

The Unity Messenger

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Lines From Linda

WE ARE BACK IN CONTROL

Our email was hijacked and our address was not under our control. I did not travel to London, nor solicit money from anyone through the church email account. Such action would be unethical and subject me to judicatory review and possible removal from ordination.

Holiday Humor

Hospitality

A couple heard the doorbell ring and went to open the door. Their neighbors were at the door and explained their visit. "We're saving postage by hand-delivering our Christmas cards this year, and dropping in for a bit of lunch and a cup of coffee?"

It Was On Her Face

A woman was shopping with her daughters. The crowds were awful. She had to skip lunch because she was on a tight schedule. Now she was tired, hungry, and her feet were hurting, and she was more than a little irritable. As they left the last store, she asked her daughter, "Did you see that nasty look that salesman gave me?" Her daughter replied, "He didn't give it to you, Mom. You had it when you went in."

Meaning of the Season

"Peace on Earth," "Goodwill to all," and "batteries not included."

Greetings,

As Christmas Day approaches may we be ever mindful not only of the reason for the season, let us be mindful that we are creating our experience of this time of celebration by our thought, word, and deed. As we begin each day we may feel overwhelmed with what is to be accomplished for Christmas to be perfect.

This is our choice point. As each day begins declaring the choice for Love, Peace, and Joy can bring an upliftment from Spirit. As we move through our day, no matter what appears, the highest calling is to choose Love, Peace and Joy.

Within you is Love, Peace and Joy awaiting your call to service. Other people will respond in kind as you hold firm to this choice.

The unexpected guests, seeming nastiness of others, not buying the batteries for Christmas morning will not sway you from your repose. In the midst of seeming chaos you are able to be in a state of grace. Loving, peaceful and joyous.

Love, Peace and Joy to you !

Linda

Immanuel !

God is with us!

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Christmas
Candlelighting Service
December 18, 7PM**

**Christmas Morning
Candlelighting for the
Nativity Story
10:30AM**

**World Peace
Meditation
December 31, 6AM**

**New Year's Eve
Burning Bowl
Ceremony**

December 31, 7PM

**White Stone Ceremony
January 1 10:30AM**

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UNITY Classes

SUNDAY 8:45 am

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

(At publication no information available.)

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

ON THE WEB

Our Sunday Celebration Services are now on our website

Check it out at

www.unitypeoria.org

NEW MEMBERS

ORIENTATION

Sunday January 8 & 15

9am in Fellowship Hall

This orientation is required before being received into membership in Unity of Peoria

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!

**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.
Contact person: Pat 681-8272



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

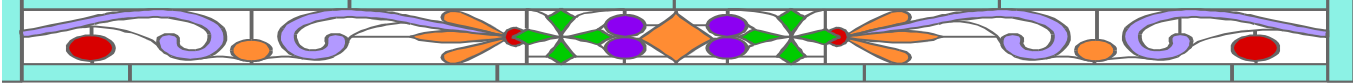
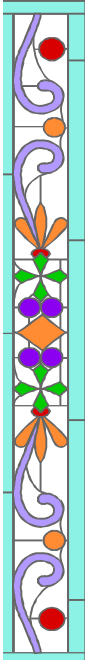
Someone is always praying at Silent Unity, at Unity Village, and you may request prayer at any time, 1-800-669-7729, or email www.silentunity.org
Free printout www.unity.org/free

Sacred Healing Meditations

Monday Evenings at the Center

To make your appointment: call Juanita 339-9394

This is a powerful healing technique which is founded in prayer. Specific and direct prayer activating the body's natural healing ability and power of release of that which is no longer serving the best is utilized.



From My Perspective

“Fallen Soldiers”

They fell in the heat of war
 Some not knowing why
 Soldiers fighting for the greater good
 Who believed in freedom
 "Welcome home"
 The words you wanted to hear
 Waiting... amidst gunfire
 The words that never came

The war never ended for you -
 Maybe an ambush, explosion, crossfire,
 Or on the battlefield
 You didn't see it coming

Then a black cloud ascended your vision
 Your body became weightless
 The explosions and gunfire
 You no longer heard

Leaving behind loved ones
 Learning of your death
 Tears of dismay
 Won't bring you back

But you are not forgotten

So many lives lost
 The lives we commemorate
 For the freedom

Your descendents cherish today.



My mother told me a story of the time my father was being shipped off overseas to WW2 from New York City and how scared he was as a young man. The further distance the Statue of Liberty appeared his thoughts were if he would ever be back to the United States.

During the Holidays I feel it should be a time to reflect on the courage and perseverance that the veterans and the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States Armed Forces, and how thankful we as United States citizens should be.

While we are enjoying the Holidays with our families and friends we should pause a moment to reflect on what our citizens of the military mean to us. We have the freedom and luxury to enjoy the Holidays and we must pray that everyone has this same opportunity.

While it is true "If you can read this thank a teacher", It should also be noted "If you can read this thank a Veteran".

God Bless You and Your Families,
 Rick Myers-Vice President-Unity Board

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THIS AND THAT

Happy December

Birthday's !



Visit www.unity.org for details on the **International Convention**. You are invited to attend as well as Rev. Linda.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Our internet connection has been hijacked and is no longer safe.

New address:

unity1921@att.net

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Unity's Well of Abundance

"Ask and you shall receive."



ASKING FOR

- * Newsletter compiling, printing and mailing coordinator
- * Youth Ed volunteers
- * Bookkeeping person to reconcile our checking accounts and prepare the reports for our Board. If you can balance your checkbook you can complete these tasks (2-4 hours per month)
- * Ushers and greeters
- * Hospitality Hour volunteers

And So It IS!

Winter Weather Cancellations

When weather conditions cause you to question if a Unity service or class might be cancelled please call the church office **682-8554**. When there is a cancellation the message on the answering machine will be changed to advise you of such cancellation.



Twelve Step Support Groups

Meetings are held in the Center for Creative Living
AI-Anon
Wednesday 7:00 pm

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday 5:00 pm

Friday 7:00 pm

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

MONDAY 5:30 PM

THURSDAY 6:00 PM

FRIDAY 5:30 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM

We continue to receive aluminum beverage cans for selling to recyclers. The proceeds from this ongoing fundraiser are applied to the mortgage fund. Please rinse the cans and crush them if possible. They are stored in our garage until there is a truck load, which is then taken to the scrap dealer. Please place your donation in front of the garage door.

Holiday Activities

***Christmas Candlelighting Service
December 18, 7PM***

Twelve Power

Candlelighting Ceremony

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

Bring snacks to share

Christmas Day Service

10:30AM

Nativity Story Candlelighting

World Peace Meditation

December 31, 6AM

Continental Breakfast will be served following the meditation

New Year's Eve

Burning Bowl Ceremony

December 31, 7PM

Prepare for the new year by writing what you are willing to release or change and purify your commitment with fire.

Informal games night to follow this service, bring games and snacks to share

White Stone Ceremony

January 1 10:30AM

A new name for a new year!!!

UNITY CHURCH

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Located in Fellowship Hall

This year SOUTH SIDE OFFICE OF CONCERN is the recipient of your Christmas giving.

South Side Office of Concern, located at the corner of Fayette & NW Jefferson (the old YWCA), feed and house the homeless and mentally challenged. They also have the New Hope Apartments and scattered housing in the Peoria area, for a total of 100 beds. (Currently, there are 80 people on the waiting list.)

Following are what they accept:

- Dried and canned foods. Please do not donate items that have to be refrigerated.
- Grocery store gift cards and personal checks are also accepted. The staff will purchase food items and distribute to their clients.

Please place your donations under the GIVING TREE in Fellowship Hall. The items will be delivered weekly until December 20th.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS to South Side Office of Concern.

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Sunday Celebration 10:30 am
Children's Classes
start at 10:30 am.

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

***Seasons Greetings as we celebrate
the birth of the Christ!***

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