

# This Week at Unity Church

April 15-21, 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: Building Tour Today

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.

## Project Home at Unity Church

Project Home is one small but important way Unity Church members can help families struggling with homelessness. With the help of 150 volunteers — **we have 80 and need 70 more!** — Unity Church houses parents and children from The Family Place, a day shelter in St. Paul. Consider volunteering to serve as a host for an evening (5:30-8:30 p.m.) or an overnight shift during the month of May. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/ucprojecthome2018> (use "unityPH" as the password) or after morning services at the Project Home table. If you have already signed up, orientation sessions (tour of the physical space, learn about what you do on each shift, ask questions) will be held on:

- Sunday, April 15 • 10:15 a.m. • Whitman Lobby, lower level
- Wednesday, April 25 • 7:10 p.m. • Whitman Lobby, lower level
- Sunday, May 6 • 10:15 a.m. • Whitman Lobby, lower level

## Once in a Blue Moon Show, Auction, Sale, and Raffle

Evergreen Quilters want you to be sure to see the modern raffle quilt, "Blue Moon," hanging in the lobby! Buy \$2 raffle tickets for it from their table in the Parish Hall today. Also in the Parish Hall, quilters can help you bid on all the creative, one of a kind quilted wall-hangings and small quilts displayed there. If you can't wait until the end of the month to take home a quilted item, check out the Buy-It-Now items on Evergreen's table. One hundred percent of the money raised from the sale, raffle tickets, and silent auction goes to local organizations serving hungry and homeless people in St. Paul. Bidding ends, and the winning raffle ticket will be drawn, at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 29.

## Unitarian Universalist History 101

**Sundays, April 15-29, May 6 & 20 • 12:30-1:30 p.m. • Robbins Parlor**  
Rev. Lisa Friedman teaches this six-session introduction to concepts and people from UU history. Drop-ins are welcome!

## Gun Sense Ministry Team: Use your voice!

Stop by the Gun Sense Ministry Team table to send a postcard to your Minnesota senators and representatives letting them know your views on the sensible gun law proposals that are before them. The team is also offering free gun locks provided by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. These locks work for most common hand guns or long guns.

## Bonds That Build Homes: Legislative Action Meeting

**Sunday, April 15 • 3:00 p.m. • First Universalist Church Minneapolis**  
Unity Church and First Universalist Church are among the 80 congregations who form the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. With the leadership of Unity's Affordable Housing Team and Beacon, we are lobbying to secure \$140 million in the Minnesota State Bonding Bill to build and preserve affordable homes. Come meet with legislators to talk about the issues and show our support for the bonding bill. For more information contact Rev. Lisa Friedman at [lisa@unityunitarian.org](mailto:lisa@unityunitarian.org).

The Unity Library & Bookstall Team Present

## The 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Hope is a choice that becomes spiritual muscle memory,  
a renewable resource for moving through life as it is,  
not as we wish it to be. — Krista Tippett*

## Arthur Foote Music Sunday

### May 6: Hope as Practice

Services at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 4:30 PM

Unity Choir • Unity Singers • Women's Ensemble  
Children's Choir • Laura Sewell, cello

## This Week in Religious Education

**Religious Education Enrollment Session for 2018-19**, all R.E. families who did not participate in the session on the 14th are encouraged to attend:

- Saturday, April 21 • 1:00\*-3:00 p.m. • Parish Hall  
\*12:30 p.m. for new families needing more general orientation to religious education. This session includes enrollment for OWL and COA.

We are making some important changes for the coming year, and we hope to share updates at this in-person sessions. If your family is unable to participate, please contact Michelle Meccey at [michelle@unityunitarian.org](mailto:michelle@unityunitarian.org).

**Spirit Play (ages 3-6):** Children live into this season of spring's renewal by wondering together about the human life cycle: Why don't people come into the world already grown up? How do we know if we are growing? How do our bodies know how to grow? Please wonder together with your children about their sacred play.

**Rotations (grades 1-6):** Children continue their journey exploring the year's final theme, "Endings." Please take a moment to stay connected with your child's Journey Guide.

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

**Tweens (grades 5-7):** Regular tween meetings continue April 18, building relationships and community.

**Our Whole Lives** meets Wednesday, April 18, with focus on "sexual decision making." OWL is a sexuality and spirituality program typically for grades 8-9.

**Coming of Age** resumes today with an exchange of ideas on credo. COA is a signature spiritual growth program typically for 9th graders.

**Tower Club:** Senior High youth does not meet tonight after the weekend's Book Sale, meetings resume Sunday, April 22.

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### Sunday, April 15

Used Book Sale	9:00 a.m., Parish Hall
Project Home Orientation	10:15 a.m., Whitman Lobby lower level
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
UU History 101	12:30 p.m., Robbins Parlor
Above Every Name Worship Service	1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Soup Supper: Posole	5:45 p.m., Parish Hall
Tower Club	6:00 p.m., Center Room
LGBTQ+ Group	6:30 p.m., Gannett Room

### Monday, April 16

Circle of Peace	5:15 p.m., Center Room
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### Tuesday, April 17

Elders Group	1:00 p.m. Showing of <i>Black Panther</i> New Visions Oakdale Theater
Helener Currier Memorial Service	4:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Sangha Meditation Group	5:30 p.m., Ames Chapel
Grief Group	7:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Unity Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

### Wednesday, April 18

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

### Thursday, April 19

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

### Friday, April 20

Family Night Out	6:00 p.m., Children's Library
Café Unity	7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

### Saturday, April 21

Religious Education Enrollment	1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Kung Fu	10:00 a.m., Body Room

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## Wellspring Wednesday, April 18

6:00 p.m. *Dinner: Roasted chicken, cornbread stuffing, green beans, dessert. \$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**

### Earth Day Forum: Food, People, and Wildlife

Learn how communities can address climate change. Unity Church members Patricia Ohmans and Metric Giles will talk about Frogtown Green and community gardens. Watch an inspiring TED talk about guerilla gardening. Parallel activities for youth constructing a pollinator house and native seed balls.

### Open Page Writing Sessions: Welcoming Transformation

Pause to notice the transformative forces moving within our hearts and within our world. Email [karen@unityunitarian.org](mailto:karen@unityunitarian.org) if you plant to attend. (Begins at 7:00 p.m.)

### UU History Book Club

April's discussion is on *Norbert Fabian Capek: A Spiritual Journey* by Richard Henry.

### 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, meet after chapel in jr. high room

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## Sunday, April 22 • *The Grace of the World*

Services at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

In the face of environmental degradation, it is easy to fall into despair. How do we remain awake to the dangers we face while allowing the beauty and yes, the grace of the world to carry us through? Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs and worship associate Bob Lies will help us get to know the peace of wild things. Musicians: Unity Singers (9:00/11:00) and 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 April 8, \$3,959.25 was collected in the offering. Unity's Hallman Intern Fund will receive the entire amount. Information about today's offering recipient, Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop, is available in your order of service. On April 22 the offering recipient is St. Paul Freedom School.

## Forward Global Women Presents: Huda Abuarquob

Sunday, April 22 • 10:15-11:00 a.m. • Center Room

Huda Abuarquob is the Regional Director of the Alliance for Middle East Peace for the Middle East and North Africa Region. She is an avid peace activist involved with Women Wage Peace. Huda will discuss women's peace movements in Israel and Palestine, including her involvement with Women Wage Peace. Senator Sandy Pappas, President of Forward Global Women, will talk about the non-profit she co-founded.

## Minnesota Climate Forum

Friday, April 27 • 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Mayo Memorial Auditorium, Minneapolis

A day of experts discussing climate change responses and opportunities from public and private sectors. This event is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics. Anyone interested in the intersection of public and private efforts to address climate change is invited. Details at <http://bit.ly/mnclimate>.

## Coming of Age 2018!

The entire congregation is warmly invited to witness the Coming of Age of this year's ninth grade class on Saturday, April 28, at 2:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Come and listen in amazement as our young people share their personal credos, bravely laying out the beliefs of their hearts and minds for all to hear.

## Boston Pilgrimage: October 17-22, 2018

Janne and Rob Eller-Isaacs will lead a pilgrimage to the Unitarian Universalist homelands of New England. Visit Plimouth Plantation, wander the streets and back lanes of Boston and Concord, and explore the historical roots of our faith and our democracy. Interested? Email Song Thao at [song@unityunitarian.org](mailto:song@unityunitarian.org). The trip will cost between \$1400-\$1800, exclusive of airfare.

## 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.

**Register at [www.unityunitarian.org/chalice-camp.html](http://www.unityunitarian.org/chalice-camp.html).**

*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.*

## Call for Parish Hall Artists

Exhibit in the Parish Hall during the 2018-19 church year. Application deadline is May 1: [www.unityunitarian.org/parish-hall-artists](http://www.unityunitarian.org/parish-hall-artists).