

THE UNITY MESSENGER

Prosperity Is Mine In 2009

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MARCH 2009

LINES FROM LINDA



Annual Meeting & Election
*** March 15, 2009 ***

The annual meeting will begin immediately following Sunday Service. Nominations are now being accepted for one 1-year & two 3-year positions. Who is eligible to be nominated? Read the guidelines on the back of the nomination slip; now you are ready to make a nomination, by either 1) filling out a nomination slip & placing in the prayer box, or 2) calling Rev. Linda, 682-8554, Barbara Davidson 676-6002, or Char Rickey 692-6344. Bring a hot or cold potluck dish to share after the meeting.



MARCH Sunday Celebration
Service—10:30 a.m.

March 1 "Unity Potpourri"
March 8 "Philo, the Father of Metaphysical Interpretation"
March 15 "Christ Consciousness is Attained, Not Ordained"
March 22 "Free Will or Predestination?"
March 29 Guest Speaker to be announced

Greetings Light Bearers,

The Lenten Season has begun and I trust you have joined with me, completely or in part, in the suggestions in February's "Lines from Linda." There is a prayer that I would add to this daily routine. It is a translation of the Lord's prayer from "The Complete Bible in Modern English" by Ferrar Fenton.

It is cited by Charles Fillmore in "Keep A True Lent," and is appropriate for our times. Charles offers this as an alternative to the belief that we must do life ourselves. He reminds us that Jesus told us to become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven. Children have not developed the false states of mind that many adults have.

The Creator has provided for our every need. It is to our benefit to be childlike and accept with joy and delight that which has been provided. We are not alone.

Jesus taught and exemplified:

"For your Father knows your necessities before you ask Him. Consequently, you must pray in this way:

Our Father in the Heavens; Your Name must be being Hallowed;

Your Kingdom must be being restored.

Your Will must be being done both in Heaven and upon the Earth.

Give us today our to-morrow's bread;

And forgive us our faults, as we forgive those offending us, for You would not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from its evil." Matthew 6:7-13

Praying in this manner expands our awareness of God's Abundance which is readily available to enrich our living. Be not of the world, keep your faith active in demonstrating heaven on earth. Your loving Creator is actively present in your life as a constant companion. "God has provided absolutely and continuously for every need of humanity, individually and collectively, and everything belongs to us:" Charles Fillmore. "All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine." Jesus, John 16:15

"You are prosperous!!!"

Linda

12-Step Support Groups

Al-Anon

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday 5:00 PM
Friday 7:00 PM

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Monday 5:30 PM
Tuesday 7:00 AM
Thursday 7:00 PM
Friday 5:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM
Sunday 2:00 PM



AFFIRMATIONS OF INTEGRITY

I always pay attention.
I always tell the truth and tell it quickly.
I always ask for what I want and when I want it.
I always take total responsibility for my experience.
I always keep my agreements.

Edwene Gaines

Unity's Ongoing Weekly Class Offerings



Nurture your soul with classes at Unity Church of Peoria

SUNDAY 8:45—10 AM Center

The New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose

"Eckhart Tolle addresses the collective dysfunction that characterizes the present state of humanity.."

Bring your "cup of joe" & join this thought-provoking group.



MONDAY 7:00 PM FH

A COURSE IN MIRACLES

This ongoing class explores the ways in which we can remove the blocks to love, harmony and peace.

"I could see peace instead of this."

Join this class at any time throughout the year.

Contact person:
Mary Tanton 467-4794

TUESDAY 10 AM FH

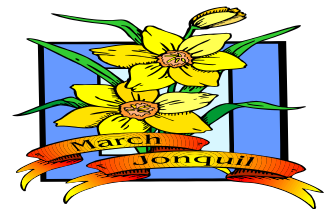
MORNING GLORIES

Saving Jesus

A 12-week, DVD-based exploration of Jesus Christ for the third millennium.

Ends March 31

Facilitated by Rev. Linda



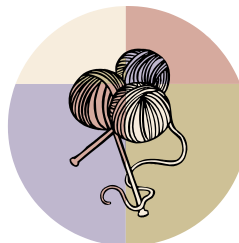
Weekly Classes Continued...

LIVING THE QUESTIONS * Wednesday

March 4 through May 20 @ 7 pm

DVDs and discussion from the members of *The Jesus Seminar* and others: an in-depth exploration of the Christian faith.

- Who was Jesus, really?
- What was his theology & message?
- What of his birth, death & resurrection?
- How do we sort the stories of the actual man from those created to glorify him?



UNITY FOR COMMUNITY

KNIT OR CROCHET

THURSDAY 6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Have you wanted to learn to knit or crochet? Join this group of dedicated knitters and crocheters and produce projects for our troops and local women and children. Needles, hooks and yarn are provided. Contact person: Pat 681-8272

From My Perspective....Roy Pitts

LIGHT

First, I would like to thank everyone here at Unity for keeping the Light on. The Universal Light, that shines within all of us. At least twelve or so years ago I walked into to this enlightened spiritual community. Spiritually, it has been a lot longer than that, I just didn't know it. You see, all of you now, all of the ones that came before you, and all of the ones that are still to come, diligently keep the Light on. For all those before me, myself, and all those to come, I sincerely thank you. All of you, and I do mean all, have been wonderful teachers. You are shining examples of Love and Light.

From my mid-teens till my early or mid-thirties (time can be a confusing concept for me at times) I lived a very "colorful" life style. Don't get me wrong, I have no regrets. The life I have lived has made me who I am today. The Universe, or God, or whatever label you choose to use, was there patiently guiding me toward that Divine Light. A few years before you welcomed me through your doors, a new friend asked me if I read much. Who me? Yea, right.

They handed me, The Celestine Prophecy. I read it and the quest was on: an insatiable thirst for knowledge leading to that Light. There really are people out there who believe as I do. I'm not the only one, how cool is that! Then that friend told me of this wonderful enlightened community and brought me to Unity. See you really did keep the Light on, and I found it. I slid in and out for quite a few years, coming late and leaving early. All the while the Light was kept on for all to see. I never lost sight of It. Different things kept happening that kept pointing me here. I got over my commitment phobic preconceived notions, and became a member of this spiritual community. Time went on and I became more involved by following that Lighted pathway. I was nominated to this honored position on the board a couple of times. I politely declined. Then one Sunday Linda told me that I had been nominated to serve on the board and that I could take a little while to think about it. I looked at her, smiled, and said there is nothing to think about—the Universe has already shown me the answer: I would accept the nomination. The Light was shining in the direction I was supposed to take.

So here I stand a year later, letting my Light shine to the best of my

growing abilities. To honor those who came before me and to help light the path for those that will come after me. So I will continue to strive to keep the Light on, within and without, to help light the way for others on their own personal spiritual journeys—where ever it takes them. Follow that Spirited Light within and it will guide you to your highest and most Divine journey. Give it a try, it worked for me. Thanks to all at Unity for keeping the Light on.

With that I would like to give a special thank you to Mary Alice, Carol, Jerry and Sue for sharing their wisdom and insight on the board with me in the last year. Thank you for helping to Light the path. And to those who are going to join the board, welcome, and let the Light guide you on your journey.

Love, Light, and Peace,

Roy



P.S. To the remaining board members, thank you, and you still have me for two more years!



Hee, hee, hee.

PEORIA UNITY PRAYER SUPPORT: Prayer is the heart of all we do in Unity. Your Prayer Ministry Team is available to pray with you, family or friends. To make your prayer request, you may call the office, 682-8554, email unitypia@sbcglobal.net or use the prayer request page on our website: www.unitypeoria.org (all requests are confidential). **Dial For Inspiration:** Having a difficult moment? For an uplifting, inspirational message 24/7, call (309) 682-8865 **SILENT UNITY—24/7 Prayer Ministry** Day and night, someone is praying in Silent Unity, and you can request prayer at any time, 1-800-669-7729/ email www.silentunity.org

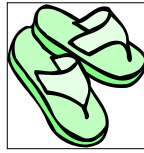
COUNSELING AND HEALING TREATMENTS

Spiritual Counseling & Energy Healing Treatments of differing types, including Tuning Forks, are available by appointment with Rev. Linda, on a Love Offering to the Church basis. To make an appointment call 682-8554.

Y.O.U.



Shoe by Shoe, this is
your chance
to change
the world,
Feb. 8 – March 8



Our Youth of Unity (Y.O.U) are collecting new and lightly worn shoes for *Soles4Souls, Inc.*, a non-profit organization that gives away shoes worldwide.

***Soles4Souls has a simple mission:
To impact as many lives as possible
with the gift of shoes.***

Soles4Souls facilitates the donations of shoes, which are used to aid the hurting worldwide. Shoe companies, retailers, and individuals can donate footwear; Soles4Souls is a 501(c)(3) recognized by the IRS, and donating parties are eligible for tax advantages.

The idea behind gifts of shoes is nothing new to the Soles4Souls team, as they coordinated relief efforts for the Asian Tsunami and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, netting over 1 Million pairs donated for these disasters.

Please bring yours and your family's new and lightly worn shoes to Unity Church.

A \$2.00 contribution is also requested by the *Soles4Souls* organization to help with the mailing of the shoes. If you have any ?, call 682-8554. Information taken from www.soles4souls.org

SpiritPath Retreats at Unity Village, MO

April 2-5 The Wellness Experience Retreat

April 3 Emotional Freedom

April 16 An Evening with Byron Katie

April 17-18 Loving What Is - a 2-day workshop

April 30-May 1 The Journey Through Cancer and The Seven Levels of Healing ®

For more information go to: <http://www.unity.org> and click on *events*

UNITY WRITINGS

The Prayer Way to Health, Wealth, and Happiness

by Lowell Fillmore

I Go to Meet My Good

The waking time of nearly every person is spent in association with other people. We meet other people wherever we go. If there were no people about us, we would be very unhappy.

How we behave toward others determines what life means to us. Our attitude toward others can bring us happiness or unhappiness, but whether or not we find joy in living depends upon how we treat others rather than upon how they treat us. We meet all kinds of people in our world. Some of the people we meet may seem to be unfriendly, while others may seem to be unfriendly and offensive. The truth of the matter is that the good or bad results of our association with the people we meet depends more upon how we think and act toward them than upon how they act toward us. Therefore, the good we receive is dependent upon how we act toward others rather than upon how they act toward us.

We should obey the laws of the land, of course, but there is a higher law that controls our life and affairs more definitely than all of the man-made laws. This higher law is greater than all man-made laws, and if all people obeyed it then there would not be a need for man-made laws. This higher law is stated by Jesus in Matthew 7:12. Here is how He words it: *"All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets."* When we obey this law, doing only good to others and dealing harmoniously with them in our thoughts, words, feelings, and deeds, we shall find our good coming to us in every experience of our life.

So let us rejoice in all our associations with others as we let God help us find good in all our appointments.

GOD IS GOOD—ALL THE TIME!!!

THIS AND THAT

SPIRITUAL CINEMA MARCH 14 @ 7 PM

Gabrielle— This is an intriguing, mysterious movie of a soul waiting to be born, who gets a glimpse of the life she would live, with its triumphs and tragedies, and then she must decide whether she wants to be born. (14 minutes)

The Water Ghost— Sometimes our greatest fears lie just below the surface...and this mystical movie tells the story of an encounter with a spirit trapped beneath the waters of a lake. (29 minutes)

The Great Year—This documentary explores the cosmic cycles that the ancients spoke of, from Vedic scholars to Plato to the Mayans. (46 minutes)

Please join us for these great movies and popcorn!

LOVE OFFERING



Our Most Important Teaching

Perhaps one of Unity's most important teachings we have is that we do not demand that you consider this idea or that one the most important and essential teaching.

We say, "Here are some teachings, use them as you find them helpful."

James Dillet Freeman
Keys to The Kingdom

Which of Unity's ideas do you consider to be the most important? Please email your thoughts to unitypia@sbcglobal.net and let us know if it is OK to publish your thoughts in April's newsletter.

"Ask and you shall receive."

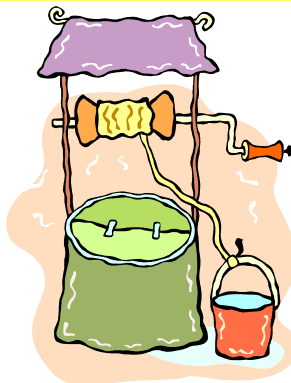
Asking For

- *Riding Lawn Mower
- *Youth Ed Director
- *Equipment to record CDs in sanctuary (\$1100 .00 installed)
- * Shoes—*Soles4Souls* (300 pairs)

Thank You

- *Tile installed in church foyer

Unity of Peoria's Well of Abundance



WEB UPDATE



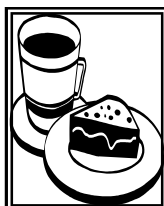
Unity of Peoria's website www.unitypia.org is currently under construction, but very soon you will be able to view current events, classes, etc., on the revised website.

Thank you for your patience.

RECIPE FROM THE UNITY INN at UNITY VILLAGE

- 4 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup light syrup
- 1/2 cup dark syrup
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 tsps vanilla
- 1-1/2 cups oatmeal
- 1 cup coconut

OATMEAL PIE



Beat eggs slightly. Add sugar, syrups, butter, oatmeal, coconut, and vanilla.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Happy Birthday

to those with March Birthdays!



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Children and Teen Classes
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UNITY CHURCH OF PEORIA

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Honoring oneness, celebrating life, and expressing love.

MISSION STATEMENT

Being all that God created us to be.

VISION STATEMENT

Creating heaven on earth
through the oneness of mind, body and spirit

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