

This Week at Unity Church

May 13–19, 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.

Unity Church 2018 Congregational Survey

The 2018 Congregational Survey is online and waiting for you: <http://bit.ly/ucsurvey2018>. Completing the survey is your chance — and responsibility — to let the Board of Trustees know how you feel about this religious community, the work we are doing, and its impact in your life and the lives of others. The survey is the Board's primary tool to measure our progress on the congregation's mission and collective vision. Church members, friends, and high school youth are all invited to participate. Stop by the survey table in the main lobby to use a laptop to complete the survey today, or to pick up a paper copy. The deadline is Monday, May 21!

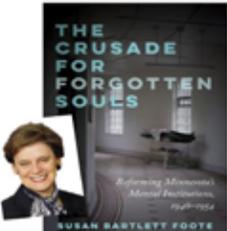
Finding Yourself at Unity: Pastoral Care

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 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.

THE CRUSADE FOR FORGOTTEN SOULS
Reforming Minnesota's Mental Institutions, 1946-1954

Susan Bartlett Foote
Tuesday, May 15
7:00 PM • Parish Hall

Unity's own Susan Bartlett Foote
will read from her important new book!



Open Page Writing Session: *Choosing Hope*

Wednesday, May 16 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Anderson Library
Led by Consulting Literary Minister Karen Hering, Open Page writing session participants reflect on the monthly theme.
Where do we find hope in the world today, and how might we choose it and practice it? Email karen@unityunitarian.org if you plan to attend.

Heritage Society: Make a legacy gift to Unity Church!

If you are interested in making a legacy gift to Unity Church — or have already designated the church in your estate but haven't notified church staff — please be in touch! Our annual Heritage Society dinner, honoring those who have made legacy gifts to the church, will be held on Friday, May 18. We are thrilled to welcome our guest speaker, The Rev. Meg Riley, Senior Minister of Church of the Larger Fellowship. For more information please contact Barbara Hubbard at barbarah@unityunitarian.org or 651-228-1456 x116.

Annual Plant Exchange and Sale: Sunday, May 20

People are encouraged to split plants from their yard and exchange them for new varieties to add to their landscape. Don't have plants to split? Just starting to add plants to your yard? No problem! Once the "exchange" is over we welcome folks to purchase plants that catch their eye! Plants for sale are reasonably priced and proceeds support the work of Unity's Sustainable Living Team!

8:00-9:00 a.m.: Plant drop off under the tent in the green space; take a ticket for every plant you bring.

10:00-11:00 a.m.: Plant Exchange! Exchange your tickets for plants.

Noon-1:00 p.m.: Plant Sale! Remaining plants will be sold for \$1-5.

Habitat for Humanity: May 21-25, June 4-8

The Unity Church Affordable Housing Outreach Ministry Team is co-sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity build as an interfaith partner in Faith Builders. This will be new construction in the near East Side of St. Paul. A Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity "green" build integrates building practices that reduce detrimental impacts on the environment, promote healthy indoor air quality, and reduce energy costs while increasing the long-term affordability of homes and improving the neighborhood housing stock. Sign up in the Parish Hall after morning services today or online at <http://faithbuilders.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com>. Work weeks are early this year: May 21-25 and June 4-8. Questions? Contact Chuck Griggs at griggscb@msn.com or 612-408-0486.

Robin DiAngelo and Resmaa Menakem

Experiencing the Racial Body and Mind

Friday-Saturday, June 15-16 • Unity Church

Resmaa Menakem and Robin DiAngelo will co-lead this rare opportunity to address both sides of the "dance" of racism. Together Resmaa and Robin will connect the mind and the body within the system of white supremacy and offer a map for healing. Register online at www.unityunitarian.org. Cost: \$50-\$150 sliding scale fee, lunch included.

This Week in Religious Education

Religious Education Teacher Recognition is today, celebrating our many volunteer teachers who sustain Unity's beautiful ministry with children and youth. After the service, please collect children outside in the garden space. Next Sunday, May 20, is Flower Communion Family Sunday. We then switch over to our Summer in the Garden program beginning Sunday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m., for children ages 4-12.

COA 2018-19 mentors needed! Do you like to listen and reflect with others about the journey of faith? Can you be yourself, open, and honest around teenagers? Consider being a teacher or mentor for COA this fall. Please contact Drew Danielson at drew@unityunitarian.org.

R.E. Enrollment sessions for 2018-19 will be offered:

Wednesday, May 23 • 6:30-8:00 p.m. • Foote Room
Sunday, June 24 • 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. • Foote Room
Sunday, July 15 • 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. • Foote Room
These sessions include enrollment for OWL and COA. Childcare is provided. If your family is unable to participate at these sessions contact Michelle at michelle@unityunitarian.org.

Spirit Play (ages 3-6): Children begin in Spirit Play classrooms, then will be led into the Sanctuary for Teacher Recognition. Following worship, parents should gather children outside in the garden area.

Rotation Classes (grades 1-6) and Junior High (grades 6-8) youth begin in the Sanctuary for Teacher Recognition, then gather in Ames Chapel for concluding celebrations. Rotation children can be picked up outside in the garden area.

Tower Club: Tower Club youth welcome in Coming of Agers at a party/scavenger hunt on Saturday, May 19. Graduating seniors then attend the Bridging Ceremony on Sunday, May 20, at the 11:00 a.m. service.

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Sunday, May 13

Afterthoughts 10:15 a.m., Gannett Room
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

Monday, May 14

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

Tuesday, May 15

Elders Group 1:00 p.m., Center Room
Susan Foote Book Reading 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Sangha Meditation Group 5:30 p.m., Ames Chapel
Living with Grief Group 7:00 p.m., Gannett Room

Wednesday, May 16

Open Page Writing Session 7:00 p.m., Anderson Library

Thursday, May 17

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

Friday, May 18

Heritage Society Dinner 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Saturday, May 19

Kung Fu 10:00 a.m., Body Room

Summer Sundays

From May 27 through September 2 there is just one service each week at 10:00 a.m. Lay-led worship services begin July 8. Summer Sundays in the Garden (a program for children and youth held during worship) also begins on May 27.

Summer Musicians

Summer is a great time to share your musical gifts with Unity Church members and friends. If you are interested in participating as a musician during a summer service, contact Kathleen Bartholomay at kathleenbartholomay297@gmail.com or 651-343-4764.

Flowers for Summer Worship

If you would like to bring flowers from your garden for a summer service, please contact Martha Tilton at 651-228-1456 x105 or martha@unityunitarian.org to choose a date.

Summer Sundays in the Garden

Religious Education steps into our Summer Sundays in the Garden program, weekly at 10:00 a.m., from May 27 to September 2.

Typically for children ages 4-12, no registration is necessary, and drop-in capacity will be limited by number of adult volunteers. Regular nursery care is offered throughout summer. Want to help in the garden? No garden experience necessary, just a desire to share and learn with children. Want to help plant and care for our garden? Email KP Hong at kp@unityunitarian.org.

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.

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

Both programs run 8:30-5:30 daily and are for kids and youth entering grades K-8 in 2018.

Sunday, May 20 • 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

Flower Communion Family Sunday

Join the whole church family and **bring a flower to place on the Flower Communion arch** as we celebrate the resilience and diversity of the Beloved Community. This uniquely Unitarian Universalist ritual recalls the life and ministry of Norbert Čapek who defied the Nazis and died a martyr at Dachau. The 9:00 and 4:30 services will include a ceremony of dedication for older children (see below for details). Musicians: Children's Choir and Mila (9:00/11:00); Ruth Palmer, piano (4:30)

On Family Sundays, children experience the entire worship together with their families in the Sanctuary. A children's message and activity books related to the stories and sermon help children to engage in the experience of worship. Regular Religious Education programming does not take place on Family Sundays, however the nursery is open for children under five years of age.

Dedication of Older Children

Families who would like their children, ages 4-12, to participate in our annual dedication should contact Michelle Mecey at michelle@unityunitarian.org. This ritual, held during the 9:00 and 4:30 services on Sunday, May 20 is appropriate for elementary school aged kids in families who have joined Unity Church or who are on the pathway to membership.

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 May 6, \$5,636.73 was collected in the Sunday offering. Unity's Arthur Foote Music Sunday Fund will receive the entire amount. Information about today's offering recipient, the Minnesota Poor People's Campaign, is available in your order of service. On May 20 the offering recipient is Youth Performance Company.

Mentoring at Unity: A Path to Deeper Connection

Unity Church has a mentor program available to all visitors and new members. A mentor serves as a guide and a resource in the congregation. They pledge to meet at least once a month face to face, and be available for ongoing questions and advice for at least six months. Each mentor/mentee team can decide what is most helpful — to have a buddy with whom to attend services and events, or a partner with whom to discuss Unitarian Universalism and each other's spiritual journeys, and more. If you have questions, or would like to request a mentor, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall or email Rev. Lisa Friedman at lisa@unityunitarian.org.

Summer CSA at Unity Church

Turnip Rock Farm and Cosmic Wheel Creamery in Clear Lake, Wisconsin, have shares available and Unity Church will be a drop site this season. Visit www.turniprock.com for details.

May Parish Hall Artist

Jill Michell's studies of geraniums show a focus on natural minutiae.

Look Who's Sharing Art

On this Mother's Day, Elaine Ambrose is sharing her sons' art. She says, "Both of my sons are creative souls. Being their mother has enriched my life incredibly!"

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