

*Celia*  
Singer / Songwriter / Comedienne

CELIA



*Carry Me Home*

All the Way From Albuquerque, NM!

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# Celia in Concert

Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm

\$12 in advance \$15 day of show

“Celia’s Music Calls Women to their Glory & Men to their Hearts” Marianne Williamson,  
Author “A Return to Love”

“A Gift to the World.” Brooke Medicine Eagle, Author  
“A Captivating, Awesome Performer” Jana Stanfield, Recording Artist  
“Whimsical, Bold, Frisky-An Epitome of Delight” Gemma

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# The Unity Messenger

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## Lines From Linda

*"Celia" June 2nd, 7pm*

*Call for reduction in ticket by leaving your name and phone # with the office.*

*June 6-10 Rev. Linda is at Unity Village for the Licensing and Ordination Meetings. Jo Huff, our Board President is acting CEO during this time.*

*June 12-17 Rev. Linda is attending the Unity Worldwide Ministries Convention in Overland Park, Kansas. Jo Huff, is action CEO this week.*

*Board Meeting June 19*

*Major considerations as to property repairs and maintenance, staffing positions, as well as the regular business. Your input would be valuable to the Board. A new bulletin board creation is available for your inquiry in the upstairs foyer.*

*July 17 Ice Cream Social*

*We will dine together and enjoy creative ice cream desserts.*

*This is a FUNfundraiser to replace one of three boiler pumps (church heating system) before the next heating season.*

**ABUNDANCE SALE  
8/12&13**

*This is our annual fundraiser for the capital improvement mortgage on our Center for Creative Living. The improvements were made on the church property using the center property for collateral. Donations of clean, saleable household items are appreciated. You may bring them to the church any time after July 28.*

**NOTE:** We do ***not*** have space for clothing. No TV or Computer donations please. They do not sell and then the church has to find a way to recycle them.

**Unity  
Abundance Sale  
Center mortgage  
fundraiser**

**August 12&13**

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**CELIA**

**In our house**

**June 2nd**

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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!

**No Wednesday Classes during June**

**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](mailto:unitypia@sbcglobal.net)
  - 2) call the office: 682-8554
  - 3) use the prayer request on our website at [www.unitypeoria.org](http://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](http://www.silentunity.org)  
Free printout [www.unity.org/free](http://www.unity.org/free)

Celia at Unity  
Flyer enclosed

**Coming July 6–September 28**

**Heart Centered-Metaphysics**

### **ULTIMATE GOAL**

The ultimate goal of this exploration is for each person to become a heart-centered metaphysician by embodying and expressing these spiritual concepts. We could even say a Christian heart-centered metaphysician since Unity is a Christian-based community. A heart-centered metaphysician:

1. Deeply realizes the underlying unity and Oneness of all.
2. Knows and understands the Principles and Laws of Ultimate Reality, or God.
3. Compassionately and lovingly sees each and every person in the highest light, Christ.
4. When invited, quietly and humbly assists other people in understanding and applying these Principles and Laws in their own lives.

Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm for this expansive exploration into the self



## From My Perspective

### **“Living in the Shadow” ...by Rick L. Myers**

At the beginning of my career at Ameren I was extremely sheltered in my private life. It was very difficult to engage in conversations with my peers regarding my personal life. I can remember listening to other co-workers converse about their weekends and how they enjoyed it with their spouses or significant others. I felt rather denied to not have the opportunity and freedom to be open and free to express myself. Being a gay man in a predominantly male environment left me with restrictions, and I felt there would be consequences if I ever openly expressed my identity. I basically lived in fear at work and was often troubled to be “found out”. In part, this was due to some of my own insecurities and in part from past experiences of revealing my true self.

For many years I played the role of the guy with many friends and conveyed that some of my female friends were actually more than friends. Yes, I was actually denying myself as well as denying others. The questions that were pelleted towards me seem to drain my soul at times (i.e. “Why aren’t you married?” ... “Have you ever been married or had a significant other?”) in which my response was always reluctantly “no” with my heart breaking to tell the truth about my partner of now 24 years. I also undoubtedly regret the opportunities that I missed due to my lack of confidence in which I was not able to truly be myself. I truly believe that an individual must be allowed the opportunity to be true to oneself and to be inclusive in an organization to be able to fulfill their highest possibilities.

It seem to come out of nowhere, but there it was one day on a poster “Celebrating diversity: Our differences strengthen us”. At that point I began to inquire about the diversity workshop in Saint Louis and became more aware of its meaning and purpose. I will never forget my first workshop and found one of Ameren’s commitments to diversity was to assure inclusion of all and to respect all of our differences. Here I had been with my partner for all of these years and along the way had experienced prejudice and hate and now I was being accepted for simply who I was, which is human.

It was at this point that I became involved as the Diversity Ambassador at Pioneer Park. I initiated a diversity wall for Pioneer Park for employees to add their perspective and thoughts regarding Diversity to display through quotes, articles etc. to express one self. To me, Unity represents diversity and acceptance.

At Unity, I always felt welcomed and accepted and people would embrace us and never had I felt better about myself. My unity friends were very understanding and accepting and this truly changed who I was and what my potential could be. I no longer felt restricted and felt so much weight had been lifted and the burden seemed to disappear into the past. I was now allowed to talk openly and pronounce my feelings and how proud I was of my partner. It was this inclusiveness that strengthened me and gave me courage to be true to myself.

In 2010 I felt very proud and honored to have received the Thomas R. Voss Diversity Excellence Award and to be part of an organization that helps promote diversity within the workplace and our everyday lives. Diversity had never been just a black and white issue to me, but rather, diversity is about our human race and how we all should be proud of ourselves and respect one another with all of our differences. Ameren was in the forefront in terms of same sex partnerships, offering same-sex domestic partner insurance.

*“Internal peace is an essential first step to achieving peace in the world. How do we cultivate it? It’s very simple. In the first place by realizing clearly that all mankind is one, that humans in every country are members of one and the same family.” His Holiness the Dalai Lama*

**THIS AND THAT**

Happy June  
Birthday's !

**A MINISTRY OF SERVICE**

We are here to serve God through ministering with 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.

**Sacred healing meditationS**

*"Provides you a safe haven to Experience Divine love"*

Two sessions on Monday evenings at the Center

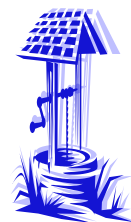
1<sup>st</sup> Individual Session: 6:45 pm      2<sup>nd</sup> Individual Session: 7:30 pm

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

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

**Unity's Well of Abundance**

**"Ask and you shall receive."**



**ASKING FOR**

- \* 2 members for the lawn mowing team (mow once a month)
- \* Newsletter compiling, printing and mailing coordinator
- \* Youth Ed volunteers
- \* Ten mortgage payments @ \$337.11 each
- \* Data entry to spread sheet programs in the church computer
- \* Accounting savvy person to reconcile our checking accounts and prepare the reports for our Board
- \* Ushers and greeters
- \* Hospitality Hour volunteers

And So It IS!

**Abundance Sale Coming Soon**  
**August 12&13**  
**SAVE THIS DATE**

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK, AND INCREASE THE JOY OF SERVICE**

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 28th 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.



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**Sunday Celebration 10:30 am**  
**Children and Teen 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

**Congratulations Graduates!**

**Happy Father's Day!**

Association of Unity Churches International

Doing business as: "Unity Worldwide Ministries"