What a strange symbol of faith we have – a cross. Perhaps we’re so used to it that we take it for granted and don’t give it much thought. But consider for a moment:

For those of us who claim Christ, how do we understand the significance of what God chose to do through a cross?

After all, a cross was the preferred tool of public execution by state authorities, particularly for those who were found guilty of treason and insurrection, regardless of whether they were actually innocent or justified in their actions. And in the delicate balance of keeping fears and conflict at bay, religious authorities colluded with the state to enforce institutional powers.

So this is what God has chosen as the instrument to change the fate of humanity and fulfill the promise of all creation. The symbol of our faith is quite simply God’s critique of the ways our human brokenness abuses power to harm others. In Christ crucified, God embraces our brokenness and takes in all harm, so that through Christ’s resurrection we are made whole together forever.

This season of Lent, journey through the cross. Dive deep in your own critique and questioning. Search through your scripture readings, Journey Group, and service with our outreach community. Embrace with love and gentleness your own brokenness and those who are harmed. Be renewed in Sunday worship, and look forward to the day of resurrection. And in all things, give witness to the certain hope we have that because Jesus now lives and reigns, God is seeing us through.
We remember the following people as we pray...

Ebony Brown and family (friends of Unity), Gail Senelon (AAC member), Carol Johnson (member), Mary Cicerelli (member), Dareyl Wahl (member), Jeff Tessmer (son of Ron and Marge), Keith Mueller (son of Dorothy Mueller), Jean Weibner (mother of Tricia Skinner), Kayla Wheeler (friend of Krista Emmons), Don Plant (friend of Jeff Kornreich), Blake Oleson (friends of Unity), Dorothy C. (outreach member), Tony Seffeldt (nephew of Chris Brown), Pastor Kevan Penrose, Patsy Lenz (member), Patricia Orlowski (friend of Unity), Sandy LeBombard (friend of Unity), Vivian Lucci (member), Jerry & Nellie Javorski, Becky Lefebvre (friend of Krista Emmons), James Lopeman (son of Jennifer Lopeman), Cindy Larson (friend of Frank Jendisa), Dan Blank (family of Rachel), Bonnie Ziwokoski, Ron Tessmer (member), Lori Jameson (member), Yvonne Baczanski (mother of Yvette Baczanski), Dan Baczanski (brother of Yvette Baczanski), Kathy (friend of Unity), Joan (friend of Unity), Jack Badalik (friend of Unity), Andy Wegner (member), Mary Noe, Sandi Buchman, Nikkeya Berryhill, Robin Servantez (friend of Lori Jameson), Kim Deschler, Justin, Nathan, Frank, (friends of Unity), William Darden (friend of Unity), Jamie Kornreich (member), Elaine Kornreich (member), Ruth Learman (member), Dale Davis (associate of Unity), Joe, Shelly, and Joey Tuzzo (friends of Unity), Lu Butler (friend of Krista Emmons), Rosie Karshna (member), Laura (sibling of Patty Johnson); Steve Rowley (member), Rick, Cheryl Gaber (Rosie Karshna’s Niece), Gloria Brandenberg, Jeannine Lau (member), Trudy Rossmann, Eddie S (Rosie Karshna’s Son), Neil Larsen, Rachel Kaiser (granddaughter of Judy Kaiser), Thom R. Bagley, Marty, Jacob Kaiser (Grandson of Judy Kaiser), Cindy Bereiter, Susan & Betty Johnson (Ross); Paul, Donna, Paula, Cathy, Izzy & Lee Hernandez family; David Hellrung (member); the Toni Fare family, Nicholas Whitehead, Brian Karnes (friend of Alisha Flechner); the participants and leaders of GriefShare; family and friends of Warren Meyer (member), and of Charles Helgren (member).

*Please notify the office to add or remove someone from Unity’s prayer list.
Pastor’s Story

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Jesus says these words to his community of followers on the very night he is arrested, which leads to his sentence of death on a cross. For us, beloved ones of his community, the cross is a symbol of love. It reminds us that in Jesus, God stops at nothing in order to save us.

But here’s something that might surprise—Jesus wasn’t only speaking of himself. He was speaking of us, his beloved ones in his community. Here’s the context: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you...I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

For this issue of the Unity ‘new’sletter, I could go on and on, telling about so many wonderful things that are new. There’s GriefShare, a new Soup Kitchen Core Team, a new season of Journey Groups, new leaders on council and endowment board, a new and fun silent auction dinner being planned, new task forces to take a fresh look at our constitution and our building needs to equip our ministries, new communion classes, and new people joining us in worship. You get the idea.

But, for all that is new, at the heart, really, is the same thing. That is, love. While the cross is about transformation – from death to life, from separation to reconciliation, from sin to salvation – still, from beginning to end and forever, the constant presence of God is love. As Christians we give witness that the love of God present to us in Christ is what delivers us through cross moments we endure.

And so it is, that as a community of Jesus’ disciples following him on a journey through the cross, we are experiencing the love of God being shared by people of Unity. Thank you, to each of you, for the ways you are sharing God’s love. I am humbled and honored to walk this journey with you.
### Spring Scripture Messages & Daily Readings

#### “Journey with Love & Disappointment”
**March 1st**
- **Sunday**
  - Mark 10:17-22
- **Monday**
  - Mark 10:13-16
- **Tuesday**
  - Mark 10:23-27
- **Wednesday**
  - Romans 8:18-25
- **Thursday**
  - 1 Timothy 6:6-10
- **Friday**
  - Mark 10:28-31
- **Saturday**
  - Mark 10:32-34

#### “Journey of Humble Service”
**March 8th**
- **Sunday**
  - Mark 10:32-45
- **Monday**
  - Mark 10:46-52
- **Tuesday**
  - Mark 11:12-19
- **Wednesday**
  - Mark 11:20-25
- **Thursday**
  - Mark 11:27-33
- **Friday**
  - Mark 12:1-12[13-17]
- **Saturday**
  - Psalm 118:21-26

#### “Journey of Loyalties”
**March 15th**
- **Sunday**
  - Mark 12:1-17
- **Monday**
  - Mark 12:18-27
- **Tuesday**
  - Mark 12:28-34
- **Wednesday**
  - Deuteronomy 6:1-5
- **Thursday**
  - Leviticus 19:13-18
- **Friday**
  - Hosea 6:1-6
- **Saturday**
  - Mark 12:35-40

#### “Journey ‘Not Far’ from God”
**March 22nd**
- **Sunday**
  - Mark 12:28-44
- **Monday**
  - Mark 13:1-8
- **Tuesday**
  - Mark 13:9-13
- **Wednesday**
  - Mark 13:14-20
- **Thursday**
  - Daniel 11:29-35
- **Friday**
  - Mark 13:21-23
- **Saturday**
  - Daniel 7:9-14

#### “Journey Moment to Moment”
**March 29th**
- **Sunday**
  - Mark 13:1-8;24-37
- **Monday**
  - Mark 13:28-31
- **Tuesday**
  - Mark 13:32-37
- **Wednesday**
  - Thessalonians 5:1-5
- **Thursday**
  - Thessalonians 5:6-11
- **Friday**
  - Romans 13:11-14
- **Saturday**
  - Mark 14:1-2

#### “Journey into the Gathering of All Peoples”
**April 5th**
- **Sunday**
  - Mark 11:1-25
- **Monday**
  - Deuteronomy 15:7-11
- **Tuesday**
  - Mark 14:10-21
- **Wednesday**
  - Mark 14:22-31
- **Thursday**
  - Mark 14:32-42
- **Friday**
  - Mark 15:16-39
- **Saturday**
  - Mark 15:40-47

#### “Journey with Amazement”
**April 12th**
- **Sunday**
  - Mark 16:1-8
- **Monday**
  - Genesis 8:1-22, 9:8-17
- **Tuesday**
  - Genesis 22:1-19
- **Wednesday**
  - Exodus 13:17-14:30
- **Thursday**
  - Ezekiel 37:1-14
- **Friday**
  - John 11:1-44
- **Saturday**
  - John 20:19-31

#### “Journey to Investigate”
**April 19th**
- **Sunday**
  - John 20:1-10
- **Monday**
  - Matthew 28:1-10
- **Tuesday**
- **Wednesday**
- **Thursday**
  - Luke 24:36-49
- **Friday**
  - John 20:1-18
- **Saturday**
  - John 20:19-31

#### “Journey with Assurance”
**April 26th**
- **Sunday**
  - John 20:11-18
- **Monday**
  - Acts 2:43-47
- **Tuesday**
  - Acts 4:23-31
- **Wednesday**
  - Acts 4:32-37
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  - Acts 8:26-40

#### “Journey with Peace”
**May 3rd**
- **Sunday**
  - John 20:19-31
- **Monday**
  - Acts 16:16-39
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  - Acts 17:16-28
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#### “Journey in Daily Living”
**May 10th**
- **Sunday**
  - John 21:1-14
- **Monday**
  - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
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  - 1 Corinthians 11:17-26
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  - 1 Corinthians 12:4-31

#### “Journey of Tender Care”
**May 17th**
- **Sunday**
  - John 21:15-19
- **Monday**
  - Galatians 1:11-24
- **Tuesday**
  - Galatians 2:15-21
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  - Galatians 3:1-14
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  - Galatians 3:19-29
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  - Galatians 4:1-7
- **Saturday**
  - Galatians 4:8-20

#### “Journey with Open Hearts”
**May 24th**
- **Sunday**
  - John 21:20-25
- **Monday**
  - Galatians 4:21-31
- **Tuesday**
  - Galatians 5:1-15
- **Wednesday**
  - Galatians 5:16-26
- **Thursday**
  - Galatians 6:1-10
- **Friday**
  - Galatians 6:11-18
- **Saturday**
  - Ephesians 1:1-14

#### “Journey with the Holy Spirit”
**May 31st**
- **Sunday**
  - Acts 2:17; 22-24; 32-33
- **Monday**
  - Ephesians 1:15-23
- **Tuesday**
  - Ephesians 2:1-10
- **Wednesday**
  - Ephesians 2:11-22
- **Thursday**
  - Ephesians 3:1-13
- **Friday**
  - Ephesians 3:14-21
- **Saturday**
  - Ephesians 4:1-15
On your (calendar) mark, get set, GO!

Unity’s Derby Party
Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday, May 2, 2020
5-7 p.m.
Unity Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Tickets available in April
Adults: $20
Children (10 & under): $10

We are excited to be hosting another Dinner and Silent Auction! This year we will be having a Derby Party on Saturday, May 2, 2020. Please mark your calendar and invite your friends, family and neighbors. Plans are already underway and include a hat contest, a selfie booth, great food, non-alcoholic mint juleps, activities for children, etc. Tickets will be available starting April 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Laura McVann, Jody Stack, or Unity’s office.

We are in need of help with several things.....:

Two additional people to help with the silent auction. This includes contacting about ten area businesses for donations (beginning in March) and helping the day of the auction. If you can help in this area, please contact Stacy Davis or the Unity’s office.

Like last year, we will be asking for donations for our silent auction. Set-up for the event will start at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 2nd. Volunteers will also be needed throughout the day to help prepare food, serve, and clean up.
Scholarships for Unity’s Scholars!

Attention to all of Unity’s rising high school juniors and seniors! We have a scholarship opportunity for you! The William Jones Scholarship (different from the Endowment Scholarship) is awarded to those who meet the following qualifications upon submission and approval by council of their application:

- Junior or Senior or those who will be junior or seniors in the fall planning who want to acquire further education to a four-year college, a technical college, a trade school, or another course of school study beyond high school.
- An active member of the congregation who participates in church activities and assists in the liturgy

Applications are available in the office or contact Peggy Latona to receive an application. The application submission deadline is May 31st.

Unity NEEDS YOU
(For a LOT OF THINGS)!

As many of you know, Unity has plenty of ministries. Because of that, we have opportunities for you to help lead and help guide this church into the future as part of our ministries. Are you a…:

- **Stewardship Chairperson**: This position helps coordinate our stewardship efforts and shares our successes and needs to the congregation
- **Creative Worship Team Member**: You get the chance to help guide the lessons all of us learn on Sundays and shape the worship experience of our service
- **Altar Guild**: This position helps prepare the bread and wine for Communion
- **Communion Assistant**: These are the people who help serve Communion to the congregation
- **Usher**: Help people find seating for service, help collect offerings, and invite worshippers to Communion during Sunday service
- **Greeter**: Welcome any and all people to our church, hand them a bulletin to help them follow along, & familiarize guests with any helpful accommodations

Please contact Peggy Latona at the church office if you can help to fill any or more than one of these positions! Be a part of our team!
Stewarding our resources for Jesus’ mission

Member Giving to Unity Missions and Operations thru January 2020: $15,342—Thank you for your generosity! Our hope for ministries and operations for the full year of 2020 is $139,650.00.

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We find ourselves with a $1,108.77 gain at the end of January. We have no operating reserve for 2020. In the Property Reserve Fund, we have $6,283.13 in cash with investments of $12,500 as savings for emergencies that may arise. Thank you for your generous support.

Stewardship: Seeing Love 20/20

Because we see Jesus doing so much in our lives and in the world, our generosity equips us to do what he is doing and to invite others to participate with us. God is calling us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Thank you for your continued support. We received 55 intent cards to date. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to God’s mission at Unity throughout the coming year if you have not done so already. Help us reach more people to see the good news of Jesus in action.

If you have not done so, you may return your Intent Forms in worship, to the office, by filling out the form on our website, or by emailing your information to peggy.latona@unitymilwaukee.org. Thank you!

Give to Unity through an IRA Distribution!

Thank you to those who have made your IRA distribution a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to Unity.

This can be attractive to some investors because QCDs can be used to satisfy required minimum distributions from an IRA (traditional or Roth) without having the distribution included in their income.

Some benefits: If QCDs are used as the funding source for charitable donations, the donor will receive tax benefits when there otherwise would have been none due to the use of the standard deduction.

Income for determining the taxation of Social Security benefits is lower than if the IRA holder had taken the required minimum distribution potentially reducing this taxation if you pay taxes on a portion your Social Security.

If you want to learn more, talk with your tax advisor and/or your estate-planning attorney about your situation.
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17 years.
That’s how long Dave & Karen Emmons have volunteered their time, effort and love to Unity’s Soup Kitchen. Just to give you an idea as to the things that have happened in the world since the Emmons’ lived in Jesus’ mission in our soup kitchen, here’s a small sample:

- The United States invades Iraq and topples Saddam Hussein
- Facebook formed by Mark Zuckerberg
- YouTube formed by Jawed Karim, Chad Hurley and Steve Chen
- Twitter is launched
- Introduction of the iPhone
- Barack Obama is elected as President of the United States
- Osama bin Laden is killed by United States Navy SEALs in Pakistan
- Liquid water is found on Mars
- Donald Trump is elected President of the United States
- Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

While all of that happened, every Wednesday for the last 17 years, Dave & Karen would make a meal for over a hundred people. If you take the average week for our soup kitchen, and multiple that for each week of 17 years, the Emmons’ served over 30,000 people. For that, they should be more than thanked. They have served Unity and its people as Jesus called them to do. Now, their next chapter awaits as they retire from the soup kitchen.

That leaves us with a hole to fill, and there are other positions within our outreach ministries that also need filling. We need a:

**Cook:** someone, or people, who is/are willing to be in a rotation of cooks who can make food for 150 or more people on Unity’s week. We can easily train you. It’s only once a month, and if you’re in a rotation, less than that.

**Soup Kitchen Ministry Coordinator:** This person will lead our Core Team by serving during our soup kitchen most Unity weeks, help recruit members, and share the stories of the soup kitchen.

**Clothing Closet Ministry Coordinator:** Someone who will help take in donations, arrange them, and ensure the ministry is staffed with team members to give clothes to those in need Wednesdays. This person will also share the stories of the ministry on Sharing Sunday.

All these positions are integral to Unity and our mission of evangelical outreach – making disciples of Jesus through relationships. If any of these positions interest you, then we are interested in YOU! Contact me via email: scott.koral@unitymilwaukee.org. Thank you for helping make Unity into the great church it is today!
Mission: Transformed by Jesus, our Lord, we go into the community to serve and welcome all people.

Vision: To lead the people of Unity in living worship, empowered to make disciples of Jesus.

Values: Faith is a way of life. Outreach is relationship building. Diversity is sought and celebrated. Worship is life-shaping.

Exploring our scripture theme Sundays at 10 a.m.:

“Journey Thru The Cross”

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