

The Unity Messenger

2010: Our Year of Power



Lines From Linda

In Oneness I salute you,

For this month's communication with you I have chosen to present quotes from a book by Joseph R. Myers, "Organic Community." I attended a workshop based on this writing while at the Unity Worldwide Ministries Convention in June. Your Board of Trustees is exploring our implementation of this model for ministry. It resonates with my soul, just as Unity does. Ponder these offerings and witness your own resonance.

Organic Order: synchronized life – moving from master plan to organic order

Essentially, master plans are maps that mix things that already exist with things that "ought" to exist. Master plans use the language of: "ought" and "should," language that points to the future in a rigid, predetermined way. The problem is that "ought" and "should" are often interpreted to mean "must!" This future—the plan— *must* be protected and preserved.

Master Plans embalm embryos; they are a form of cryogenics.

When we plan it is helpful to begin with a horizon in view instead of a specific point. This is a more organic concept of planning for the future. It is not very helpful to speak in terms of going from "here" to "there," because we as living creatures need freedom to end up somewhere else. (Perhaps where Spirit would have us end up. Linda)

When planning a new initiative, I prefer to ask, "What are we hoping for?" Your answer to this question, whatever it might be, will

serve as an organic guide. Most likely, the answer will allow enough flexibility to deal with future questions as they emerge and the guiding principles to answer those questions more effectively.

"What are we hoping for?" is a journey-based question. "What" asks for an answer that will help with the journey—*where-ever* it may take us. "What" also helps us recognize the substance of the journey, not merely the direction or destination of the journey. We often have little control over precise direction. We do have some control over the substance of the journey.

Organic Community is a search for wholeness, not for totalitarian order.

This is not a call for "come what may" leadership and ministry. There is a difference between being *organic* and seeking *organic* order. It is the difference between an infant's response to her body's need to release waste and her father's need to do the same. If her father were to respond to the need in a strictly organic way, he too would need diapers. Thankfully he has developed an order for an organic process.

Each month I will share in this letter quotes from this book and also begin to report how your Board of Trustees is allowing our organic Community to emerge. I have witnessed pieces of this model already in action in our ministry.

You are Unity! Linda

September

2010

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UNITY Classes

SUNDAY 8:45 am

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

"Money and The Law of Attraction"
By Esther and Jerry Hicks

MONDAY 7:00 pm

"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."

Contact person: Mary Tanton 467-4794

TUESDAY 10:00 am
MORNING GLORIES

"Twelve Powers In You"

Discussion of selected readings on our "Twelve Powers" from various Unity authors.

You are always welcome in our circle!

UNITY CLASS 8/11—9/15
WEDNESDAY 7:00-9:00 pm

The Five Principles

By: Ellen Debenport

From the Introduction:

A great deal has been offered about spiritual principles in recent decades....For me, the Five Principles compromise them all. I believe they can be applied to any situation that shows up in our world....As well as offering tools for daily living, the Five Principles suggest answers to the great questions of existence that humans have been asking since the dawn of conscious awareness.

UNITY
for Community
Knit
or
Crochet



THURSDAY 7:00 pm

Have you wanted to learn to knit or crochet? Join this group of dedicated knitters, etc., and produce items for local women & children, military troops. Needles, hooks, yarn and instructions are provided.

*Spiritual Cinema is closed
for the summer season!*

See you in October!!



Twelve Step Support Groups

Meetings are held in the
Center for Creative Living

Al-Anon

Wednesday 7:00 pm

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday 5:00 pm

Friday 7:00 pm

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

MONDAY 5:30 PM

THURSDAY 7:00 PM

FRIDAY 5:30 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM



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. You may make your prayer request in 3 ways:

- 1) email unitypia@sbcglobal.net
 - 2) call the office: 682-8554
 - 3) use the prayer request on our website at www.unitypeoria.org
- Prayer requests are confidential.

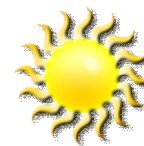
DIAL FOR INSPIRATION

Having a difficult moment? For an uplifting, inspirational message 24/7, call (309) 682-8865.

SILENT UNITY

24/7 Prayer Ministry

Someone is always praying at Silent Unity, at Unity Village, and you may request prayer at any time, 1-800-669-7729, or email www.silentunity.org



Counseling & Healing Treatments

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.

From My Perspective

Taking a Leap

So here I am drawing a complete blank again on what to write. Man, this thing is late. I have nothing. Maybe I should just go jump out of a plane! I have fun leaping from planes. Hold on maybe I've got something here. Jumping. Leaping. Leap of faith! Hey I've got something here! The first time I jumped from a plane it took a huge leap of faith. It took faith in my instructors, in the equipment, the pilot, and the plane. The pay off was amazing. It still takes faith in my abilities to pack, remember all the safety checks and remembering everything I have learned so far. Every jump is a leap of faith. I have learned to have faith in my decisions.

I recently got married, as many of you know. That was a leap of faith for me. After twenty-six years of being single, I took the leap. I found the most wonderful woman [Nina] to spend the rest of my life with. I'm a lucky man. Without having faith in my decision, I may have not found the happiness that I now enjoy. Where does all this faith come from? For me it comes from God and his presence within me. It comes from like minded people sharing their faith and love with me. These things have given me the ability to let go of previous fears, relationships, and old baggage. God and the Universe gave me the tools to make these leaps of faith, people I have met, books, and this wonderful place we call Unity. So go take a leap. You might not know what you're missing if you don't. Try putting your faith in the Oneness of the Universe and within. Try letting Him guide you to taking leaps of faith, the pay offs can be amazing. I did. Now I have an amazingly loving wife and an amazing hobby. Both make me feel closer to God and this amazing Universe.

Thanks for your time, your love and your faith in me.

Roy Pitts

Board of Trustees, Vice President



Unity World Day of Prayer

Thursday, September 9

7am—midnight

Come pray with us any time this day

This year's theme is "Living in the Flow." Joining with Silent Unity and the Worldwide Unity Ministries we affirm:

We are living expressions of

DIVINE LIGHT

flowing forth into the world.

See page 7 for your special prayer list for this event.

THIS AND THAT

Happy September
Birthday's!



I am willing to express all that I imagine God to Be.

Unity's Well of Abundance

"Ask and you shall receive."

ASKING FOR

- * Massage table
- * Information Technology Team

**THANK YOU**

- * For your support. We are grateful.

September 12 10:30 a.m.
Poplar Lane Park
Church Service and Picnic

Join us down by the riverside in beautiful Poplar Lane Park for our Sunday Celebration Service and Annual Picnic. Bring your own comfortable lawn chair for our service under the tree canopy. Music will be provided by Melinda Brown and Company.

For the picnic bring a dish to share with your Unity family. We will not be cooking at the park this year, so your choice of potluck dishes is open. Unity will provide plates, cups, napkins, plastic ware and ice for your choice of beverage. There is no electricity, so if you want coffee a thermos is a good idea.

If the weather conditions are such that our being in the park is not a good idea we will be meeting and picnicking at the church. The church answering machine will provide this information by 8am on 9/12. If the usual message is heard the picnic in the park is the order of the day, otherwise the message will advise the change to the church.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PARK: From the McCluggage bridge and Rt. 29 (Galena Road): Go north on 29, approx. 2.1 miles to Poplar Lane (on the right side) turn right. Cross the railroad tracks and proceed to the end of the lane. Welcome to Poplar Lane Park. We will place a sign on Rt. 29 and Poplar Lane.



**The Faculty of Order
is our focus for
September Sunday Services.**

Come and Celebrate with us at 10:30 am!

9/ 5 "Working With All My Powers"

9/12

Church Service and Picnic at Poplar Lane Park

9/19 "Putting More Divine Order Into Our Lives"

9/26 "A Divine Plan Is Unfolding Through Me Now"

Abundance Sale

Wow!!!

You did it again. You came through with merchandise donations, worked to display the merchandise and sell it, baked wonderful goodies, and then you shopped.

The sale was a great success!

Bake Sale Revenues	251.31
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Merchandise Revenues	1,908.33
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Sale total	<u>\$2159.64</u>
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(6 mortgage payments)

A great big expression of gratitude to all of you. Thank you to Thom Krokstrom for chairing the sale and to Mary Alice Edwards for chairing the bake sale and hosting lunch for the workers.

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September—The Faculty of Order

DENIAL

Chaos and confusion are hereby eliminated from my life.

AFFIRMATION

God is first in my life and
is revealing my very next step, right now.

Order as one of our Twelve Powers is our ability to develop consciousness in proper sequence—mind, body and affairs, while keeping God first in our lives.

You are on a journey, a journey of consciousness development and transformation. But when you are going someplace, you should always know where you are going and how you are getting there. In consciousness development, the goal is the attainment of Christ-consciousness. The way you attain it is through adhering to spiritual principles. So you have your goal and the way. Now....

Your vehicle is a physical body which is propelled by your thoughts and feelings. And, of course, your thoughts and feelings originate from Source, God. In their pure form, thoughts and feelings are Divine Wisdom and Divine Love., but, as they are filtered through your consciousness, they manifest as personal thoughts and personal feelings. It is best that you keep you mind, body and affairs in perfect order, so that this wonderful balance of thoughts and feelings keeps you focused on your goal, Christ-awareness.

A divine plan is unfolding through you now. You have a magnificent purpose on this planet earth, and your realization of this purpose is coming in a special way. It is your contribution to the uplifting of humanity. This plan needs to unfold in an orderly manner that will result in consciousness development for you.

The preceding is taken from "Your Twelve Gifts From God" by William Warch.

Order is your ability to keep "God first" in your continuous development. Do you want divine order in your life. Declare it so! "Divine Order is now established in my life and affairs." You can be specific and add a phrase for your current circumstances. "Divine Order is now established in my relationship with _____."

Cathy Robel

September 5

performing during our
Celebration service at
10:30am

Cathy offers inspirational and soul
stirring music to remind us of the
"Joy" we are.

LOVINGLY CARING FOR OUR PROPERTY DAY**PLAYDAY / WORKDAY**

October 2, Saturday 7am – 2pm

There will be lists in the church for the projects to be completed, or at least started this day. You may claim one as your very own and complete it at another time if you cannot be here on 10/2. We have indoor and outdoor projects at the church and center. If you make purchases of materials to complete your project you may submit receipts to Rev. Linda for reimbursement.

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AS WE WORK TOGETHER!!!

Release Stress, Fears, Anger, Grief & Lots More

Are you bothered by

**stress, fears, anger, grief, anxiety, depression, trauma/PTSD,
digestive problems (acid reflux, colitis, diverticulitis, Crohn's, IBS)?**

All of these can be substantially lessened-sometimes even eliminated.

This interesting & informative workshop will give you a lifelong, holistic modality for better health.

You will release subconscious blocks associated with painful memories, and you can achieve wonderful results, both emotional & physical, without voicing anything out loud. This workshop is for anyone interested in better health. You will learn meridian energy therapy using a simple EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques) procedure. You will also be introduced to muscle testing (A.K. or applied kinesiology).

Note: EFT is so effective that in private sessions, Tom Masbaum gives a 100% guarantee of success or there is no charge.

Learn about the mind/body connection. i.e., how your thoughts/emotions affect your body.

*Learn how to release grief and strong negative emotions attached to your memories, **without voicing your issues out loud.***

Learn how to move on from painful relationships.

Stay healthy & happy. Your health is your wealth.

Dr. Eric Robins, MD states "*Unresolved emotional issues are the main cause of 85% of all illnesses*".
EFT is endorsed by Dr. Deepak Chopra, Dr. Mercola and many others.

Sunday, October 10, 2010

Service 10:30 AM - Food available after the service

1 – 4 PM A Wonderful Healing Workshop

Introduction to EFT & AK (3 CEU's*) Open To All – Love Donation

(This same workshop is presented at Blackhawk College for \$49 for 2.5 hours)

For more information, call Tom 708.955.3634

Please return to Unity by 9/5/10

My Prayer List

World Day of Prayer

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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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