

This Week at Unity Church

June 1-7, 2014

Welcome visitors! After the service today, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall to introduce yourself and learn more about Unity Church.

BREAKING NEWS!

Complete the Unity Church annual survey and help earn \$300 for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee!

The 2014 congregational survey (<http://tiny.cc/ucu2014survey>) is online and waiting for you to tell Unity's Board of Trustees how you feel about this religious community, the work we are doing, and its impact on your life and the lives of others. Plus, we have an additional incentive: if we receive 300 responses by our June 15 deadline, an anonymous donor will contribute \$300 to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)! Take a few minutes today to complete the survey. Large print or regular print paper copies are available in Parish Hall after services or by contacting the church office.

School Supply Drive for Bolivian Teachers

In two weeks, three Unity Church members will be returning to Arani, Bolivia, to present a conference for teachers and other educators in this rural community. The traveling teachers have room in their suitcases and hope to bring school supplies to share with the Bolivian students and teachers. Please bring any of the following new or lovingly used school supplies to church by Sunday, June 8, and leave them in the basket marked "School Supplies for Bolivia" located in the Parish Hall.

- crayons
- pens (black and red)
- erasers
- glue
- notebooks
- notebook paper
- colored card stock
- pencil sharpeners
- pencils
- colored pencils
- rulers
- scissors

If your school is interested in collecting supplies, please contact Jackie Smith to discuss details and arrange pickup at jackiesmith913@gmail.com.

Committing to Unity: Joining Unity Church

Wednesday, June 4 • 7:15-9:00 p.m. • Center Room

This class explores the deeper meanings of membership and shared ministry, and how you can discover the places in your life where the world's need meets the gifts and joy you have to offer. The class concludes with a ceremony as participants sign the membership book and officially join the church. Sign up at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall or by email to lisa@unityunitarian.org.

Summer Camp at Unity Church

CHALICE CAMP Week 1: July 7-11 • Week 2: July 21-25

<http://www.unityunitarian.org/chalice-camp.html>

ARTS CAMP Week 1: June 23-27 • Week 2: July 14-18

<http://www.unityunitarian.org/arts-camp.html>



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For early consideration, submit by June 9, 2014.

Keep creating and submit again by the final deadline: October 6, 2014.

*You contribute. We publish.
The congregation is enriched.*

Contemplative Nature Walk

Are you one of those people who most deeply connects with Self and the Beyond out in nature? Come outside and join Spiritual Director Sarah Cledwyn for a contemplative hike on Saturday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a short introduction followed by a quiet walk through the Woodview County Open Space in Roseville. This event is free and open to all. Please RSVP to Sarah Cledwyn at sarahcledwyn@gmail.com for directions and more information.

Red Yarn & Family Present *The Deep Woods*

Wednesday, June 18 • 5:30-7:00 p.m. • FREE! • Unity Church
All families are welcome for food and fellowship at 5:30 p.m.
Show starts at 6:00 p.m.!

Red Yarn is a dynamic family performer who weaves folksongs and puppetry into engaging shows for all ages. Performing alongside his wife Jessie (more familiar to us as Janne and Rob Eller-Isaacs's daughter) on their summer 2014 tour, Red Yarn is spreading positive values while reinvigorating American folklore for younger generations.

In this energetic musical puppet show, Red Yarn & Family will lead audiences into the *Deep Woods*, a magical forest where all the animals of American folksongs live together. Families will sing, dance, laugh, and experience the joy of community as they celebrate our shared cultural heritage. www.redyarnproductions.com

This Week in Religious Education

Summer in the garden continues each week for children ages 4-12. Please meet in our outdoor garden located on Portland Avenue, next to the Sanctuary. No registration is necessary but drop-in capacity will be limited by the number of adult volunteers present. We are still looking for teachers and garden help. If you would like to help, please contact Anna Newton at newtona@comcast.net or sign up online at: www.unityunitarian.org/summer-sundays-in-the-garden.html

Nursery care for younger children continues throughout summer.

Senior Bridging is June 8: Families of graduating seniors are invited to participate in this tradition that acknowledges our graduates and blesses them in their ongoing journey. Please contact Drew Danielson with questions/comments at drew@unityunitarian.org or 651-228-1456 x112.

Registration for Coming of Age 2014-15 is now online at: <http://bit.ly/COAregistration>. COA is our year-long, signature spiritual growth and enrichment program for 9th graders.

UU Families Potluck Gatherings: A casual potluck with family-friendly games and an opportunity for families (adults and children) to connect around a shared desire to raise our children in this faith community. Sunday, June 8, and July 13, immediately after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Registration for Our Whole Lives 2014-15 will happen this fall following family orientations on August 27 and September 2. OWL is a year-long, signature sexuality and spirituality program open and appropriate for grades 7-9. Contact Drew Danielson at drew@unityunitarian.org or 651-228-1456 x112.

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Sunday, June 1

Summer in the Garden for Children 10:00 a.m., Garden
Afterthoughts 11:15 a.m., Gannett Room
Welcome to Unity 11:30 a.m., Center Room

Monday, June 2

Job Transitions Group 9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
Unitots Playgroup 9:30 a.m., Nursery
Men's Retirement Group 1:00 p.m., Gannett Room

Tuesday, June 3

Sangha Meditation 5:30 p.m., Ames Chapel

Wednesday, June 4

Archive Team 6:30 p.m., Gannett Room
Committing to Unity 7:00 p.m., Center Room

Friday, June 6

Unity Bridge Group 7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor

Wednesday Morning Yoga

Six sessions: June 4–July 9 • \$75 • 8:30 a.m. • Foote Room

Please email Yoga Jane at jane@goyogajane.com if you would like to join this small but dedicated group for morning yoga.

Unity Book Club • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Unity Church

All are welcome — even if you haven't read the book!

Tuesday, June 10: *The Ku Klux Klan in Minnesota* by Elizabeth Dorsey Hatle. **Tuesday, July 8:** *A Place in Time* by Wendell Berry.

Sustainable Agriculture Group Meeting

Thursday, June 12 • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Gannett Room

Unity's Sustainable Agriculture Group will continue our "mouths-in" discussion of "what, exactly, is sustainable food?" Participants are invited to bring a potluck item that satisfies their definition of sustainable (and will be asked to explain!). We will also do a bit of work in the Children's Garden, talk about church composting and food buying systems, and bid a fond farewell to Jennifer Nordstrom who leaves the team after a year of fabulous staffing.

Honoring Pat Haff!

Unity's Community Outreach Coordinator, Pat Haff, will retire from her work at the end of July. Please help celebrate her ministry! A special recognition of Pat and her dedicated work on behalf of social justice will be held on Sunday, June 22, during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow.

Unity libraries are open on Sundays throughout the summer!

Stop by the Anderson Adult Library on the upper level and the Whitman Children's Library on the lower level to pick up some great summer reads!



Upcoming Worship Service: June 8

One service only at 10:00 a.m.

***Belonging in Transition* — Jennifer Nordstrom**

Unitarian Universalism is a big tent religion that can hold a broad set of individual beliefs within our principles. Because we believe revelation is continuous, our predominant belief systems shift over time. What does this continuous reformation mean for belonging? How does it affect intergenerational relationships? To what degree do our individual belief systems evolve with unfolding understanding in a group context? Do we have to experience personal belonging in order to experience a larger, existential belonging? In her final worship service of the year, Hallman Ministerial Intern Jennifer Nordstrom and Co-Minister Rob Eller-Isaacs will explore belonging in transition and across generations in this High School Senior Bridging and Dedication of New Lives service. Musicians: Unity Walk-in Choir.

Walk-in Choir: All are welcome!

Come and sing in our annual Walk-In Choir on Sunday, June 8. Rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m. in the Foote Room. Easy-to-learn music will be rehearsed and sung during the 10:00 a.m. service. Bring friends and family. ***Come sing with us!***

Our Ministry of Generosity

Each Sunday, thirty percent of the offering goes to support the Community Outreach Ministry at Unity Church and seventy percent is given to the chosen community non-profit recipient. **Please make checks payable to Unity Church.** On May 25 Unity Church collected \$981.19 in the Sunday offering. Veterans for Peace will receive a donation of \$686.83. Information about today's offering recipient, Camp Tamarack, can be found in the order of service. The offering recipient on June 8 is Booth Brown House.

WANTED! Summer Musicians

Summer is a great time to share your musical gifts with Unity Church members and friends. Summer lay-led services begin on June 29 and continue through August 31. If you are interested in participating as a musician during a summer service, please contact Kathleen Bartholomay at kathleenbartholomay297@gmail.com or 651-343-4764.

Summer Build with Habitat for Humanity

Unity Church members will be working on a home building project with Habitat For Humanity again this year from July 14-18 and July 21-25. As before, we will do this with other neighborhood churches as a group called Faith Builders. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/faithbuilders2014>. This will be new construction in the Midway area of St. Paul. Contact Chuck Griggs at griggscb@msn.com with questions.

Volunteer at Twin Cities Pride! June 28 and 29

June 28: The Unitarian Universalist Pride booth, representing congregations across the state, gives us the opportunity to share information about our faith, congregations and fellowships, and our social justice work. Sign up for a slot and help make UUs visible! Training materials provided. Interested in participating or learning more? Contact muusja1@gmail.com or visit www.muusja.org.

June 29: This year's Pride Parade contingent will have drummers, a large rainbow dragon (that needs 4-6 people to operate), and folks singing as they walk downtown Minneapolis toward Loring Park. We plan to meet at the Hiawatha lightrail station for a light breakfast and travel together to the parade which begins at 11:00 a.m. Contact Elizabeth Giffin at egiffin19@yahoo.com to participate.