

# The United Life Messenger

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*A Member of Centers for Spiritual Living®  
Joyfully Expressing Spirit*

*Celebrating  
60 Years  
in OKC  
1955 - 2015*

## Celebration Service

10:30 am each Sunday

**August theme:** The “New-Time Religion”  
is just right for me!!

**AUG 2 Give Me the “New-Time Religion!”**

*Out with the Old and In with the New —  
Drinking the Fresh New-Life Wine!*

**AUG 9 The Ultimate Success Story**

*“Entering into the Royal Priesthood —  
the Spirit of It all” ~Troward*

**AUG 16 The Powerful Life**

*Enjoying Your Coronation as the Beloved of God*

**AUG 23 Living the Great Affirmation**

*Adjusting To Your Diadem —  
The Power to have all the Good You Can Stand*

**AUG 30 The Creative Power of Thought**

*Experiencing the True Joy of Creation —  
In God; By God; and As God*



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*Please take a look at the Birthday Celebration insert for the latest update. For the slide show, we need any United Life photos you might have. For the talent show, we need you to be in the show!*

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### Notes from the United Life Community Garden...

We are harvesting yellow squash now, and are trusting that the tomatoes will awaken from their summer nap. For the fall, we recently planted pumpkins and butternut squash. Soon we will be planting black-eyed & southern field peas and, in August, kale and chard. If you would like to participate, see Rick or Chereé.

*Join us most Saturdays for a Gardening Party!  
(or help whenever your schedule allows)*

### Book Discussion Group

Working With the Law

**Sundays, 9am**

*Open to everyone*

The Art of Life

*Seminar based on Ernest  
Holmes' book*

**Sunday, Aug 16th**

**1—3:30**

*Open to everyone*

### Bookstore at ULSC

We have many great titles, plus  
incense, incense holders and oils.

**Stop by for inspiration!**

### ULSC Healing Room

The Healing Room is available for healers of  
every kind, on a love offering  
basis.



To reserve the room,  
call the office (946-6753)

### **SOM DISCUSSION GROUP RETURNS!**

Whether you're new to these  
principles or a seasoned  
practitioner, please join us!

**Wednesdays 7-9pm**

Enjoy lively discussions led by Rev.  
Dr. Bill on Science of Mind Principles  
and more.

### **TREAT FOR 100:** Join the 100 Club!

Treat daily for 100 or more people in  
attendance at United Life by the end  
of 2015. Sample treatment: "I cele-  
brate and rejoice in the abundant  
flow of people seeking to know more  
about the God of abundance and  
Truth and who joyously attend Unit-  
ed Life services as we allow God to be  
the instrument of growth working for  
the best and highest good for all con-  
cerned. I relax and know that God is  
growing in our midst as new and re-  
turning members fill the pews in the  
sanctuary to 100 or more attendees  
by the end of 2015. And so it is!!"

## Leadership Council Communiqué

Dear Friends in Spirit,

Entering the dawg days of summer, the garden is going dormant like a lot of folks, except for the weeds and the grass. The grass is undergoing solarization, designed to bake it to death, a more environmentally friendly way of doing the job. We also put in an irrigation system, generously donated by Ray Reld, to save on water and labor. This is the time of year to be in Minnesota or Colorado, and I hope everyone has a chance to get some relief from the summer heat. At least Steve S. is enjoying his new air conditioner this summer.

The 60th Anniversary Birthday celebration is going forward. The steering committee met last week and has come up with a more practical and focused plan for the celebration. After reviewing the questionnaire distributed last Sunday, July 12th, they found that there was not much support for a big arts & crafts festival or any other fundraising activities to be associated with the birthday party. So it was decided to just do an in-house celebration on Sunday, Sept 13th, between Labor Day and the State Fair. A fundraiser, such as an auction, a crafts fair or a raffle can still be scheduled later on in the fall. For the birthday party they have planned a potluck, with meat provided by the church, a slide show, a scrapbook, testimonials and a local-talent show. They are looking for old or new photos to scan for the slide show. They also need help locating old members. See Anna Otto if you want to help.

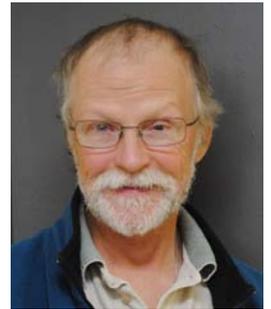
On a more serious note, the Stewardship Committee has determined, and would like to share with you, that the church has been in the red for the last

six months, losing about \$9,000 or around \$1500 a month. This can't continue, of course, and we have to stop the bleeding soon. When we have a fundraiser, we will have to devote all of the proceeds to paying down our deficit. If you have any ideas about how to lower our expenses or increase our income please see me or Reverend Doctor Bill. If you would like to volunteer to oversee or participate in a fundraising activity see me or anyone else on the LC. If you feel like you could contribute 1 or 2% more a month to help keep the lights on, please do. We are a family and a community and this is an opportunity to help and contribute to the community of United Life Center.

On a personal note, I am deeply indebted to Reverend Doctor Bill for his teaching of the Emma Curtis Hopkins 12-week course which just finished and also for the seminar, based on the Ernest Holmes book *The Art of Life* (formerly titled *This Thing Called Life*), a two part mini-course which just started July 19th. It is absolutely amazing the truth, knowledge and wisdom that can be found in studying these two great metaphysicians. I enjoy the discussions and the breadth and depth of insight and knowledge that Bill brings into his classes.

Last but not least, we are forming a committee to develop a master landscaping plan for the ULCSL grounds. If you have any knowledge of plants, landscaping in OK, gardening, biology, horticulture, or have an artistic bent, please see me or Chereé.

~Rick



**Rick Wicker**  
Leadership Council  
President

### Creative Spirits

We meet each 2nd & 4th Saturday @ Christine Baldwin's house.  
Please call her at: 943.0426 for directions.



### TONING CIRCLE

The singing bowl Toning and Meditation Circle continues to meet the **third Sunday** of each month at **6:30 pm** at United Life.

## From The Desk of Dr. SuZ



Dr SuZ Ogden  
Music Director

*The most important thing to remember is this: To be ready at any moment to give up what you are, for what you might become.*

~W.E.B. DuBois

Dear Friends,

This has really come to awareness for me as I journey today for a spiritual retreat in Mexico. How much did I need to take? I have a whole office full of CDs and music and a whole closet full of clothes. I still have a bag packed full of how I see myself in these situations. All of a sudden it has become important to look at what I am willing to leave behind so I could move ahead. I want to go forth with a renewed spirit and outlook and not be encumbered with too much stuff.

I have watched some of the game shows where they find it so hard to let go of door number one for fear door number two will be a dud. Sometimes we just have to go for it and try. We have to search deep within rather than looking out to others to help us decide which door we should pick.

To be successful sometimes we need to let go of our old image of who we are and step

into something new. We need the experience of choosing a new door to create some new excitement and spark renewed creativity in our lives. Then and only then can we share it with others. There is always more that we can become.

What are some of the things we can give up? Certainly fear is one of them. The old beliefs we have about sin, sickness and death that no longer serve us. Let go of the old feeling of being unworthy, less than and not enough. Give up some of the old ideas and make room for your new image. I look forward to seeing the new you.

In Love, Grace & Gratitude,  
~Rev Dr SuZ

*I'll weed and water and watch it grow*

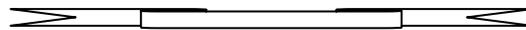
*I don't know how but I know God knows*

*The way to make it blossom, bring it to full bloom*

*As I open my heart to create more room.*

*I'm planting a new thought.*

~SuZ



*New*



**Choir Members  
Welcome!**

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

Our own **One Voice Choir**  
Will resume practice soon!

Please let Rev SuZ know if you'd  
like to join!

## AFTER FURTHER REVIEW . . .

Our good friend Dr. Ernest S. Holmes wrote the following for our review this month: “Beloved, now are we the children of God. Your kingdom of God is at hand. You have already inherited everything that belongs to this kingdom. The riches, power, glory and might of this kingdom are yours today. You do not rob others by entering into the fullness of your kingdom of joy, your kingdom of abundance. You recognize that all people belong to the same kingdom. You are merely claiming for yourself what you would that the law of good should do unto all.

There is no law of human heredity imposed upon you. Evil has no history. Limitation has no past. That which is opposed to good has no future. The eternal now is forever filled with the presence of perfect life. You always have been, and forever will remain, a complete and perfect expression of the Eternal Mind, which is God, the living Spirit Almighty.” - This Thing Called You, pp 136-7.

I am always amazed at how perfectly complete and “spot-on” Ernest Holmes writings wrap up some of the most important ideas for all of us to take in and move on into a greater expression of God in our everyday lives. This “New-Time Religion” teaching is practical, pragmatic, joyous, whole, and complete. There is not much else to search for if we truly believe and are willing to receive all the good God has in store for each of us. As we open our hearts (consciousness) and minds (letting that same mind be in us that was in the Christ ((the Messiah)) called Jesus) we begin to allow ourselves to experience the Love that is God in each one of us; the limitless possibilities of a faith-filled life of abundant living; the

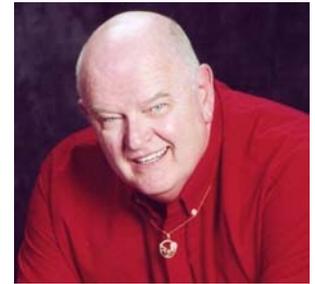
graciousness of the creativity of God in everything we do to provide a living for ourselves and others; and a magnificence in the knowledge and acceptance of a sense of well-being, wholeness, perfection and complete health.

From our birth to our experience of eternity as a present way to live our lives, let us happily acknowledge that we are everything God ever meant for us to be; that we have within us the Presence of Mind to guide us to become even more of what God has available for us to become. After all, we have the promises of the ages as warrants from the Deity-filled writings of teachers, philosophers, poets, prophets, disciples, apostles, and others to accomplish all we desire. Even more importantly, we have the perfect presence of the God-filled, God-willed, God-directed, consciousness of the whole kingdom of God within!! – **(It is the secret place of the Most High God – which is the very epicenter of the Omni-action of God powerfully going out endlessly before us making easy, straight, and successful our way in all that we think, say, or do.)**

And so, as we approach the beginning of another year, let us embrace our teaching, test its Spirit, use its affirmations, and really believe that it is possible for us to have all that our hearts desire; that it is possible for us to live powerful, successful, healthy, wealthy, creative and super-loving lives beginning in the everlasting here and eternal now. **This is the day of spiritual health that God has made specifically for each one of us, let us all rejoice and be glad in It.**

And so It is!!!

*Rev. Dr. Bill Ward*



Rev Dr Bill Ward  
Senior Minister



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## WE ARE OPEN

### SUNDAY

Book Discussion Group	9:00 - 10:00 am
Meditation Service	10:00 - 10:20 am
Celebration Service	10:30 - 11:30 am
Choir Practice	resumes soon!
Toning & Meditation Circle	<b>3rd Sun</b> , 6:30 pm
Practitioner Meeting	<b>4th Sun</b> , 12Noon

### MONDAY

Toastmasters	7:00 - 8:00 pm
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### WEDNESDAY

White Bison Society	6:00 - 8:00 pm
OKC Reiki Energy Circle	1st Wed, 2 pm 3rd Wed, 7 pm
SOM Discussion Group	7:00 - 9:00 pm

### THURSDAY

Stewardship Team Meeting	Thu before LC Mtg, 5pm
OKC Reiki Energy Circle	4th Thu, 6:30 p

### FRIDAY

Substance Abuse Group (\$15)	6:30 - 7:00 pm
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### SATURDAY

Community Garden (come-n-go)	8:30 am - Noon
Creative Spirits (come-n-go)	9:00 am - Noon
	(2nd & 4th Sat. at Christine's-call 943.0426)
OKC Reiki Energy Circle	2nd Sat, 11 am (OR 3rd & 5th)

## Keeping You in the Loop

### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

~YTD: 1292      ~July 2015: 155

### NEW MEMBERS

~YTD: 9      ~July 2015: -0-

### FINANCIALS

~YTD Income: \$ 63,642.54  
~YTD Expenses: \$ 75,927.62

~July Inc: \$ 7,445.30  
~July Exp: \$ 10,502.50

### Pastoral Care

If you know of someone in  
need of care or prayer,

Send a prayer request  
(hardcopy or website), email  
us, contact a minister or any  
MAC member below.

### Reach Out to Your Practitioners!

Practitioners are available  
for Spiritual Mind  
Treatment by  
appointment and after  
our Sunday services.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 9:00 Discussion Group 10:00 Meditation 10:30 Celebration Service 11:30 BIRTHDAY CAKE! Noon Education Team	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 2:00 pm OKC Reiki 6:00 White Bison 7:00 SOM Discussion Group	<b>6</b> 5pm Stewardship Team Meeting	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Substance Abuse Group	<b>8</b> (come-n-go) 9am—12Noon Creative Spirits	
<b>9</b> 9:00 Discussion Group 10:00 Meditation 10:30 Celebration Service 12:30 LC Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Toastmasters	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 White Bison 7:00 SOM Discussion Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Substance Abuse Group	<b>15</b> 11am OKC Reiki Energy Circle
<b>16</b> 9:00 Discussion Group 10:00 Meditation 10:30 Celebration Service 11:30 POTLUCK <b>1:00 Art of Life Seminar</b> 6:30p Toning & Meditation	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Toastmasters	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:00 White Bison 7:00 OKC Reiki 7:00 SOM Discussion Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Substance Abuse Group	<b>22</b> (come-n-go) 9am—12Noon Creative Spirits
<b>23</b> 9:00 Discussion Group 10:00 Meditation 10:30 Celebration Service Noon Practitioner Meeting	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm Toastmasters	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:00 White Bison 7:00 SOM Discussion Group	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm OKC Reiki	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Substance Abuse Group	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 Discussion Group 10:00 Meditation 10:30 Celebration Service 11:30 PANCAKES	<b>31</b> 7:00 pm Toastmasters					

# *The* United Life Messenger

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## OUR VISION

We are a loving spiritual community,  
joyfully expressing Spirit.

## OUR PROSPERITY AFFIRMATION

We express the overflowing prosperous  
nature of God,  
both in our Spiritual Community,  
and in our own personal lives.

## MISSION STATEMENT

By practicing the Science of  
Mind Principles, we honor the  
presence of God in all,

Nurture and support spiritual  
growth and transformation,

Empower people to create  
happy, healthy, abundant lives.



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