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# FRIENDS OF THE ARCHIVES

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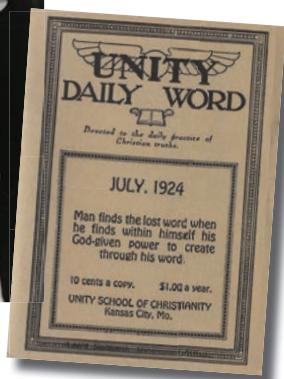
## 100 YEARS OF *DAILY WORD*

Since 1924, *Daily Word*® has provided inspiration, blessings, and comfort to millions around the globe. The very first affirmation on July 1, 1924, set the tone for what was to follow: *“God in me is my light and my understanding.”*

The magazine quickly became the Unity calling card, and over the past century, its devotional messages have sustained readers through two world wars, the Great Depression, a global pandemic, economic setbacks, and national conflicts. It has been a personal companion and guide through grief, loss, fear, and illness, as well as healing, overcoming, restoration, and a renewed love of life.

From a divine idea in the mind of its first editor, Frank B. Whitney, *Daily Word* became one of Myrtle Fillmore’s favorites. She once wrote to a correspondent:

*“Do you receive Daily Word? If not, I should like to send it to you. I think the lessons are splendid; and it makes me so happy when ‘Whitty,’ that is what we call Mr. Whitney, the editor, comes out here at the farm to do his writing. He radiates the positiveness and radiance and strength of the truth.”*



To celebrate the 100-year anniversary, Rev. Ellen Debenport and her creative team scoured the Unity Archives to create a book that includes more than 200 inspirational *Daily Word* messages, along with articles and poems from the past century. We are delighted to offer the book as your special gift for a donation of \$100 or more.



## Greetings to Friends of the Archives,

We are so grateful for those of you who share our passion for the Unity Archives and the rich history and teachings of the Fillmores and Unity! More than two years ago, our preservation partner, HistoryIT, began preserving and digitizing the Myrtle Fillmore collection—totaling 24 boxes. Today, it is ready to be shared with the world, and we can’t thank friends like you enough for helping us reach this point. I hope you enjoy reading about this undertaking and more. In this newsletter, you’ll find:

- Updates on current projects
- A celebration of 100 years of *Daily Word*
- Special gifts for you with your donation of \$100 or \$250

Thank you for your support of the Unity Archives,

*Rev. Mark Fuss*

**We did it! With your generous support and more than 2,600 hours of diligent work by HistoryIT, the Myrtle Fillmore collection is ready to share with the world. And you get to see it first!**

HistoryIT digitally preserved 39,620 pages—half of which are handwritten by Myrtle and others. The digital collection consumes just shy of 11 terabytes and contains more than 48,000 metatags to help make materials more discoverable in the digital museum.

Visit [go.unity.org/myrtlearchive](https://go.unity.org/myrtlearchive) to view slides from the curated Unity exhibit that tell her story and link to other items of interest. Have fun exploring!



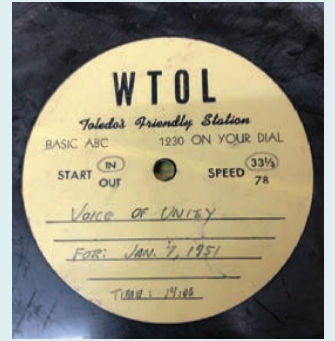
## ARCHIVES UPDATES

Jolene Clark, Unity archivist, and Rev. Karren Scapple, assistant archivist, have been processing collections, preparing exhibits, and welcoming visitors, ministers, and researchers to the Unity Archives. Here's the latest from Unity.

### Unity on the Radio

Throughout its history, Unity has embraced the media of the time. Beginning in 1922, and for much of the 20th century, Charles Fillmore and other Unity ministers often used radio to deliver inspiring messages. In 1942, *Unity Viewpoint*, a 15-minute radio program, began nearly a 30-year run. At one point, it was broadcast on as many as 65 stations.

We were surprised that no recordings were included in the Unity Archives—that is, until 2023, when a generous friend donated 17 discs recorded in 1950 and 1951 and provided funding for their digitization. Once complete, the recordings will be part of the digital museum, where they will be heard for years to come.



### History in Focus

Documents are important to understanding the past, but as the expression goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. Luckily, the Unity Archives photograph collection holds many thousands of photos that tell a rich history.

Much of the past year was spent organizing and identifying these images, which feature diverse subjects including the Fillmore family, Unity publications, Unity Farm/Village, employee gatherings and functions, and the legendary writers, teachers, and leaders of the Unity movement.



## YOU CAN LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THE UNITY ARCHIVES

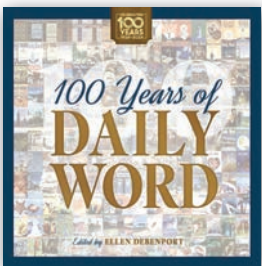
If preserving Unity history and teachings and making them more accessible to the world touches your heart, please consider a planned gift or grant in support of the Unity Archives.

**For more information**, please call 816-251-3505 or email [unitygiving@unityonline.org](mailto:unitygiving@unityonline.org). Thank you!

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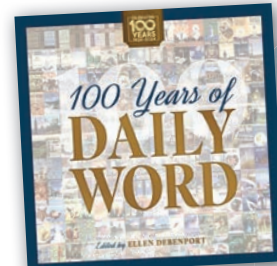
## JOIN FRIENDS OF THE ARCHIVES TODAY!

When you join, we'll thank you with a special gift of our gratitude.



**MAKE A \$100 GIFT:** You'll receive the new book *100 Years of Daily Word*

**MAKE A \$250 GIFT:** We'll send you the book *100 Years of Daily Word* plus *The Positive Prayer Wheel: Bedside Prayers from Daily Word*



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