

# This Week at Unity Church

February 12–18, 2017

**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.

## Finding Yourself at Unity: An Inquirers Series • Today!

**Topic: Pastoral Care**

Finding Yourself at Unity meets on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:15 a.m., in the Ames Chapel. Designed for visitors, new members, and inquirers, this eight-week series is offered continuously through the year. Drop in at any time and pick up classes you miss in future rounds of the series. Childcare is available in the nursery.

## 2017 Congregational Book Read Discussion

**"All the Real Indians Died Off" and 20 Other Myths About Native Americans** by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Dina Gilio-Whitaker  
Today! 12:30 p.m. • Ames Chapel

Wednesday, February 22 • 7:10 p.m. • Robbins Parlor

Copies of the book are still available in the Unity Bookstall and Anderson Library.

## Buy a Pie! Support Unity's Rainbow Chalice Alliance

Unity's Rainbow Chalice Alliance (RCA) annual Pi(e) Day (3/14/17) Bake Sale is here! Order a delicious blueberry, apple, or French silk pie (or one of each!) in the Parish Hall on Sundays during February. Pies will be ready for pick up on March 12. RCA is only able to make 50 pies, so order early! Your pie purchases make it possible for RCA to support Q-Quest (a yearly festival for LGBTQA youth), Queer Prom, and Youth Pride.

## 28th Annual Children's Musical: *Shades of Humanity*

**TICKETS GO ON SALE TODAY!**

The 28th annual Unity Church Children's Musical presented by Unity's 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, written and directed by Mary Blouin Auffert with music by Sandy Waterman. This year's story is a heartwarming, timeless tale about digging deep into our humanity to overcome bias and find our interconnectedness.

**Performances** (in the Sanctuary):

Thursday, March 2, and Friday, March 3 • 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 4 • 5:30 p.m.

**Tickets:** \$6/adult • \$4/child • \$20/family

Tickets are available in the Parish Hall after the service, online at [www.unityunitarian.org](http://www.unityunitarian.org), and at the door before the performance.

## Still Point: Weekly Contemplative Service

Tuesday, February 14 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Ames Chapel

A weekly contemplative service for people needing a quiet space for reflection during these challenging political times. *Still Point* is a drop-in service (come for a few minutes or stay for the whole time) that will include time for silence, a short reading, and a prayer.

## Youth Con: *Lighting the Flame of Con-Passion*

Saturday-Sunday, February 18-19

High school students (grades 10-12) from around the metro will gather for fun, fellowship, and non-stop activities centering on how we live out our passions as young UUs. Please register online at <http://bit.ly/uuyouthcon2017> by Monday, February 13.

## LGBTQ+ Community and Support Group

A place for you to come and be in community with other LGBTQ people, wherever you are in your journey. This is an intergenerational place for good times and difficult times, all ages and all identities welcome; including but not limited to transgender, gender non-conforming, genderqueer, bisexual, lesbian, gay, and queer people. This group meets Sunday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m.

**When Silence Speaks**  
**A Contemplative Evening of Poetry**  
**and Song with Naomi Shihab Nye**  
**and Sara Thomsen**



Sunday, March 26, 2017  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Unity Church Sanctuary

Poet Naomi Shihab Nye and singer/songwriter Sara Thomsen lead poetry, song and silence, opening our hearts to compassion, community and creativity.

Cost: \$15. Register through Wisdom Ways: [wisdomwayscenter.org](http://wisdomwayscenter.org) or 651-696-2788.  
Financial assistance is available—contact Janne Eller-Isaacs.

## This Week in Religious Education

Today is Story Sunday with grade school Rotations children and junior high youth in the sanctuary for worship. Rotations children will be blessed out after the Story for All Ages, while junior high youth remain for the full service as part of their growing practice of worship. Spirit Play children should go directly to their classrooms.

Reminder of no R.E. classes next Sunday, February 19, given Presidents' Day weekend. Please use next Sunday as an opportunity to experience worship together with your children in the sanctuary, or have children (typically grades 1-5) join in community activities downstairs. Nursery care is also available. Regular classes resume February 26.

**Spirit Play (ages 3-6):** Children in Spirit Play today hear the story of Universalist minister, Olympia Brown, the first woman fully ordained by a denomination and an important leader for women's suffrage. Who are our church ministers and leaders? What does our tradition have to say about the role of women in ministry? Please wonder together with your children about their sacred play.

**Rotations (grades 1-6):** Children begin in the sanctuary at all services for a Story for All Ages. Then in classrooms downstairs, they continue their journey as a community of faith, exploring the new theme "The Beloved Community."

**Junior High (grades 6-8):** On Story Sundays, youth are in the sanctuary for worship in place of regular classes, as part of their growing practice of worship at the center of congregational life.

**Tweens (grades 5-7):** With many tweens involved in the Children's Musical, regular tween meetings will resume in early March. Watch for announcements.

**Our Whole Lives** is a sexuality and spirituality program typically for grades 8-9. Youth meet Wednesday, February 15, with focus on "Consent and Education."

**Coming of Age** is our signature spirituality program typically for 9th graders. Class meets today to continue the unit on "The Sacred." Sacred Spaces overnight is February 24-25!

**Tower Club:** High school youth meet tonight for community and continued planning for upcoming YouthCon, February 18-19. Tower Club is a gathering place for 10th-12th graders to enjoy community and share life at the intersection between the world and faith. Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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### Sunday, February 12

Children's Choir Rehearsal	10:15 a.m., Robbins Parlor
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	10:15 a.m., Foote Room
Afterthoughts	10:15 a.m., Gannett Room
Finding Yourself at Unity	10:15 a.m., Ames Chapel
2017 Book Read Discussion	12:30 p.m., Ames Chapel
Above Every Name Worship Service	1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Soup Supper	5:45 p.m., Parish Hall
Tower Club	6:00 p.m., Center Room

### Monday, February 13

Men's Retirement Group	1:00 p.m., Gannett Room
OLL: Take Me Out to the Ballgame	2:15 p.m., Robbins Parlor

### Tuesday, February 14

Sangha Meditation Group	5:30 p.m., Ames Chapel
Unity Book Club	7:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Living Organ Donation Conversation	7:00 p.m., Center Room
Still Point	7:00 p.m., Ames Chapel
Evergreen Quilters	7:00 p.m., Anderson Library
Unity Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

### Wednesday, February 15

Wellspring Wednesday	6:00 p.m., See box below
Board of Trustees	7:15 p.m., Anderson Library

### Thursday, February 16

Pastoral Care Team	9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
Caregivers Support Group	Noon, Anderson Library
Racial and Restorative Justice Team	6:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
Unity Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

### Saturday, February 18

Youth Con	9:00 a.m., Parish Hall
Kung Fu	10:00 a.m., Body Room

## Wellspring Wednesday, February 15

**6:00 p.m. Dinner:** Red beans and rice, roasted vegetables, bread pudding. Vegan, vegetarian, GF options available. Cost: \$7/adult, \$4/child (age 5-12), \$2/child (age 2-4), \$20/family

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

**7:10 p.m. Programs and Childcare**

**The Promise of the Paris Climate Accord — Dr. Roopali Phadke**

Join Professor Roopali Phadke and three of her Macalester College students to reflect on the landmark accord, why it is under threat now, and how it can be saved.

**Open Page Writing Session: Prayer, A Posture of Listening**

**Free; RSVP required to [karen@unityunitarian.org](mailto:karen@unityunitarian.org)**

This session on prayer explores the many prayerful possibilities in our own daily lives, including the prayer of deep listening and writing what we hear on our own page.

**Study-Dialogue: Understandings of Christian Scriptures**

Our dialogue will reflect on how our journey and views about the Bible—our likes, dislikes, obstacles, and questions—compare with what Marcus Borg reflects on in his book, *The Heart of Christianity*. No advanced reading is required, but encouraged. Photocopies of the reading will be available at church in Nic Cable's mailbox.

**UU History Book Club**

Join the monthly UU History Book Club. February's discussion is on *Out of the Flames* by Lawrence and Nancy Goldstone.

**Yoga: Aparigraha, "non-possessiveness"**

A class of movement and yoga philosophy.

**Textile Arts**

**Learn and Play Go: A Chinese Board Game**

## Sunday, February 19: *When Words Fail Us*

**9:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 4:30 p.m.**

For years I struggled with the idea of prayer and how to find the proper words in my regular practice. Until the day that the words failed me, and I discovered that there are indeed many ways to pray. Rev. Lisa Friedman and worship associate Rochelle Lockridge will explore the sources — both ancient and new — of the many ways there are to pray. Musicians: Women's Ensemble (9:00/11:00), Unity Choir (4:30).

## Our Ministry of Generosity

Each Sunday, thirty percent of the offering goes to support the operating budget at Unity Church and seventy percent is given to a chosen community non-profit recipient. Please make checks payable to Unity Church. On February 5, \$2,496.70 was collected in the offering. Altrusa Foundation will receive a donation of \$1,747.69. Information about today's offering recipient, Scholars of Minnesota: COPE Project, is available in your order of worship. On February 19 the offering recipient is the Balazs Scholar Program.

## Job Opening: Unity Church Nursery Coordinator

Unity Church is hiring a part-time Nursery Coordinator. The person hired for this position will coordinate ministry with parents and younger children—infants and toddlers from six months through four years of age—primarily in the nursery care program. Applications are due by February 22 to KP Hong at [kp@unityunitarian.org](mailto:kp@unityunitarian.org).

## Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*

**Mondays • 2:15-3:45 p.m. • Robbins Parlor**

Participants will view and discuss baseball films. Unity members Jack and Marty Rossmann will lead the class discussion about characters that are interesting enough to be enjoyed by baseball and non-baseball fans alike. No registration required.

February 13: *A League of Their Own* • February 27: *Moneyball*

## Elders Circle

Join us for our February Elders Circle on Tuesday, February 21, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the Center Room. We will be hearing from Laura Park, Managing Director of Unity Consulting. Learn about her role here at Unity Church and how she is sharing her gifts with our denomination. All are welcome, refreshments are provided.

## Young Adult Group • All are welcome!

Join us on Tuesday, February 28, for a 6:30 p.m. potluck in the Center Room. Contact Nic Cable at [nic@unityunitarian.org](mailto:nic@unityunitarian.org) to be added to the email list to receive Young Adult Group updates.

## Committed Couples Class

This class designed to support all couples who are committed to one another and to promote healthy and productive conversations about relationships. Led by Janne and Rob Eller-Isaacs, the Committed Couples class will be held on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., beginning March 7 and continuing through April 18. Registration is free for pledging members of Unity Church and \$110 for non-pledging friends. To register, contact Martha Tilton by email at [martha@unityunitarian.org](mailto:martha@unityunitarian.org) or by phone at 651-228-1456 x105. Child care is available if requested by March 1.

## Book Sale: March 25-26 • Now accepting donations!

We are looking for your used books, CDs, games, and software for our annual High School Book sale. Please bring good quality fiction and non-fiction books, CDs, DVDs, and games to the Foote Room (upper level) now through early March. Please no VHS tapes, reference books, mildewed books or textbooks. Proceeds support Tower Club (Unity's high school youth group).