

August Sunday Worship

Sunday worship services are held each week at 10:00 a.m., through September 3. Sermon podcasts and archives are available online at www.unityunitarian.org.

August 6: *The Soul of Action*

People often talk about spirituality and social action as though they are in tension with each other. Must we really choose between savoring or saving the world? Or are the within and beyond dimensions of our lives actually necessary to one another? Rev. Lisa Friedman and worship associate Terry Linskey will share some thoughts on what it means to grow our souls in a world that has such need of us.

August 13: *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

August 20: *Restless is the Heart*

Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs and worship associate Suzanne Quinn McDonald will offer a service focused on congregational life as a response to loneliness and social isolation. This will be an especially good service to which to invite friends who may be interested in the church. Musician: Dawn Baker, piano

August 27: *A Partner Church Sunday*

We are honored to have the minister of our partner church in Transylvania, Kinga Reka Szekely, with us to celebrate nearly 30 years of a partnership between Unity Church and the village of Homorodszentpeter. Over the years of our partnership, 103 members of this congregation have had the opportunity to travel to Transylvania (with many from the village visiting Minnesota as well), stay and get to know families in the village there, and to get a first-person understanding of our wider spiritual family in the world. Musicians: Mila

September 3: *Expect Delays*

There's a lesson in the dreaded two-word road signs that went up this spring, and which will be coming down this fall as our hard-working sisters and brothers in union hard hats finish their labors on our roads and highways. For all of us in this optimistic faith, committed to racial justice, to a healthier earth, and to a better deal for all our most vulnerable fellow humans, these are the worst of times, perhaps in our memory. We underestimated the reactionaries, their obstructionist skills, and the ferocity of the counter-attack and backlash mounted by white nationalists and religious fundamentalists and heedless one-percenters who always fight tooth-and-nail against surrendering any privilege or advantage. We all love the phrase about the arc of history bending toward justice, but we often forget the part about that arc being long, meaning slow. We need to contemplate how we can blend wisdom and patience and equanimity, with our courageous efforts to resist this Reign of Error, and change the things we can. As Moses and Martin Luther King and the Dalai Lama and other spiritual leaders from across the ages have repeatedly warned us, our road to the Promised Land and salvation and a better world will not be fast or smooth. Dane Smith, worship leader; Alex Askew, worship associate; Dan Schwartz, guitar and vocals.

The Wheel of Life

In Celebration

Song Thao

Became a U.S. citizen during a naturalization ceremony held on
May 30, 2017

In Memoriam

Romeyn Taylor

January 9, 1926–June 4, 2017

Sing in a Unity Choir!

From Ruth Palmer

Director of Music Ministries

Here at Unity Church we have a vital choral program and invite you to consider singing with us this year!

For adults, it is helpful to have some musical experience — music lessons, choir experience, etc. Of course, if that is not in your background, but you have a passionate interest and the courage to jump in to the flow of things in order to learn a new skill, we invite you to come and sing with us. We have a great time together!

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

Summer and the Board of Trustees

From Angela Newhouse, Trustee



Transitions in an elementary classroom may seem an insignificant part of the day. *Take out your math books and a pencil, come to the carpet and turn to page 118.* Easy, right? However, a wise teacher knows that even simple transitions need to be carefully planned. Otherwise the class could easily spin into chaos as one kid loudly announces he can't find his math book, another accuses her classmate of stealing her pencil, or yet another breaks down in tears because he accidentally ripped his page. As tedious as it may be, thinking through a transition step by step can make all the difference.

This year, your Board is planning thoughtfully and carefully for upcoming transitions at Unity Church. Ruth Palmer, Unity's Director of Music Ministries, has announced her retirement for June 2019. And we are all bracing ourselves for the inevitable retirement of our beloved ministers in the next few years. We are lucky to find ourselves in a strong position as a church. Our Executive Team is experienced, effective, and works collaboratively with each other and congregants. We have a highly functional board, with clear policies and the steady hand of Laura Park to guide us through the complexities of policy governance. Unlike many other churches that undergo a ministerial transition, we are not in crisis. Our ministers' retirement is several years away, but this is the time to start preparing.

The Board has formed a transitions sub-team, and this year we have focused on exploring transition models. The Unitarian Universalist Association traditionally suggests putting an interim minister in place for two years. Our sub-team is looking at the pros and cons of a traditional interim model. We've also discussed what it might look like to hire a successor to be in place immediately after Rob and Janne leave. The entire process is complex. Staff and Executive Team configurations, timelines, and transition model options are all part of the picture. And we can't forget the emotional impact of thinking about saying goodbye to people we love. For this reason, the Executive Team and Board have decided to hire a consultant well versed in church transitions to advise us as we move forward with these decisions. Once the Executive Team and the Board have done this initial work, the congregation will have an opportunity to be engaged in the process.

Again, a ministerial transition is a few years off. But just as a thoughtful teacher plans ahead to ensure minimal tears and chaos, the Board is working hard to make what is sure to be a tender time as smooth as possible.

The Measure of an Ideal

From Russell Peterson, ARLT

Among the responsibilities entrusted to the Anti-Racism Leadership Team (ARLT), one of the most daunting — but potentially most useful — is measurement. It's a cold, scientific sounding word, which might seem out of place within the urgent and turbulent fight against racism in all of its forms.

But measurement — or assessment, if you prefer — is necessary to this work. That promised land we call the Beloved Community may be far away indeed, but we have to have some idea of our progress along the path. Are we speeding along or slogging through, or are we merely spinning our wheels? Are we all going in the same direction?

Of course, it is difficult to gauge the progress of a social and spiritual journey. It isn't as if the road toward making Unity Church an anti-racist institution is lined with mile markers. But the ARLT is working to get the lay of the land. We have recently assigned liaisons to each of four areas — Adult Education/Outreach, Religious Education, Worship/Ministerial, Executive Director — and developed a set of questions designed to gauge and monitor Unity's progress on all of these fronts. We hope this will be a tool to keep Unity's anti-racism efforts on-track and moving along. Consider joining us on this journey!

Unity's Anti-Racism Leadership Team Seeks New Members

Unity's Anti-Racism Leadership Team is doing exciting, critical work on behalf of Unity's Board and community as we live into our Ends and commitment to become an actively anti-racist organization. Please contact Drew Danielson at drew@unityunitarian.org or 651-228-1456 x112 to hear more about becoming a member of this important team.

Congregational Survey Update

From the Board of Trustees

The Board and the Executive Team thank each and every one of the 272 of you that took the time to fill out the congregational survey. We heard you loud and clear: It was long! Please know we take your time and the feedback from the survey very seriously. We've spent time over the past two months pouring over the data and discussing what it might tell us about the impact Unity Church has on your life. The Board uses the results to monitor our progress towards the Ends Statements and those results directly impact the Executive Team's programming in the upcoming year. The full report will be on Unity's website in the fall and we plan to offer several opportunities for you to attend a presentation on the analysis. Laura Park and Bill Etter have devoted countless hours and endless energy to the process and we are deeply grateful to them.

WELCOME WORDS / FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Welcome Words

Rev. Lisa Friedman, Minister of Congregational and Community Engagement



I want to extend a special welcome to those of you who have been visiting Unity Church this summer — we are glad you are here! I hope that you have found a warm welcome at our Sunday services and have had a chance to check out some of the other events and activities that happen throughout the week. As we gear up for the start of our program year in September, you may have questions about how to visit religious education classes, what additional programs begin in the fall, and how to continue to explore Unity Church as a spiritual home. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have or to set up a time to meet in person. I would enjoy getting to know you! See you in church and best wishes for these glorious days of summer.

Pathway to Membership Classes

Unity Church offers classes and connection for visitors who are exploring Unity Church as a spiritual home. Learn more at the Welcome Table on Sundays or contact Rev. Lisa Friedman, Minister of Congregational and Community Engagement (lisa@unityunitarian.org / 651-228-1456 x107). She is also happy to meet with you personally to answer questions and to welcome you into the congregation. Childcare provided.

Finding Yourself at Unity: A Deeper Inquiry

Finding Yourself at Unity is offered on a regular basis throughout the summer on Sundays from 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in the Ames Chapel. These sessions can be attended in the order that works for you. In these classes, we will have an opportunity to share part of our religious journey, to take a more in depth look at the history of Unity Church, to discuss the expectations and benefits of membership, and get to know the programs and ministries of the congregation. Childcare is available in the nursery. August topics include:

- August 6: Social Justice and Community Outreach
- August 13: Q & A with a Minister
- August 20: Worship and the Liturgical Year
- August 27: UU History, Principles, and Sources

Committing to Unity: Joining Unity Church Wednesday, September 20 • 7:15-9:00 p.m.

Have you been considering membership at Unity? This class explores the deeper meanings and expectations of membership and shared ministry. It offers time to reflect on the meaning of generosity and how you can discover the places in your life where the world's needs meets the gifts and joy you have to offer. The class will conclude with a celebration ceremony as participants sign the membership book and officially join the church!

Fellowship Groups

Groups are open to all members and friends of Unity Church.

Afterthoughts: This group meets after the 10:00 a.m. summer service. Contact: Paul Gade at 651-771-7528.

Caregivers Group: An informal support group for caregivers. Third Thursday of the month (August 17) from noon–2:00 p.m. Contact: Janne Eller-Isaacs at janne@unityunitarian.org

Elders Circle: Will begin meeting again in September.

Evergreen Quilters: Second Tuesday of the month (August 8) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and fourth Saturday of the month (August 26) from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Contact: Peggy Wright at 651-698-2760

Living With Grief Group: For people living with grief and loss. Third Tuesday of the month (August 15) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Contact: Janne Eller-Isaacs at janne@unityunitarian.org

Men's Retirement Group: Monday, August 7 and 21, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Contact: Phil Morton at 952-934-3578

New Look at the Bible: Second Thursday of the month (August 10) at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Paul Gade at 651-771-7528

Textile Arts Group: All ages and levels of experience are welcome! During the summer, Unity's Textile Arts Group will be meet on the first and third Thursdays, of each month, August 3 and 17, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bring your knitting, crocheting, tatting, embroidery, needlepoint, and cross stitch for an evening of fellowship and service. Contact: Linda Mandeville at lindamandeville41@gmail.com

Unity Book Club: Second Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Contact Jack Hawthorne at jack.hawthorne@comcast.net. Upcoming discussions: August 8: *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

Unity Bridge Club: First Friday of the month (August 4) at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Priscilla Swartz at 651-454-3209.

UU History Book Club: Third Wednesday of the month (August 16) at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Krista Hanson at klfhanson@yahoo.com. August 16 discussion: *Thoreau as Spiritual Guide: A Companion to Walden for Personal Reflection and Discussion* by Barry Maxwell Andrews

Women In Retirement, The Choice Years: This group meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month, August 10 and 24, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Contact Lisa Friedman at lisa@unityunitarian.org

Zen Meditation: Find renewal and grounding. Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Ames Chapel. Instruction is offered on the first Tuesday, August 1, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Contact Ken Ford at kenfaure@gmail.com

Learn about Unity's Emergency Action Plan

How would you respond if we had to evacuate the church in response to a fire, a gas leak, or a bomb threat? What is the protocol if there's a medical emergency, or if an inappropriate person is posing a threat? Where do you go if there is a tornado? These are some of the questions that Emergency Preparedness Team (EPT) at Unity Church has been discussing for the past two years. Many of the situations are low probability, but if they were to happen, would create a high impact. Our best protection is to be prepared!

The EPT has developed an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) which offers guidelines and procedures in the event of an emergency. As a result, we have purchased additional equipment, identified weather shelters and evacuation paths, and created a response structure for staff and volunteers which is designed to help us respond effectively.

The EPT has been providing training and drills to enhance our "situational awareness." The initial audience has been staff, front desk volunteers, and building tenants. We are offering two more trainings in August that are geared toward Welcome Teams and are also open to the congregation in general. **Please join us 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.**

We invite you to read our EAP. You can request a paper copy by contacting Barbara Hubbard (barbarah@unityunitarian.org). We will also be scheduling additional evacuation drills and weather emergency drills over the next months.

Our intent is to hope for the best, and prepare for the worst.

Members of the EPT are Richard Birger, Rob Fulton, Leah Doherty, Bill Lowell, and Barbara Hubbard.

Dine with Nine Begins this Fall

Are you interested in getting to know more people at Unity Church? Do you enjoy great food and lively conversation? Would you like to extend the hospitality of our community to both new and long term members alike?

Beginning in October, small groups of Unity Church members and friends will gather in each other homes once a month for food and fellowship. Visit the Dine with Nine table in the Parish Hall this September to learn more. Sign up to participate online at www.unityunitarian.org/dine-with-nine.html, or by email to Teresa Wernecke at teresa475@gmail.com. Please include your contact information and let us know if you would like to sign up for a family or adult only group or whether you have particular location or transportation needs. We look forward to another great year!



Offering Recipients

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.

August 6: Pawsitivity

Pawsitivity is a Merriam Park neighborhood organization serving individuals with autism and epilepsy who often have somewhat closed-off lives due to the public's misunderstanding of their conditions. Pawsitivity's mission is to foster the independence of these underserved populations by training dogs for them and their families. This offering will completely outfit two service dogs with vests, patches, harnesses, and belts.

August 13 and 27: She Rock She Rock

She Rock She Rock is a Minnesota-based organization dedicated to empowering girls, women, and female-identified individuals through the art of music. She Rock She Rock provides an inclusive environment that values collaboration and diversity, develops leadership skills, and fosters self-confidence. She Rock She Rock is committed to using creative expression as an engine for social change supporting all who identify as female, gender nonconforming, genderqueer, and trans. Visit www.sherocksherock.org for events throughout the cities.

August 20 and September 3: Small Sums

The sole purpose of Small Sums is to help homeless individuals who have found jobs acquire the items they need to start work. Such items include work clothes, trade tools, union dues, transportation passes, etc. This practical and timely assistance helps remove the frequent barriers that keep clients from stepping into work. Small Sums also offers business planning resources for those considering self-employment. Small Sums is all about practical solutions that foster self-sufficiency and open pathways to stable income. Unity Church member KrisAnne Weiss is a dedicated supporter of Small Sums.

Mentoring at Unity

A Path to Deeper Connection

Unity Church has a new mentor program that is now available to visitors and new members! What can a mentor offer? A mentor is available 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. 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. Each pair makes a commitment to work together 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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

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 — and there is still time to participate! Work will happen July 24-August 4, on the new construction home located at 1105 Third Street, St. Paul Park. Questions? Contact Chuck Griggs at griggscb@msn.com or 612-408-0486. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/faithbuilders2017>.

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!

Food Shelf Collection

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



UNDERSTANDING DETENTION & DEPORTATION

VIRGIL WIEBE is the Robins Kaplan Director of Clinical Education and a Professor of Law at the University of St. Thomas, where he leads the immigration clinic. He has been practicing immigration law since 1995.

Virgil will address the topic of deportation – how does someone become subject to deportation? What are the various legal methods for removing someone from the United States, and how can they be challenged? How do the criminal justice and immigration systems interact? What are the differing roles of law enforcement? Federal immigration authorities? The courts? What has been the role of prosecutorial discretion in this system, and how has it changed under the current administration? Virgil will answer these questions and more! This event is FREE and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to raise funds for organizations working on immigrant rights.

Wednesday, August 2nd at 7pm

**Unity Church - Unitarian
733 Portland Ave, St. Paul**



Organized by the St. Paul Sanctuary Congregations Coalition

ART TEAM

August Parish Hall Artists

Dutton Foster

Asked “What does that poem mean?”, Robert Frost reportedly (and probably repeatedly) answered, “Read it. It means what it says.” Likewise, my paintings.

I paint human artifacts within the framework of land, water, sky. Like many before me, I’m moved most strongly by the practical, the utilitarian, as opposed to the ornamental or pretentious. I’m moved by memories of what once was and will not be again. I love trains and boats, farms and mills, bridges and depots and grain elevators. I love to build everything from railroad models to houses, so it’s not surprising that I enjoy painting the built world. I’m drawn to the places I’ve lived, rivers and hills and mountains. I like to paint the current season. I love clouds, smoke, and haze. I like to paint from my own photos, but often must rely on published photos of scenes which are no more.

I believe the things we humans build and use acquire dignity and poignancy as they age, weather, disintegrate, and disappear. Their very longevity adds qualities perhaps undreamed of by their designer or builder. The people, places, and things we care about sometimes seem so ordinary and so permanent that we forget to appreciate them until the shock of illness, catastrophe, demolition or termination awakens us to their special beauty.

I work in acrylics more from habit than anything else. They dry fast and I can fix perspective mistakes easily. Human and animal subjects have been few and far between in my work, because I’m not very confident at rendering them. Maybe this year... I always say I wish I painted more regularly, but various competing interests and activities must share each day.

The only implied message in my work is to learn to see what you love, and possibly also to love all you see.

Patrice Trevino

Nature has become one of my favorite subjects. The intricacy and architecture of our countryside just blows me away.

I always shoot in color, but there are times when my photographs lend themselves to black-and-white, so in this body of work I have chosen to focus on that. I love the mystery of my photos in black-and-white; the details are not interrupted with color, which draws me in and spikes my curiosity. My hope is to arouse that mystery and curiosity in you also.

Art Share

The Unity Art Team invites you to spotlight your art.

The new project is called Art Share.

How it works:

- 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.

How to submit art for selection:

- Choose one piece of art you want to share. It can be as big as 36” x 36” or as small as 12” x 12”. It may also be a sculpture or a vase. The subject should fit with Unity’s values.
- Write a statement of why it’s a favorite or meaningful piece to you.
- Select a photo of you or your family.
- Sign up using the online form at www.unityunitarian.org/art-share.html
- An Art Team member will confirm your participation and assign you a date.

Once you have been selected:

- All who share will be asked to sign a liability waiver.
- At 8:30 on the first Sunday of your sharing, bring the following to the Parish Hall:
 1. Ready-to-display art;
 2. Statement of why it’s a favorite/meaningful piece;
 3. Photo of you or your family.
- You will be assisted in hanging your art, statement, and photo.
- Your art will be displayed for two consecutive weeks.
- On the second Sunday of your display, pick up your art anytime after the 4:30 service.

Thanks for considering participating in Art Share. The Art Team looks forward to spotlighting your art and getting to know you. Questions? Write to rossm001@umn.edu.

Unity Church Social Media

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LIBRARIES AND BOOKSTALL / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



From Shelley Butler, Library & Bookstall Team

*When the president during the campaign
said he was against nation building,
I didn't realize he meant our nation.*
—Al Franken

Did you hear the latest? His staff is against it but the President proposed an executive order to disband Congress and appoint himself ruler for life. No, not really. But did you wonder for a minute? There is much talk from like-minded friends and family, from CNN and the New York Times, and even from the pulpit about how one fry short of a Happy Meal are our times that I've wondered for a while now how to immunize ourselves against malaise or worse, misanthropy.

AL FRANKEN by Al Franken (Subtitle: *Giant of the Senate*) just may be the vaccine. Part playbook for aspiring politicians, decoder of Congress, and chronicle of breaking the glass ceiling for comedians, the book is as funny as it is informative. I turned the last page with a renewed belief in the goodness of people and a reminder that people are following in Paul Wellstone's footsteps. Our own nine-year "Washington insider" shows a bigger picture that puts the minutiae of tweets and such back in its place of irrelevancy. Available in the Bookstall and in the Anderson Library: 328.73 F.

Religious Education Reminders

For families who missed earlier enrollment sessions, please plan on attending the September session on Wednesday, September 6, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Childcare is provided. Religious Education classes begin Sunday, September 17.

*Registration questions for Coming of Age and Our Whole Lives can be forwarded directly to Drew Danielson at drew@unityunitarian.org.

Save these dates:

- For **all** teachers/volunteers: As part of Unity's expanding commitment to racial justice, all teachers and volunteers for this coming year are asked to participate in this important, day-long Intercultural Competence Training on Saturday, September 9, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (tentative). Childcare and lunch provided. Watch email for further details.
- For **new** teachers/volunteers: Religious Education teachers new to their program area, or anyone needing basic orientation to their volunteer roles, please plan on attending either one of the orientation sessions:
 - Wednesday, September 6, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Parish Hall)
 - Wednesday, September 13, 7:15-8:45 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Watch for invitation to RSVP online; questions can be directed to kp@unityunitarian.org.

Merging of Waters

Be sure to collect water from your travels (or backyard!) this summer. The Merging of Waters reunion service will be held on Sunday, September 10.

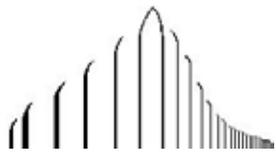
Medley Village

Medley Village, a preschool housed at Unity Church, is now enrolling for fall 2017! The school will be offering both full and half day options.

Medley Village is a high quality and unique educational experience that blends the Montessori method with the Reggio Emilia approach and includes rich creative art and nature learning. The program offers flexible schedules and a small group environment in which children have the freedom to explore. Children ages 33 months-five years with 1-5 days per week, full and half day preschool options available. www.medlevillage.com



<p>Artists of All Kinds, Writers of All Kinds: We need your gifts & talents! Join the nine-year literary & art tradition: submit to <i>Cairns</i>.</p>	
<p>Cairns Vol. 9, 2017 The Unity Church Journal of the Arts</p>	<p>Deadline Sept. 25, 2017</p>
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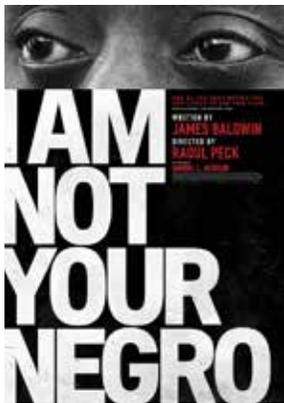
**TIME SENSITIVE
MATERIAL**

Summer Film Series on Race

Join other Unity Church members and friends for the final film of this three-part series on race, to further our growth in understanding and challenging white supremacy and structural racism. 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., as well as his personal observations of American history.

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.



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Flowers for Worship

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday services, please contact Martha Tilton at 651-228-1456 x105 or martha@unityunitarian.org for available dates.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017
Unity Church Silent and Live Auction