

## Sunday Worship

Sunday worship services are held each week at 10:00 a.m., through September 2. Sermon podcasts and archives are available online at [www.unityunitarian.org](http://www.unityunitarian.org).

### August 5

Worship leaders: Bryan Smith and Suzanne Quinn McDonald  
Musician: Priscilla Morton, piano

### August 12: *We Are All Makers*

Janet Houck, Ellen Wold, Linda Schaeffer, and Lisa Burke came together after attending an "Artist's Way" workshop at The Gathering, Unity's annual women's retreat, three years ago. Since then they have been meeting twice a month to travel through books about living creatively, to share ideas, lament frustrations, and celebrate progress and life, as they make and enjoy art. The group will offer a service exploring how we are *all* creatives, makers who can delight our inner children, silence our critics, and find G.O.D. — Good Orderly Direction. Good things happen when we are open to inspiration and allow the universe to nudge us forward!

Musician: Ron Parker, guitar and vocals

### August 19: *Spirituality and Spiritual Practice*

Spiritual practice can manifest itself in many different ways both across cultures and within communities. This service will explore how spirituality can help to maintain a balanced perspective on the goings on of our everyday lives, as well as how spirituality can be an instrument of connection between people of different faiths and cultures.

Worship leaders: Nelson Moroukian and Angela Wilcox

Musician: Dawn Baker, piano

### August 26: *Called to Beloved Community*

**Special Pulpit Guest: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray  
President of the Unitarian Universalist Association**

Unitarian Universalists are being called in this moment to live more powerfully and boldly into a vision of Beloved Community. What does this look like and how do we answer "Yes" to this calling in our lives and in our congregations?

Musicians: Ava Fischer-Ross, guitar; Joshua Taylor, piano

### September 2: *Defeating and Loving Our Enemies*

On one hand, our faith embraces stout-hearted efforts like the Poor People's Campaign, which is all about overcoming, fighting, and defeating the people and processes that give us of racism, sexism, economic injustice, war, and environmental devastation. On the other, every human is our blood kin and those are real people and neighbors who are wrong about these things, or who fail to see the obvious effects of their beliefs and actions. That pesky and divine imperative to love your enemies presents another delicious paradox that we must contemplate and work toward resolving.

Worship leaders: Dane Smith and Maima Fant

Musician: Dan Schwartz, guitar and vocals

## Offering Recipients

Each Sunday, thirty percent of the offering goes to support the Community Outreach Ministry at Unity Church and seventy percent is given to a chosen community non-profit recipient.

### August 5: Habitat for Humanity

The Unity Church Affordable Housing Outreach Ministry Team is co-sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity build as an interfaith partner in Faith Builders. This offering will go towards Unity Church's share of the cost of building this home.

### August 12: PuTaw Memorial Junior College

Since 1996, PuTaw Memorial Junior College (PTMJC) with its locations in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar, has been providing high school graduates with opportunities to further their studies. It later broadened its scope, and in 1998 began preparing students for further education and work in their community and related organizations. PTMJC has been making enormous and valuable impact to the community, with many students pursuing their studies or becoming important contributors to society. Unity Church member Alison Shank nominated PuTaw Memorial Junior College.

### August 19: Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop

Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop (MPWW) serves one of the most marginalized groups in society by offering creative writing classes to men and women in Minnesota correctional institutions. After completing a writing class, students are eligible for a mentor program in which they are paired with experienced writers on the outside for monthly written feedback. MPWW participants find writing to be a rehabilitating practice that sharpens their self-expression skills and empowers them to tell their life stories. This collection will help fund one 15-week writing class of 14-16 students.

### August 26: Transitional Conferencing

The mission of Transitional Conferencing is to assist individuals who have been incarcerated to effectively reintegrate with community and family after their release. It sponsors the Restorative Justice Circle of Healing at the Minnesota Department of Corrections women's prison at Shakopee. This circle process provides a compassionate way for women to start healing by telling and owning their stories.

### September 2: CLF Prison Ministry

Imagine being told for most of your life that you were worthless and there was no faith community that would welcome you. The members of the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) Prison Ministry program tells our members in prison that they are worthy now. The Prison Ministry program lives out the first principle in radical, life saving ways. It costs CLF \$150/person/year to support our members in prison. From a CLF member in prison, "Now I belong to a church that accepts me for who I am and nurtures me and assures me of my self-worth."

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES / WHEEL OF LIFE

## Ministerial Transition: Interim Minister

From Jill Van Koolwijk, Board of Trustees



When I first joined the Board of Trustees in January of this year, I was very excited to be part of the transition committee that would take part in preparing for the retirement of Rob and Janne Eller-Isaacs in 2020, as well as laying the groundwork for a new future minister(s) of Unity Church.

Since then, there have been lively discussions around which path to take to make a proper and thoughtful transition. After reaching out to other UU congregations across the country and with the help of Lisa Presley, the UUA's Congregational Life Consultant for the Mid-America Region, and Jen Crow, Executive Minister of First Universalist Church in Minneapolis and "transition coach" for Unity Church, we had narrowed our options down to two: an interim approach and a back-to-back approach.

Following several additional committee meetings, the Board of Trustees has now unanimously approved the one-year interim minister option, which means Unity Church will have an interim minister from summer 2020 to summer 2021. A period with an interim minister can help our congregation adapt to and accept change. It will give us some time after Rob's and Janne's departure to imagine what is next, but also to grieve as we have to say goodbye to our beloved ministers of 20 years. The Board is confident that the partnership between the interim minister and the two remaining members of our Executive Team, Barbara Hubbard and Lisa Friedman, will effectively help our congregation prepare for and welcome newly called ministry.

The following timeline is a preview of how the process is going to move forward:

### July-December 2019

- Board keeps congregation informed about plans for ministerial transition and interim search.
- Board starts transparent and extensive process for determining slate of candidates for Ministerial Search Committee made up of members of the congregation. The search process for a called minister will take approximately 15 months.

### January-June 2020

- Board-led search for interim begins, with request for posting to go up in April.
- Board finalizes plans for arrangements during interim period (one interim minister with additional ministerial support as necessary).
- Board holds April congregational meeting to review and approve slate of Ministerial Search Committee candidates; Ministerial Search Committee is formed and begins its work, independent of the Board.
- Board concludes search for interim minister.
- Janne's and Rob's service ends, effective July 1, 2020.

### July 2020-July 2021

- Interim minister begins; plans proceed for meeting all ministerial needs during the one-year interim period.
- Ministerial Search Committee works to find called minister.

This decision is an important step forward in Unity's journey ahead. In this time of transition I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Unity Church as one of your board members. Please don't hesitate to ask me or any other trustee if you have questions.

## The Wheel of Life

### *In Memoriam*

**Joanne Wright**

June 4, 1924–May 29, 2018

**Hazel Dicken**

March 4, 1939 – May 30, 2018

**Lora Bloom**

January 11, 1965–June 19, 2018

**Tyson Allen Conner**

April 11, 1968–June 29, 2018

### *In Celebration*

**Stella Jean Schoenbauer**

born one more redeemer

May 10, 2018

to parents Gillian & Bill

Schoenbauer

and big brother Liam

**Molly Gust and Jordan Flattum**

Married June 22, 2018

**Michael Christner and Tony Line**

Married June 23, 2018

**Evelyn Hage and Henry Parker**

Married June 30, 2018

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# PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP / WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

## Welcome Words



**Rev. Lisa Friedman, Minister of Congregational and Community Engagement**

I want to extend a special welcome to those of you who have been visiting Unity Church for the first time this summer — we are glad you are here! I hope that you have found a warm welcome at our

Sunday services and have had a chance to check out some of the other activities that happen throughout the week. As we gear up for the start of our program year in September, you may have questions about how to visit religious education classes, what happens at our Wednesday night dinners and programs, or even which of the three Sunday service times to attend. I am here to help you explore Unity Church as a spiritual home. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you have or to set up a time to meet in person. I would enjoy getting to know you! See you in church and best wishes for these glorious days of summer!

## Pathway to Membership

Sign up for Pathway to Membership classes at the Welcome Table on Sundays or contact Rev. Lisa Friedman at [lisa@unityunitarian.org](mailto:lisa@unityunitarian.org) or 651-228-1456 x107. She is also happy to meet with you personally to answer questions and to welcome you into the congregation. Childcare is available by request at least one week in advance.

### Finding Yourself at Unity: A Deeper Inquiry

Finding Yourself at Unity is offered on a regular basis on Sundays, from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., in the Ames Chapel. These sessions can be attended in the order that works for you and will offer participants the opportunity to share part of their religious journey, to take a more in depth look at the history of Unity Church, to discuss the expectations and benefits of membership, and get to know the programs and ministries of the congregation. Childcare is available in the nursery. August topics include:

- August 5: Building Tour
- August 12: Religious Education for Children, Youth and Adults
- August 19: Worship and the Liturgical Year
- August 26: Unitarian Universalist History

### Committing to Unity: Joining Unity Church Wednesday, September 19 • 7:15-9:00 p.m.

This class explores the deeper meanings and expectations of membership and shared ministry. It offers time to reflect on the meaning of generosity and finding the place where the world's needs meet the gifts you have to offer. The class concludes with a celebration ceremony as participants sign the membership book.

## Welcome New Members!



*Nathan, Jennifer, Cheryl, Maima, and Jo*

About four years ago, **Cheryl Bourgeois** started attending services at Unity Church. Finding a welcoming faith community that had enough room for her personal spiritual practice, her recovery, and her beliefs about social justice has been very important to her. She first attended some youth activities here as a teen because her best friend was a member. She has three grown children and two grandchildren.

**Maima Fant** is married to Tyre Fant and they have two daughters, McKinley and Madison. Maima's passions are social justice, mental health, and education. She enjoys yoga, meditation, photography, and traveling. Maima and her family came to Unity Church in 2016 and have especially enjoyed Unity's Religious Education program.

**Jo Lucas** likes cities and cold weather. Her husband of 54 years died in 2015 and family here encouraged her to come take a look. So, she recently moved here from Indiana. She likes League of Women Voters, Gun Sense, a partnership in Bethlehem, pulling weeds, subbing at the front desk, book club, and Reimagining. She is grateful for the language, music, and people at Unity Church.

**Carol MacAllister** moved to St. Paul in April 2017 for family, biking, kayaking, and cross-country skiing. She is a writer and artist and is presently working on collecting the "Untold Stories of St. Paul." She was an active member of the UU Church in Brevard, NC, for the past 11 years.



**Claire W.** grew up in Unity Church and is excited to return as a member. She is excited by Unity's commitment to inclusion and equity, as well as its thoughtful interrogation of its identity and history as it strives toward allyship. She is excited to be a part of Unity Church as it continues this vital work.

**Jennifer and Nathan Schultz**

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## Fellowship Groups

Groups are open to all members and friends of Unity Church.

**Afterthoughts:** This group meets after the 10:00 a.m. service. Contact: Paul Gade at 651-771-7528.

**Caregivers Group:** An informal support group for caregivers. Third Thursday of the month (August 16) from noon–2:00 p.m. Contact: Janne Eller-Isaacs at [janne@unityunitarian.org](mailto:janne@unityunitarian.org)

**Elders Circle:** Meets the third Tuesday of the month (September-May) from 1:00-3:00 p.m., in the Center Room.

**Evergreen Quilters:** Second Tuesday of the month (August 14) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and fourth Saturday of the month (August 25) from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Contact: Peggy Wright at 651-698-2760

**Kung Fu:** Saturday mornings in the Body Room from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Recommended for ages 15 and older. Contact Bryan Kujawski at [barney.kujawski@gmail.com](mailto:barney.kujawski@gmail.com)

**Living With Grief Group:** For people living with grief and loss. Third Tuesday of the month (August 21) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Contact: Janne Eller-Isaacs at [janne@unityunitarian.org](mailto:janne@unityunitarian.org)

**Men's Retirement Group:** Monday, August 13, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Contact: Phil Morton at 952-934-3578

**New Look at the Bible:** Second Thursday of the month (August 9) at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Paul Gade at 651-771-7528

**Textile Arts Group:** Meets the first and third Thursdays of each month (August 2 and 16), from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bring your knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, etc. Contact: Linda Mandeville at [lindamandeville41@gmail.com](mailto:lindamandeville41@gmail.com)

**Unity Book Club:** Second Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Contact Jack Hawthorne at [jack.hawthorne@comcast.net](mailto:jack.hawthorne@comcast.net).

August 14: *Zorba the Greek* by Nikos Kazantzakis

**Women In Retirement:** This group meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month (August 9 and 23), from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Contact Lisa Friedman at [lisa@unityunitarian.org](mailto:lisa@unityunitarian.org)

**Young Adult Group** (ages 18-35, approximately) is open to all newcomers. Meetings are held every other Thursday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (August 2, 16, and 30) Email [kp@unityunitarian.org](mailto:kp@unityunitarian.org) to be added to the email list.

**Zen Meditation:** Find renewal and grounding. Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Ames Chapel. Instruction offered on August 7 at 5:00 p.m. Contact KP Hong at [kp@unityunitarian.org](mailto:kp@unityunitarian.org).

Unity Church hosts **12-step programs** in partnership with local AA, Alateen, and Al Anon groups.

Alateen: Mondays • 6:00-7:00 p.m. • Science Room

Al Anon: Wednesdays • 5:00-6:00 p.m. • Science Room

Fresh Air AA: Thursdays • 7:30-9:30 • Anderson Library

## Our Whole Lives

### Parent Summer Book Club

Tuesday, August 21 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Robbins Parlor  
Book: *Come As You Are* by Emily Nagoski

This group is open to all adults, but geared towards parents, and will touch on communicating with your children about sex and sexuality. Discussion, led by Jamie Bosc, will center on the topics covered in the chosen book. Questions? Contact Jamie with questions at [bosc.jamie@gmail.com](mailto:bosc.jamie@gmail.com).

## Sing in a Unity Choir!

From Ruth Palmer, Director of Music Ministries

As I begin my final season as your Director of Music, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the commitment and vibrant spirit of so many singers! Each voice and person is a gift to all! Please consider adding your voice to the wonderful singing community of Unity Church. We would love to welcome you!

For adults, it is helpful to have some musical experience — music lessons, choir experience, etc. Of course, if that is not in your background, but you have a passionate interest and the courage to jump in to the flow of things in order to learn a new skill, we invite you to come and sing with us.

Questions? Please contact Ruth Palmer, Director of Music Ministries, at [ruth@unityunitarian.org](mailto:ruth@unityunitarian.org) or 651-228-1456 x118. First rehearsals for this church year are:

- **Children's Choir** (grades 1-5)  
Sunday, September 9, 10:15–11:00 a.m., Robbins Parlor  
Kathleen Radspinner, director ([kathleenr395@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenr395@gmail.com))
- **Unity Choir** (high school, adult)  
Thursday, September 6, 7:30– 9:15 p.m., Parish Hall  
Ruth Palmer, director
- **Unity Singers** (auditioned membership)  
Tuesday, September 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Parish Hall  
Ruth Palmer, director
- **Women's Ensemble**  
Sunday, September 9, 10:15-10:45 a.m., Foote Room  
Ruth Palmer, director

## Religious Education Enrollment Session

Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, September 16. The final enrollment session before classes begin will be held on Wednesday September 5, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the Foote Room. Childcare provided. Questions? Please contact [michelle@unityunitarian.org](mailto:michelle@unityunitarian.org).

## Flowers for Worship

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday services, please contact Martha Tilton at 651-228-1456 x105 or [martha@unityunitarian.org](mailto:martha@unityunitarian.org) for available dates.

## Racial Justice Movie Night

*Enlightenment Guaranteed*

**Friday, August 10 • 7:00 p.m. • Robbins Parlor**

Join Unity Church members and friends for an ongoing film series to further our growth in the understanding and challenging of white supremacy and structural racism. Popcorn will be served and there will be time for conversation. A comedy about cultural perceptions, spiritual tourism, getting lost, rude awakenings, and moments of enlightenment about ourselves along the way. "Two brothers want to get their lives together by going to Japan for a retreat in a Zen monastery. En route, their midlife crisis turns into a midnight crisis when they get lost in Tokyo's neon jungle and can't find the way back to their hotel. With no money or directions, even the simplest thing becomes a major, if often comical, challenge." (IMDB)

## Chalice Circles begin again in September!

Chalice Circles are small groups of 8-10 participants who come together with a trained leader, once a month from September–June, to nurture spiritual growth in community. At the beginning of each month, participants receive materials based upon the monthly worship theme. From these materials, each participant chooses one spiritual exercise and a deep question to sit with for the course of the month. At the end of the month, participants gather with their group to share their experiences. Sign up online at [www.unityunitarian.org/chalice-circles.html](http://www.unityunitarian.org/chalice-circles.html).



## Dine with Nine... Brunch or Dinner

Are you interested in getting to know more people at Unity Church? Do you enjoy good food and lively conversation? Would you like to extend the hospitality of our community in more personal ways? Beginning in October, small groups of Unity Church members and friends will gather in each other's homes once a month for food and fellowship. The self-directed groups will choose dates, times, and places for their gatherings. Visit the Dine with Nine table in the Parish Hall on Sundays, August 12 through September 23, to learn more. Sign up to participate online at [www.unityunitarian.org/dine-with-nine.html](http://www.unityunitarian.org/dine-with-nine.html) or by email to Teresa Wernecke at [teresa475@gmail.com](mailto:teresa475@gmail.com). Please include your contact information and let us know if you would like to sign up for a family or adult only group, or whether you have a particular location or transportation needs. We look forward to another great year!

## Merging of Waters

Be sure to collect water from your travels (or backyard!) this summer. The Merging of Waters reunion service will be held on Sunday, September 9.



## Why should I buy a book?

**I already have one.**

**Shelley Butler, Library & Bookstall Team**

My Dad, upon receiving a book as a gift, would invariably say, "What did you give me a book for? I already have one." But one of my earliest memories is my mother reading to me and my older sisters *Hans Brinker* and *the Silver Skates*, and it wasn't even a library book. When I was a tad older, I

asked my mom to read to me over and over, "The Sugar-Plum Tree" by Eugene Field, from our very own orange, hardcover, Childcraft, Volume One, *Poems of Early Childhood*, pp.182-183. We didn't have many children's books but owning even those few books confirmed ownership of reading itself; as long as I can remember, I knew I was a reader.

In the past ten years, the UK National Literacy Trust has determined that 1) Children as young as seven years old are more likely to own a cell phone than a book, and 2) children who own a book are 15 times more likely to read above expected age level.

OK, I really don't get the cell phone part but I do know that children's hardcover picture books are expensive, typically costing \$16 to \$18, rendering buying new books an unaffordable luxury. And this is one reason why we have libraries, and why Unity Church has the Whitman Children's Library (open every Sunday in the Story Room, lower level, Eliot Wing).

But as much as children benefit from the variety and volume of books found in our Children's Library, we on the LBT (Library and Bookstall Team) wish for children to experience ownership of books, too — to hold a book of their own, put it down and pick it up again anytime, and know that reading belongs to them as surely as that book does.

So, we are holding The First-Ever Used Children's Picture Book Sale in The Bookstall, Sundays in August. Kids can choose from over 50 "like new" picture books and more for a few dollars each. Included in the sale are picture books by award-winning authors and illustrators, books about baby brothers and best friends, Japanese kimonos, African drums, wishing traditions around the world, and of course, children's poetry. Come buy a book for a child you love, even if they already have one.



**The Unity Bookstall's First-Ever  
Used Children's Picture  
Book Sale  
Sundays in August 2018**

# MINNESOTA POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

## A Reflection

### *The Minnesota Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*

**Erika Sanders, Beloved Community Staff Team**

Over six weeks in May and June, I was honored to be a volunteer photographer documenting seven marches, rallies and protests ("actions," in short) organized by the Minnesota Poor People's Campaign. Actions took place to take a moral stand on several issues: to protest Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); to urge environmental justice and stop Enbridge's Line 3 oil pipeline proposal; to call for fair treatment of workers and a living wage; and to publicly and collectively imagine a budget built for peace, not militarism and war.

As an amateur but avid photographer I've photographed many events and political actions. Each has a distinct mood, or combination of moods, including grief, pain, outrage, fury, love, pleading, demanding, longing, buoyancy, diffuse or focused energy, humor, and awkwardness. The Poor People's Campaign events had elements of all these, but they also had unusually potent feelings of joy, hope, and possibility. And that felt miraculous. I came to look forward to each action with greater and greater eagerness, and I don't think I was alone in that sensation.

I suspect there are a lot of reasons the Poor People's Campaign actions felt and looked that way through my camera's lens. But there's one reason that strikes me most: these events were the embodiment of what we have come to call intersectionality: the understanding of how different types of oppression and injustice compound and magnify one another, and how any one thread of collective or individual identity is woven alongside many others. They gave fresh life to Dr. King's admonishment that "we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny."

We talked about how protecting our environment is bound up in fighting racism. We learned about a living wage



as not just a matter of economic justice — but as a matter of racial and gender justice, too. We dreamed of a world where refugees and asylum-seekers are greeted with radical hospitality, no matter their race, national origin, or socioeconomic status. The participants and planners of the Poor People's Campaign modeled and reflected this sense of interwoven destiny. They were an incredibly diverse group, and partners came from many faith traditions and many organizations including Jewish Community Action, Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL), 15 Now Minnesota, MIRAC (Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee), Minnesota Council of Churches, the Center for Sustainable Justice, the Restaurant Opportunities Center of Minnesota, Veterans for Peace, the Rye House, the Center for Prophetic Action, Ujamaa Place, and Women Against Military Madness. Unity Church people were there, of course, in the thick of it all. Many put their bodies directly in service to the group purpose, and were arrested.

As my shutter clicked thousands of times, capturing people speaking,

yelling, singing, marching, and being handcuffed, I was struck by how rare this embodiment of intersectionality really is. It's one thing to understand it intellectually, but another to witness it. To do it, feel it, be it. And we did. It was precious.

To view more of Erika's photos from the Poor People's Campaign, 40 Days of Action, please visit [www.unityunitarian.org/beloved-community-news](http://www.unityunitarian.org/beloved-community-news).



## New School Year Approaches

Nancy Heege

### Obama School Ministry Team

And as you think ahead to fall, please consider ways you could assist with Unity's Community Outreach Ministry Team supporting Obama Elementary School. We are making a real difference for the school community, and we'd love for you to join us!

One-time opportunities include helping to provide snacks for a teachers' meeting, working at an evening book fair, or helping to feed a family in need with a financial gift of \$20 or more that will be used to purchase and distribute Cub Foods gift cards. There are also a number of one-time opportunities added by the school during the year, watch for details.

Ongoing opportunities include classroom tutoring, assisting in the library with the re-shelving books and processing new books into the collection, working on special projects, volunteering for the administrative committee supporting this ministry team, and more. For more information contact Lisa Friedman at [lisa@unityunitarian.org](mailto:lisa@unityunitarian.org) or 651-28-1456 x107.

Join Unity Church members who say...

"The time I spend tutoring at Obama School is an hour I feel good about. The demonstrative, affectionate scholars give me a feeling of warmth and purpose." [Jane T.]

"Working in the Obama school library is needed and a nice chance to see the children coming and going and to work with a very pleasant staff. If you mislay your car keys at the school (I did), everybody in that very friendly atmosphere will help you find them." [Caroline F]

## August Parish Hall Artist

### *Having Resiliency: Art from the Avivo ArtWorks Collective*

The August Parish Hall exhibit represents the feel and visual form of what each artist perceives of resiliency. The intention of this work is to cultivate conversation, hope, and an understanding of its importance in life. As a collective of 16 artists, the Avivo ArtWorks Collective embraces diversity, works to build community, and present their art publicly. "In doing so, we are challenging mental health stigma, and demonstrating that people living with mental illness can achieve success in art and life. We also aim towards building personal leadership, encouraging individuality, and supporting one another in our lives and in recovery." For more info on the collective, please visit <https://avivomn.org/services/mental-health-services/artworks/collective/>.



*"Home is Unconditional Love"*  
Charcoal on Stonehenge by Ashley Adams

## Unity's Newest Art Acquisition

The Unity Church Art Team has added a new piece to Unity's permanent collection. It is a compelling photo by Richard Birger entitled, "For Those Who are Voiceless." Richard describes it this way: "This image was taken January 21, 2017, on the grounds of the Minnesota State Capital in St. Paul during the Women's March. That day over 90,000 people participated. This demonstration occurred the day following Donald J. Trump's inauguration as the 45th President of the United States of America."

The Art Team believes this photo captures the mood of that day and finely represents the mission of Unity Church to support a progressive and inclusive agenda for America. Please take a visit to the second floor Eliot Wing hallway, above the north stairwell, to view this fine work of art.

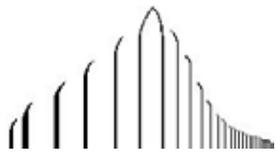
## Art Share

*The Unity Art Team invites you to spotlight your art.*

### How it works:

- Choose your favorite piece of art — anything from your personal creation, your child's creation, or fine art on a wall in your home.
- Your piece, along with a statement of why it's a favorite, and a photo of you, will be displayed for two Sundays in the Art Share space in the Parish Hall.
- Art Share's goal is to encourage members of the congregation to know each other better and to enrich the focus on art at Unity Church.

Sign up using the online form at [www.unityunitarian.org/art-share.html](http://www.unityunitarian.org/art-share.html). An Art Team member will confirm your participation and assign you a date. Thanks for considering participating in Art Share. The Art Team looks forward to spotlighting your art and getting to know you. Questions? Write to [rossm001@umn.edu](mailto:rossm001@umn.edu).



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## Food Shelf Donations

Thank you for supporting the families served by the Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf! Food shelf collection trunks are located at the Holly and Portland Avenue entrances. Non-perishable food, toiletries, and pet food are all gratefully accepted.



## Summer Sunday Pancake Brunch

**August 19**  
**Following the 10:00 a.m. service!**  
Join us for a pancake brunch after Sunday worship. We'll have fresh pancakes, real maple syrup, sausages, juice, coffee, and more! Want to help flip pancakes? Contact Madeline Summers, Volunteer Coordinator, at [madeline@unityunitarian.org](mailto:madeline@unityunitarian.org).



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