

# This Week at Unity Church

March 22-28, 2015

*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.

## Meet the Parish Hall Artist

Stop by the Parish Hall on Sunday, March 22, to meet this month's artist, Richard Birger.

## Partner Church Team Spring Plant Sale

*Easter Lilies! Tulips! Begonias! Azaleas! Hydrangeas!*

**Order plants in the Parish Hall today! Take plants home on Palm Sunday, March 29. Credit cards accepted!**

For more than 15 years Unity's Partner Church Team has been a partner with the Unitarian community of Homoródszentpéter, a small village nestled in the Transylvanian region of Romania. Help support the ongoing outreach work of this team and the people of our partner church by purchasing a beautiful spring plant!

## Circle of Peace: Food Ministry Needed

As part of its commitment to achieving racial reconciliation and dismantling racism within the St. Paul community, Unity Church supports the Circle of Peace Movement, a restorative justice process that brings people together to address issues of violence, marginalization, and incarceration in communities of color. The Circle has expanded to a new group now meeting on Wednesdays. Unity's Racial and Restorative Justice Community Outreach Ministry Team is asking that the church community support, through the gift of homemade nutritious meals, the growth of the circle meetings. More information about the circles and sign up is available in the Parish Hall today.

## Young Adult Potluck

**Tuesday, March 24 • 6:30 p.m. • Center Room**

Are you looking to meet other young adults (ages 18-35) at Unity Church? Bring your favorite dish to a relaxed evening of good company and conversation. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Friedman at [lisa@unityunitarian.org](mailto:lisa@unityunitarian.org).

## Book Sale! April 11-12, 2015

Unity's high school Tower Club youth group will hold a used book sale on April 11 and 12. Sellable fiction and non-fiction book donations are now being accepted. Please bring books, in sturdy bags or boxes, to the Foote Room and sort according to instructions. If you have non-sellable books you want to get rid of, we will take them - along with a small donation - and pass them along to a community non-profit.

## Committed Couples Class

Committed Couples is a 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, class will be held Tuesdays: April 7, 14, 28, May 5, 12, and 19, from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. Registration is free for pledging members of Unity Church and \$110 for non-pledging friends. To register, contact Marcy Mann-Anderson at [marcy@unityunitarian.org](mailto:marcy@unityunitarian.org) or 651-228-1456 x110. Contact Michelle Hill at [michelle@unityunitarian.org](mailto:michelle@unityunitarian.org) to request childcare.

## Summer Camps at Unity Church

**Arts Camp Week 1: July 6-10 • Week 2: July 13-17**

**Chalice Camp Week 1: July 20-24 • Week 2: July 27-31**

Details at [www.unityunitarian.org/summer-camps.html](http://www.unityunitarian.org/summer-camps.html)



**March 1-30, 2015**

Stop by the Faithify table in the Parish Hall today to learn more about this fundraising campaign or visit [www.faithify.org](http://www.faithify.org) to become a funder of the residency of Rev. Danny Givens, Jr., and the anti-racism work of Unity Church.

**Update!** The \$10,000 goal has been surpassed! Many thanks to all of the funders! There is still money to be raised in order to fully fund this residency—be a part of this remarkable ministry opportunity and become a funder today!

## This Week in Religious Education (R.E.)

Today is a Story Sunday and children in Rotation classes (grades 1-6) begin in the sanctuary for worship and a Story for All Ages; children will then be blessed out to classes. Junior High youth will stay for the full service as part of their learning about worship.

No Religious Education classes next Sunday, March 29, for Spring Break. Special activities and nursery care will be available. The following Sunday is Easter Family Sunday (April 5) with all children and youth in the sanctuary with families. Regular religious education resumes Sunday, April 12.

Updated schedule for Religious Education registration for 2015-16:

- Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.-noon
- Wednesday, April 15, 7:15-8:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

\*We're also offering an early option for teacher orientation this year: Saturday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.-noon. Open to anyone curious and interested in teaching as spiritual practice!

**Spirit Play (ages 3-6):** Children are 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 tail? How might the frog think about change? What changes more, a frog or a child?

**Rotation Classes (grades 1-6):** Children are in the sanctuary for a story and then go to their classes to consider their fifth and final theme of "Endings" and the curious reality of death.

**Junior High (grades 6-8):** Youth attend the entire worship service today.

**Coming of Age:** Class meets today for a writing workshop, preparing their credo statements and first round of drafts. COA is our signature spiritual growth program for 9th graders.

**Our Whole Lives:** Class meets Wednesday, March 25, with thematic focus on making decisions about sexuality. OWL is a signature sexuality and spirituality program for grades 7-9.

**Tower Club (grades 10-12):** Youth meet tonight from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to continue the ongoing work of anti-racism with particular attention to the role of "direct action" in social justice.

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### Sunday, March 22

Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	10:15 a.m., Choir Room
Afterthoughts	10:15 a.m., Gannett Room
Children's Choir Rehearsal	10:15 a.m., Foote Room
Soup Supper	5:45 p.m., Parish Hall
Tower Club	6:00 p.m., Center Room

### Monday, March 23

Unitots Playgroup	9:30 a.m., Nursery
Men's Retirement Group	1:00 p.m., Gannett Room

### Tuesday, March 24

Elders Group	1:00 p.m., Center Room
Sangha Meditation	5:30 p.m., Ames Chapel
Young Adult Potluck	6:30 p.m., Center Room

### Wednesday, March 25

Mano a Mano Team	5:30 p.m., Gannett Room
Wellspring Wednesday	See box below

### Thursday, March 26

Grief Coalition	5:30 p.m., Center Room
Unity Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

### Saturday, March 28

Evergreen Quilters	10:00 a.m., Foote Room
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## café unity

■ relax ■ enjoy ■ unwind ■ connect ■

April 24, 2015 ■ 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Unity Church Parish Hall

### Wellspring Wednesday, March 25

**6:00 p.m. Dinner:** *green salad, baked chicken, roasted potatoes, asparagus, and macaroons. (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**

#### Kim and Reggie Harris

#### An Evening of Song, Stories, Justice, and Love

Kim and Reggie Harris are songwriters, storytellers and song leaders. Combining traditional African-American spirituals and freedom songs with original folk, they sing of life, love, the quest for freedom, environment and community.

#### Ting Sing Qigong

Qigong is the art of moving breath, mind, and body to promote internal vitality and wellness. In this introductory Standing Qigong class, you will learn the basic standing form of Ting Sing Qigong. Sifu Robyn Mathews-Lingen is the first Green Sash Sifu of this unique Qigong in Minnesota.

#### Demystifying Legacy Giving

This session, led by Unity's Legacy Giving Team, is for all people who are interested in learning about leaving a legacy gift to their favorite charity.

**"Overstuffed" Group Coaching (pre-registration required)**

**Reflections from Selma • POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 8**

## Upcoming Worship Service: March 29

Service times: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

### A Different Kind of Power — Rev. Lisa Friedman

On Palm Sunday, we remember the story of Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. But he was not the king that the people expected to arrive. What vision of leadership and power was he asking them to surrender? Musicians at 9:00/11:00: Unity Choir; Ruth Palmer, organ. Musician at 4:30: Ruth Palmer, organ.

## 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 a chosen community non-profit recipient. **Please make checks payable to Unity Church.** On March 15 Unity Church collected \$2,087.87 in the Sunday offering. ComMUSICation will receive a donation of \$1,461.51. Information about today's offering recipient, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee can be found in your order of service. The offering recipient on March 29 is We Are All Criminals.

## Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2 • 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.

## Project Home!

Every May our church hosts Project Home and our classrooms become temporary housing for families in need of emergency shelter. Volunteer hosts create a safe and comfortable environment as they prepare food, care for children, and support the parents. Volunteering for Project Home is a rewarding experience many of us share with our friends and family (including our children).

Hosting and training:

EVENING HOSTS: Volunteer from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

OVERNIGHT HOSTS: Volunteer from 8:00 p.m.–7:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. on weekends)

TRAINING: Volunteer training will be offered April 28 and May 10

**Won't you please sign up to help?** You can stop by the Project Home table in the Parish Hall after services during April or sign up online at [bit.ly/projecthome2015](http://bit.ly/projecthome2015).

## Samuel Morgan Community Forum

### We Are All Criminals

**An exhibit. A discussion. A chance to reflect.**

Saturday, April 18 • 9:00-11:00 a.m. • Free

Parish Hall at Unity Church

Presentation by *We Are All Criminals* director, Emily Baxter

**One in four people in Minnesota has a criminal record.**

**It's time to talk about the other seventy-five percent.**

*We Are All Criminals* looks at those of us with criminal histories but no record. In other words, those of us who have had the luxury to forget our misdeeds. Doctors and lawyers, social workers and students, retailers and retirees tell stories of crimes they got away with, and consider how different their lives would have been had they been caught. This project challenges our society's perception of what it means to be a criminal and how much weight a record should be given. This Morgan Forum is given in conjunction with the *We Are All Criminals* exhibit that will be in the Parish Hall during April.