

# This Week at Unity Church

February 19–25, 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: Building Tour

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.

## 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 LGBTQ youth), Queer Prom, and Youth Pride.

## LGBTQ+ Community and Support Group

### Today! 6:30 p.m. • Center Room

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.

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

It's time for 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 and timeless tale about digging deep into our humanity to overcome bias and find our interconnectedness.

### Performances (in the Sanctuary):

Thursday, March 2 • 7:00 p.m.

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 21 • 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.

## 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.

## 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

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

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

## A Good Time for the Truth Reading, Writing and Talking about Race

A three-part series focusing on the book, *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota*

Led By

Sun Yung Shin, Kate Kysar, Karen Hering

Come to one or all three events:

- **March 22, 2017, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
Kate Kysar: Discussion
- **March 29, 2017, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
Sun Yung Shin: Reading
- **April 5, 2017, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
Karen Hering: Guided writing on race

## 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).

## Race Workshop: *Rise with Penumbra*

Saturday, February 25 • 2:00 p.m. • Penumbra Theatre

Join skilled facilitators and artists in using the tools of theatre in an effort to think in new ways about race and identity in America. Details at <https://penumbratheatre.org/event/race-workshop/#1>.

## Join the Project Home Leadership Team

Unity Church welcomes homeless families with children to stay overnight in our Religious Education rooms during the entire month of May. On Sunday, March 19, The Project Home leadership team will meet to begin preparations for their stay. The team would love to have more folks participate! Much of the work is behind the scenes:

- Do you have computer skills? You could help manage our volunteer data base.
- An outgoing personality? Help us recruit volunteers on Sundays in April.
- A strong back? Help move furniture and tubs around on move-in and move-out days.

For more information please contact Justine at 651-760-8131.

## This Week in Religious Education

**There are no Religious Education classes today** because of Presidents' Day weekend. Families are invited to experience worship together 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.

**Our Whole Lives** is a sexuality and spirituality program typically for grades 8-9. Youth meet this Wednesday, February 22, with focus on "STI/Sexual Decisions."

**Coming of Age** is our signature program typically for 9th graders, as they prepare to assume greater responsibility for their ongoing adult faith journey. Please note upcoming overnight "Sacred Spaces" event February 24-25.

**Tower Club** does not meet tonight.

## This Week at Unity Church

### Sunday, February 19

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
Above Every Name Worship Service	1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Soup Supper	5:45 p.m., Parish Hall
LGBTQ+ Group	6:30 p.m., Center Room

**Monday, February 20** Presidents' Day, Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, February 21

Elders Circle	1:00 p.m., Center Room
Sangha Meditation Group	5:30 p.m., Ames Chapel
Still Point	7:00 p.m., Ames Chapel
Living with Grief Group	7:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Unity Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

### Wednesday, February 22

Wellspring Wednesday 6:00 p.m., See box below

### Thursday, February 23

Women in Retirement: The Choice Years	1:00 p.m., Center Room
Unity Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

### Friday, February 24

COA Sacred Spaces Overnight 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

### Saturday, February 25

Evergreen Quilters	10:00 a.m., Science Room
Kung Fu	10:00 a.m., Body Room

### Wellspring Wednesday, February 22

**6:00 p.m. Dinner:** *Garlic roasted pork over farro pilaf with roasted vegetables. 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 2017 Unity Church Congregation Read: DISCUSSION**

***"All the Real Indians Died Off" And 20 Other Myths About Native Americans by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Dina Gilio-Whitaker***

Copies of the book are available in the Unity Bookstall and the Anderson Library, as well as a book read guide that includes reading and titles for youth and children.

### Christian Fellowship

Join Pastor Danny Givens of Above Every Name Ministries, Unity member Tom Duke, and Ministerial Intern Nic Cable to explore what a communal space for Christian identity and practice might look like at Unity Church. We invite you to be a part of a deeper conversation about imagining how study, ritual, fellowship, and worship can fit into the life of this diverse and meaningful religious community.

### Yoga Movement and Mindfulness: Review of the Namas

This week we'll recap our practices of the previous weeks: Ahimsa, Satya, Asteya, Brahmacharya, Aparigraha, and explore the intersection of all. We'll practice breath work (Pranayama), movement (Asana), symbolic hand gestures (Mudra), sacred messages (Mantra) and resting the mind (Meditation).

### Unity Ukesters

Come join us for a laid back time of jammin' on your ukulele. Beginners to pros, ages 8-120 welcome!

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

## Sunday, February 26: *Hallowed Be Thy Name*

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

Asked by his disciples to teach them how to pray, Jesus answered with the Lord's Prayer, now translated into countless languages and prayed by millions of Christians around the world and across wide-spanning differences in theology. Rev. Karen Hering and worship associate Terry Linskey will explore what this prayer can teach us today about how we might pray, especially in times of great change. The service will include the congregational blessing of the 2017 Thresholds group and others crossing thresholds. Musicians: Mila; Kathy Kraulik, piano.

## 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. The February 12 offering totals will be reported in the February 26 edition of *This Week at Unity*. Information about today's offering recipient, the Balazs Scholar Program, is available in your order of worship. On February 26 the offering recipient is the Avenues for Homeless Youth.

## Young Adult Group • All are welcome!

Join us on Tuesday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m., for a 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.

## Worship Associates Sought

We are now seeking applicants to serve as Worship Associates for the next term. Worship Associates must be members of the church and make a commitment to serve for two years, beginning in April 2017. Worship Associates are expected to attend three group meetings throughout the year to discuss and develop themes and topics for the Sunday services. Each associate works with a minister or other service leader to develop and conduct three to four services during the church year. Please review and complete the application available online at <http://bit.ly/ucwa2017> and submit it via email to Brian Newhouse at [newhousebrians@gmail.com](mailto:newhousebrians@gmail.com).

## 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).

## Medley Village: Preschool Program Housed at Unity Church

Are you looking for preschool options for your 3-5 year old child? Did you know Medley Village is a newly opened preschool program housed in Unity? Medley Village is a high quality and unique educational experience that blends the Montessori method with the Reggio Emilia approach and includes rich creative art and nature learning. The program combines cognitive and creative capacities to offer a holistic approach to education, including flexible schedules and small classroom size. Enrollment is now being accepted for children ages 33 months- 5 years with 1-5 days per week, morning preschool options available. Visit [medleyvillage.com](http://medleyvillage.com) or contact Anna Johnson 651-210-1458 for more information.

## MidAmerica Regional Assembly 2017

**Finding Our Partners: Faith In Action**

**April 28-30, 2017 • Oak Brook, Illinois**

Details at [www.midamericauua.org/events/regional-assembly](http://www.midamericauua.org/events/regional-assembly)