



Vision

Centered in Love, we celebrate the expression of God as peace, wisdom and abundance in this awakening world.

Mission

We are a vibrant, inclusive community, for personal growing and joyful knowing of our oneness with Spirit and each other.

Hello Dear One!

Thank you so much for bringing your own unique spirit to Unity in Naperville. Whether you've attended for weeks or years, we hope you've found value, inspiration and support along your path of spiritual growth. We are looking forward to offering many new ways to engage with your Unity CommUnity over the next 12 months. **Newcomers** will find a clear path of education to help them better understand Unity's teachings. **Regular attendees** will have opportunities to engage with affinity groups and team participation. **Members** will be offered leadership training and **Online attendees** will find more ways to connect and grow through Zoom classes and events. We'll also be reaching out to the **Public** with a new website and provide opportunities to connect through our new CommUnity Café. And it's your commitment to *Intentional Giving* that helps to make it all possible.

Intentional Giving

2024-25

What is it and why are we invited to participate in it?

Intentional Giving is a powerful spiritual practice that "gives way" to the Divine Flow in our lives. As we make a regular commitment to give to God first, we build a deeper awareness of the Divine as our true Source of good. As we maintain that awareness, we make way for the love, wisdom, abundance and life of Spirit to flow freely in our lives and find that all things truly are working together for the highest good.

What are we creating through our Intentional Giving?

When you give way to the Divine Flow through your *Intentional Giving*, you are creating a space for lives to be transformed. *Just turn this page over to read the latest comments about how Unity is bringing love, joy, and inspiration to our congregation, both in person and online.* Through your gifts we provide weekly Sunday Services with positive messages, uplifting music and peaceful meditations, plus empowering spiritual education, pastoral care, space for supportive community, prayer chaplains, creative outlets, local service projects and many other ways to grow and express from the Divine Spirit within.

How will we use the information from your Personal Statement of Intent?

Not only does your commitment to *Intentional Giving* "give way" to the Divine Flow in your life, but it also helps Unity to be good stewards of the gifts you are entrusting to us. The information on your Commitment Card will be used to guide our Board of Trustees as we continue to develop our strategic plan and manage our resources with wisdom and care.

How do you participate in Intentional Giving?

- Seek inner guidance on how to "give to God first" in financial support of your spiritual community in the next 12 months. If you are a long-time supporter of Unity, consider whether now's the time to "stretch your faith" and increase your giving.
- Let your decision come from faith in your Divine Source and in a spirit of joy and gratitude. Know that any commitment to giving, no matter the amount, is enough to open the Divine Flow in your life and support the spiritual growth of the lives in our community.
- Complete the enclosed *Personal Statement of Intent* and bring it with you to Unity by Sunday, May 26th or mail it to: Unity in Naperville, PO Box 9733, Naperville, IL 60567.

Thank you for helping to create this positive path for spiritual living at Unity in Naperville! We know that "God provides you every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything you may share abundantly in every good work."

~ 2 Corinthians 9:8

"Get the feeling of being a channel for the flow of good. Think 'give,' and you will receive. As part of this commitment to the giving consciousness, give of your substance, graciously, wisely, and without thought of return. Think of what you are giving from and thus feel humble in realizing that you are simply giving way to the divine flow."

Eric Butterworth

**Your Intentional Giving helps Unity
make a positive difference in
people's lives!**

More peace, less conflict

This community is accepting
and open-minded

*Unity anchors me in a positive,
affirming mindset*

Changing negative
thoughts to positive

Helps me to dream again

More positive ways to deal with others

Deeper compassion

I love the music's uplifting effect

I'm empowered to choose happiness

Seeing the light of Spirit in all beings

*Feeling good even when
thrown curve balls*

Love the classes and celebrations

More global awareness

I'm learning I create my own reality

Acceptance of others

Guidance and resources for
spiritual evolution

Meditation helps me focus

The message I need

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