that we do not work to earn money to meet our expenses!

This is a delusion of mortal mind. In reality, in earning money we are expressing the God-given facilities and powers to bless others, to keep our part of the divine laws of giving and receiving. The supply is a gift of God and is ours because it is part of God's plan. We are to accept it in faith as such. Expect it to come, and it will."

On the Bookshelf Dynamic Laws of Prosperity By Catherine Ponder

If you are feeling overwhelmed with the current financial climate or if you are having a rough time with relationships or feeling unfulfilled with parts of your life, this Unity standard is one you will want to read and keep on your bookshelf to inspire or restart your prosperity path.

The book is a storehouse of information on prosperity from its through explanations of the Laws of prosperity to its rich stories of prosperous people to its ready-made collection of powerful affirmations. Copyrighted over 47 years ago and a staple of the Unity thought, you will find the message relevant to

whatever circumstance is confronting your life. Reverend Ponder reminds us that there is a direct link between thought and supply and "your attitudes, your mental concepts, beliefs, and outlook are your connecting links with God's rich substance and your access to it."

The book is also a "how to" manual to create vacuums in you life, to the use of imagining, to creating visualization projects or to practicing prosperous attitudes. In addition, the book will give you a road map to greater happiness in all parts of your life, including relationships and an enriched spiritual life. This book has it all to help you

on your God given path to success and prosperity.

CATHY SNEED

The Unity Church of Hilton Head bookstore is open Sunday after church in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a book request contact Anne Tunney at 705-2608.

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September Calendar

Join us for the following messages and events.

September 6: Birthday/Anniversary Sunday

September 10: UNITY DAY OF PRAYER- SPECIAL SERVICE AT 6:30 P.M AT THE QUALITY INN.

September 13: Prayer Animal Sunday and Healing Service 12-12:30

September 20: Usher training 12-12:30

September 27: FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY AND POTLUCK. Bring your friends to church and enjoy a potluck after the service. Also experience the practice of Qi Gong with Linda Archinaco and Harriet Reimers after the potluck.

Did You Know?

- On August 23, our guest speaker was Liah Kraft Kristine who inspired us with her talk on “This and More: Activating His Promise” and also led a special workshop in the afternoon on “Using Your God Power.” Liah is world class speaker and writer and graced us with her presence during Justin’s vacation.
- Ten children from the Boys and Girls Club now have new backpacks and school supplies due to the generous gifts (\$ 1,000) from our church. Also the children of our *Christmas family* received uniforms for school. Thank you Mary Ellen Barton, Mary Lou Stark and Pat Bell for coordinating a very successful event.
- An easy way to share your prosperity with the church is with a Bi-Lo grocery card. Just by shopping at Bi Lo and presenting a contribution card, UCHHI receives 1%.
- Having a birthday or anniversary? Let us celebrate with you by attending church the first Sunday of every month so “we can behold the Christ in you.” Plus, we celebrate your special day with a cake. See our August celebrants below.
- UCHHI member, Gregory Joseph, presented the message “Faith, Confidence and Power” on August 30. Thank you Greg for sharing your wisdom and being part of our church family.
- Do you know if someone is ill, going to the hospital, or overwhelmed with life’s problems. Contact a Chaplain or the Sunshine Ministry (Tucky Samsen @ 705-3470) for a call or visit.

- Peggy Trecker and Irene King have been “rocking the church” with their beautiful music. See the picture of Irene on right. Thanks to Janice Creech for arranging great music.

Irene King, an accomplished flautist, was born, raised and educated in Philadelphia, PA. She studied flute performance at Immaculata University with Angelo De Matteis, a graduate of the prestigious Curtis Conservatory. Irene served as a United States Navy musician early in her professional career and during her tenure at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD. At Annapolis she performed for Presidents Reagan and H.W. Bush. In addition, she has performed in the U.K. with a RAF band and in Italy and Switzerland with the Hilton Head Choral Society. Since relocating to the

Hilton Head area in 2000, Irene has performed with the Charleston Symphony, the Hilton Head Symphony, and the Beaufort Orchestra. Her current CS *Tenderly* was released in August 2008 and is available at Barnes and Noble. She can also be heard at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina in the 2009 production of *My Fair Lady*.



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