

This Week at Unity Church

August 6-12, 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 and 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.

Unity Book Club

Second Tuesday of the month, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Robbins Parlor. Contact Jack Hawthorne at jack.hawthorne@comcast.net. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book! On August 8 the group will discuss *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel.

Interfaith Alliance for Gun Safety

Faith communities, working together, are the most powerful force for change in Minnesota. Learn to speak with confidence about gun violence and help organize to work for sensible gun policy. An Interfaith Alliance Organize to Mobilize workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 8, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (285 Dale St. N. St. Paul). This workshop is free but registration is requested. Register online at <http://bit.ly/iaorganize>. Questions? Contact Sue Conner at 651-271-9844.

Unity Church Summer Film Series on Race

Join Unity Church members and friends for the final film of this three-part series on race. Popcorn will be served and there will be time for conversation following the film.

Friday, August 11, 7:00 p.m.: *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.

A Celebration of Living: Rev. Sarah Barber-Braun

Saturday, August 12 • 12:30 p.m. • Lyngblomsten Care Center

1415 Almond Avenue, St. Paul (party room, lower level)
Please come join Sarah and her friends to recognize and celebrate Sarah's 90+ years of life, still in progress. If you have a story or thought to share about Sarah, they will be shared at the party. Send notes and RSVP (appreciated but not required) to Shelley at sjbutler@comcast.net.

UU History Book Club

Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalist history with other UUs? Unity's UU History Book Club invites you to join them on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., for reflection and great conversation.

Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m.

Email Krista Hanson at klfhanson@yahoo.com for location.

Thoreau as Spiritual Guide: A Companion to Walden for Personal Reflection and Discussion by Barry Maxwell Andrews

<http://bit.ly/thoreauasspiritualguide>

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 10.

Learn About Unity's Emergency Action Plan

Unity's Emergency Preparedness Team (EPT) has developed an Emergency Action Plan which offers guidelines and procedures in the event of an emergency. The EPT has been providing training and drills to enhance "situational awareness" and the initial audience has been staff, front desk volunteers, and building tenants. The EPT is offering two trainings in August that are geared toward Welcome Teams, and are also open to the congregation in general. **Please join the team in the Robbins Parlor on either Saturday, August 19, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., or Wednesday, August 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to learn about Unity's Emergency Action Plan.**

Summer Sunday Pancake Brunch

Sunday, August 20 • Following the 10:00 a.m. service!

We'll have fresh pancakes after Sunday worship with made-from-scratch syrups and jams. Love to flip pancakes? Volunteers should contact Madeline Summers, Volunteer Coordinator, at madeline@unityunitarian.org.

Summer of Justice: School to Prison Pipeline

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

The Center for Justice and Law at Hamline University is hosting a series of 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. The final event will be held on the Hamline University campus, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Free; registration is required.

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.

Important Updates and Reminders

The final R.E. Enrollment Session before classes begin on Sunday, September 17, will be held on Wednesday, September 6, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Childcare is provided. Questions for Coming of Age and Our Whole Lives can be forwarded to Drew Danielson at drew@unityunitarian.org.

As part of Unity's expanding commitment to racial justice, **all** teachers and volunteers are asked to participate in a day-long Intercultural Competence Training on Saturday, September 9, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (tentative). Childcare and lunch provided. Watch email for further details.

Religious Education teachers new to their program area, or anyone needing basic orientation to their volunteer roles, please plan on attending one of the orientation sessions scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 7:30-9:00 p.m., and Wednesday, September 13, 7:15-8:45 p.m. (Sanctuary). Watch for invitation to RSVP online.

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Sunday, August 6

Afterthoughts	11:15 a.m., Gannett Room
Finding Yourself at Unity	11:15 a.m., Ames Chapel
LGBTQ+ Group	11:30 a.m., Robbins Parlor
Above Every Name Worship Service	1:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Monday, August 7

Men's Retirement Group	1:00 p.m., Gannett Room
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Tuesday, August 8

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, August 10

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

Friday, August 11

Romeyn Taylor Memorial Service	3:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Film Series: <i>I Am Not Your Negro</i>	7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Make a Difference: Volunteer with Obama Elementary

Did you know that over forty men and women from Unity Church spend time each year making a difference for the children at Obama Elementary, the school across the street from the church? The Evergreen Quilters and the Art Team support the school with donations for particular projects. There are also a number of Unity Church people who spend time at the school working at one-time social events, volunteering regularly as classroom assistants, shelving books in the library, and as tutors in reading or math. As we get closer to the start of the school year we invite you to consider how you might help in strengthening excellence at the school, perhaps in one of the areas mentioned above. Fall is a good time to jump in! If you'd like to know more, please contact Marty Rossmann at rossm001@umn.edu or Nancy Heege at nancyheege@cs.com. And if you are not able to give time, watch for an opportunity to contribute financially during one of the Sunday offerings early this fall. Then give generously! Your contributions will be put to very good use!

Sunday Welcome Teams

Welcome Team volunteers greet members and visitors as they arrive to church on Sundays, welcome them to Religious Education and to worship, pass out orders of service, ring the church bell, collect and count the offering, and assist with serving coffee after the service. Welcome Team members are asked to serve at one service once per month. Interested? Contact Madeline Summers at madeline@unityunitarian.org to learn more.

Sunday, August 13 • 10:00 a.m.

What's in a Name?

Congregations across the country are renaming themselves to attract new parishioners, to update their image, and reframe their position in their communities. While no name change is on the horizon for Unity Church, soon our church will develop new End Statements at the same time it's preparing for leadership transitions. When all is said and done, we may not have a new name, but we may be in a different place. What might that look like? What might we call it? Join worship leader Terry Linskey and worship associate Bryan Smith for a lively discussion of "What's in a Name?" Musician: Nick Rath, guitar

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 July 23, \$748.22 was collected in the Sunday offering. Pawsitivity will receive a donation of \$523.75. On July 30, \$1099.42 was collected in the offering. 9 Books Kenya will receive a donation of \$769.59. Information about today's offering recipient, Pawsitivity, is available in your order of worship. On August 13 the offering recipient is She Rock She Rock.

Sing in a Unity Church Choir!

Here at Unity Church we have a vital choral program and invite you to consider singing with one of the choirs this year! Questions? Please contact Ruth Palmer, Director of Music Ministries, at 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 10, 10:15-11:00 a.m., Robbins Parlor, Kathleen Radspinner, director (kathleenr395@gmail.com)
- **Unity Choir** (high school, adult): Thursday, September 7, 7:30-9:15 p.m., Parish Hall, Ruth Palmer, director
- **Unity Singers** (auditioned membership): Tuesday, September 5, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Parish Hall, Ruth Palmer, director
- **Women's Ensemble**: Sunday, September 10, 10:15-10:45 a.m., Foote Room, Ruth Palmer, director

Art Share

The Unity Art Team invites you to spotlight your art!

- Choose your favorite piece of art — anything from your personal creation, your child's creation, or fine art on a wall in your home.
- Your piece, along with a statement of why it's a favorite, and a photo of you, will be displayed for two Sundays in the Art Share space in the Parish Hall.
- Art Share's goal is to encourage members of the congregation to know each other better and to enrich the focus on art at Unity Church.

Details and a sign up form are online at www.unityunitarian.org/art-share.html. Questions? Write to rossm001@umn.edu.

<p>Artists of All Kinds, Writers of All Kinds: We need your gifts & talents! Join the nine-year literary & art tradition: submit to Cairns.</p>	
<p>Cairns Vol. 9, 2017 The Unity Church Journal of the Arts</p>	<p>Deadline Sept. 25, 2017</p>
<p>For more information & to submit, go to the Unity website: Unityunitarian.org — Service & Learning — Cairns Arts Journal</p>	

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, November 4, 2017
Unity Church Silent and Live Auction