

June 21, 2004 - Summer Begins!

Dear Unity Friend:

Summer is a season when many of us seek God in places other than church. We like to get outdoors and find God through nature. It's a season for taking a break from normal activities and recreating ourselves through informal and leisure activities.

Fox Valley Unity, however, is "unseasonal." We stay open, accessible, and supportive all year long. Our spiritual lives are not seasonal, either. We need to continuously commit to our own personal growth and that of our spiritual community. As Fox Valley Unity stands ready to meet your spiritual needs at any time, day or night, we, too, need to support this community with our time, our talents, as well as our treasures. We are here to support each other.

Often people who do not attend as regularly in the summer months forget that Unity is a full-time, full-service ministry that operates 365 days a year. Typically, we find that contributions, tithes, and love offerings drop off in the summer because people only think of us when they are physically present and availing themselves of our services.

Dear friend, we appreciate the financial support that you give to this church during the entire year. This summer, remember that the work of Unity still goes on. Our expenses to operate Unity are as great in the summer as during other seasons. If your plans call for you to be at church less this summer, we'd like to ask you to give us a SMAC this summer. SMAC stands for Summer Monetary Assistance Contribution. It's a way of saying, "Unity, here's the offering of love and support I would have given if I was present. Even if I'm not physically present, I am with you!"

Use the enclosed envelope for your SMAC. By SMAC-ing us you'll help assure that when the seasons change and you're ready to return to Unity, we'll be here to assist you along your spiritual path.

In love,

Rev. Marciah McCartney and the Fox Valley Unity Board of Trustees