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# The UNITY Messenger

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Lines from Linda,

In case you missed it, I would like to share our Sunday experience on 9/27. We are beginning a series on the “Twelve Powers” as we approach the winter holiday season. That day the Power was “Faith” our ability to perceive beyond current outer conditions. With this perceiving power (aligned with our other powers) we are able to co-create a new outer. The outer conditions come always through inner conditions.

“Faith” in its perceiving power is aided in our consciously using our power of “Strength.” Strength is expressed as patience, endurance, balance and tolerance. That day the “tolerance” aspect temporarily escaped my memory, which reminds me to use my Faith and Strength during this difficult time with a greater application of tolerance. Do not create inner tension, or cause greater tension in the outer expressions so as to misuse my faith, strength and knowledge.

Have you ever tried to bind something with a rubber band that was too small? The tension created in this action often leads to the maximum tolerance level of the rubber band. “Snap” A new and larger band is required to accomplish the task. The accomplishment expresses from our inner awareness of what is needed and then we are able to begin again with success. This process is action oriented in spirit, soul and body.

During this time of corona virus, we can through Faith remember our creative power and giving our attention to patience, endurance, balance and tolerance to bring forth the Power of Love.

Love and Light to you and all the world,

Linda



## UNITY OF PEORIA

### PURPOSE STATEMENT

*Honoring Oneness,  
celebrating life,  
and expressing love*

### MISSION STATEMENT

*Being all God  
created us to be.*

### VISION STATEMENT

*Creating heaven on earth*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Teresa Barnard, President  
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**You are invited to attend  
Board Meetings held each third  
Sunday of the month at 1:30pm  
in the Center!**

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This year has affected so many different facets of our lives collectively. Our world back in January 2020 seems almost foreign to me at times. I have been reminiscing over the past half year, pondering what parts of my personal life that have been altered. There are numerous aspects changed, and honestly some have been for the better like school being online, at home, versus an hour drive away, five days a week. There have been some changes that I realized were not new, they were just parts of my life that I had forgotten, and then remembered.

I come from a mother that is an avid reader, there has never been time in my life that woman does not have book in her hand! (Do not be fooled by the technology, she is reading her books on there too!) So naturally, she encouraged me from young age to be a reader. I was not quite as addicted to it as she was, but I was able to find great enjoyment in escaping to another world through writing. So, these past couple months, when it sometimes seems like every day there is only depressing news, I remembered the



escapism that one feels simply when they pick up a book. The ability to sit still both physically and mentally, for long periods of time, has always been difficult for me. As a child growing up, reading would be the only thing that would calm me down enough to be able to sleep, and the same still goes for today. In these past six months, I have realized that reading can also be meditative. When I read for amusement, I tend to be alone and silent, with my mind focused on one thing: the story unfolding in my hands. I am able to naturally bring awareness towards my breath, and release the happenings of the day by opening my mind to a different world, sometimes like ours and other times not at all. This aspect of reading has been a staple for me getting through this year. It comforts me knowing that no matter what is going on in our world, there is always somewhere else to journey too.

—Katherine Bentley

## Ongoing Unity Classes

Tuesday, 10am: “The Game of Life” by Florence Scovill Shinn  
in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, 7pm: Metaphysical Interpretation of the Gospel  
In Fellowship Hall

Sunday, 8am Assorted videos with discussion  
In the Center for Creative Living

Masks are being worn and distancing is observed.

You are welcome to join any of the above activities.

