

Heartlines

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Heart to Heart...

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There is a subtle teaching, which is rarely voiced aloud in Unity—it is naturally learned rather than taught. I do not remember this teaching being spoken to, per se, but I have sure seen it lovingly practiced: it is the *gift of giving without conditions*. Preferring no accolades. Like you, I love to give unconditionally and makes me wonder if that is not a part of our learning how to be spiritually growing.

Many, many times over the past six years entering my office after church I find some angel has been there. I will find a money order, or plain envelope with cash-- or a gift to me, a book, sometimes folded cash stuck under the keyboard, maybe a card expressing an anonymous thank you, or money for a project or some other expressed need, rarely with a name attached. No one mentions having left an item(s). No one seems to know who did it. These items are just there. If you are one of those and did not get a "Thank You" note--- hey, I am hugging you now! Here is one special example....

Sometime in the past five years some one in this congregation created an oblong neck pillow, plum colored, with the "Unity wings" emblem embedded in it. (Beautiful work! Just beautiful!) It appeared one week four or five years ago, --where it came from none of us could guess.

That pillow has become an important piece of my particular style of healing/integrative counseling. I am quite certain the person who spent many hours making it had no idea how fruitful and productive that work of love would become. It has been exceptionally useful, and wonderful to have.

With our focus on raising funds for securing the 8.33 acres of land, now, more often than before this type event has occurred. Three weeks ago a \$300 gift certificate to a furniture store "appeared" in the offering bag, as a current example. *Wowsers! Wowsers!* I cannot be sure-- but believe it was given to help furnish the Healing Center. It will be used for that, or, when Bob and I sell his large double recliner sofa and recliner chair that belongs nicely in a large room-- we'll give the church the money, take this gift certificate to purchase a smaller love seat. (See? Either way, the green energy will go where it is supposed to go.)

Thank you. Thank you for being so sensitive, aware, and so generous in a dozen different ways. Other funds contributed via your use of the Kroger donation cards are just another example of fantastic hearts. To use is soooooo easy; when I forget to "load" my Kroger gift card prior to shopping, Kroger cashiers will now load them upon checkout.

If God were to ever ask me for a recommendation of a church with heart, I could not give you anything but high marks. I am blessed many times over to be in your midst.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen" with a small heart above the letter 'i'.

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