

# This Week at Unity Church

July 8–14, 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

### Topic: Unitarian Universalist History

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 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.

## Apply to be a Unity Church Trustee!

Past Trustees reflection on their Board service:

“The work that trustees do is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY to ensure that we make progress toward a world where each individual has dignity and worth. It was hard work and it was very rewarding.”

“Serving on Unity’s Board of Trustees means you care deeply about your church community, the church’s standing in the community, what the church does for the community.”

The Unity Church Board of Trustees is accepting applications for three, three-year terms that will begin in November. If you’re interested in serving on the Board, please visit [www.unityunitarian.org/board-of-trustees.html](http://www.unityunitarian.org/board-of-trustees.html) where you will find a job description and application. The deadline to apply is July 13. Questions? Contact Bailey Webster at [webst176@umn.edu](mailto:webst176@umn.edu).

## Unity Book Club

Unity Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome — even if you haven’t read the book! On July 10 the group will discuss *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Contact: Jack Hawthorne at [jack.hawthorne@comcast.net](mailto:jack.hawthorne@comcast.net).

## Racial Justice Movie Night: *Black Panther*

Friday, July 13 • 7:00 p.m. • Robbins Parlor

*An ongoing film series to further our growth in the understanding and challenging of white supremacy and structural racism. Popcorn will be served and there will be time for conversation.*

After the death of his father, T’Challa returns home to the African nation of Wakanda to take his rightful place as king. When a powerful enemy suddenly reappears, T’Challa’s mettle as king — and as Black Panther — gets tested when he’s drawn into a conflict that puts the fate of Wakanda and the entire world at risk.

## Summer Sundays Pancake Brunch

July 15 and August 19 • Following the 10:00 a.m. service!

Join us for a pancake brunch after Sunday worship. We’ll have fresh pancakes, real maple syrup, sausages, juice, coffee, and more! Want to help flip pancakes? Contact Madeline Summers at [madeline@unityunitarian.org](mailto:madeline@unityunitarian.org).

## One Voice Mixed Chorus: Showtune Showdown

Monday, July 16 • 7:30 p.m. • Park Square Theater

Tickets are online at [www.ovmc.org](http://www.ovmc.org)

Showtune Showdown is a unique blend of American Idol, Name That Tune, and Glee, with loads of Broadway glitz thrown into the mix. Join host Erin Schwab and celebrity judges T. Mychael Rambo, Lori Dokken and Senator Scott Dibble as they put Minnesota’s finest choirs (The Singers-Minnesota Choral Artists, Twin Cities Gay Men’s Chorus, and Callipe Women’s Chorus) through their paces to earn the coveted \$1,000 grand prize! Throw in audience participation, a chance to win incredible raffle and auction items, and a joyful good time, and it’s sure to be an evening you won’t soon forget!

## Beyond Polarization: A Workshop for Liberals Who Want to Communicate Better with Conservatives

Sponsored by Better Angels and Unity Church

Led by Bill Doherty, Unity member and co-founder of Better Angels  
Saturday July 21 • 9:15 a.m.–Noon • Parish Hall

We may live in the most divisive time since the 1850s. Conversations across the political divide have become treacherous, with many people avoiding them or regretting them afterwards. In this workshop you’ll learn skills for communicating respectfully with conservative friends and loved ones — ways to listen and talk that clarify differences and search for common ground. You’ll learn to avoid the common barriers that “blues” put up in conversations with “reds.” And you’ll get acquainted with the Better Angels movement to depolarize America. Please email [lisa@unityunitarian.org](mailto:lisa@unityunitarian.org) if you plan to attend.

## Art and Healing: In the Moment

Runs through July 29 • Minneapolis Institute of Art

“Art and Healing: In the Moment” is a moving exhibition of artwork made by community artists in response to the fatal shooting of Philando Castile. This is a free exhibition and Mia will provide a quiet space for reflection after viewing the exhibition.

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 31 • 1:00-7:00 p.m. • Parish Hall

Unity Church will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross on July 31. To schedule a donation appointment, call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code: UCUSTpaul. Interested in volunteering or helping organize? Contact Rev. Lisa Friedman at [lisa@unityunitarian.org](mailto:lisa@unityunitarian.org).

## This Week in Religious Education

**Summer in the Garden** is held today during the 10:00 a.m. service, and continues throughout summer. Great for children ages 4-12. Meet in the 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 KP Hong at [kp@unityunitarian.org](mailto:kp@unityunitarian.org). Regular nursery care for younger children continues throughout summer.

**Looking for COA Mentors and Teachers:** Interested in listening and sharing with others about the faith journey? Can you be yourself, open, and honest around teenagers? Consider being a teacher or mentor for COA for the 2018-19 year. Interested? Contact Drew Danielson at [drew@unityunitarian.org](mailto:drew@unityunitarian.org).

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

Sunday, July 15 • 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. • Foote Room

This session includes enrollment for OWL and COA. Childcare provided. Questions? Email [michelle@unityunitarian.org](mailto:michelle@unityunitarian.org).

## Summer Fun for Children and Youth at Unity Church

**Openings are still available during all four weeks!**

**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.

Programs run Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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

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### Sunday, July 8

Finding Yourself at Unity 11:15 a.m., Ames Chapel  
Afterthoughts 11:15 a.m., Gannett Room  
Above Every Name Worship Service 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### Monday, July 9

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

### Tuesday, July 10

Sangha Meditation Group 5:30 p.m., Ames Chapel  
Unity Book Club 7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor  
Evergreen Quilters 7:00 p.m., Anderson Library

### Thursday, July 12

Women in Retirement: The Choice Years 1:00 p.m., Center Room  
A New Look at the Bible 7:00 p.m., DeCramer Room

### Friday, July 13

Parish Hall Artists Reception 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall  
Racial Justice Film Series: *Black Panther* 7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor

### Saturday, July 14

Board of Trustees 9:00 a.m., Anderson Library  
Tyson Conner Memorial Service 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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## July Parish Hall Artists

Please take time in the Parish Hall to view the beautiful art by Rose Allen, a member of Evergreen Quilters, and her husband Gary Jurek, a skilled stained glass artist. Rose has a passion for fiber which shows in her art quilts. Gary loves to use glass in whimsical ways. Rose and Gary invite you to a reception in the Parish Hall on Friday, July 13, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. for a chance to visit with the artists, learn more about their work, and enjoy refreshments.

## Look Who's Sharing Art

"The View from the Coffee Shop" is being shared by the painter, Tony Line Christner. The painting was inspired by Tony's husband, Michael. They were recently married at Unity Church.

## 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. 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](mailto:lisa@unityunitarian.org).

## Food Shelf Collection

Bring non-perishable food and hygiene items to Unity Church and help feed hungry people in our community through Evergreen Quilters' partnership with Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf. Wicker collection trunks are located at the Portland and Holly entrances.

## Unity libraries are open all summer!

Visit the Anderson Adult Library and the Whitman Children's Library to pick up some great summer reads!

## Flowers for Summer Worship

If you would like to bring flowers for a summer service, contact Martha Tilton at [martha@unityunitarian.org](mailto:martha@unityunitarian.org) to choose a date.

## Merging of Waters Worship Service

Be sure to collect water from your journeys (or backyard!) this summer for our annual Merging of Waters ritual service which will be held on Sunday, September 9.

## Sunday, July 15 • 10:00 a.m.

### On the Run 2

Worship associates Kevin Ward and Avi Viswanathan continue the exploration of how white supremacy paralyzes progress and justice. How can we own our roles in the oppression of people of color, and what is the way forward? Musician: Sunita Staneslow, harp.

## 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 June 24, \$1,652.61 was collected in the Sunday offering. will receive a donation of \$1,156.83. On July 1, \$1,267 was collected in the Sunday offering. Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop will receive a donation of \$886.90. Information about today's offering recipient, Transitional Conferencing, is available in your order of service. On July 15 the offering recipient is Church of the Larger Fellowship Prison Ministry.

## Textile Arts Group

All ages and levels of experience are welcome! Unity's Textile Arts Group meets on the first and third Thursday of each month, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (July 19, August 2 and 16). Bring your knitting, crocheting, tatting, embroidery, needlepoint, and cross stitch for an evening of fellowship and service. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Mandeville at [lindamandeville41@gmail.com](mailto:lindamandeville41@gmail.com).

## Zen Meditation

Find renewal and grounding in the practice of Zen meditation. The group meets on Tuesdays, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Ames Chapel. Instruction takes place on the first Tuesday of the month (August 7) at 5:00 p.m. Contact KP Hong at [kp@unityunitarian.org](mailto:kp@unityunitarian.org) if you plan on attending instruction.

## Our Whole Lives Parent Summer Book Club

This group is open to all adults, but geared towards parents, and will touch on communicating with your children about sex and sexuality. Discussions, led by Jamie Bosc, will center on the topics covered in the book for each month. Contact Jamie with questions at [bosc.jamie@gmail.com](mailto:bosc.jamie@gmail.com). The group meets on the following Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Robbins Parlor.

July 24 • *Girls and Sex* by Peggy Orenstein

August 21 • *Come As You Are* by Emily Nagoski

## Chalice Circles begin again in September!

Chalice Circles are small groups of 8-10 participants who come together with a trained leader, once a month from September-June, to nurture spiritual growth in community. At the beginning of each month, participants receive materials based upon the monthly worship theme. From these materials, each participant chooses one spiritual exercise and a deep question to sit with for the course of the month. At the end of the month, participants gather with their group to share their experiences. Sign up online at [www.unityunitarian.org/chalice-circles.html](http://www.unityunitarian.org/chalice-circles.html).

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**Saturday, November 3, 2018**

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