

## Incarnation

Each month worship, religious education, community outreach ministry, covenant groups and Wellspring Wednesday programs will offer opportunities to contemplate, consider, contend with and discuss an intergenerational curriculum based on monthly themes. Our hope is that this approach will bind us more closely together and inform our lives in effective and positive ways. December's theme is... Incarnation

Come December, our upper Midwestern landscape turns brittle and bare. Summer's supple green fields are replaced by stalks standing rigid, a few stubborn seeds still dangling from dry stems. Milkweed pods, once pliant as wineskins, have hardened and cracked open, their brown matchtip seeds lined up with silken wings folded until the wind lifts them up and carries them away.

In this barren season of imminent winter and early nightfall, how is it that many religious traditions choose this time to focus our attention on *Incarnation*?

*Incarnation* names the mystery of spirit or soul residing in our embodied world, whether in its bare and dormant or more verdant, budding form. From the Latin *incarnatio*, meaning "in the flesh," it refers to the conception and birth of divinity in human form. First used theologically by 12th-century Christian leaders, *Incarnation* described the belief in Jesus' double status as both fully human and fully god.

Today, understood more broadly, it can also stand as an ardent challenge to the faulty dualism of body and soul. An incarnate theology refuses the notion that our bodies tragically imprison our souls; it suggests instead a different possibility more akin to ancient Taoist teachings that body and soul complete one another. "Every being in the universe," said Lao Tsu, "... springs into existence perfect, unconscious and free, takes on a physical body, and lets circumstances complete it."

In this panoptic view, the advent season anticipating the story of Jesus' birth, is one in which we wait and watch for the holy presence of life itself as it emerges not imprisoned but fully embodied in us and in the world around us. It does

not always appear where we might have expected it – under the king's crown or the enforcement of his soldiers, in the comfort of the inn, or in the privilege of the wealthy or the wise. No. The story of Jesus' birth reminds us that the holy is incarnate everywhere and in everyone, especially wherever our eyes may have moved on too quickly – in the unwed mother and the unplanned child, in the homeless traveler, in the bed of straw and the animals gathered round it.

Other personal and contemporary stories have deepened my understanding of *Incarnation* over the years. Friends waiting as adoptive parents to be united with a new child born far away have taught me that our most important preparations are not always for the birth of new life. Sometimes, more powerfully and proleptically, we wait and prepare for the birth of new relationship with life already present in this world.

I think of an experiment Darwin once conducted, in February taking three tablespoons of mud from the bottom of a pond, a sampling no larger than my palm and weighing all of 6¾ ounces. For six months, Darwin kept this cup of mud covered in his study, watching as new sprouts emerged. He pulled each one as it appeared, identifying it and counting it, and when the half-year experiment was completed, 537 plants of many different kinds had grown from those three tablespoons of common mud.

We often do not see it, but the world is teeming with life, with possibilities waiting for the right season and the right conditions to emerge. Known by many names, soul and spirit move within us and around us all the time. Even and perhaps especially, in this brittle, barren month of December, the focus

on *Incarnation* invites us to celebrate the seeds of life and spirit and relationship planted within us all.

Near the end of his life Thoreau wrote, "We find ourselves in a world that is already planted but is also still being planted as at first."

Come December, we remember the birth of holy promise – of life and of relationship – planted long ago and still being planted as at first. Let the winds of winter come, lifting up the seeds in waiting.

— Karen Hering,  
Consulting Literary Minister

### Worship Theme Resources

#### BOOKS

*The Body of God* by Sallie McFague

*The Barn at the End of the World: the Apprenticeship of a Quaker, Buddhist Shepherd* by Mary Rose O'Reilly

*The Eros of Everyday Life* by Susan Griffin

#### FILMS

*Starman* (1984) NASA sent Voyager II into outer space with an invitation to whomever might receive it... "Come and visit us." When someone did, we weren't ready. The alien incarnated, assumed the identity of a dead house painter and it tooled around the countryside in a hopped-up, 1977 Mustang. How do we open to the possibility of encountering one who is truly different from us? Jeff Bridges and Karen Allen star in a retro-80s almost classic.

Turn to page 5 for more movie titles.

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# JUST WORDS / WHEEL OF LIFE

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## Just Words

I don't know about you, but sometimes I just hate being part of this church community. To be fair, I could easily say the opposite. Sometimes I just love being part of this church community. First let me tell you about the frustrating parts of my involvement here.

The other day I was working on the menu for our Thanksgiving feast. I began with the dishes we have to serve or it doesn't count as Thanksgiving. In my family that includes creamed pearl onions, mashed potatoes, cranberry relish that only an Eller-Isaacs could love, stuffing and turkey cooked to perfection. Along with the traditional items, I listed new recipes full of interesting ingredients. My beloved husband saw what I was doing and said something that surprised me. "Don't you think we tend to go a little overboard with Thanksgiving??" "What??" I asked incredulously. He responded, "I'd be satisfied with something simpler. This meal is about gratitude for the bounty of our lives. If that is really true, isn't simpler best?" I didn't throw the recipes at him exactly, but I did stop what I was doing. I took a deep breath. I didn't want to think about that! I haven't gone back to menu planning since that conversation. I will of course. Decisions do need to be made and I will probably go overboard. But I have been wrestling with the question, what best expresses our gratitude for the gifts we have been given. These are issues I don't want to think about. It's so much easier to do things as we have always done them and to do so without question. And yet, they won't let me go.

Our daughter, Hannah, claims that I ruined Christmas last year. Inspired by the Christmas Reclamation Project and the Black Friday working group's values, I told the family that we would only exchange hand-made gifts and charitable contributions. This was a real departure from our usual gift fest. But it made for the best Christmas I have had, maybe ever. I didn't feel that empty feeling that is so common for me on Christmas Day. I loved the creativity each of us showed in the gifts we gave. Rob and I are not crafty people, and yet we were able to give to our family and friends things that meant something to us. I am anticipating already what we might come up with this year. Had I not been inspired by this community to reexamine how we celebrate the winter holidays, this change might never have happened. There it is—the gift and the curse when encouraged to live in alignment with our values.

I know many of you have altered how you celebrate the holidays. Some of you are considering a change, while others are determined to keep things the same. It is always this way in community. There is no right way for all of us, only the right way for each family or individual to discern. It is uncomfortable at first, but I encourage you to ask questions about your holiday festivities. Do they bring the connection we yearn for? Do they provide you the sustenance you crave? If not, contemplate a change so that they are more satisfying. You can blame the church. I do.

*Janne Eller-Isaacs*

## *The Wheel of Life*

### In Celebration

**Jaden Cole MacKay-Weisner**

born October 29, 2009

son of

Ambra MacKay and John Weisner

granddaughter of

Bonnie Jean MacKay

and nephew of Micheala Walker

**Lisa Torvik and**

**Neil Mikesell**

married

Friday, October 9, 2009

### In Memoriam

**Dr. Howard B. Burchell**

November 28, 2009 –

October 10, 2009

**Martha Foote**

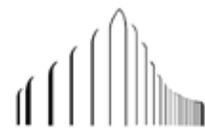
November 5, 2009, age 99

**Alan K. Ruvelson**

September 5, 1915 –

October 23, 2010

father of Alan K. Ruvelson, Jr.



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# DECEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION

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Sunday services are held at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. except where noted.  
Sermon podcasts and archives are available on line at [www.unityunitarian.org](http://www.unityunitarian.org).

## Worship Calendar

### December 6

#### ***What Are You Waiting For?***

— Rob Eller-Isaacs

In the season set aside for waiting Rob and Worship Associate Ann Kirby McGill offer us a service intended to provide an overview of theologies of incarnation. Why would God choose to put on flesh and walk among us? What do we really mean when we talk about the God within us?

### December 13

#### ***Prepare Yourself!***

— Janne Eller-Isaacs

This is a season of preparation, of anticipation and waiting for new birth and new light to appear once more. Janne and Worship Associate Hal Freshley will explore the dimensions of preparation for the rebirth of the holy within, among and beyond us.

### December 20

#### ***Family Holiday Service***

The whole church family will gather to celebrate the season. This year will feature a telling of the ancient story of Santa Lucia. During the 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. services we will sing carols selected at random from Santa's hat. The 11:00 a.m. service will include our fabled "carol shout."

### December 27 • One 10:00 a.m. Service

#### ***Herod and the Holy Innocents***

— Lissa Gundlach

On the Christian holiday calendar, between the joyful celebrations of the birth of Jesus and the wonder of Epiphany, there is an event entitled the "Massacre of the Innocents," which marks Herod's ruthless and violent search for the baby Jesus. How do we stand against violence, especially done to the most vulnerable in our world? Lissa Gundlach will illuminate gifts and challenges of this difficult text.

## Offering Recipients

### December 6: Catalyst Foundation

The Catalyst mission is to improve the lives of at-risk populations in Vietnam through child trafficking prevention and community capacity building. Since 1999, through a community development approach, Catalyst has addressed some of the root causes of child trafficking and has been able to raise awareness, provide access to school and increase opportunities for over 200 children and their families in five Vietnamese provinces. The foundation also sponsors an annual Vietnam Culture Camp in Minnesota and on the East Coast to promote Vietnamese culture to families that have adopted children from Vietnam. Unity Church member Judy Gunderson and her son, Kai, have supported Catalyst for many years including several trips to Vietnam to provide dental and other services for children and their families.

### December 13: Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS)

SMRLS is a legal aid program that serves Ramsey and 32 other counties in southern Minnesota. Its staff and volunteers provide civil legal services so that low income persons can obtain access to the justice system, particularly in areas that help them maintain freedom from hunger, homelessness, sickness, and abuse, and obtain economic self-reliance. SMRLS serves 10,000 to 11,000 clients annually and provides service to approximately 20,000 additional people through focused legal education and outreach activities. Unity Church members, Bruce Beneke and Martha Eaves are dedicated lawyers at SMRLS. Other church members have volunteered time and money, including Beverly Heydinger, Sally Scoggin and Alan Maclin. Sally served on the SMRLS board for many years.

### December 20: Hamline Midway Elders/Living at Home Block Nurse Program

Founded in 2001, this organization helps elders remain in their homes with independence, dignity and choice. Elder services range from transportation to medical appointments, to nursing and home health care, to referrals for counseling, to shopping, to minor home repairs and seasonal chores. Assisting nearly 200 seniors annually, the organization also recruits, trains and manages neighborhood residents as volunteer assistants. Hamline Midway Elders/Home Block Nurse Program also offers a monthly educational/informational luncheon program focused on seniors' needs and opportunities. Unity Church member Hazel Dicken is a contributor, a volunteer with the program, and has been a recipient of their services.

### December 27: Open Cities Health Center

Open Cities Health Center began in 1967 as a volunteer outreach project serving uninsured and underinsured people in the Summit University area. Today OCHC is a complete health care center providing general medicine, dental care and family planning by African American family practice staff. In 2007 OCHC served over 4000 underinsured or uninsured clients each month, many from St. Paul's growing immigrant communities. Unity Church member Vivian Stone has been a longtime board member at OCHC.



Turn to page 8 for all the holiday worship information.

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# AMES CHAPEL RENOVATION / BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Ames Chapel

Unity Church is pleased to announce the renovation of the beloved Ames Chapel. Through the generous gift of a Unity Church member, the chapel has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past several months. We encourage all Unity friends and members to explore the Chapel's many changes—from the acquisition of beautiful carpeting, to the sleek and stylish chairs, to the reclaimed chancel area at the front of the chapel for worship. New features include a private meditation area at the back of the chapel, and a new, warm paint color on the walls. You will also find the old and familiar sacred objects in the chapel – the stained glass window, the bell, the bronze "Appeal to the Great Spirit" statue, the lighting sconces and the Celtic cross.

We would like to take this opportunity to re-dedicate the Ames Chapel as sacred space at Unity Church. We have returned the orientation of the space to its original direction – facing east. We will no longer be stacking chairs in the arches for multi-purpose activities. We invite everyone to use the Ames Chapel as a place for private and small group worship and spiritual practice.

To honor the sacred space of Ames Chapel, please respect the following guidelines:

- Tealight candles only are allowed
- No food or drink inside Ames Chapel
- No stacking or moving the chairs

Ames Chapel will be available for open and guided meditation times throughout the month of December. During the busy holiday time, we encourage you to think about Ames Chapel as a place to stop by before or after work, to begin or end your day in a quiet time of mediation, reflection, and prayer. Meditation materials, candles and cushions will be available. We hope that the newly renovated Ames Chapel will be a place of peace and joy, now and in the coming years.

## December Ames Chapel Meditation Hours

Tuesdays

7:15–9:00 a.m. ~ *Open Meditation*

5:30–6:30 p.m. ~ *Advent Guided Meditation Series* (see box below)

Wednesdays

7:15–9:00 a.m. ~ *Open Meditation*

5:30–8:30 p.m. ~ *Open Meditation*

Thursdays (except Thursday, December 24)

7:15–9:00 a.m. ~ *Open Meditation*

5:30–6:30 p.m. ~ *Open Meditation*

## From the Board of Trustees

### Imagine

from Carol Bauer

At a recent conference, *Overcoming Racism: Why Is It So Hard?*, closing speaker Heather Hackman asked everyone to close their eyes and spend a few minutes imagining how their lives would be different in a world where there was no racism. And at the end of the meditation, she said—if we can imagine it, we can create it.

Following the conference, I continued to reflect on this idea—if we can imagine it, we can create it. And it struck me that this is what we do at Unity. Through our mission, ends, values and vision, we imagine the future and work to create it through our worship services, religious education, outreach and generosity ministries, fellowship opportunities, interactions with other faith communities and our community at large, and engagement with the wider UU community.

As we approach the winter solstice and the return of the light, I invite each of you to pause for a few minutes to imagine the future of Unity Church. What do you care about? What do you hope for—in our church home, in our neighborhood, in our city, in the wider community? What is the difference we wish to make in the world? In your *wildest imagination*, what would life be like if your dreams came true?

We are incredibly fortunate. We have intention, leadership, resources and capacity for action. *Imagine...*

*Carol Bauer, immediate past chair of Unity's board of trustees, is grateful for the opportunity to serve over the past three years and excited about the possibilities that await!*



## Advent Guided Meditation Series

The season of Advent is a time for contemplation and spiritual renewal. Please join Hallman Ministerial Intern Lissa Gundlach for a Tuesday evening guided meditation series on four Advent themes: *Faith, Hope, Joy, and Love*.

Tuesday December 1 • 5:30–6:30 p.m. • Advent Meditation: *Faith*

Tuesday December 8 • 5:30–6:30 p.m. • Advent Meditation: *Hope*

Tuesday December 15 • 5:30–6:30 p.m. • Advent Meditation: *Joy*

Tuesday December 22 • 5:30–6:30 p.m. • Advent Meditation: *Love*

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# PLEDGE DRIVE 2010 / PARISH HALL ARTIST / INTERN

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## There's still time (!) and *Thank You...*

We were nervous. We had no idea how to go about doing an *all member canvass*. We had not done it before. But you responded with your characteristic generosity. We are grateful. So many of you answered the call to be a canvass leader—WOW. Amazing. The canvass trainings, in fact, turned out to be illuminating for all of us. As good leaders you asked questions and, together, we discovered some answers. Not all, but some. The most wonderful discovery of all? The pledge conversations that so many had dreaded were, by most accounts: *fun, enjoyable, helpful, delightful, and stimulating*. New friendships were seeded, ideas blossomed, important thoughts regarding the life of this church were shared; stories about how Unity Church has impacted and enriched your lives were told and listened to with appreciation and understanding.

**The 2010 Pledges are still coming in and must continue to do so in order to satisfy current budgetary needs.** We ask that anyone who intends to make a pledge for 2010, please do so very soon. On behalf of the Pledge Team, Executive Team and Unity Church staff, thank you to all of you who are giving as you are able. Yes, these are, as I heard it termed on the radio the other day, *cozy times*. Supporting our church and ensuring that our church community will thrive even through such times will benefit us all, helping us to live out our values of integrity, service and joy.

In peace and gratitude,

Lia Rivamonte with Chris Crosby-Schmidt and Marianne Davis, your Pledge Team

## December Parish Hall Artist

### Peter Ross

Hello, I am Peter Ross, a Unity Church member, and Saint Paul resident. I'm a self-taught artist, and I paint mainly with acrylics. My art is chiefly inspired by what I see in the natural world around me. From an early age, I developed a deep interest in nature; from insects to birds, and from rocks to rivers. As I view the world I am constantly thinking creatively. This is something that I've taught myself to do over the years and believe me it is a great deal of fun. I create unique images in my mind and then I am compelled to get these ideas out onto paper to share them. Some ideas are realistic and some are not. Some are beautiful and some are quirky. I like to believe that all my art is unique. I like to believe that all my art is an outward extension of what is going on in my imagination and that it is something that people want to see, whether it brings about feelings of serenity or joy, or brings about a genuine smile or outright laughter.

## Suggested Movies: *Incarnation*

*Kundun* (1997) In 1937, the 14th incarnation of the Dalai Lama was discovered in a small village in Tibet. On the shoulders of a young boy was laid the future of a people, of a nation and of a way of spirit. This young boy would learn and grow wise against a backdrop of violence brought by an advancing Chinese army. Martin Scorsese directs a powerful film about endurance and grace, about the survival of human compassion against all odds.

*K-Pax* (2001) Having ridden a beam of light from a planet that is impossibly far away, Prot (Kevin Spacey) arrives at Penn Station in New York City just in time to be committed to the crazy house. Who could understand his incredible story? Incarnation to incarceration in the blink of an eye. The view of Earth from K-Pax allows us to see ourselves anew. Perhaps, we are not a different from one another as we dream that we are.

## From Lissa Gundlach

### Hallman Ministerial Intern

As long as I can remember, I have been drawn to the kitchen more than other living spaces. I come from a family of cooks—generations of women whose creativity, caring, and passion manifested in the kitchen.

My grandmothers on my mother and father's sides of my family have taught me that food is a way of loving people and loving yourself. Cooking has become a practice that relaxes and nourishes me, spiritually and physically. Whenever I am stressed, need to think, or want to connect with people, I find myself cooking up a big pot of soup and baking a loaf of bread.

It's not only the tasty results of cooking which satisfy my soul and body. It's the preparation. When I commit to making soup, or to baking that loaf of bread, I'm giving myself a few sacred hours to prepare and observe. To taste, smell, touch and watch. I can get lost in that time, attending only to my senses and the tasks at hand. It is a time for mindfulness and gratitude, for returning to the moment when it's easy to get lost in the rush of life. When I prepare food for myself and for others, it is a practice of blessing with nourishment, time and love.

The season of Advent is a contemplative time of preparation and awe. It is about finding delight in every moment, in the coming together of family and friends, around a tree or a table. But the holiday season can also feel frantic and laden with expectation of perfection and extravagance, not only in terms of gift giving. Our kitchens too can become places of stress and strain rather than abundance and sanctuary. In this season, my wish is for us all to be mindful and joyful in the preparation of our holidays as much as in the celebration. As the Rev. Gary Smith preaches every Christmas Eve in my home church in Concord, Massachusetts, "May we be surrounded by people who are gifts in themselves." May we feast upon our blessings and find ourselves nourished.

# COMMUNITY / FELLOWSHIP / LEARNING

## December Wellspring Wednesday

**Dinner at 6:00 p.m.** The cost for dinner is: \$6/adult, \$4/child ages 5 to 12, \$2/child ages 2 to 4, and \$18/family.  
**Programs at 7:00 p.m.**

### December 2

*dinner: to be announced*

Wellspring Wednesday offerings on December 2 will consider the meaning of Advent in our lives. Advent is the perfect time to slow down and nurture our spirits as we await the coming of Christmas and the return of the light.

The evening's activities will include opportunities for participants to explore ways to reclaim the holiday season as a time of spiritual reflection and renewal instead of frantic overconsumption. There are a variety of offerings to choose from:

- Keeping Your Balance in a Frenzied Consumer Culture with Bill Doherty
- From Story to a Sense of the Sacred with Rebecca Pournoor
- Singing Meditation and Sharing Circle with Katy Taylor and Jill van Koolwijk
- A special conversation with visitors from our partner church about Unitarian Advent and Christmas traditions in Transylvania
- Women's Full Long Night's Moon Gathering

### December 9

*dinner: roast chicken with shallots, garlic and herbs; focaccia, roasted sweet potato medallions on greens with a honey vinaigrette, gingerbread cutouts*

Open Page Writing Session - Topic: *Incarnation*

### December 16

Santa Pause: An evening of childcare for Unity Church families. See page 7.

**Wellspring Wednesday is on Winter Break from December 23 through December 30 and will begin again on January 6, 2010!**

Kundalini  
Yoga is offered  
every Wednesday.  
\$10/class — beginners  
are welcome to try a  
class at no cost!

## Unity Church Book Club

The Unity Church Book Club will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8. The book they will be discussing is *The Dog Says How* by Kevin Kling. At the January 12 meeting the Book Club will be discussing *Summit Avenue* by Mary Sharratt. **Everyone is welcome — even if you haven't read the book!**

## Second Saturday Pancake Breakfast



**December 12**

**8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

You'll enjoy local sausage, OJ, all you can eat pancakes, and lots of lingering and good conversation.

**Bring a friend!** Cost: \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

## Caregivers Group

**Thursday, December 17**

**Third Thursday of every month**

Are you a part time or full time care taker of loved ones in your life? Do you need support in order to sustain the care you are giving? Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs and Pastoral Care team member Cynthia Orange will be offering an informal support group for caregivers on the third Thursday of every month from 12:00–2:00 p.m. Contact Janne Eller-Isaacs if you would like to participate in this group.

## Job Transition Networking Group

**Meets every Monday • 9:30–11:30 a.m.**

Sessions typically include time to share job search or career change efforts and possible opportunities or challenges. Guest speakers address issues such as how to assess our strengths and how to market ourselves. Contact Ron Prieve at [rprieve@msn.com](mailto:rprieve@msn.com) or Wendy Frieze at [wendyfrieze@mac.com](mailto:wendyfrieze@mac.com) for more information.



## **My Flag Grew Stars** Bookstall Featured Book Signing

*My Flag Grew Stars* is a newly released book that tells the story of Unity Church members Olga and Tibor Zoltai's journey to America.

On December 6, following 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services, *My Flag Grew Stars: World War II Refugees' Journey to America* will be available for purchase and signing by the author, Tibor and Olga Zoltai's daughter Kitty Gogins.

When their homeland was destroyed in World War II, Olga and Tibor fled Hungary as teens and struggled to survive as refugees. After emigrating as indentured servants they united and embarked on a journey to become Americans.

*"Shaped by their Hungarian heritage, My Flag Grew Stars is Olga and Tibor's journey of loss and fulfillment, of a passion for justice, knowledge and welcoming love. A powerful read."* — Gary DeCramer, Unity Church member and Senior Lecturer at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs

For more information visit <http://kittygogins.books.officelive.com>.

# December Holiday Worship and Joy

A four-page guide to holiday offerings at Unity Church

## December Holiday Calendar

### Tuesday, December 1 ~

Guided Advent Meditation • 5:30–6:30 p.m., see page 4

### Wednesday, December 2 ~

Wellspring Wednesday Advent Event • 7:10 p.m.

### Saturday, December 5 ~

Jolly Holly Silent and Live Auction • 6:00–10:00 p.m.

### Sunday, December 6 ~

Bolivian Handicrafts Sale • After the morning services  
Evergreen Quilters Annual Sale • Following services  
High School Wreath and Cookie Sale • Begins today

### Monday, December 7 ~

Christmas Pageant cast assignments are posted on website

### Tuesday, December 8 ~

Guided Advent Meditation • 5:30–6:30 p.m., see page 4

### Saturday, December 12 ~

Holiday Music Smorgasbord  
5:15 p.m. • Potluck  
6:20 p.m. • Carol Sing  
7:00 p.m. • Holiday Concert: *Methinks I Hear the Heavens Resound*  
7:45 p.m. • Holiday Dessert Buffet

### Sunday, December 13 ~

Pageant Costume Fitting • 10:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Intergenerational Grand Day of Caroling • 1:00–3:00 p.m.  
Evergreen Quilters Annual Sale • Following services  
High School Wreath and Cookie Sale • While supplies last

### Tuesday, December 15 ~

Guided Advent Meditation • 5:30–6:30 p.m., see page 4

### Wednesday, December 16 ~

Santa Pause • 6:00–8:30 p.m.

### Thursday, December 17 ~

Elders Group Holiday Gathering • 1:00–2:30 p.m.

### Sunday, December 20 ~

Pageant Adult Choir Rehearsal • 10:00 a.m.  
High School Wreath and Cookie Sale • While supplies last

### Tuesday, December 22 ~

Guided Advent Meditation • 5:30–6:30 p.m., see page 4

### Wednesday, December 23 ~

Pageant Dress and Children's Choir Rehearsals • 1:00–4:00 p.m.

### Thursday, December 24 ~

Find A Stillness • 10:00 a.m.  
Christmas Pageant • 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.  
Lessons and Carols (Family Candlelighting Service) • 7:00 p.m.  
Lessons and Carols (Candlelighting Service) • 10:00 p.m.

## Guest at Your Table

Unity Church participates in a holiday tradition of keeping a "Guest at Your Table" box at the family table. Materials are available outside the Sanctuary. Change adds up quickly! Contributions support the social justice work of the UUSC to provide clean water and disaster aid around the world as well as to stop genocide and torture. Learn more at [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org). The closing date of our participation in the program is Sunday, January 3. Convert your family's contribution to a check made payable to the UUSC and bring your check and your box (filled out) back to church on January 3. (After that date, families must send their individual contributions directly to the UUSC.)

## Santa Pause

*An evening of childcare for Unity Church families.*

### Wednesday, December 16

**6:00–8:30 p.m.**

As a gift to families with younger children, the junior high youth of the church will offer supervised childcare and festive activities for children ages 6 months to 10 years of age. Advance registration is required and space is limited to 40 children. A pizza dinner is provided (families may contribute a donation to help cover the cost of the pizza). Contact [Christy@unityunitarian.org](mailto:Christy@unityunitarian.org) to make your reservation.

## Elders Group Conversations

### Thursday, December 17

**1:00–2:30 p.m. • Robbins Parlor**

Join us for a holiday gathering with carol singing, goodies, and fellowship. Unity Music Director Ruth Palmer will join us for music and merriment. All are welcome! Contact Hallman Ministerial Intern Lissa Gundlach with questions or comments.





# Holiday Worship and Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 20**

## Family Holiday Service

The whole church family will gather to celebrate the season. This year will feature a telling of the ancient story of Santa Lucia. During the 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. services we will sing carols selected at random from Santa's hat. The 11:00 a.m. service will include our fabled "carol shout."

At each service, five girls between the ages of 8 and 18 are needed to participate in the Santa Lucia processional. If your daughter or granddaughter is part of the Unity community and would enjoy being part of this special tradition, contact Kerri Meyer via e-mail at [kerri@unityunitarian.org](mailto:kerri@unityunitarian.org).

**Monday, December 21**

## Winter Solstice Celebration • 7:00 p.m. • Parish Hall

Come join us for a contemplative, family-friendly, Celtic-inspired ritual to mark the turning of the year as the darkness gives way to the growing light. This participatory ritual will include chanting, meditation, candle-lighting, singing, and cauldron jumping. Kids—bring animal masks and hand percussion (rattles, shakers, bells)! If you would like to participate as a ritual leader or if you have questions, please contact Katy Taylor at [katy@katytaylor.com](mailto:katy@katytaylor.com) or 651-291-8551.

**Thursday, December 24**

## Find A Stillness • 10:00 a.m.

In the full rush of Christmas Eve morning we will gather in the quiet of Ames Chapel. There will be extended periods of silence to provide time for relief and contemplation. The service will include an invitation to join in communion.

## Christmas Pageant • 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Rob and Janne Eller-Isaacs narrate the story of the nativity as Unity Church's children and youth act out the story in the Sanctuary. Children, youth, and adults are welcome to come and participate in Unity Church's annual holiday tradition. Families with children age three and under are encouraged to attend the 4:00 p.m. service.

## Lessons and Carols (Family Candlelighting Service) • 7:00 p.m.

All families are welcome to join us for stories, singing and the dedication of our own redeemers as we imagine the holy entering our life through wonder, new birth and, as always, candlelight. Come celebrate with us at this family candlelighting service.

## Lessons and Carols (Candlelighting Service) • 10:00 p.m.

The whole church family will gather to hear again the age-old story of a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. It's a tale told in every religious tradition. We'll sing carols, share some of the finest poems of the season and kindle again the lights of hope in the midst of darkness.

**Sunday, January 3, 2009**

## Tolling of Bells • 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

We begin each new year with a memorial service for those who have died in the previous year. Rob and Janne will each eulogize men and women whose lives have shaped the world of art or politics, literature or science. Everyone will have an opportunity to acknowledge those they've loved and lost.

## Christmas Pageant and Pageant Choir News

All families with children and youth who are or have been recently enrolled in Religious Education are invited to participate in the annual Unity Church Christmas pageant. Pageant information and registration materials have been e-mailed to families and are also available by contacting the Church Office. Registration must be returned by Sunday, December 6. For more information about the Pageant contact Kelley Loughrey at [kelleyloughrey@comcast.net](mailto:kelleyloughrey@comcast.net).

The adult Pageant Choir is open to all. The Children's Pageant Choir is open to children in third through sixth grade. For more information about the Pageant Choirs, please contact Ruth Palmer at the Church Office.

**Please note** the important dates below (parents are asked to assume volunteer roles and should plan to attend all of the following events):

**Monday, December 7**

Cast assignments are posted on church website.

**Sunday, December 13**

### Pageant Costume Fitting

Costume fittings at 10:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the hallway outside of Ames Chapel.

**Sunday, December 20**

### Pageant Adult Choir Rehearsal

10:00–11:00 a.m. in Ames Chapel

**Wednesday, December 23**

### Pageant Dress Rehearsal

1:00–4:00 p.m.

### Pageant Children's Choir Rehearsal

1:00–4:00 p.m. in the Foote Room

**Thursday, December 24**

### Pageant Performances

Pageant services are at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. Performers and parents should arrive at 3:00 p.m.



# Holiday Giving and Music

## Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree is once again waiting in the downstairs hallway during the month of December to be decorated with warm hats, gloves, scarves and mittens! Find the tree at the intersection of the three hallways. Items will be given to the Barack and Michelle Obama School of Service Learning to distribute to students who need warm things to wear.

## Bolivian Handicraft Sale

**Sunday, December 6**

### After the morning services

The Mano a Mano Community Outreach Ministry Team will be selling a wide variety of Bolivian handicrafts perfect for the holiday gift giving season. New this year are unique Mano a Mano 2010 calendars for \$10. Be sure to check out the picture of Unity Church participants who went to Bolivia! The proceeds of the sale help support the mission of Mano a Mano to improve the lives of Bolivians.

## Evergreen Quilters Sale

**Sunday, December 6 and 13**

### Following worship

Handmade cloth gift bags in many sizes, and attractive tote bags. Most of the tote bags are modeled after the big brown grocery bag, perfect for the grocery store and a great gift! All funds raised from the bag sales will be used to support projects at Sharing Korners Food Shelf; The Family Place, a day shelter for homeless families; and the Jeremiah Project, a transitional program for young mothers.

## Wreath and Cookie Sale

Holiday cookies, church mice and decorated wreaths are on sale in the Parish Hall every Sunday in December while supplies last. Your generous support of this fundraiser helps high school youth make the pilgrimage to Boston to learn about our Unitarian Universalist roots.

## Holiday Music Smorgasbord

**Holiday Potluck, Carol Sing, Concert and Dessert Buffet!**

**Saturday, December 12**

Come and join us for an array of offerings! Like a smorgasbord, feel free to pick and participate in whatever aspects of this musical evening appeal to you! All are invited to come to this intergenerational event with family and friends to share the musical spirit of the holidays. Childcare is provided.

Schedule for the evening:

5:15 p.m. • Potluck

6:20 p.m. • Carol Sing

7:00 p.m. • Holiday Concert: *Methinks I Hear the Heavins Resound*

7:45 p.m. • Holiday Dessert Buffet

Plan to arrive by 5:15 p.m. to get a seat for the potluck! Everyone is asked to bring an entrée or salad to share. If you plan to stay for the concert and holiday dessert buffet, please bring a plate of your favorite holiday goodie to share after.

PLEASE NOTE: The potluck tables will be taken down at 6:15 p.m. in order to set up for the next event!

The carol sing will begin at 6:20 p.m. featuring favorites of the season. The youngest children will have special activities and music at this time with Kathleen Radspinner, director of our amazing Unity Children's Choir.

At 7:00 p.m., all are invited into the Sanctuary to hear the holiday concert, *Methinks I Hear the Heavins Resound*, featuring the Unity Choir and Unity Singers joined by pianist Kathleen Bartholomay and flutist Linda Chatterton. Childcare is provided for younger children who may not want to sit through this 30 to 45 minute concert.

At 7:45 p.m. the holiday buffet provides a tasty and delightful opportunity to enjoy visiting together!

Come and enjoy wonderful company, a shared table with friends, joyful singing, and beautiful choral music.

If you can help with set-up or clean-up please contact Lynnanne Warren at 651-646-0168 or [lynnanne@ties2.net](mailto:lynnanne@ties2.net).

## Intergenerational Grand Day of Caroling

**Sunday, December 13 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Come and join members of the choir as we spread holiday joy throughout our immediate and extended communities. This day includes activities we have previously known as Caroling Out and About and Congregational Neighborhood Caroling.

We will divide into several groups, both walking and carpooling, to visit members and friends in independent/assisted living residences and in coordination with SULAH: The Summit University Living at Home/Block Nurse Program (see description below).

We will meet in the Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m., divide into our groups, have a bit of a 'caroling warm-up', get our directions/maps and begin to sing some joy into the community. We can pretty well promise tears of joy and smiles of delight!

Plan to return to the church for some hot cocoa, coffee and tea. Please bring goodies to share. All are welcome – children, family and friends!

The Summit University Living at Home/Block Nurse Program is a community based effort. Their goal is to improve the quality of life of seniors and help them live in their own homes as long as possible. SULAH assists with the coordination of home health, nursing, and community services to help seniors live safely and independently.



# Unity Church Silent & Live Auction

**Saturday, December 5  
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

**Tickets ~ \$15 advance/\$20 at the door**

Tickets available in the Parish Hall after Sunday services or online at [www.unityunitarian.org](http://www.unityunitarian.org). Each ticket includes tasty appetizers and sweet treats, two beverages, and live entertainment.

## **Great Auction Items**

Great Gatherings • Professional Services • Vacation Getaways  
Handmade Crafts • Specialty Foods • Shopping Sprees • Artwork

**New this year!**

**Need not be present to win!**



## **Jolly Holly Raffle!**

Raffle tickets are \$10 each — win one of three fabulous prizes:

**\$500 CASH!**

**iPod Touch with a \$100 iTunes gift card**

**3-Pack of Gift Certificates to local restaurants**

Childcare • Contact Christy Randall at the Church Office  
Need a ride? • Contact Barbara Hubbard at the Church Office

# LITERARY MINISTRY / UNITY LIBRARIES

## Open Page: reflecting with pens in hand

These guided writing sessions, led by Consulting Literary Minister Karen Hering, are invitations to the creative spirit, opportunities to correspond with “the still, small voice within.” No writing experience necessary; only an empty page and an open heart and mind. Individual programs, unless otherwise noted, are free and do not require pre-registration. **The Winter Writing Group, however, is a registration-only five-part series. See details below.**

**Sunday, December 6 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

### Reflection Topic: *Courage*

“It is in the small things we see it,” writes Anne Sexton of courage. “The child’s first step, as awesome as an earthquake. The first time you rode a bike...” But its reputation also rises from larger evidence of daring and defiance. Looking ahead to January’s worship theme, this guided writing session explores the nature and sources of courage and its movement large and small within our lives. Free. No registration required.

**Wednesday, December 9 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

### Reflection Topic: *Incarnation*

Treat yourself to a break from the busy pace of the holiday season to consider the holiness nested in ourselves and in the world around us. We’ll explore how the old stories of incarnation and our own contemporary experience together illuminate our understanding of this embodied life – with all its beauty and its brokenness and blessings. Free. No registration required.

## Open Page Writing Group

### Reflection Topic: *The Yin-Yang of Writing*

**By registration only; group size will be limited. Fee: \$100 for five sessions**

**Tuesday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m.: January 5, 12 and 26, February 2 and March 2**

The old teachings of Taoism remind us of the fertile terrain found on the borders – the line between this and that, or yin and yang, where differences meet, where word touches silence and wave meets the shore. This five-part series explores these meeting points, the edges present in our world, and the creative ground found in the margins. **Session One: Yin and Yang; Session Two: Thresholds; Session Three: Inner/Outer; Session Four: Self/Other; Session Five: Reality/Imagination.** To register contact karen@unityunitarian.org or 651-228-1456, x128.

## Lectio Divina: a practice of spiritual reading

*It is difficult to get the news from poems yet men die miserably every day for lack of what is found there.* — William Carlos Williams

**Sunday, December 6 • 10:15 – 10:55 p.m.**

Come and listen for “what is found there” in a brief reflective session, using the Benedictine practice of “lectio divina” or holy reading. We’ll meditate on poems and readings related to December’s theme of *Incarnation*.



## What’s New at Unity Libraries?

Anderson Adult Library ◊ Bookstall  
Whitman Children’s Library ◊  
Bookmobile Cairns Literary Journal

### ***A Gift of Days: The Greatest Words to Live By***

Stephen Alcorn, Atheneum, 2009  
Whitman Children’s Library  
Relief-block print-portraits accompany inspiring words by a wide variety of famous people from all walks of life. Frida Kahlo’s strong features and finely decorated portrait are accompanied by her words, “Feet, what do I need for you when I have wings to fly?”

### ***Heart to Heart: Fourteen Gatherings for Reflection and Sharing***

Christine Robinson, Skinner House, 2009  
Resources for fourteen gatherings on topics such as forgiveness, loss, nature, money, and friendship.; Heart to Heart offers thought-provoking exercises to help participants prepare for the spiritual practice of sharing in community.

### ***Cairns:***

### ***The Unity Church Journal of the Arts Coming to the Bookstall in December!***

You won’t be surprised to find some of our well-known authors and artists, like Rev. Sarah Barber-Braun, Michael Orange, Mary Barrett, and Cynthia Starkweather-Nelson in the journal. But you may be surprised to find that some Unity members have kept their talent hidden until now; read the first issue to find out.

### **The Bookstall: Books Make Great Gifts!**

There was a dad, who when given a book as a gift would, without fail, joke, “What are you giving me a book for? I’ve already got one.” They say, he did love to read, yet, it was worth giving him a book just to see the smile on his face when he laughed at his own joke. People need and enjoy books for all sorts of purposes, but whatever the reason, keep in mind that The Bookstall has a wide selection of books that make great gifts.

## Meditations and Resources

For more information about the Faithful Words literary ministry, visit [www.unityunitarian.org/WritingMinistry.htm](http://www.unityunitarian.org/WritingMinistry.htm). Meditations offered on each month’s worship theme, are also available on-line at [www.unityunitarian.org/MonthlyThemeResources.htm](http://www.unityunitarian.org/MonthlyThemeResources.htm). If you would like to receive e-mail notifications of upcoming literary programs and invitations for member writings, please contact Consulting Literary Minister Karen Hering at [karen@unityunitarian.org](mailto:karen@unityunitarian.org). These programs are supported by a grant from the Fund for Unitarian Universalism.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

## Evergreen Foodshelf



The third Sunday of every month is Evergreen Food Drive Sunday. All non-perishable food and household items are welcome and needed!

Donations can be brought anytime and should be placed in the barrels located at both the Holly and Portland Avenue entrances. Suggested items for Sunday, December 20, are small bottles of detergent (dish or clothing), and toilet paper.

## Whole Farm Coop



Buy meat, cheese, produce and more from local, sustainable farms and pick it up at Unity Church!

For a December pick up, order from [wholefarmcoop.com](http://wholefarmcoop.com) or call 320-732-3023 by Wednesday, December 9. Orders will be delivered to Unity Church on Wednesday, December 16. Pay by sending a check with the invoice enclosed with your order to Whole Farm.



**Bolivian Handicraft Sale**

**Evergreen Quilters Annual Sale**

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## Tolling the Bell

from Russ Heuckendorf

Did you know that for several years a few hardy souls have been tolling Unity's church bell each time a death row prisoner is executed in our country? We toll (ring slowly in single notes) the bell for two minutes at 6:00 P.M. each day there is a legalized execution by any state or federal government on behalf of both those executed and their victims. Those who toll the bell see it as a kind of ministry, undertaken on behalf of the church as a witness and/or protest. What's it like to toll the bell? It's cold up there (or hot). It's lonely. It's profound. We are being present for the taking of a life, to some extent in our name (even in Texas). We are thinking of the person being executed (sometimes at the very moment the rope is pulled) and of the person or persons killed by the one being executed. What were their lives like? What might they have done with continued life? Aren't we beyond an eye for an eye? Don't we believe in redemption?

This activity is in partnership with a national organization called "For Whom the Bell Tolls" that includes many other churches across the country tolling a bell at the very same time. We toll the bell here at Unity Church with the blessing and encouragement of the ministers and the Restorative Justice Outreach Ministry Team. It is a moving and humbling experience. If you'd like to take part, contact Russ Heuckendorf at [rheuckendorf@comcast.net](mailto:rheuckendorf@comcast.net) or Ray Wiedmeyer at [raka1260@aol.com](mailto:raka1260@aol.com) or Pat Haff at the Church Office.

## Transylvania Travel in 2010

Learn about Unity's partner church in Homorod Szentpeter, at a meeting on Sunday, December 6, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., in the Gannett Room. Two trips to the village will be offered in 2010. One of the trips will be from May 21-30 and will celebrate the 20th year of our partnership. A second trip is planned for August as a pilgrimage to several historic Unitarian sites, combined with a stay in the village. To learn more, please join us at the meeting, or contact Tom Merritt at 651-429-2621 or [tom.w.merritt@gmail.com](mailto:tom.w.merritt@gmail.com).



## Annual Pilgrimage to New Orleans • Mark Your Calendar!

The third Unity Church Pilgrimage to New Orleans will take place from Saturday, March 6, through Saturday, March 13, 2010. Contact Pat Haff at the Church Office if you would like to learn more about this annual journey.

# The Gathering

## Saturday, January 30, 2010

The Gathering is a one-day women's spiritual retreat celebrating each woman's voice with invitations for expression, for being heard and for deep listening through art, movement, drumming, writing, conversation and contemplation.

New this year is a dinner, full moon ritual, and dance.

Registration for this joyful, welcoming and intergeneration event is limited to 125 women from ages 18 to 108.

The cost is \$35 which includes our own literary minister Karen Hering as keynote speaker and workshop facilitator, plus many other workshops, quiet space, delicious meals, ritual, and the chance to lift your voice and to be heard.

Scholarships and childcare are available upon request.



### Pathway to Membership at Unity Church

If you have questions or would like to sign up for a class please contact Betsy Moore at the Church Office. Childcare is available at no cost for all Pathway to Membership classes if requests are made at least one week in advance.

#### **Welcome to Unity**

This class is geared to newcomers, visitors, and those seeking to learn more about Unitarian Universalists and Unity Church. Upcoming *Welcome to Unity* classes:

Wednesday, December 2  
7:10 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13, 2010  
7:10 – 8:30 p.m.

#### **Finding Yourself at Unity**

*Finding Yourself at Unity* includes Unitarian Universalist and Unity Church history (including a tour of the church), opportunities to share parts of your religious journey, and discussion of the expectations and benefits of membership. Upcoming *Finding Yourself at Unity* classes:

Saturday, January 9, 2010  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Potluck lunch - bring a dish to share

Thursday, February 11, 18, and 25  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Light supper provided all three nights.

#### **Committing to Unity**

*Committing to Unity* is designed for those who are ready to make the membership commitment. This class explores the deeper meanings and expectations of membership and shared ministry. Upcoming *Committing to Unity* classes:

Saturday, December 12  
10:00 a.m. – noon

Thursday, January 14, 2010  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



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# ARLT / R.E. DATES / GROUP MEETINGS

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## Anti-Racism Leadership Team Update

from Pauline Eichten, ARLT

The "Overcoming Racism" conference, held the first weekend on November, was a successful first-time effort by a collaboration of organizations working to dismantle racism. Several people from the church participated in the conference, and Unity Church also presented a workshop called "Claiming/Shaping an Anti-Racist Institutional Identity."

The presentation talked about the values and principles of Unitarian-Universalism as the bedrock for the work. That led to a discussion of the journey from the grassroots initiative begun in 2002 to the recently adopted Ends Statements that include a clear commitment to anti-racism. Carol Bauer, board chair, and Pauline Eichten and Allen Giles, from the Anti-Racism Leadership Team (ARLT), were the presenters. Unity Church was one of the twenty-three organizational sponsors of the conference. More information about the conference can be found at [www.facilitatingracialequitycollaborative.com](http://www.facilitatingracialequitycollaborative.com).

The ARLT's annual report on the church's progress in becoming an anti-racist institution was available at the annual congregational meeting on November 21. The report discusses the activities and challenges of the team over the 2008-2009 church year and looks at the program life of the church through an "anti-racism lens," including Sunday services, Wellspring Wednesday events, and other activities. It also reviews the newsletter, Executive Team reports, and Board of Trustees meeting minutes. The last section provides some observations on the way forward for both the ARLT and the church institution. Copies can be found on the church website, [www.unityunitarian.org](http://www.unityunitarian.org), or by request to staff member Leon Dunkley.

We were pleased to see the formal launch of the Racial Justice Outreach Ministry Team, whose mission is to build relationships with neighborhood communities of color, and offer advocacy and support to those communities around issues of racial injustice. Like the ARLT, this outreach team believes racism is a spiritual issue for everyone, and sees dealing with issues of race as a form of spiritual development. As the ARLT works on the inside to lead the transformation of Unity Church to become an actively anti-racist institution, the Racial Justice Team will be providing leadership in helping Unity Church to make a positive impact in our neighborhood.

Put this on your calendar! The 11th annual White Privilege Conference is coming to La Crosse, Wisconsin, on April 7-10, 2010. The conference provides a yearly forum for critical discussions about race/racism and other systems of privilege/oppression. For more information, see [www.uccs.edu/wpc](http://www.uccs.edu/wpc).

## December Group Meetings

All are invited to attend the following groups. For more information, contact the Church Office or the persons listed with each group.

### Men's Retirement Group

Monday, December 7 and 21  
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Contact: Phil Morton, 952-934-3578

### Unity Singles Group

Watch *This Week at Unity* for events.

Contact: Bonnie Reiland at [bonniereiland@aol.com](mailto:bonniereiland@aol.com) or Rick Ahern at [hern44@hotmail.com](mailto:hern44@hotmail.com)

### A New Look at the Bible

First Thursday of the month • 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Paul Gade, 651-771-7528

### Afterthoughts

Every Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. service

Contact: Paul Gade, 651-771-7528

### Unitots!

A group for families with kids through preschool age

Every Friday • 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Michelle Hill

### Grandparent Unitots!

A group for grandparents and their grandkids

Every Monday • 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Sue Conner, 651-646-6667

### Unity Bridge Club

First Friday of the month • 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Mary Barrett, 651-225-9708

### Evergreen Quilt Group

Contact: Michelle Hill at 651-264-0884

### Unity Book Club

Tuesday, December • 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Leon Dunkley at the Church Office

### Networking Group

Every Monday • 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Wendy Frieze at [wendyfrieze@mac.com](mailto:wendyfrieze@mac.com)

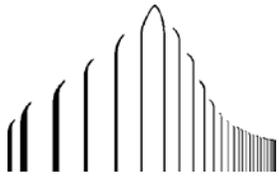
## R.E. Dates for Your Family Calendar

December 6: Regular R.E.

December 13: Regular R.E.

December 20: Family Sunday, all school-aged children and youth worship with families

December 24: Pageant services, 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.; Family Christmas Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.



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**A Silent and Live Auction  
Saturday, December 5, 2009  
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

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the Jolly Holly details!**

**December Holiday Worship and Joy**

See pages 7-10 for Unity Church holiday events.

