

This Week at Unity Church

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.

August 28–September 2, 2011

Calling All Gardeners

The flower garden at the entrance to Obama Elementary (across the street from Unity Church) is in need of some attention. If you can offer a bit of time helping clean up the garden for the beginning of the school year please call Pat Haff at pat@unityunitarian.org or Anna Newton at 651-483-2986.

Sing with One Voice Mixed Chorus!

One Voice Mixed Chorus, Minnesota's GLBTA Chorus, will hold auditions for fall 2011 on Tuesday, September 6, at Unity Church.

The fall concert, *Brave Souls and Dreamers*, was arranged especially for One Voice by composer Robert Seeley and celebrates the lives of visionary leaders. For audition or concert information visit www.ovmc.org or call 651-298-1954.

Unity Tomorrow Project Planning & Management (PPM) 101

Unity's Owner Representative, Lorelee Wederstrom, will be conducting a series of project orientation sessions in September to help all stakeholders gain a better understanding of the capital project planning, management and construction delivery process. We will also take a look at the roles and responsibilities of key participants, stakeholders and consultants in the capital project delivery process. Sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, September 7 • 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 10 • 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, September 18 • 12:30 p.m.

For individuals unable to make any one of these sessions, PPM101 content will be available online at www.unityunitarian.org.

Calling All Singers!

Come sing with Unity Choir, Unity Singers, Children's Choir and Youth Ensemble on Sunday, September 25, at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. Rehearsal is Sunday, September 18, from 10:15–10:45 a.m. in Robbins Parlor. Warm-up rehearsal with all choirs on Sunday, September 25, from 8:00–8:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Contact Ruth Palmer at the Church Office for more information.

Open Page Writing Session

Sunday, September 11 • 1:00–3:00 p.m. • NOTE DIFFERENT TIME! Unity Church • Reflection Topic: Hospitality

Hospitality, Henri Nouwen said, creates emptiness that is friendly, "a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy." In times often defined by territorial behavior and a landscape fenced off by unbending opinions, how can the practice of hospitality create free and open space where we might meet one another and become friends? This session is free. and registration is not required. An e-mail to karen@unityunitarian.org is requested to help in planning space and handouts.

Spiritual Practice for Teachers

Saturday, September 24 • 9:00 a.m.–Noon • Parish Hall

Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs is offering a three hour workshop designed for professional educators. Please contact Martha Tilton by email at martha@unityunitarian.org or by phone at 651-228-1456 x105 to register. **Cost:** Pledging: Free // Non Pledging: \$50.00

Merging of Waters • September 11 • 10:00 a.m.

All congregation worship and picnic!

Come merge the waters of the world in a time of reunion as the entire church family gathers to turn with the turning of the year. Together we will consider the dangers and opportunities implied by the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Musical guest: Irie Sol.

- **Bring the water you have collected during the summer for this annual water ritual.**

- **Location:** The service and picnic will be held at Webster Park, directly north of Barack and Michelle Obama Service Learning Elementary (which is located directly north of Unity Church).

- **Parking:** Park in the church lots, on the street, or in the Obama Elementary parking lots. Golf cart rides will be available from the Unity Church parking lots to the service site for those needing assistance. **Biking, walking, and carpooling are strongly encouraged!**

- **Lunch:** Bring your own picnic lunch as well as a favorite dish to share with others sitting near you. Beverages will be provided.

- **Nursery care:** For children ages three and under will be provided during the worship service.

- **Musical guests:** Irie Sol is comprised of eight musicians who play guitar, bass, sax, trumpet, flute, drumset, djembe, and conga. There is everything here from island music to soaring Spanish trumpet and guitar solos, and everything in between. www.iriesol.com



Ministry with Children and Youth

Summer in the Garden

We have been cooking up a storm this summer, as well as harvesting lots of beans, tomatoes and greens over the last two weeks for donation to the SULAH nursing program headquartered here at Unity Church. What are the kids doing today?!? Harvesting secret herbs and making pickles for next week's farmer's market! Next week is your opportunity to purchase produce from the kids and support the summer children's garden program in the process. ***ALSO NEEDED:** a few adult or youth helpers on 9/4 to assist with preparing the farmer's market.

Religious Education Registration: September 7, 2011

If your family missed spring registration for Religious Education 2011-12, please plan on joining us on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. Many classes and volunteer roles have already been filled, so please come with an open mind and flexible spirit. R.E. begins on Sunday, September 18, 2011.

This Week at Unity Church

Sunday, August 28

Afterthoughts 11:00 a.m., Gannett Room
Wellspring Wednesday Cooks Orientation 11:00 a.m., Center Room

Monday, August 28

Job Transitions/Networking Group 9:30 a.m., Anderson Library
Grandparents Unitots Playgroup 9:30 a.m., Nursery
One Voice Mixed Chorus Auditions 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Tuesday, August 30

Bookstall Planning Tea 2:00 p.m., Center Room
Unity Sangha Meditation Group 5:30 p.m., Robbins Parlor

Wednesday, August 31

Capital Campaign Solicitor Training 7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor

Thursday, September 1

Generosity Ministry Team 6:30 p.m., Gannett Room

Friday, September 2

Unitots Playgroup 9:00 a.m., Nursery

Wellspring Wednesday Returns September 14!

6:00 p.m. Dinner: \$7/adult, \$4/child ages 5 to 12, \$2/child ages 2 to 4, and \$20/family, and can be paid by cash or check.

6:45 p.m. Worship service in the Ames Chapel.

7:10 p.m. Programs follow worship. Childcare is available.

Dinner: Taco Bar!

The Great College Search: Week 1

Finding a college can be a stressful for the whole family. Unity Church member Craig Allen will help you learn how to optimize the process and become a critical consumer of colleges. The first three weeks will cover these topics:

September 14: Getting ready and conducting a search.

September 21: Creating a list of schools and applying.

September 28: Financial aid basics.

Session includes a presentation followed by time for questions, information sharing, and encouragement.

Craig Allen is a member of Unity Church and is currently completing his certification program in college admissions counseling through UCLA Extension. He is also a member of the Higher Education Consultants Association and the Minnesota Association for College Admission Counseling.

Beyond the Birds and the Bees

Grit Youngquist and Chico Hathaway will lead an orientation session for parents whose children are participating in the Our Whole Lives sexual and relational health curriculum. How we understand our bodies, our souls and our selves is a life-long endeavor. Come learn how to build a community of adults concerned with how best to invite our children into embodied wisdom and maturity.

Yoga • Weekly, \$10 per class.

Tween Youth Group • Weekly, all are welcome!

Our Whole Lives • Weekly, registration required.

Childcare/Children's Programming • Weekly, families should check their children in on the evening's sign-in sheet in the Parish Hall. Free.

Upcoming Worship Service • September 4 • 10:00 a.m. September 4 • 10:00 a.m. Service Only

Cheap Labor, Meritocracy and Inherent Worth — Dane Smith

The national motto of France and our own national birth certificate tell us that liberté must be balanced with égalité and fraternité, and that all humans are created equal. We love our liberties, spiritual and social and economic. And we Unitarian Universalists have distinguished ourselves in American history for demanding equality of opportunity and greater evenness of result. But how do we reconcile the durable conservative conviction that we live in a meritocracy with the frightening reality of growth of inequality in our society? And what can we actually do to counter the unprecedented assault not only on organized and unorganized labor, but on the inherent equal worth of each of God's children? Musician: Rochelle Lockridge, guitar and vocals.

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 August 21, Unity Church collected \$985.40 in the Sunday offering. Hamm Clinic will receive a donation of \$689.78.

Today's offering recipient, Friends of Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County, develops park trails and works to preserve parks, open space, and urban forests. Over the last 25 years, their accomplishments include stopping park land development, establishing park commissions, promoting an annual tree sale that has placed over 6,000 trees in parks, removing buckthorn on the Mississippi River, restoring Pickerel Lake, and installing a safe bikeway trail on the 1-35E bridge over the river. Unity member Marsha Soucheray has served on the Friends board for about 15 years and as board president for one year. Unity Church member Kathy Stack is the current president.

The offering recipient for September 4 is Hamm Clinic. Hamm Clinic provides mental health care for our community, particularly for those who are underserved because of racial, cultural and financial barriers. Some of the outstanding features of the Hamm Clinic include bilingual, bicultural therapists; an active research department; and active participation in many community events. As a Hamm Clinic participant, Unity Church member Liz Curran has benefited greatly from this program.



Library and Bookstall Open House

**Sunday September 25
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Food!
Book drawing!
Fellowship!

All are welcome!

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Deadline:

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