

# This Week at Unity Church

April 16–22, 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.

## Keep Up with Church Youth: 2017 Congregational Survey

Tower Club youth could out-perform the adults in completing the board's Congregational Survey. If you're inclined to get competitive about petty things, let that prospect motivate you, no matter your age, to take the survey. Visit [www.unityunitarian.org](http://www.unityunitarian.org) for the survey link. Know that board members are eager to discuss the survey, including during coffee hour and soup suppers. And there is an April 19 Wellspring Wednesday discussion option too. The survey period will end April 25. (And yes, in the end we all win when lots of survey responses come in!)

## May Means Project Home: 150 Volunteers Needed

Every year, through a partnership with Interfaith Action's Project Home, Unity Church welcomes homeless families with children to stay overnight in our junior high classrooms during the month of May. **We are on our way to signing up 150 volunteers to serve as evening and overnight hosts —and still need you!** Stop by the Project Home table in the Parish Hall after the service for more information and to sign up. Sign up is also available online at <http://bit.ly/projecthome2017>. The Project Home Team is also selling small bags of non-perishable food items and other essentials for you to carry in your car or backpack and distribute to people you encounter who are asking for help. \$5 each, available Sundays through April 30.

## Elders Circle

Join us for Elders Circle on Tuesday, April 18, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the Center Room. We will be hearing from Laura Park, Managing Director of Unity Consulting (rescheduled from February). Learn about her role here at Unity Church and how she is sharing her gifts with our denomination. All are welcome, refreshments are provided.

## Book Launch

***Incense Drifting to the Horizon* by Kathryn Oakley**  
Friday April 21 • 7:00 p.m. • Parish Hall

Sponsored by the Unity Library and Bookstall Team, long-time Unity Church member Kathy Oakley will launch her new book of poetry, *Incense Drifting to the Horizon* (North Star Press), on April 21 at Unity Church. All interested Unity Church members and friends are cordially invited to attend. Kathy will read from her work, a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception will follow.

## Unity's Annual Used Book Sale

April 22: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

April 23: 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

***Sneak peek for Unity Church members begins at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 21. Fill-a-bag for \$5 begins at 2:00 p.m. Sunday***

Proceeds from this annual book sale support Unity's High School Tower Club programs including their annual pilgrimage to Boston. Donations of good used books, CDs, and DVDs are welcome until Wednesday, April 19. Please no reference or text books.

## Sustainable Living Team Water Campaign

**Buy a water bottle from Unity's Sustainable Living Team and stay hydrated in style!** Water bottles will be for sale on Sundays, beginning April 23, in the Parish Hall. Proceeds support the purchase of a water bottle filler attachment for Unity's water fountain as well as projects to protect the environment and promote water justice.

## LGBTQ+ Community and Support Group

Sunday, April 23 • 6:30 p.m. • Robbins Parlor

A place for you to come and be in community with other LGBTQ people, wherever you are in your journey. This group meets at Unity Church and is an intergenerational place for good and difficult times, all ages and identities welcome, including but not limited to transgender, gender non-conforming, genderqueer, bisexual, lesbian, gay, and queer people. Questions? Contact Jamie Bosc at [bosc.jamie@gmail.com](mailto:bosc.jamie@gmail.com).

## Young Adult Group (ages 18-35)

The Young Adult group is growing! Join us on Tuesday, April 25, for a 6:30 p.m. potluck in the Center Room. All are welcome! Contact Nic Cable at [nic@unityunitarian.org](mailto:nic@unityunitarian.org) to be added to the email list to receive Young Adult news and announcements.

## Coming of Age: Saturday, April 29 • 2:30 p.m. • Sanctuary

The entire congregation is warmly invited to witness the Coming of Age of this year's ninth grade class. 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.

## Unitarian Universalist White Supremacy Teach-In

Unitarian Universalism is changing. We are striving to redeem our history by working to become a far more inclusive, anti-racist, multi-cultural community than we are today. In hope of helping us take one more step, we are joining more than two hundred Unitarian Universalist congregations across the country in offering a teach-in about white privilege, white fragility and what we mean when we talk about white supremacy. This call to reflection comes from many in our movement, including the UUA Board of Trustees, Black Lives UU, the Minister's Association, and more. Two Teach-Ins have been scheduled: Wednesday, May 3, 7:15-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 6, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided at both events. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend at least one of the sessions. The workshops will be complimentary, please plan to attend either or both as you are able.

## This Week in Religious Education

**Today is Easter Family Sunday** and all children and youth are in the Sanctuary for the full worship service. Activity packets for younger children are available for use during worship, as well as nursery care in the lower level.

**Religious Education Enrollment for 2017-18** will be offered both Wednesday, April 19, 7:15-8:45 p.m., and Saturday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. These in-person sessions will orient parents about volunteer roles, provide updates and the opportunity to share in community conversation, and offer instructions for enrolling children in next year's Religious Education. Childcare provided.

**Coming of Age (COA) Sunday is April 30** and all junior high youth are strongly encouraged to attend the 9:00 a.m. COA service in place of regular classes.

**Used Book Sale is April 22-23!** Come and see what community members have been reading, and support our high school Tower Club youth in raising funds for their Boston pilgrimage. Donations are gratefully accepted until April 19.

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### Sunday, April 16

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
Above Every Name Worship Service	1:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### Tuesday, April 18

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, April 19

Wellspring Wednesday	6:00 p.m., See box below
2017-18 Religious Education Enrollment	7:15 p.m., Parish Hall
Board of Trustees	7:15 p.m., Science Room

### Thursday, April 20

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

### Friday, April 21

Kathy Oakley Book Launch	7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Book Sale Preview for Unity Members Only	11:59 p.m., Parish Hall

### Saturday, April 22

Book Sale	8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Parish Hall
2017-18 Religious Education Enrollment	9:00 a.m., Parish Hall
Kung Fu	10:00 a.m., Body Room
Evergreen Quilters	10:00 a.m., Foote Room

### Wellspring Wednesday, April 19

6:00 p.m. *Tostadas, salad, guacamole, pico de gallo, and Mexican wedding cookies. 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**

### UU History Book Club

Want to learn more about Unitarian Universalist history? Curious about all those great authors quoted in Sunday sermons? Join the monthly UU History Book Club. April's discussion will be on the book *Prophetic Sisterhood* by Cynthia Tucker.

### Open Page Writing Session • Writing About Redemption

RSVP required to [karen@unityunitarian.org](mailto:karen@unityunitarian.org)

The poet William Stafford once said of his poems, "I have woven a parachute of everything broken." This session explores the many different parachutes that save us, as we reflect on the topic of redemption. No writing experience is necessary.

### Spirit Map: An Introduction

Join Laura Park, Managing Director of Unity Consulting, and members of Unity's Board of Trustees for an introduction to the Spirit Map portion of the congregational survey.

### Spring Tune Up: Yoga for Pelvis and Core

Guest teacher, Kristina Kliber, will lead a practice to bring freedom to the pelvis and core for moving with greater ease. This session is based on both classical and therapeutic yoga techniques and is suitable for all body types.

**Textile Arts:** Bring your current textile project for an evening of fellowship and service.

### 2017-18 Religious Education Enrollment

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

### Tween Group (grades 5-7)

**Sunday, April 23: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.**

### Wake Now My Senses

Earth Day is an opportunity to be mindful and caring of this planet. Join Hallman Ministerial Intern Jessica Clay and worship associate Nicole Lynskey as they explore theological perspectives in caring for the earth and our responsibility towards the redemption and repair of it. Musicians: One Voice Mixed Chorus

### 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 9, \$3,299 was collected in the Sunday offering. MicroGrants will receive a donation of \$2,309.30. Information about today's offering recipient, ISALAH, is available in your order of worship. On April 23 the offering recipient is In a New Light, the art and therapy program that is our featured as our April Parish Hall art exhibit.

### March with Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light

#### Kids Climate March: Saturday, April 22 • 9:30 a.m.

#### Starts: The Science Museum of Minnesota

This Earth Day, kids will lead the way on climate action at the Kids Climate March! Young people are on the global frontline of climate change because they will experience more severe climate impacts than their parents and grandparents.

#### March for Science Minnesota: Saturday, April 22 • 11:00 a.m.

#### Starts: Cathedral Hill Park, 215 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

The Kids Climate March is partnering with the March for Science Minnesota happening that same day. The kids march will kickoff at the Science Museum of Minnesota and will travel through downtown St. Paul to merge with the science march. From there, the kids will lead the marchers to the Capitol!

#### People's Climate March Minneapolis: Saturday, April 29 • 2:00 p.m.

#### Starts: Federal Building, Downtown Minneapolis

In conjunction with the People's Climate March to Washington, this local march will send a global call to action. March for our families, our air, our water, our land, and justice.

*Email Bonnie Power at [bonnie.power@icloud.com](mailto:bonnie.power@icloud.com) if you would like to march with other Unity Church members and friends. March details at [mnipl.org/take-action/march-with-mnipl.html](http://mnipl.org/take-action/march-with-mnipl.html).*

### Children's Garden Work Day

#### Sunday, April 30 • 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Help get the Unity Children's Garden off to a good start! Wear gloves and bring tools. All are welcome! Finish cleanup, divide herbs, plant the first seeds for summer.

