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Unity World Day of Prayer September 10

The theme for this year's event is

"From Fear to Faith"

Our sanctuary will be open from noon— 7 pm on Thursday, September 10. Come as you are able and "be still" in union with our World Headquarters and millions of other souls around the globe. If you choose not to attend you can practice this at home. It is not where we are physically. It is the activity of intentionally uniting together in Spirit.

Unity World Day of Prayer

Thursday, September 10

Noon—7PM

"From Fear to Faith"

Standing in Truth, I move from fear to faith.



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

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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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Let Go and Let Fall

Fall is my favorite time of year. We finally escape the summer heat and can enjoy several weeks before the chill of winter. My favorite part is the leaves turning colors. I remember in second or third grade science class, it was explained to us why the leaves turn colors and fall off the trees. Chlorophyll makes leaves green. As the temperature gets cooler and the days get shorter, the chlorophyll gradually “leaves the leaves.” As a result, the leaves turn different colors; red, orange, yellow, and purple. Since there is no chlorophyll in the leaves, the leaves eventually fall off the branches. That alone fascinated my grade school mind. The part that fascinated me more, different trees have different colors.

As I reflect back on my grade school learning experience with my spiritual consciousness, autumn has so much to offer us on a spiritual and emotional level. The chlorophyll represents something “leaving us.” The fall colors represent our adjustment to a transition or what an experience has taught us. Finally, letting go. Once we figure out the lesson of the experience or transaction, we are able to “let go” of the pain, the regret, the anger; whatever the chlorophyll represents. The best part, every person, like every tree, “processes” differently. We are all one in our expression.

—Edie Godby

Secretary



Lines from Linda

I trust this messenger finds you well and thriving. I have experienced the pleasure of seeing some of you at services and classes. Our prayer ministry continues to pray with and for you each day. This time apart is challenging our perceived needs and also reminding us of our inner spirit of strength.

The White Stone Ceremony in January was our last opportunity to experience a Unity ritual in community. The name I received this year is Good Pleasure. What was your new name? Have you seen the patterns of that name expressing in your living during 2020?

On September 10 we have the opportunity to celebrate World Day of Prayer, (as noted on page one of this Unity Messenger,) one of our annual rituals. All religious traditions remind us, repeatedly, of the importance “to come apart for awhile” and rest in the Spirit. Aaaaah!

Through some of these rests, in 2020, I have been reminded of “Simple Good Pleasures” and “Grand Good Pleasures.” and all in between. My subconscious mind is revealing the great tapestry of life. Then comes the understanding of each simple or grand pleasure and all that is between are “equal.” It is only my categorizations that create the sorting into differing values. In Truth “all is well with my soul.”

As I continue to stand in truth my faith is neutralizing the fear. Please join me in affirming:

“Standing in Truth, I move from fear to faith.”

“You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.” Jesus

Ongoing Unity Classes:

Tuesday, 10am “The Game of Life” by Florence Scovill Shinn

Wednesday, 7pm Metaphysical Interpretation of the Gospels

Sunday, 8am Assorted videos with discussion