

The Unity Messenger

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Lines From Linda

Greetings Beloved:

The word religion comes from a root word that means "bind together." Thus religion actually means unity, oneness and wholeness. Religion at its root is an experience not an organized form of belief to adhere to. How do we experience oneness? Is oneness found in books, creeds or doctrines? No.

Oneness is an experience, not a construct. Oneness is experienced when we are open and surrendered to the experience it offers. We are the activity of the divine expressing as us.

Just as religion is to be experienced so is prosperity, which is to go forward hopefully. Prosperity is a condition that is not evidenced by things. Prosperity is a state of spiritual well-being.

**Prosperity is a way of living and thinking,
and not just money or things.**

**Poverty is a way of living and thinking,
and not just a lack of money or things.**
Spiritual Economics

Our Master Teacher put it this way:
"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 6:19-21)

- As we broaden our understanding of our Divine presence, Divine love, a mighty magnet, attracts into our living spiritual well-being. Spiritual well-being is an inside job. Spiritual well-being is a continuous flow of Divine substance in our lives. The heart represents love and understanding

With all of your heart and all of your mind in a state of peace and with clarity of intention declare over and over it is well with my soul.

"It is well with my soul."

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Resolve that you will live and think and work as if you really believed that the whole Universe of creativity and substance were present in every project of your work and every transaction of your investments as your never-failing resource. Practice the presence of God-substance with diligence and persistence, and you will begin to realize prosperity.
Spiritual Economics

Wherever substance is at all, the whole of substance must be; and because substance is omnipresent, the whole universal substance must be present at every point in space at the same time. This is the principle of oneness and affluence which is being in an abundant flow.

In loving service,

L. inda

Visit
www.unity.org for
details on the
**Unity International-
Convention**

**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.

2/27, 8:30am, a video viewing of the PBS program "killer Stress" will be in Fellowship Hall.

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

Begins January 6th

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.



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 beginning February 2 , facilitated by Debra Baxter**

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

Thank You!!

It seems like only yesterday that I began serving on the board of trustees of this wonderful Unity community. Thank you all for your love and support. It has been an honor and privilege to serve all of you.

Three years ago when I was nominated, I politely turned it down twice thinking I wasn't ready. Then one Sunday Linda walked up to me and said that yet someone else had nominated me. I then realized that God and the Universe were telling me it was time to step up and take a more active part. Through this enlightened congregation the One had spoken. I listened and humbly accepted. Thank all of you for listening.

This has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I am eternally grateful for having this opportunity to serve all of you. The service to others can truly be an inspiring spiritual experience. At least it was for me.

To all of the board members I have served with, thank you for all the wisdom, enlightenment, love, and experience you have shared with me. It has been truly an honor to serve with each of you. A while back I wrote about change is good. I believe in that. It is time for me to make another change and I embrace it with open arms. I look forward to serving my Unity family in different ways in the future. To the entire Unity congregation, all my love and blessings. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you the last three years, it has been an honor.

God Bless,

Roy Pitts

Annual Meeting March 20, 11:45am in the sanctuary, elections of Trustees, reports on the state of the church. We will be sharing a potluck dinner after the meeting. Bring a dish to share.

Coming in April

**Palm Sunday April 17 Palm waving service
Good Friday 4/22 services at noon and 7pm**

Easter Flower Service spiritual communion and elemental communion 4/24

THIS AND THAT

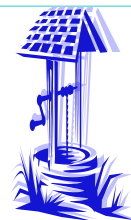
Happy March
Birthday's!

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.

Unity's Well of Abundance

"Ask and you shall receive."



ASKING FOR

* Massage table

* THANK YOU FOR THIS TEAM. NOW ACTIVE. Information Technology Team to enable recording on CD and downloading to our website

March 13 daylight savings time begins. Spring forward by setting your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

March 20 HAPPY SPRING!!



UNITY CHURCH OF PEORIA

is offering

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, Debora Saylor, Christy Egart, Wilma Rinsch

Trained and certified by Rev. Scott Sherman of enVision Ministry.

These sessions are offered on a love offering basis to Unity Church .

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.

Counseling & Healing Treatments

Counseling and/or Energy Healing Treatments of differing types, including Tuning Forks, Zero Point Wand, Singing Bowls, are available by appointment with Rev. Linda, on a Love Offering to the church basis.

To make an appointment call 682-8554 or 253-6443.

March 9th Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday. We unite together in focusing on the Truth of who and what we are by abstaining from negative thinking and discussions. Give it up!!

Observe Lent the Unity Way

Unity believes that we can keep the Lenten Season best by denying ourselves "not things" but negative thoughts and feelings. And, through prayer and study, we can contemplate the victorious Christ and attempt to be more Christ-like. Charles Fillmore's Keep A True Lent is an excellent tool to aid in achieving the fulfillment this season promises.

Mindy's

Music

Cafe

Saturday

March 19 7pm

\$10.00

Featuring a musical collage of Folk, Rock, Blues, and Uncommonly Cool Country

Beverages Provided

Food Available

For Purchase

I go among the trees and I sit still.
 All my stirring becomes quiet,
 Quiet around me like circles of water.
 My tasks lie in their places
 Where I left them asleep like cattle.

Then, what is afraid of me comes
 And lives awhile in my sight.
 What it fears in me leaves me,
 And the fear of me leaves it.
 It sings and I hear its song.

Then, what I am afraid of comes.
 I live for awhile in its sight.
 What it fears in it leaves it,
 And the fear in it leaves me.
 It sings, and I hear its song.

Wendall Barry

Do you ever just burst out laughing when you suddenly remember that I'm always with you, right by your side, marshalling the troops, summoning legions, moving mountains, constantly planning for the best of times?

The very, very best of times.

The Universe

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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

Association of Unity Churches International

Doing business as: "Unity Worldwide Ministries"

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