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Palm Sunday, April 17th 10:30am Service of the Palms

Palms waving in the air in gratitude and appreciation for our Celebration Service content. Spiritual communion in meditation with a ritual blessing of the palms of your hand. This is in preparation for the other activities of passion week, quite mystical and also elemental.

Good Friday, April 22nd Services at noon or 7pm Crossing out Ceremony

Jesus' final words on the cross:
"Father forgive them; for they know not what they do. Today thou shall be with me in paradise. Woman, behold thy son!...Behold thy mother!' My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me? I thirst. It is finished. Into thy hands I commend my spirit.

Explore the metaphysical significance of the words and release in forgiveness yourself and others.

April 24, 10:30am Easter Flower Service and Spiritual Communion

"Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Its inner meaning and spiritual significance is the awakening and raising to spiritual consciousness of the I AM in humanity, which has been dead in trespass and sin a buried in the tomb of materiality." Keep A True Lent, Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity.

Our Easter Service rituals serve to remind us of Jesus' overcoming of the attachment to this world's ways and the potential of the same Christ within us to do likewise.

We acknowledge the perpetual experience of Easter and give ourselves willingly and lovingly into our own resurrections. Arise awake, go forth!

**EVERY MORNING
IS EASTER MORNING!**

Visit
www.unity.org
for details on the
Unity International
Convention or
check out the
brochures in
Fellowship Hall
June 13-17
Monday—Friday
Sheraton Hotel
Overland Park, KS

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UNITY Classes

SUNDAY 8:45 am

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

"The Untethered Soul"

By Michael Singer

This book begins by walking you through your relationships with your thoughts and emotions, helping you uncover the source and fluctuations of your inner energy.

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

"The Third Appearance"

a crisis of perception

By Walter Starcke

Everything that has led up to this moment has been necessary and right for its time; however, what is taking place in the world demands moving into a new level of consciousness free of contradiction. We will expand to a new level of consciousness as we apply the principle in this writing as is our destiny.

You are always welcome in our circle!

We are every character in the Easter drama!

**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.



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.

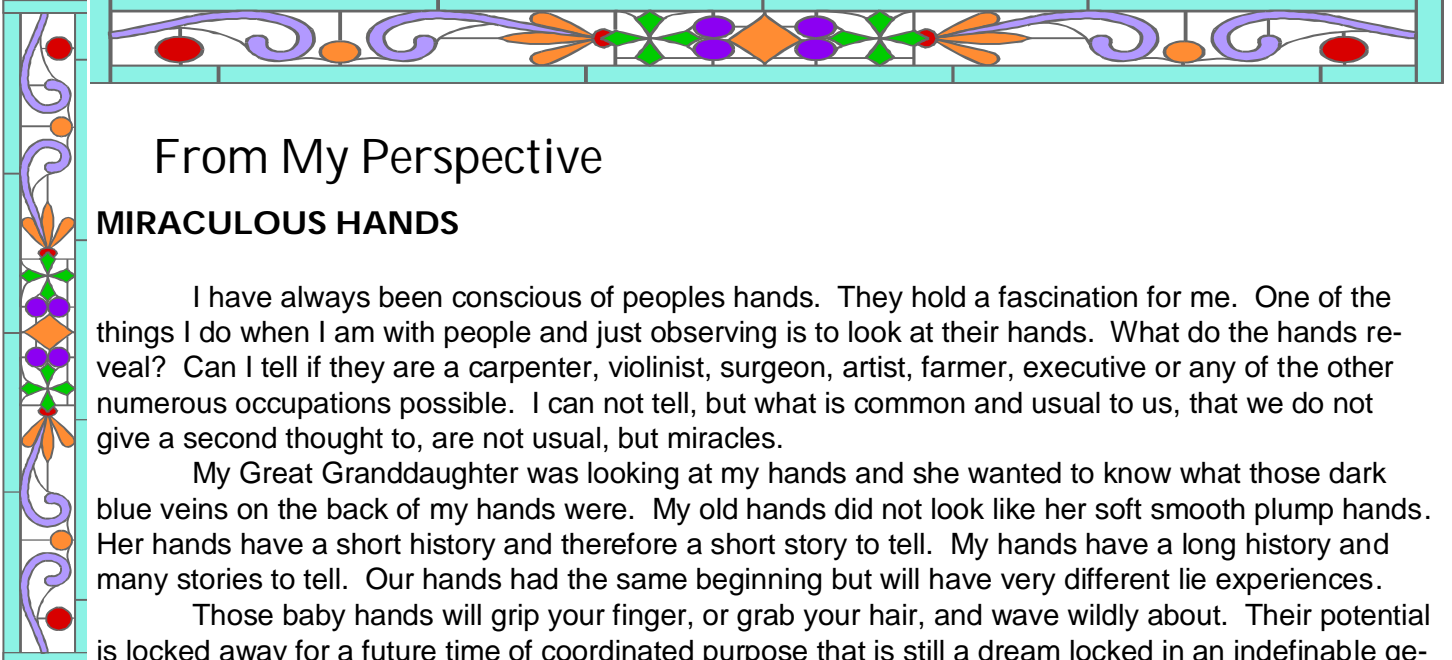
SILENT UNITY

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
Free printout www.unity.org/free

***Spiritual Economics* by Eric Butterworth Wednesdays at 7 pm for 12 weeks facilitated by Debra Baxter It is not too late to join this class.**

This book by Eric Butterworth resonates with me more than any other book I've read on creating abundance in your life. He says prosperity is spiritual well-being that involves "the whole experience of healing life, satisfying love, abiding peace and harmony, as well as a sufficiency of what Aristotle called the 'furniture of fortune.'" Here's another of many, many great quotes: "The whole of God-substance is present in its entirety at every point in space at every point in time. . . all the substance is present at any point of human need. . . while there is no limitation there be a consciousness of limitation." Join me in studying this book so we can remember our consciousness of abundance and prosperity. Even if you have studied this book before, I think you will get something new this time around.



From My Perspective

MIRACULOUS HANDS

I have always been conscious of peoples hands. They hold a fascination for me. One of the things I do when I am with people and just observing is to look at their hands. What do the hands reveal? Can I tell if they are a carpenter, violinist, surgeon, artist, farmer, executive or any of the other numerous occupations possible. I can not tell, but what is common and usual to us, that we do not give a second thought to, are not usual, but miracles.

My Great Granddaughter was looking at my hands and she wanted to know what those dark blue veins on the back of my hands were. My old hands did not look like her soft smooth plump hands. Her hands have a short history and therefore a short story to tell. My hands have a long history and many stories to tell. Our hands had the same beginning but will have very different lie experiences.

Those baby hands will grip your finger, or grab your hair, and wave wildly about. Their potential is locked away for a future time of coordinated purpose that is still a dream locked in an indefinable genetic code.

My hands have 82 years of stories to tell. They have performed innumerable household tasks and cared for four children. Worked professionally as a dental assistant, dental hygienist and teacher. For a time they did the work of a waitress. They even worked in a casino in Reno. They have always been skilled at whatever task they were put to, well, a few exceptions. I celebrate their mechanical, physical abilities.

There are many sayings about hands: lend me a hand, you are very handy, the hand of friendship, the iron fist, a hand-out, a helping hand, empty handed, praying hands, the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, healing hands, I hand it to you, etc.. These are just a few but they show that society puts great value on hands.

Why this tale about hands? There is a wonderful other side to consider. No matter what activities my hands performed the "Divine Creative Spirit" that envisioned and created my hands can work through them in miraculous ways. I can choose to always do the greater good, to use them in loving ways that benefit humankind. I celebrate my hands, their history and potential. I open them to receive blessings and to offer you blessings. They are the common and unusual but also miracles.

Peace and Love,

Mary Alice Edwards, Board Secretary

You newly elected Board of Trustees

Jo Huff, President

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THIS AND THAT

Happy April
Birthday's !

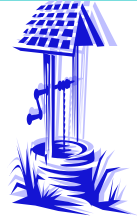


A MINISTRY OF SERVICE

We are here to serve God through ministering to you. This is one of the ways that "we are being all that God created us to be." If you have a healing need we have multiple resources available to assist you in being a greater expression of wholeness. You are treated with respect as the expression of God that you are and free of judgment of any kind. We are always praying with you, if you have a specific request we will support that as well.

Unity's Well of Abundance

"Ask and you shall receive."



ASKING FOR

- * Massage table
- * Newsletter compiling and mailing coordinator
- * Youth Ed volunteers

Many of the present-day ideas of resurrection have come down from past centuries of ignorance and have been accepted without question because they seem to be supported by a literal interpretation of certain Bible texts. Keep a True Lent, Charles Fillmore,

Mindy's Music Café

A community activity at Unity

Coordinated by
Mindy Brown

Saturday, April 16th
7:00PM

Featuring "Great" Live
Music & Local Artists

\$10.00 suggested donation

Coffee and Tea provided

Food available for purchase

Performers to be announced

In Unity Fellowship Hall

Sacred healing meditations

"Provides you a safe haven to Experience Divine love"

Two sessions on Monday evenings at the Center

1st Individual Session: 6:45 pm 2nd Individual Session: 7:30 pm

Call the church office (682-8554) to schedule a session.

Facilitators: Juanita Burton (339-9394), Debora Saylor,
Christy Egart, Wilma Rinsch

**Abundance Sale Coming Soon
August 12&13**

We are receiving clean, usable, saleable household items for our Abundance Sale, which supports the mortgage payments for the "Center" (\$337.11 per month). We can store your donations in the attic at the Center if necessary. If you can collect them and set them aside to bring any day after July 30th it would be greatly appreciated. No clothing is being accepted as we have limited space. There will also be a Bake Sale included in this event. Further details in coming editions of The Unity Messenger.

See the information on the front page to access the information for Unity Worldwide Ministries Convention in Overland Park, Kansas, June 13-17.

"Resurrection is a rising into new vigor, new prosperity, a restoration to same higher state. It is absurd to suppose that it applies only to the resuscitation of a dead body." Atom Smashing Power of Mind, by Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity

Lines From Linda

Easter Greetings of New Life to all of You!

As the warm rays of the sun are stirring all nature to new expressions of life this spring, so is the inspiration of the Easter season arousing in us a desire to push up and out of present limitation to a sweeter, stronger expression of our self, our Christ self.

I have been observing the jonquils, or daffodils if you prefer, in our garden behind the Center hoping there blooming will be timely for our Easter Flower Service. From the bulbs under ground, which I cannot see, they are pressing forth from the earth through the soil, mulch and whatever may have been blown over the ground by the winter winds. The life force in them is strong.

Jesus spoke of the lilies of the field not wanting for anything because God provides their life. We, also, when we allow the Christ in us to have mastery over our thoughts words and actions have this strong life force in us flowing freely. This our divine inheritance freely given and not something to attain, something to allow. It is within us now awaiting our choice to release it into all of its glory.

Are you able to put yourself into the Easter Story? It is your story of overcoming through rising up from the past experiences and opening yourself to new and great life.

The story of Easter is the story of renewal within the individual. When reading the Easter drama as it is recorded in the Bible, we are able to identify with every character and circumstance because it is the drama of the unfoldment of our soul as led by our Christ within.

Easter can be observed by giving our attention to the empty tomb where Jesus' body had been laid. Easter can be observed through the story of Jesus and Mary in the garden of the tomb.

In what ways do you observe Easter?

Easter is also observed by the symbols found in nature and created in confectionary. Bunnies, chicks, lambs, in various sizes, colors and sugary forms. Oh! How delicious! There are even eggs, chocolate filled with a wide array of creamy delights, solid or hollow, and jelly beans in various sizes. Cakes and cookies in these shapes or images of them are used when decorating a cake. When eating a chocolate rabbit where do you start?

The Easter message is, spring has come, new life has begun, and through the Divinity in you, you are one with ALL!!

In the Spirit of the Risen Christ,

Linda

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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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Happy Easter!!!