

Children's Church News!!!

Happy New Year!

We ended 2012 by making a *mandala*, which holds the energy *that* the children want to embrace for the new year and our new *beginning* in celebration of Birth 2012. Come by and see our children's beautiful art work on display.

We are starting out the year in Children's church with guest author, Donna Frantz. She will be reading her children's book and presenting a lesson. I know the children will love these stories and enjoy spending time with Mrs. Donna, also known as "Abue", pronounced (ah-bway) meaning grandmother.

A message from the author:

Thank you, Karen DeLong, for giving me the opportunity to introduce the kids at Unity Village Chapel to the Silly Gilly Gil book series on the first two Sundays of 2013. Gil's unique and openhearted, yet spunky way of dealing with everyday occurrences is sure to inspire both children and adults, affirming that you are never too young or old to learn from what is happening in your life. Then, watch for Gil's return in late April, at which time I will take part in a book signing event after the Sunday service. In the meantime you can find out more about Gil and his messages by visiting my website at www.abueink.com.

On January 20th we are starting lessons for **The Season of Nonviolence** and at the end of the service that day the children will ask each of you to sign a pledge to participate along with us. Your commitment adds the energy and support that inspires the children to create peace in their lives which spreads out to the community and to our world. Stay tuned for exciting guests, uplifting lesson plan and lots of fun! We will end the season with a "Peace Walk" on April 6th, details to follow. If you would like to join us in the planning of the "Peace Walk", please contact me at delongks@unityonline.org. Thank you!

There are currently openings for new teachers on Sunday mornings. We ask volunteer teachers to commit to at least one Sunday per month. Join the team of dedicated teachers and share your love and spirit with the children. (You will only be asked to be there on the Sunday's you commit to.) Please contact me at delongks@unityonline.org to join our awesome team!

Happy New Year!, Karen DeLong, Youth Education Director

Uniteen News

We have some awesome plans for our Uniteen group for the Season of NonViolence,. The teens will learn to handle situations peacefully, with peaceful communication and actions as they study NonViolent Communication and how to apply it to their lives.

Youth of Unity Corner

Our rally was fun and uplifting, we went to Linwood, Kansas to The Tall Oaks Conference Center. Our theme was "I Am Healed" and we focused on healing within us and the more we connect with God through prayer and meditation the healthier we are. The quote on our t-shirts says: "I Am healed, the secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, not to worry about the future, or not anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly." Buddha

Thank you for your prayers and support, we know that our church family makes it possible for us to have these wonderful experiences....we are grateful!!!