

# This Week at Unity Church

July 24–30, 2016

**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.

## PD&Q Railroad Welcomes Visitors TODAY!

Dutton and Caroline Foster invite Unity Church members and friends to drop in on Dutton's backyard garden railroad after worship today (rain date: July 31). The Paradox, Dilemma, and Quandary Railway is a thirty-one year work in progress (and at times regress) with operating trains in a miniature landscape. The Fosters are at 1882 Goodrich Avenue, southwest corner of Howell and Goodrich, a block west of Fairview. Liquid refreshments will be on hand. You're welcome to show up anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

## Finding Yourself at Unity: An Inquirers Series • TODAY!

Finding Yourself at Unity meets on Sunday mornings during the summer, from 11:15-12:15, in the Ames Chapel (just up the staircase from the Parish Hall). Designed for visitors, new members, and inquirers, this eight-week series is offered continuously through the year. It is designed for you to drop in at any time and pick up classes you miss in future rounds of the series. Childcare is available in the nursery. **Today's topic: Building Tour and Orientation**

## Women in Retirement: The Choice Years

**Thursday, July 28 • 1:00-3:00 p.m. • Center Room**

This group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All retired women are welcome. Contact Rev. Lisa Friedman at [lisa@unityunitarian.org](mailto:lisa@unityunitarian.org) for more information.

## National Night Out (NNO): Tuesday, August 2

If you live in St. Paul, NNO registration is easier this year! You can register your event online at [www.stpaul.gov/departments/police/national-night-out](http://www.stpaul.gov/departments/police/national-night-out). First time "party packs" will be offered for the first 30 new events. The pack consist of plates, napkins, cups, utensils and a few other goodies — all of which will be dropped of at the address on the registration form. If you would like to help with the NNO event in the Unity Church neighborhood (held at the House of Hope park), contact Mary Cardinal Peterson at [petecardfive@q.com](mailto:petecardfive@q.com).

## Welcome to Unity: Our Class for Newcomers

**Sunday, August 7 • 9:00-9:45 a.m.**

If you have been visiting Unity Church and would like to find out more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation, we invite you to join us for this Welcome to Unity class. Email [lisa@unityunitarian.org](mailto:lisa@unityunitarian.org) to sign up.

## Unity Singers: Auditions for Soprano and Tenor

Unity Singers, our auditioned 20-voice ensemble, is looking for a soprano and a tenor to join us this season!! Unity Singers is based on the ensemble idea of how voices work together, each effecting the sound of the other and the ensemble as a whole. Voices work together in unique and often surprising ways. This means you do not have to have what you might call a "solo voice." It is all a matter of how your voice combines with the other voices in the ensemble. Auditions consist of meeting separately with Ruth Palmer and then with your voice section and entire choir. If interested, please be in touch with Ruth Palmer ([ruth@unityunitarian.org](mailto:ruth@unityunitarian.org)) as soon as possible to set up a time to meet together. Final auditions are Tuesday evening, September 6. We invite you to explore the possibility of singing with this wonderful community of voices and people.

## Returning this Fall: Beloved Conversations at Unity Church

Beloved Conversations is a teaching and learning curriculum that assumes that every conversation with another human being is a cross-cultural conversation, even if your conversation partner is from the same cultural group. Nested inside communities of faith, Beloved Conversations creates the first step — a learning laboratory — for how to live healthily in a multiracial, multicultural, and often theologically diverse community. **Save these dates and email [martha@unityunitarian.org](mailto:martha@unityunitarian.org) if you are interested in participating, or if you would like to serve as a facilitator:** Opening retreat: Friday and Saturday, September 23-24. Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.: September 27, October 4, 11, 25, November 1, November 15. There is also a Saturday session from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: November 12. We will follow up in August with all who express interest.

## Sing in a Unity Church Choir

Contact Ruth Palmer, Director of Music Ministries, with any questions: [ruth@unityunitarian.org](mailto:ruth@unityunitarian.org) or 651-228-1456 x118.

First rehearsals for this church year are as follows:

- **Children's Choir** (grades 1-5)  
Sunday, September 11, 10:15–11:00 a.m., Robbins Parlor  
Kathleen Radspinner, director ([kathleenr395@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenr395@gmail.com))
- **Unity Choir** (high school, adult)  
Thursday, September 8, 7:30–9:15 p.m., Parish Hall  
Ruth Palmer, director
- **Unity Singers** (auditioned membership, see above) Tuesday, September 6, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Parish Hall  
Ruth Palmer, director
- **Women's Ensemble**  
Sunday, September 11, 10:15-10:45 a.m., Foote Room  
Ruth Palmer, director

## This Week in Religious Education

Summer Sundays in the Garden is held during the 10:00 a.m. service and continues each week throughout summer. Great for children ages 4-12. Children 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. Regular nursery care continues throughout summer.

**Families who may have missed spring Religious Education Enrollment for 2016-17** should attend the enrollment session on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:15 p.m. Childcare is provided. R.E. classes begin September 18. Questions? Please email [michelle@unityunitarian.org](mailto:michelle@unityunitarian.org).

## Our Whole Lives (OWL) Orientation

Please choose to attend ONE of these orientation sessions:

- Tuesday, August 30, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 7, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

At least one parent or guardian must attend orientation in order for a child to participate in OWL. Orientation includes viewing class materials and experiencing parts of the curriculum. OWL is open to 7-9th graders, with 8th graders receiving preference. To learn more or to put your child on the list, contact Drew Danielson at [drew@unityunitarian.org](mailto:drew@unityunitarian.org).

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### Sunday, July 24

Finding Yourself at Unity 11:15 a.m., Ames Chapel  
Afterthoughts 11:15 a.m., Gannett Room

### Monday, July 25

Chalice Camp 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Parish Hall  
Men's Retirement Group 1:00 p.m., The Wild Onion restaurant

### Tuesday, July 26

Chalice Camp 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Parish Hall  
Sangha Meditation Group 5:30 p.m., Ames Chapel

### Wednesday, July 27

Chalice Camp 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Parish Hall

### Thursday, July 28

Chalice Camp 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Parish Hall  
Women in Retirement: The Choice Years 1:00 p.m., Center Room

### Friday, July 29

Chalice Camp 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Parish Hall

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## Looking for New ARLT Members

The Anti-Racism Leadership Team (ARLT) works with the Board of Trustees and the Executive Team to further Unity's goal of becoming an actively anti-racist institution. The Board of Trustees will be appointing several members this year to fill vacancies on the team. The work of the ARLT is focused internally, on all aspects of church life — from the education and training programs offered to the congregation, to making Unity Church a welcoming and inclusive church community, to policies and procedures that reflect our commitment to anti-racism. In the near term, the ARLT will be working with Unity's staff, community outreach teams, and external partners to plan and implement new programs and to record the church's progress toward becoming an anti-racist institution. To learn more about the team or the appointment process, contact Drew Danielson (staff liaison to the ARLT) at [drew@unityunitarian.org](mailto:drew@unityunitarian.org) or 651-228-1456 x112. A full description of the responsibilities and expectations of the position is available online at [www.unityunitarian.org/antiracism-leadership-team.html](http://www.unityunitarian.org/antiracism-leadership-team.html).

## In Equality: Reforming Minnesota's Criminal Justice System

In Equality is a newly formed community organization dedicated to informing and mobilizing people who know the criminal justice system firsthand, to call for and lead police, court, and corrections reform. Ramsey and Hennepin counties recently entered into an agreement to build a joint youth super prison ("youth residential treatment center") that will house 165 youth. Unity's Racial and Restorative Justice Outreach Team believes this project will only continue the school to prison pipeline for children of color, and has joined In Equality in its effort to get the word out about the need to rethink current policy. Visit the Racial and Restorative Justice table in the Parish Hall after worship to learn more about what you can do to get informed, and support this vital work.

## Wellspring Wednesday Returns September 14!

Staff and volunteers are gearing up for another exciting year of Wednesday night programming that will offer opportunities to share delicious meals, attend multi-generational worship services, and participate in classes and discussions. If you would like to serve on a Wellspring Wednesday cooking team, please contact Madeline Summers at [madeline@unityunitarian.org](mailto:madeline@unityunitarian.org).

## Summer Worship: Sunday, July 31 • 10:00 a.m.

### *The Familiar Unfamiliar*

Join Rev. Danny Givens, Jr., and worship associate Rochelle Lockridge in exploring the narrative of social justice, intersectionality, and beloved community from an urban perspective. Musicians: Bryan Boehnke, recorder; Julie Elhard, viola da gamba; Paul Boehnke, harpsichord.

### Our Ministry of Generosity

Each Sunday, thirty percent of the offering goes to support the Community Outreach Ministry at Unity Church and seventy percent is given to a chosen community non-profit recipient. **Please make checks payable to Unity Church.** On July 17, \$1155.00 was collected in the offering. Faith Builders Habitat for Humanity will receive a donation of \$808.50. Information about today's offering recipient, the Obama Elementary School Sunshine Fund, is available in your order of service. The offering recipient on July 31 is Theresa Living Center.

### Capture Circle of Peace Movement Stories in Video and Images

The Twin Cities Circle of Peace Movement (TCOPM) has amazing stories to tell about ending violence and promoting racial healing throughout the Twin Cities. This program, which took root at Unity Church under the leadership of Russel and Sarah Balenger, needs several volunteers to help tell the TCOPM story through video storytelling and compelling still images.

- Photographer: work with web development team to capture images of TCOPM and portraits individuals whose lives have been transformed by Circle
- Videographer: work with web development team to develop a short video about TCOPM for the its new website

The TCOPM web development team will work with volunteers to plan and manage the project. Estimated duration of project: July – September 2016. For more information please contact Carol Bauer at [caroljbauer@gmail.com](mailto:caroljbauer@gmail.com).

### Sanctuary Sprinkler System and Lighting

During capital building renovations in 2012, the city of St. Paul gave Unity Church a five year extension on the installation of a sanctuary sprinkler system that is required in order to bring our building up to code. For the next eight weeks, crews will be installing the system and making updates to our sanctuary lighting. We expect the work to be finished on or near August 25. The congregation's generous gifts to the capital fund have made this project possible. *Thank you!*

### 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](mailto:martha@unityunitarian.org) for available dates and details. Flowers should be arranged in a vase and placed in the Sanctuary by 9:30 a.m. on the Sunday for which you have volunteered.

### 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 11. Musical guest: Peter Mayer!

### What To Do @Your Unity Libraries

1. Check out library books.
2. Read books.
3. RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS, please.
4. Repeat.

