

This Week at Unity Church



March 3, 2024

Welcome Visitors

After the service please stop by the Welcome Table in Parish Hall to introduce yourself. We would love to get to know you, answer your questions, and help you learn about Unity Church. If you are attending the service online, contact Philippa Anastos at philippa@unityunitarian.org for the link to join online coffee hour.

Finding Yourself at Unity

Topic: Membership 101

Finding Yourself at Unity meets Sundays, 10:15-11:15 a.m., in the Gannett Room and online at bit.ly/fyonline. For visitors, new members, and inquirers, this eight-week series is offered continuously during the year. Childcare is available in the nursery.

Antiracism Literacy Partners

Tuesday, March 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Online: bit.ly/ALPmar524

This program highlights useful books, podcasts, and videos in our ongoing practice of learning about systemic racism and the work of dismantling it. Come to choose a resource, sign up for a buddy or small group, and make plans for your discussions. Questions? Contact Becky Gonzalez-Campoy at beckygc83@gmail.com.

Unity Church Youth Musical

The Dream Maker

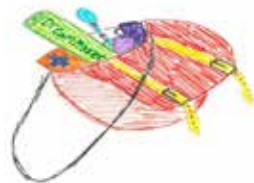
March 7 and 8 at 7:00 | March 9 at 5:30

Starring Unity's 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Written and directed by Mary Blouin

Auffert, music and lyrics by Sandy

Waterman. Tickets available in Parish Hall and at the door.



March Center Room Exhibit

Unity's Art Team offers a special exhibit in the Center Room featuring artists from Fresh Eye Arts, a day program of Midwest Special Services. This program focuses on providing encouragement, adaptive techniques, and an environment where artists with disabilities can fully express their creativity. You are invited to a reception on Friday, March 8, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Queer Theology Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 12 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Center Room

Queer Theology is a theological practice that attempts to erase boundaries that exist in religious traditions, to include rather than exclude more voices. Open to adults of all genders and sexual orientations. Contact Mike Huber at mikehuberece@gmail.com.

Communal Singing with Dr. Anthony Trecek-King

Wednesday, March 13 | 7:10 p.m. | Parish Hall

Join us for an evening with internationally-acclaimed choral conductor Anthony Trecek-King of the Handel and Hayden Society. Together with Ahmed Anzaldúa, Unity's Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Trecek-King will lead attendees in a communal singing experience.

In This Lan'

Saturday, March 16 | 7:30 p.m. | Unity Church

Tickets: bit.ly/inthislan

Join Border CrosSing for a Puentes/Bridges "Reimagining the Choral Canon" concert in collaboration with the Minnesota Chorale, featuring Dr. Anthony Trecek-King, a highly acclaimed choral conductor, scholar, pedagogue, and media personality with a career spanning over 20 years.

Summer Pilgrimage to Transylvania Information Session

Sunday, March 17 | 10:15 a.m. | Center Room and via Zoom

Join Unity Church members on a summer pilgrimage, led by Rev. Lara Cowtan, to the Unitarian homeland of Transylvania, July 31-August 13, 2024. See unityunitarian.org/partner-church.html for more details and the Zoom link.

The Unrestricted Gifts of Barbara Hubbard

A Celebration of 25 Years

Sunday, March 17 | 4:00 p.m. | Unity Church

We will celebrate Barbara Hubbard's ministry as executive director and send her into retirement with our gratitude, love and joy! To submit a story or photo of Barbara for the celebration and a keepsake from the congregation visit bit.ly/bhubbsmems. To contribute to Barbara's retirement gift fund visit bit.ly/bhubbsretire.

This Week in Religious Education

Monthly Religious Education Orientation for New Families

is Wednesday, March 6, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Please RSVP with nelson@unityunitarian.org.

Spirit Play (ages 3-6) children hear stories about how Families All Matter, a three-Sunday series that explores how families come in diverse forms and expressions. How is your family alike/different from other families? How is church like a family? How do families show love? Please send along a family photo for the family tree wall. Please wonder together with your children about their sacred play.

Rotations (grades 1-6) children begin with worship in Ames Chapel, then in classrooms explore the theme of "Sacred Community" which celebrates and affirms many different types of families, held together in the embrace of love.

Middle School (grades 6-8) youth continue their second semester class on "Building the Beloved Community." Youth conclude each class with worship in Ames Chapel.

Our Whole Lives does *not* meet this coming week (youth musical tech week), but meets for an OWL party on Friday, March 15, 7:00-11:00 p.m., with focus on "Pregnancy, Parenting, and Teenage Parenthood; Unintended Pregnancy Options." OWL is a sexuality and spirituality program typically for grades 8-9.

Coming of Age youth meet today with thematic focus on "How is the Sacred present in and felt by each of us?" COA is a signature spiritual growth and enrichment program typically for 9th graders.

Tower Club senior high youth meet today for their regular meeting. Tower Club is a gathering place for 10th-12th graders to enjoy community and share life at the intersection between the world and faith, typically Sundays from 12:45-2:45 p.m.

2024 Chalice Camp

Week 1: July 8-12 | Week 2: July 15-19

Chalice Camp at Unity Church is offered Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., for children and youth ages 5-18 (youth in grades 7-12 serve as junior counselors and counselors). Registration and counselor applications are online at unityunitarian.org/chalice-camp.html.

This Week at Unity Church

Find the church calendar, along with links to participate in online offerings, at unityunitarian.org/calendar.html.

Sunday, March 3

Sunday Services 9:00 (livestream) and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary
Religious Education Classes 9:00 and 11:15 a.m., lower level
Afterthoughts 10:15 a.m., Lower level - Room 024/online
Finding Yourself at Unity 10:15 a.m., Gannett Room/online
Youth Choir Rehearsal 10:15 a.m., Ames Chapel
Indigenous Justice Team 10:15 a.m., Outreach Ministry office
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:20 a.m., Choir Room
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal 10:30 a.m., Foote Room
Tower Club 12:30 p.m., Center Room

Monday, March 4

Circle of Peace 5:15 p.m., Center Room
Men's Conversation Group 7:00 p.m., online

Tuesday, March 5

Wellspring Wednesday Food Prep 4:00 p.m., Kitchen
Unity Sangha 4:30 p.m., Ames Chapel
Antiracism Literacy Partners 7:00 p.m., online
Unity Singers Rehearsal 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 6

Textile Arts 9:30 a.m., Gannett Room
Men's Coffee Group 10:00 a.m., DeCramer Room
Summit Hill Alanon 5:00 p.m., Science Room
Wellspring Wednesday Dinner 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall
Recovery from White Conditioning 6:00 p.m., online
Wellspring Wednesday Chapel Service 6:40 p.m., Ames Chapel
Hidden Hunger 7:10 p.m., Parish Hall/online
Beginner Violin 7:10 p.m., Choir Room
Article II: Love Is at the Center 7:10 p.m., Robbins Parlor
R.E. New Families Orientation 7:10 p.m., Gannett Room
Young Adults 7:10 p.m., Center Room

Thursday, March 7

Generosity Ministry Team 6:30 p.m., Gannett Room
Fresh Air AA 7:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Youth Musical: The Dream Maker 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday, March 8

Center Room Artists Reception 5:00 p.m., Center Room
Youth Musical: The Dream Maker 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Saturday, March 9

Board of Trustees 9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
Kung Fu 9:00 a.m., Body Room
Debtors Anonymous 9:00 a.m., Science Room
Youth Musical: The Dream Maker 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary

March Is Minnesota Foodshare Month

Help Unity Church donate 4,000 pounds of food to the food shelf this year. Bring an item every time you come to church. Collection baskets are located at the Portland and Holly Avenue entrances.

Active Hope for Climate Resilience

Saturday, March 23 | 9:00 a.m.-noon | Unity Church

Details and registration: bit.ly/ucuactivehope

This workshop is an introduction to the work of Joanna Macy, an eco-philosopher and activist who gives us frameworks and practices of gratitude, grief, interconnection, and ultimately transformation to stay engaged and resilient in our work to save ourselves and our planet. Questions? Contact Jean Hammink at jhammink@earthlink.net.

Wellspring Wednesday

Wellspring Wednesday gathers a multigenerational church community to nourish right and holy relationship among us and deepen our life of faith grounded in spiritual practice and antiracist multicultural work. Details at unityunitarian.org/wellspring-wednesday.html

MARCH 6

Dinner: 5:45 p.m.: *Turkey shepherd's pie, kale sweet potato salad, chocolate chip cookies*. \$10/adults, \$5/child (ages 5-12), \$3/child (ages 2-4), and \$25/family
Chapel service: 6:45 p.m.
Programs with child care provided: 7:10 p.m.

Hidden Hunger with Act for the Earth and Evergreen Projects

March is Minnesota Food Share Month and Unity's Act for the Earth Team is partnering with Unity's Evergreen Quilters to sponsor a lively conversation around food access. There is enormous stigma associated with hunger and it is largely hidden. Our speakers will unpack hunger layer by layer, examining the role history and geography play in food insecurity and exploring how earth-friendly practices can be part of the solution. Speakers include Carissa Dillon, MPH, RD Planning Manager, Food Security coordinator, Ramsey County; Julia McCarthy, Director of Programs, Keystone Services; Angie Goettl, MEd, Assistant Director, Hallie Q Brown Community Center.

Article II: Love Is at the Center

At the 2024 General Assembly, delegates from member congregations will vote to either affirm or reject the updates to Article II of our Unitarian Universalist bylaws. These updates reframe what has been known as the Purposes and Principles of Unitarian Universalism, putting love at the center of a constellation of core values. We'll re-cap the Article II revisions, the process that led to the revisions, and offer information about how you can be a delegate to this year's all-virtual General Assembly.

Religious Education New Family Orientation

In-person, Gannett Room
Learn more about Unity's religious education programs for children and youth at our monthly orientation. Email nelson@unityunitarian.org if you plan to attend.

Beginner Violin with Mayra Mendoza

In-person, Choir Room
Email Mayra at mayraquitzia@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

All Virtual UUA General Assembly

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. Please join us online, June 20–June 23, 2024, for this immersive experience where we participate in inspirational worship services and informative workshops, reconvene with friends and colleagues, and explore our virtual exhibit hall. GA is an unforgettable experience for the thousands of UUs who participate. You'll leave with renewed energy and innovative ideas to share with your congregation and community-at-large! If you are interested in attending, please visit uua.org/ga. Discounted registration is available through March 15. If you would like to serve as a delegate from Unity Church, please email to unity@unityunitarian.org.