

This Week at Unity Church

March 11-17, 2018

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: 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 any time and pick up classes you miss in future rounds of the series. Childcare is available in the nursery.

Pick Up Your Pi Day Pie! Thank you for your support!

If you ordered a pie during Unity's Rainbow Chalice Alliance (RCA) annual Pi(e) Day Bake Sale, pies are now available for pick up. RCA members will be on the lower level, by storage room 015 (blue door), to help you collect your order. Pie purchases make it possible for RCA to support Q-Quest, Queer Prom, and Youth Pride.

Sustainable Living Team News

Come to the Parish Hall after morning services to meet members of Unity's Sustainable Living Team, learn about team projects and Earth Day events, and explore opportunities for involvement. Unity Church water bottles will be for sale.

Seeing with New Eyes: Cultural Pilgrimage to Nicaragua

Literary Minister Karen Hering will be leading a 10-day Nicaraguan cultural tour this summer sponsored by Project Minnesota/León. Information is available online at <http://bit.ly/mnleon2018> and at an informational session today, at 12:30 p.m., in the Center Room.

Mapping Our Future

Take a look at the flip charts posted around the Center Room today! These are the magazine covers that participants in the Mapping Our Future workshops created to capture the future they want to see us build together as a church community. As the board met in retreat last weekend, these future visions covered the meeting room walls, to inspire and focus the board's discernment. More to come!

Support Obama Elementary!

Purchase books as gifts for the children in your life! Obama Elementary is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, March 15, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The fair will be set up in the front hallway of the school (707 Holly Avenue), located directly across the street from Unity Church. Profits support the school's programs, scholars, and teachers. Thank you!

Protect the Sacred: Benefit Concert

Sunday March 18 • 1:00-4:00 p.m.

First Universalist Church of Minneapolis

Come enjoy a benefit concert featuring Dorene Day Waubanewquay, Max Gail, Prudence Johnson, Tom LeBlanc, LarryLong, MitchWalkingElk, and special guests Keith Secola and Joe Savage. This benefit will support members of the Indigenous Youth Ceremonial Mentoring Society as they visit the Vatican to discuss the historical and intergenerational trauma resulting from the Doctrine of Discovery.

March for Our Lives: March 24, 2018

Join in support of the youth of our country as they march on Washington to demand sensible gun violence prevention policies for our nation. St. Paul's sister march will begin at Harriet Island and end at the Capitol. Donations are also being accepted to help send 20 Minneapolis student leaders and chaperones to the march in D.C. Look for more information at the Gun Sense Team table in the Parish Hall or donate online at protectminnesota.org.

Call for Parish Hall Artists

The Unity Church Art Team is now seeking artists to exhibit in the Parish Hall gallery during the 2018-19 church year. The application deadline is May 1. More information and the application form can be found online at www.unityunitarian.org/parish-hall-artists.

March Parish Hall Artists

Explore the art of Tony Hilscher, award winning oil painter, and Ron Germundson, accomplished photographer, at an exhibit capturing the world of landscapes.

Eliot Wing Teen Photo Exhibit

Two of Unity's very talented teen artists, photographers Maddy Breton and Sophie Fried, are now showing their work in the west hallway of the Eliot Wing. Please take a look!

Look Who's Sharing Art

Jane Thomson says her daughter-in-law Ellen Thomson's painting fascinates her because of the layers of color and the figures are partly off the page, suggesting the fantasy goes on indefinitely.

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.

Teachers' Cafe 2018 is Saturday, March 17, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka. This is an annual greater Twin Cities area gathering of religious education volunteer teachers, parents, and friends drawn to ministry with children and youth. Presenter this year is Unity's Bill Doherty, and parents from Unity's UU Families Initiative, who will bring wisdom to connecting church and home and the potential of family rituals. Lunch and childcare provided. Please register March 15: <http://tinyurl.com/TeachCafe2018>.

Spirit Play (ages 3-6): Children step into the season of spring and the renewing of life by considering the life cycle of a butterfly. Please wonder with your children about their sacred play

Rotations (grades 1-6): Children continue their faith journey exploring the theme "Beloved Community."

Junior High (grades 6-8): Youth continue classes today, through four courses offered this semester.

Tweens (grades 5-7): Regular meetings continue March 14, building relationships and community.

Our Whole Lives: OWL is off this week and resumes March 21, with focus on "STI and Sexual Decisions." OWL is a sexuality and spirituality program for grades 7-9.

Coming of Age meets today 3:30-5:45 p.m., meeting with ministers to consider the five core questions that anchor the program. COA is a signature spiritual growth program typically for 9th graders.

Tower Club: Senior high youth visit First Universalist Church for 11:15 a.m. worship, followed by lunch and shared activities with the larger UU youth community in the Twin Cities. Returning to Unity by 2:00 p.m. No meeting tonight.

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Sunday, March 11

Afterthoughts	10:15 a.m., Gannett Room
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	10:15 a.m., Foote Room
Children's Choir Rehearsal	10:15 a.m., Robbins Parlor
Finding Yourself At Unity	10:15 a.m., Ames Chapel
Project Minnesota-Leon Info Session	12:30 p.m., Center Room
Above Every Name Worship Service	1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Soup Supper	5:45 p.m., Parish Hall
2018 Boston Youth Pilgrimage Meeting	5:45 p.m., Center Room

Monday, March 12

Men's Retirement Group	1:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Circle of Peace	5:15 p.m., Center Room

Tuesday, March 13

Sangha Meditation Group	5:30 p.m., Ames Chapel
Sustainable Living Team	7:00 p.m., Center Room
Unity Book Club	7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
Archive Team	7:00 p.m., Storage
Evergreen Quilters	7:00 p.m., Anderson Library
Unity Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 14

Wellspring Wednesday	See box below
Mano a Mano Team	7:00 p.m., Art Room

Thursday, March 15

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
Textile Arts Group	7:00 p.m., DeCramer Room
Unity Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m., Foote Room
Young Adults Group	7:30 p.m., Center Room

Friday, March 16

Parish Hall Artists Reception	5:00 p.m., Parish Hall
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Saturday, March 17

Board of Trustees	9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
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Wellspring Wednesday, March 14

6:00 p.m. *Dinner: Roasted steelhead trout with herbs, colcannon, mixed greens salad, soda bread with Meyer lemon marmalade, oatmeal cookies. Vegetarian and gluten free options available.*

Cost: \$7/adult, \$4/child (5-12), \$2/child (2-4), \$20/family

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

7:10 p.m. Programs and Childcare

Open Page Writing Session with Rev. Karen Hering

How the Light Gets In • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

We'll explore the places where we experience the world or ourselves as broken, and consider how we can find our way to wholeness. How is brokenness healed? And how does it sometimes open us to the truth and the light we are seeking?

RSVP to karen@unityunitarian.org

Singing Together with Brenna Everson

You'll learn songs by oral tradition — no instruments (except your voice) and no music in front of you. By the end of three sessions, you'll walk away with songs in your pocket.

Spiritual Practice Class: Work and Service

Embodied Spiritual Practice: Yoga

Above Every Name Soul Session: A Journey Through Scripture

Learn and Play Go, A Chinese Board Game

Tween Group: Grades 5-7

Story Sunday, March 18 • Crossing into Wholeness

We are, all of us, living through threshold times — globally, nationally, as a congregation, and many of us individually. In the midst of so much change, when attachments and assumptions are often broken open, Karen and worship associate Suzanne Quinn MacDonald will consider how we might make these passages from the “no longer” into the “not yet” in ways that lead to greater wholeness. The service will include the congregational blessing of the 2018 Thresholds group and others crossing thresholds. Musicians: Children's Choir, Unity Singers, 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 25, \$1,787.50 was collected in the offering. ComMUSICation will receive a donation of \$1,251.25. On March 4, \$2,988.60 was collected in the offering. MUUSJA will receive the entire amount. Information about today's offering recipient, MORE, is available in your order of service. On March 18 the offering recipient is St. Paul Interfaith Network.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday, March 29 • 7:00 p.m. • Ames Chapel

Please join us for a service of ritual and community, sharing in traditional holy week practices of Eucharist and Foot Washing. In the Memorialist tradition, we join to remember the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, which include welcoming all people to a meal of love, giving thanks for the gifts of life, and serving each other in humility. This service is offered in partnership with Above Every Name.

RECLAIM: Black Lives of UU Revival

April 27-29 • All Souls UU Church, Kansas City, MO

RECLAIM, a revival of body, mind, and spirit, will be a special moment for Black UUs to connect, worship together, and support one another. This gathering will be an explicitly Black space, so if you're white or a non-black UU, please consider offering financial support for Black UUs who want to attend. Registration and sponsorship is available online at www.blacklivesuu.com.

Summer Fun for Children and Youth at Unity Church

Chalice Camp: July 9-13 and July 16-20

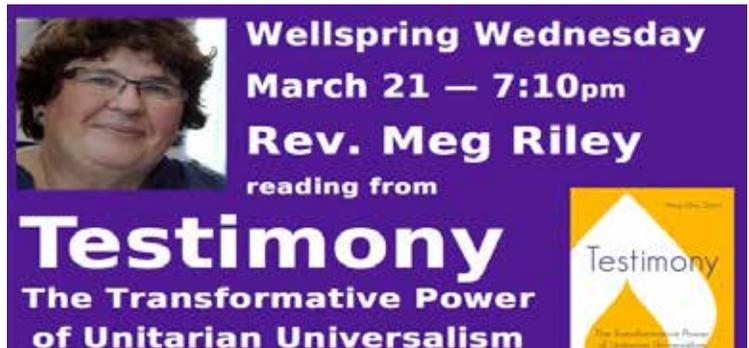
Explore UU history, personal identity, and beloved community.

New this year! Chalice Kids: July 23-27 and July 30-August 3

Chalice Kids is a drop in program for kids and youth. Parents can send kid(s) for just a few hours, or all week. Chalice Camp staff will provide a range of programming for youth of all ages.

Both programs are for kids and youth entering grades K-8 in 2018, and will be offered Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Register at www.unityunitarian.org/chalice-camp.html.



Wellspring Wednesday
March 21 — 7:10pm
Rev. Meg Riley
reading from

Testimony
The Transformative Power
of Unitarian Universalism

