

The Unity Messenger

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Lines From Linda

Blessings to you!

Well, it is Good Friday and earlier I was in our sanctuary preparing for the coming services. Sitting, being still, expressing gratitude for "This Place." A song comes to mind, oh, what are the words? "This place this beautiful place where we come together in love and peace to celebrate the oneness of all. The beauty of this place is a powerful reminder of the beauty of all of God's creation. To come together in Unity reminds me that there is only one, one presence, one power, one love. I am grateful for this place and for all who have ever entered here in the name of love." (these are the words as I remember them) The title is "This Place."

I am grateful for "This Place" we call Unity Church of Peoria. I am grateful for those who ministered here before me and built a field of consciousness that we now sustain. I am grateful for those who have served over these many years since 1921. So many hands have served others, completed tasks maintaining the facility, given financial support, shared creativity, and wisdom; it must be love. Love for Unity and this community.

Reflecting on the many activities in "This Place" so many speakers, singers, musicians, healers, comedians, workshops, retreats, seminars.

Celebrations of all of the events of living. So many people attending christenings, memorial services, weddings, and spiritual unions have experienced the love that has been brought to "This Place" by Unity people.

Myself having served here with you for nineteen years have experienced the joy of these celebrations and witnessed the diversity of humans as they express their uniqueness in each celebration. For me, in "This Place" each time we gather is a "Celebration."

"This Place" is a precious field of consciousness as much as it is a physical location. Let us continue the work of our wayshower Jesus in gratitude for his call. May our inner light shine so brightly that each of us will know the light of oneness.

"This Place" there is much to do to maintain "This Place" in the physical and in consciousness. What I know is that Spirit is always present to assure our way. Thank you Spirit for all that was, all that is and all that is yet to be in "This Place."

Loving you in "This Place,"

Linda

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!

**New Class on
Wednesdays 7-8:30pm
May 11-June 8**

**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

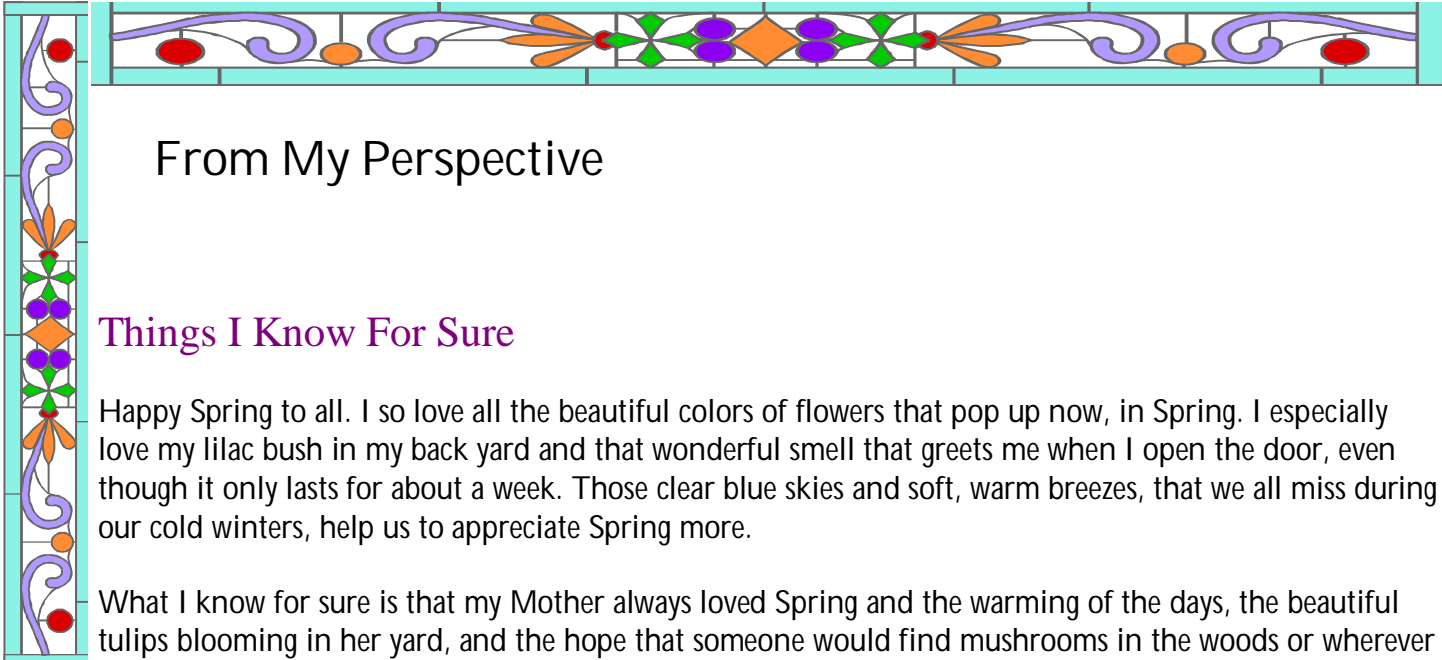
Someone is always praying at Silent Unity, at Unity Village, and you may request prayer at any time, 1-800-669-7729, or email www.silentunity.org

Free printout www.unity.org/free

**Greg Tamblyn returning to Peoria
August 28 Live in concert**

Practicing the Presence by Joel Goldsmith, Founder of The Infinite Way 7-8:30pm in Fellowship Hall May 11-June 8

During this course of study and practical application we will be exploring the development of spiritual consciousness which defines God for each individual and their own unique expression of the divine, the one power. We will realize our oneness in the Divine Infinite and at the same moment maintain our individual beingness. Through meditation we will enter into deeper awareness of "Love Thy Neighbor!" In meditation we will experience the rhythm of God as our own Christhood and illumination of Jesus' teaching "To him that hath....." Practical mysticism best describes this course.



From My Perspective

Things I Know For Sure

Happy Spring to all. I so love all the beautiful colors of flowers that pop up now, in Spring. I especially love my lilac bush in my back yard and that wonderful smell that greets me when I open the door, even though it only lasts for about a week. Those clear blue skies and soft, warm breezes, that we all miss during our cold winters, help us to appreciate Spring more.

What I know for sure is that my Mother always loved Spring and the warming of the days, the beautiful tulips blooming in her yard, and the hope that someone would find mushrooms in the woods or wherever they may be hiding. She was an expert at breeding and frying those mushrooms for us to eat and enjoy. She loved that it would stay light longer each day and sitting on her front porch soaking up the sun.

This is my first Spring without my mom... I miss her every day. I know for sure that she is in a safe place, doing new things and seeing those family members that have gone before her. I know for sure that Spirit, God, Father or whatever you want to call Him/Her, has made it easier for me to go on without her. God has done special things for my sister and brother, to soften their hearts and made it easier for us to become closer than we've ever been. I know for sure that my mom knows this and is smiling when we three are all together.

Hold your loved ones close and let them know you love them.....and enjoy your Spring.

God's love to you,

Jo Huff, Board President.

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Paul Hodge, Trustee at large

THIS AND THAT

Happy MAY
Birthday's!



A MINISTRY OF SERVICE

We are here to serve God through ministering to you and 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.

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
- * Date 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

"And So It IS"

**How
Wonderful
It Is To
Dwell
Together
In
Unity!**

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**

**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 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.

**Spirit guides my way.
I know what to do
and when to do it.**

NEWS and NOTES

Concert with "Celia"

Thursday, June 2, 7PM

\$15.00 suggested love offering

Red-headed Renaissance woman, Celia is a singer-songwriter, musician, actress storyteller and dancer.

Her uplifting performances entertain, captivate and provide plenty of humor leaving the audience easily won over by her magical spell.

Celia incorporates a variety of musical styles into her performance, including alternative country, bluegrass, world beat and R&B.

"Celia's music calls Women to their glory and Men to the hearts." - Marianne Williamson author of "Return to Love"

Celia is without a doubt one of the most exciting and inspirational performers the Midwest has to offer today.

During and after her last visit with us in Peoria the rave reviews and positive response were overflowing.

Aluminum Cans

We continue to receive aluminum beverage cans to sell for recycling. This is an ongoing fundraiser for our mortgage payoff.

We need lots of clean cans.

Please rinse the cans you are donating and if you would be so kind as to flatten them it would make storage and transport more efficient. Leave them by the garage at the Center and someone will stow them away.

Summer course of Study for Wednesday evenings

July 6-August 31 Heart Centered Metaphysics by Paul Hasselback Books will soon be available in our bookstore.

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Greg Tamblyn will be in the house on August 28 for our Celebration Service and an afternoon concert.

Greg is a New Thought troubadour traveling around the globe offering concerts that soothe the soul and expand the mind with serious ballads, and as Greg puts it, just plain silly songs.

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Mindy's Music Café

A community activity at Unity

Coordinated by Mindy Brown

Saturday, May 21

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

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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

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Happy Mother's Day!