

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## Gather for the Earth: Finding Hope and Resilience

### Sustainable Living Ministry Team

It is hard to ignore bad news of weather records broken and species decline. Many of us feel a growing sense of foreboding and despair. How do we respond? How can we reclaim hope?

Members of Unity's Sustainable Living Team (SLT) find hope and power in collective action. We support each other when the work is hard and find cause to celebrate. We are working to earn UUA Green Sanctuary Certification, which will help us as a congregation deepen our commitment to the Seventh Principle: "Respect for the interconnected web of existence of which we are a part."

**Please, join us on Saturday, February 29, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., as we Gather for the Earth**, a joyful morning honoring our connection to the earth and to each other, with opportunities to reflect on concerns, to share insights, dreams and possibilities. Consider together what we are called to do individually and as a congregation on behalf of environmental justice and to combat climate change. Help the SLT establish a Green Sanctuary Action Plan that incorporates our most compelling opportunities as a congregation. Voices of all ages are welcome. Childcare will be available for the youngest ones and related activities will be available for school-age students.

We ask that attendees register online at [www.unityunitarian.org/sustainable-living.html](http://www.unityunitarian.org/sustainable-living.html). However, no one will be turned away at the door.

Please also join the SLT for upcoming events including Climate for Caucus with Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light during Wellspring Wednesday on February 12, and our Film Series on February 28 featuring *To the Ends of the Earth*. This month you can also let elected officials and candidates know the climate and environment matter to you by making sure it's a priority on your party's agenda on caucus night, February 25.

### February Sustainable Living Team Calendar

- February 2: Meeting, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
- February 12: Wellspring Wednesday: Caucus for Climate
- February 19: Meeting, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- February 28: Film: *To the Ends of the Earth*
- February 29: Gather for the Earth!

Interested in joining the Sustainable Living Team? Email us at [unitysustainableliving@gmail.com](mailto:unitysustainableliving@gmail.com) or stop by our table in the Parish Hall on Sundays.

Sustainable Living Team Film Series  
**To the Ends of the Earth**

Concerned citizens living at the frontiers of extreme oil and gas extraction bear witness to a global crossroads. Can human ingenuity rebuild society at the end of the fossil fuel era? Opportunity for discussion follows.

The rise of extreme energy.  
The end of economic growth.  
A new way forward.

February 28  
7 pm  
Robbins Parlor

## Winter Warm-Up Drive

Unity's Racial and Restorative Justice Team is grateful for all of the generous donations received so far! All donations will be shared with clients of Amicus, an organization serving people as they re-enter society after incarceration. Please consider donating:

- Washcloths, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand lotion, deodorant, dental floss, razors and shaving cream
- New winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves, boots (men's) and socks
- Hand and foot warmers
- Bus passes or the cash to buy bus passes

On Sundays, bring donations to the Racial and Restorative Justice table in the Parish Hall. Donations delivered during the week should be brought to Lisa Friedman's office.

## Help Provide a Meal for Jeremiah Families

Help cook a meal at The Jeremiah Program, a residence and education program for single moms and their children. Volunteers are needed from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6; Thursday, April 16; and Thursday, May 12. Contact Karen Buggs at 651-297-0111 or [buggs745@hotmail.com](mailto:buggs745@hotmail.com).

## Volunteer: Foodmobile

Keystone Community Services' Foodmobile is a mobile food shelf that visits 30 sites and serves over 3,000 people each month. Volunteers spend two hours helping people with food selection and product restocking. Daytime, weekday hours are available. For more information contact the Keystone volunteer coordinator at [volunteer@keystoneservices.org](mailto:volunteer@keystoneservices.org) or call (651) 797-7725.