

This Week at Unity Church

June 18-24, 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.

Finding Yourself at Unity: An Inquirers Series

Topic: Social Justice & Community Outreach

Finding Yourself at Unity meets on Sunday mornings, from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., in the Ames Chapel. Designed for visitors, new members, and inquirers, this eight-week series is offered continuously through the year. Drop in any time and pick up classes you miss in future rounds of the series. Childcare is available in the nursery.

Habitat for Humanity

The Unity Church Affordable Housing Outreach Ministry Team is co-sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity build as an interfaith partner in Faith Builders. Volunteer opportunities include construction work, crew leader, and lunch helper. The work week is July 24–August 4, from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The location will be a two-story new build at 1105 Third Street, Saint Paul Park. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/faithbuilders2017>. Questions? Stop by the Habitat for Humanity table in the Parish Hall or contact Chuck Griggs at griggscb@msn.com or 612-408-0486.

Healing Minnesota Stories: Sacred Sites Tour

Saturday, June 24 • 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The tour centers around the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or “meeting place of rivers.” The tour stops include Fort Snelling and Pilot Knob Hill, a traditional burial ground. Tours are led by Jim Bear Jacobs and Bob Klanderud. Come prepared for the weather and bring your own snacks. Suggested donation (\$20-40) supports Healing Minnesota Stories programs and events. Details and registration at <https://spinterfaith.org/healing-minnesota-stories/sacred-sites-tour/>.

March (and volunteer!) at Twin Cities Pride

Join area Unitarian Universalists and Unity Church members and march in this year's Pride Parade! Folks are encouraged to march, sing, and drum. The parade is Sunday, June 25. Unity will organize a light rail tailgate that morning for group travel to downtown. Questions? Email Kevin Ely at kevin.m.ely@gmail.com.

Individuals are still needed to help set-up, staff, and take down the Unitarian Universalist booth at the Pride Festival. Interested? Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/uupride2017>.

Take Unity Church Out to the Ball Game

Saint Paul Saints vs. Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks

Thursday, August 3 • 7:05 p.m. • CHS Field

We have pre-purchased a block of seats together. Reserve your tickets (by June 30) at the Summer Opportunities Table in Parish Hall or contact Rev. Lisa Friedman at lisa@unityunitarian.org or 651-228-1456 x107. Tickets are \$14 each and checks can be made to Unity Church with “Saints tickets” in the memo.

Volunteer: 2017 St. Paul Freedom School

Summer offers the opportunity to volunteer at the Children's Defense Fund Freedom School, a learning and cultural enrichment program for students in the neighborhood. Unity Church members and friends have helped in summers past by sorting books and serving as aides in reading and math. The term is July 17 to August 25, at Capitol Hill Magnet school, in the Rondo Education Center. Book sorting will happen during the week of July 10. Interested? Stop by the Freedom School table in the Parish Hall today or contact Jane Thomson at thoms028@tc.umn.edu.

Summer of Justice

The Center for Justice and Law at Hamline University is pleased to announce the “Summer of Justice,” a series of three discussion-based sessions centered on issues of race, criminal justice, and equity in society today. Each session offers participants a chance to learn more about the topic and to contribute ideas for actions we can take moving forward. Participants may register for one, two, or all three events. Each event will take place on the Hamline University campus, from 6:30-9:00 p.m., on the dates indicated. These events are free, but please be sure to register as seating is limited! You must register for each session you wish to attend.

Black Lives Matter: Race, Resistance, and Hope

Tuesday, June 27: <http://bit.ly/blmsummer2017>

Mass Incarceration

Tuesday, July 25: <http://bit.ly/misummer2017>

School to Prison Pipeline

Tuesday, August 22: <http://bit.ly/sppsummer2017>

Unity Church Summer Film Series on Race

Join other Unity Church members and friends on the second Friday of the month for a summer film series on race, to further our growth in understanding and challenging white supremacy and structural racism. There will be time for conversation after each film. Films will begin at 7:00 p.m., popcorn will be served!

Friday, July 14: Home is a Human Right

We will watch three short film clips on immigration which are intended to spark some interesting conversation.

Friday, August 11: I Am Not Your Negro

I Am Not Your Negro is a documentary film based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript, *Remember This House*. The film explores the history of racism in the United States through Baldwin's reminiscences of civil rights leaders Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 for available dates and details.

This Week in Religious Education

Summer in the Garden during the 10:00 a.m. service continues throughout summer. Great for children ages 4-12. Please meet in our lovely outdoor garden, next to the Sanctuary. No registration is necessary but drop-in capacity will be limited by the number of adult volunteers present. If you would like to help, please contact Anna Newton (asnewton3@gmail.com). Nursery care for younger children continues throughout summer.

Summer Religious Education enrollment sessions for 2017-18

will be held on Sunday, June 25, and July 16, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. These sessions include registration for Coming of Age and Our Whole Lives.

Chalice Camp at Unity Church

July 10-14 / July 17-21 / July 24-28

All children and youth entering grades 1-8 are invited to participate as campers. Details and registration are online at www.unityunitarian.org.

