

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.

September 4-10, 2011

Church Calendar Update

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 5. On September 18 we will return to our three-service Sunday schedule with services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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.

Teacher Training: Saturday, September 10

Blessings and thanks to the 228 volunteers who will make our Ministry with Children and Youth a reality again this year. Have you signed up for teacher training this weekend? Visit the Unity website to RSVP for role-based training as well as enrichment workshops on faith development, classroom management and welcoming children with special needs. Please join us for lunch at noon and enjoy the company of fellow R.E. teachers and parents. Childcare provided. Teaching opportunities remain, working with children and youth of all ages! If you'd like to include teaching in your spiritual practice this year, contact Kerri Meyer in the Religious Education Office to learn more.

Open Page Writing Session

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

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.

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.

Working Toward Prayer

Five Tuesdays: September 20 and 27; October 4, 11, and 18
7:00-9:30 p.m. • Robbins Parlor

Rob Eller-Isaacs offers a five-session class intended to help participants summon a quality of attention, a way of being, he calls prayer. Attendance at all five sessions is strongly encouraged. Contact Martha Tilton at the Church Office to register. Cost: Pledging: Free // Non Pledging: \$75

Spiritual Practice for Teachers

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

Rob and Janne Eller-Isaacs are offering this workshop designed for professional educators. Contact Martha Tilton at the Church Office 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.

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

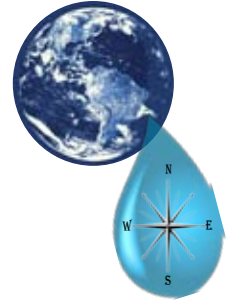
- **Location:** The service and picnic will be held at Webster Park, directly north of Barack and Michelle Obama Service Learning Elementary (which is located directly north of Unity Church).

- **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 nursery care will be provided during the worship service.

- **Musical guests:** Irie Sol is comprised of eight musicians who play everything from island music to soaring Spanish trumpet and guitar solos, and everything in between. www.iriisol.com



Ministry with Children and Youth

Summer in the Garden

Finally! Our very own FARMERS' MARKET! The children have been busy harvesting produce from the garden and will offer tomatoes, beans, herbs and pickles for sale in the Parish Hall after church today. Please stop by and see what they have grown this summer! All proceeds support the Summit University Living at Home/Block Nurse Program.

Last Opportunity to Register in Time for the Start of Religious Education!

This Wednesday evening, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. is the last Orientation and Registration session prior to the start of the R.E. program year on Sunday, September 18. Childcare will be provided. One parent needs to attend. This session includes the full orientation for new families, though returning pledging families and returning teachers will have registration priority when it comes time to sign up. Many classes are already filled to capacity. Please come with a patient, flexible spirit and a sense of where your talents fit in our volunteer ministry. If you can't join us on September 7, please plan on attending on October 5 at 7:00 p.m.; your child will be registered in time to start Sunday School on October 9. Contact Kerri Meyer by email at kerri@unityunitarian.org with questions or concerns.

This Week at Unity Church

Sunday, September 4

Afterthoughts 11:00 a.m., Gannett Room
Summer in the Garden Farmers' Market 11:00 a.m., Parish Hall

Monday, September 5

Labor Day Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

Unity Sangha Meditation Group 5:30 p.m., Robbins Parlor
One Voice Mixed Chorus Auditions 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 7

Unity Tomorrow Project Planning and Management Session
6:00 p.m., Foote Room
Religious Education Registration and Orientation
7:10 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday, September 8

Racial Justice Ministry Team 6:30 p.m., Gannett Room
A New Look at the Bible 7:00 p.m., Center Room
Unity Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Literary Journal Team 7:30 p.m., Parents Room

Friday, September 9

Unitots Playgroup 9:00 a.m., Nursery
Unity Bridge Group 7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor

Saturday, September 10

Religious Education Teacher Trainings 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall
Board of Trustees 9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
Unity Tomorrow Project Planning and Management Session
9:30 a.m., Foote Room
Special Needs Family Orientation 10:00 a.m., Robbins Parlor

Wellspring Wednesday Returns September 14!

6:00 p.m. Dinner: Taco Bar! \$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.

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.

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. 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.

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

Upcoming Worship Service • September 11 • 10:00 a.m.

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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 28, Unity Church collected \$1268.70 in the offering. Friends of the Parks and Trails will receive a donation of \$888.09.

Today's offering recipient, 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.

The offering recipient for September 11 is the Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA) Maia (Water) Project. There is a growing water crisis in Palestine that affects agriculture, industry, and the health of virtually every adult and child in the Gaza Strip. Poor sanitation and over-extraction have polluted the limited water supply. In September 2009, MECA launched the Maia Project to provide Palestinian children with clean, safe drinking water. MECA is working in partnership with community organizations in Gaza to build water purification and desalination units in schools throughout the Gaza Strip. They have now provided clean water to 14 large UN Schools in Palestinian refugee camps and to 12 kindergartens in refugee camps, towns and villages.

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.



Library and Bookstall Open House

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

Food! Book drawing! Fellowship!

All are welcome!