

This Week at Unity Church

March 18-24, 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: Q&A with Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs

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

Parish Hall Window

Finally! The Unity Church remodeling project several years ago left a Parish Hall window looking onto plain plywood. Now — after collaboration between a glass artists, Richard Birger, Paul Rogne, and Barbara Hubbard — we have a new look in the north Parish Hall window space. Many thanks for a beautiful design and production by glass artist John Sandy of Glass Endeavors of Minneapolis. Stop by today and enjoy the new window!

Meet the Parish Hall Artist

Ron Germundson, one of the landscape artists exhibiting in the Parish Hall this month, will be available after morning services today. Stop by his table and learn more about how he creates his unusual new photographic images.

Look Who's Sharing Art

Nancy Birger invites you to take a close look at a fine example of Navajo weaving by a young weaver.

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.

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.

Support Obama Elementary!

Don't buy books at Obama Elementary's Scholastic Book Fair? You can order books from an online expanded selection through March 30, and profits support the school's programs. Visit <http://scholastic.com/fair> and put in the zip code 55104. Scroll through the list of schools until you come to Obama Elementary. Major credit cards are accepted and items ship free to the school. You can also email Nancy Heege at nancyheege@cs.com and she will bring your order to church for you to pick up.

Book Sale: Postponed

The Unity Church Book Sale, scheduled from March 24-25, has been postponed. Watch for an announcement of new dates. Donations are still being accepted.

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 at 10:00 a.m. and end at the Capitol with a program beginning at 11:00 a.m. Details about the march and transportation options are available online at <http://bit.ly/mnmarch24>. Look for more information at the Gun Sense Team table in the Parish Hall.

The Unity Library & Bookstall Team Present
**The 10th Annual
Café Unity
Poetry & Music Salon**
Friday April 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Come join us for a celebration of music and original writing. Free admission, food & drink, & a great time.



Save the Date!

Religious Education enrollment for 2018-19 is Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.-noon, and Saturday, April 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m. These in-person sessions will offer the chance to share in community conversation, orient parents about volunteer roles, provide updates, and provide instructions for enrolling children. Childcare provided. Details to follow.

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.

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.

This Week in Religious Education

Spirit Play (ages 3-6): Children continue into this season of life's renewal by considering the life cycle of a frog. How does a tadpole know when it's time to become a frog? How might the tadpole feel about losing its tale? How might the frog think about change? What changes more, a frog or a child? Please wonder together with your children about their sacred play.

Rotations (grades 1-6): Children continue their faith journey exploring the theme "Beloved Community." Please take a moment to connect with Journey Guides.

Junior High (grades 6-8): Youth continue classes today, through four courses offered this semester: Power of Myth, UU Identity & History, What Do You Stand For?, and Earth-Centered Religions.

Tweens (grades 5-7): Regular meetings continue March 21, building relationships and community.

Our Whole Lives: OWL meets Wednesday, March 21, with focus on "STI and Sexual Decisions." OWL is a sexuality and spirituality program typically for grades 8-9.

Coming of Age meets today with both youth and mentors present, "reflecting on service" and living out our values. COA is a signature spiritual growth program typically for 9th graders.

Tower Club: Senior high youth meet tonight for check-in on student activism on gun violence, and spiritual practices that ground our collective work of love and justice. Tower Club is a gathering place for 10th-12th graders to enjoy community and share life at the intersection between the world and faith. Lots of fun and food, typically Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:15 p.m.

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Sunday, March 18

Obama Volunteers	10:00 a.m., Center Room
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
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
LGBTQ+ Group	6:30 p.m., Robbins Parlor

Monday, March 19

Circle of Peace	5:15 p.m., Center Room
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Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

Women in Retirement: The Choice Years	1:00 p.m., Center Room
Wellspring Wednesday	See box below

Thursday, March 22

Unity Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m., Foote Room
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Friday, March 23

Parish Hall Artists Reception	5:00 p.m., Parish Hall
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Saturday, March 24

Archive Team	9:00 a.m., Facilities Storage
Evergreen Quilters	10:00 a.m., Foote Room
Kung Fu	10:00 a.m., Body Room

Wellspring Wednesday, March 21

6:00 p.m. *Dinner: Black bean tostadas with guacamole, pico de gallo, radish salad, queso, dessert. 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

Testimony: The Transformative Power of Unitarian Universalism: A Book Reading with Rev. Meg Riley, Senior Minister of Church of the Larger Fellowship

Testimony is a new Skinner House anthology filled with personal stories from Unitarian Universalists. This evening will be a discussion of how personal testimonies about the difference Unitarian Universalism can make in lives are a powerful way to introduce our faith to more people. There will be a mixture of sharing voices from the book and inviting participants to practice telling their own stories of transformation.

Co-sponsored by Unity's Library & Bookstall Team.

UU History Book Club

March's discussion is on *Fruitlands* by Richard Francis.

Singing Together with Brenna Everson

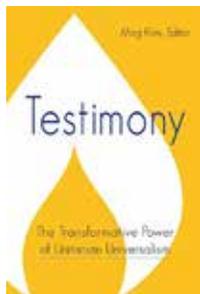
Spiritual Practice: Retreat and Pilgrimage

Above Every Name Soul Session: A Journey Through Scripture

Embodied Spiritual Practice: Yoga

Learn and Play Go, A Chinese Board Game

Tween Group: Grades 5-7



Holy Week at Unity Church

Palm Sunday • Walking Towards Jerusalem

Sunday, March 25 • 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m. • Sanctuary

At the heart of Christian theology is the belief that Jesus's sacrifice atoned for all our sins. On this Palm Sunday, Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs and worship associate Alex Askew will wrestle with the concept of atonement through suffering. Musicians: Taichi Chen, violin; Ruth Palmer, piano.

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. For those with children, nursery and child care will be provided. This service is offered in partnership with Above Every Name.

Good Friday Service of Tenebrae

Friday, March 30 • 7:00 p.m. • Ames Chapel

A service of Tenebrae, or "shadows/darkness," is based on a twelfth-century liturgy of solemn observance and extended meditation on Jesus's passion and death. With candles extinguished after each reading and silent reflection, the increasing darkness on the evening of Good Friday invites worshipers to enter into the dramatic narrative of Jesus's betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion, and to reflect on God's steadfast love. The service concludes in darkness with worshipers leaving in silence, reflecting on Christ's death, and awaiting the coming resurrection. For those with children, nursery and child care will be provided. This service is offered in partnership with Above Every Name.

Easter Sunday: Practice Resurrection

Sunday, April 1 • 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. • Sanctuary

There is no 4:30 p.m. service on Easter Sunday.

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 March 11, \$2,718.47 was collected in the offering. MORE will receive a donation of \$1902.93. Information about today's offering recipient, St. Paul Interfaith Network, is available in your order of service. On March 25 the offering recipient is Arts-Us.

Tween (grades 5-7) Party

Wednesday March 28 • 7:15 p.m. • Unity Church

Come eat Wellspring Wednesday dinner together at 6:00, then enjoy games, activities, surprises, and SO MUCH FUN!!!

RECLAIM: Black Lives of UU Revival

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

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.

Arthur Foote Music Sunday, May 6: Hope as Action

Please save this date and plan to be with us!

Unity libraries are open every Sunday!

Stop by the Anderson Adult Library on the upper level, and the Whitman Children's Library on the lower level, to check out some of the amazing books available to the congregation.