

This Week at Unity Church

March 8-14, 2020

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

Topic: Religious Education for Children, Youth, and Adults

Finding Yourself at Unity meets on Sundays, from 10:20-11:15 a.m., in the Ames Chapel. Designed for visitors, new members, and inquirers, this eight-week series is offered continuously during the year. Childcare is available in the nursery.

Pie Pick Up

If you ordered a pie from the Rainbow Chalice Alliance pie sale, please pick it up today, in room 015 on the lower level, after services. Email Kevin.m.ely@gmail.com to organize an alternative pickup date. Thanks for supporting Rainbow Chalice Alliance!

Unity's Young Adult Group

Young Adult Group (ages 18-35) meets today (Sunday, March 8), from 1:00-3:00 p.m., in the Gannett Room. All are welcome! Check out the YA blog at <https://stayingabeatlonger.com/>. To be added to the Young Adults email list, please email kp@unityunitarian.org.

End of Life Conversations

Adult members and friends of Unity Church are encouraged to sign up to be a part of facilitated small group discussions focusing on end of life choices, selecting health care agents, and creating a health care directive. Many dates and times are available and groups meet during March. Details and sign up are online at www.unityunitarian.org/end-of-life.html.

Mano a Mano Screening a New Peace Corps Documentary

Mano a Mano invites you to a viewing of the Peace Corps' recently produced documentary *A Towering Task*, the story of Peace Corps. This free screening will be held at Mano a Mano, 925 Pierce Butler Route, St. Paul, on Tuesday, March 10, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Racial Justice Film Series

Speech by Melissa Harris-Lacewell at the Facing Race Conference Friday, March 13 • 7:00 p.m. • Robbins Parlor

This keynote speech is enlightening, sometimes funny, and other times tragic in its impact. Discussion to follow the one-hour speech.

Sanctuary Coalition Book Read: *Dear America*

Discussion: Wednesday, March 18 • 7:15 p.m. • Unity Church

Unity Church is part of the St. Paul Sanctuary Coalition that includes nine congregations in the Twin Cities area. The members of these congregations are reading *Dear America, Notes of an Undocumented Citizen* by Jose Antonio Vargas. This is the true life story of the author discovering at age 16 that he was undocumented, and the ramifications of that discovery. Copies of the book are available in the Unity libraries and Bookstall.

A Time for Burning

The Racial and Restorative Justice team invites you to their next meeting on Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the Robbins Parlor, to view and discuss the documentary, *A Time for Burning*. A young White Lutheran minister in Omaha, Nebraska, tries to reach out to a Black congregation but encounters opposition from his church elders and the acerbic opinions of a Black barber. The documentary chronicles these events and what unfolds.

UU Families Initiative Game and Potluck Family Fun Night Friday, March 20 • 5:30-8:30 p.m. • Parish Hall

All ages welcome! Bring a favorite dish and/or board game. RSVP online at <http://bit.ly/uufamgamenite>.

The BUZZ

Unity Church Spring Fundraiser



Saturday, March 21 • Unity Church
6:00-7:45 p.m.: Silent Auction
8:00 p.m.: Concert featuring Ellis with music from her new album, *Ordinary Love*

The evening will include a silent auction, delicious food, and a mini concert featuring Ellis! **Tickets, only \$20 each, are now on sale in the Parish Hall!** Purchase tickets and view the catalog at www.unityunitarian.org/spring-fundraiser.html.

Sustainable Living Film Series: *Rancher, Farmer, Fisherman*

Friday, March 27 • 7:00 p.m. • Robbins Parlor

From the Montana Rockies to the fields of Kansas to the Gulf of Mexico, this film showcases the successes of a new crop of conservation heroes. Based on a book by Miriam Horn.

Unity Men's Retreat

Saturday, March 28 • Unity Church

A full day of learning, fellowship, and connection with a keynote by the Rev. Jim Foti. Attendance is limited to 125. The suggested donation is \$50 or pay what you can. Scholarships and childcare are available. Lunch is included. Details and registration are online at www.unityunitarian.org/men.html.

This Week in Religious Education

Spirit Play (ages 3-6): Children enter into the seasonal promise of life and transformation that comes with spring. How does a caterpillar transform into a butterfly? When does it know to change or come out of the chrysalis? Which changes more, a caterpillar or a child? Please wonder together with your children about their sacred play.

Rotations (grades 1-6): Children begin with worship in Ames Chapel (9:00/4:30) or in the Sanctuary (11:00). Then in classrooms downstairs, they continue with their unit on "Beloved Community" wherein every individual both brings to and takes from the community something unique and valuable. We discover that we are more together than we are separate.

Junior High (grades 6-8): Classes continue today with three courses offered this semester: Introduction to Islam, Building the Beloved Community, and Jesus and the Prophetic Imagination. Youth conclude each class with worship in Ames Chapel.

Our Whole Lives meets March 11 with topic "Lovemaking is more than Sex." OWL is a sexuality and spirituality program for grades 8-9.

Coming of Age meets today from 2:15-4:15 p.m. for family covenanting. COA is our signature spiritual growth program typically for 9th graders.

Tower Club youth meet at 6:00 p.m. tonight to reflect on practices of holding one another close. Tower Club is a gathering place for 10th-12th graders to enjoy community and share life at the intersection between the world and faith.

This Week at Unity Church

Sunday, March 8

Anderson and Whitman Libraries Open to the Congregation	
Afterthoughts	10:15 a.m., Gannett Room
Children's Choir Rehearsal	10:15 a.m., Robbins Parlor
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	10:15 a.m., Foote Room
Finding Yourself at Unity	10:20 a.m., Ames Chapel
Above Every Name	1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Young Adult Gathering	1:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Soup Supper	5:45 p.m., Parish Hall
Tower Club	6:00 p.m., Center Room

Monday, March 9

Men's Retirement Group	1:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
Circle of Peace	5:15 p.m., Center Room

Tuesday, March 10

Wellspring Wednesday Cooking Prep	5:00 p.m., Kitchen
Zen Meditation	5:00 p.m., Ames Chapel
Evergreen Quilters	7:00 p.m., Anderson Library
Debtors Anonymous	7:00 p.m., Drama Room
Recovering Couples Anonymous	7:00 p.m., Science Room
Unity Book Club	7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor

Wednesday, March 11

Summit Hill Al-Anon	5:00 p.m., Science Room
Wellspring Wednesday	See box at right.
Recovery from White Conditioning	6:00 p.m., Gannett Room

Thursday, March 12

Women in Retirement: The Choice Years	Noon, Center Room
A New Look at the Bible: Genesis Chapter 20	7:00 p.m., Center Room
Unity Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Fresh Air AA	8:00 p.m., Anderson Library

Friday, March 13

Racial Justice Film Series	7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
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Saturday, March 14

Board of Trustees	9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
Committing to Unity	1:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor

2020 Thresholds Series

Now is the time to register for the 2020 Thresholds series, meeting four Saturdays, April 25-June 6. If you're currently living on the threshold of a change in relationship or health, work or home, role or responsibilities or identity, this facilitated small group can support your passage. We'll use conversation, writing and creative activities to reflect on the meaning, challenges and rich possibilities present on the cusp of change. Group size is limited and pre-registration is required. Register online at www.unityunitarian.org or by email to Karen Hering at karen@unityunitarian.org.

Chalice Camp at Unity Church

Week 1: July 6-10 • Week 2: July 13-17 • Week 3: July 20-24

\$250/week/camper, before May 1; \$275/week/camper, after May 1
\$100/week/senior camper (entering grades 7 and 8)

Full and partial scholarships are available. Camp runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., daily. Details, including staff application and camper registration, are online at www.unityunitarian.org/chalice-camp.html. Questions? Contact Claire Newhouse, Camp Director at chalicecamp@unityunitarian.org.

Look Who's Sharing Art

Hal Freshley shares a photo taken by T.H. Parkhurst. Come see why Hal, as a young child, was spooked by the man's eyes.

Sunday Worship, March 15

Waking Up and Loving the World All Over Again

In the face of the ongoing struggles and challenges of our lives, it takes strength and courage to keep our hearts open and our hope strong. Rev. Lisa Friedman and worship associate Lia Rivamonte will explore how we cultivate a personal practice of resilience and the journey we must take within ourselves to persevere and greet each day anew.

The congregation will be asked to practice an evacuation drill on Sunday, March 15, at the close of each service. Everyone in the building will be evacuated. Details about what to expect are online at www.unityunitarian.org/ept.html.

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 March 1, \$2,998.50 was collected in the Sunday offering. Women's Advocates will receive \$2,098.95. Information about today's offering recipient, Beacon Interfaith Bring it Home, Minnesota initiative, is available in your order of service. The offering recipient on March 15 is Protect Minnesota.

Wellspring Wednesday, March 11

5:45 p.m. Dinner: TBD

Cost: \$8/adult, \$4/child (5-12), \$2/child (2-4), \$20/family

6:45 p.m. Worship service in the Ames Chapel

7:15 p.m. Programs and Childcare

Open Page Writing Session: Cultivating Resilience

How do we bounce back from life's challenges and traumas? What does it mean to be resilient in the face of difficulty and heartbreak? Can a spiritual practice of writing become one tool for cultivating resilience in demanding times? Email karen@unityunitarian.org if you plan to attend.

Our Economic Lives

This three part course offered by Jesse Andrew Williams brings a robust language and series of visual frameworks to the conversation of our economic lives — with almost no math at all! At the end of this pilot course you will have a key to understanding your personal economic map and references for further study.

Gather for the Earth Follow Up

The Sustainable Living Team is offering a second chance to offer your input about what we are called to do individually and as a congregation to remediate climate change and champion environmental justice. This will shape the work of the Sustainable Living Team as we create Unity's UUA certified Green Sanctuary Action Plan.

Artists in Residence: Ina Yukka

Ina Yukka are a Chilean mother-son duo specializing in traditional South American folk music and canción nueva. These workshops include Andean dance, building and performing on traditional Andean musical instruments, and learning songs connected to the history and folklore of the Andean region.

Embodied Spiritual Practice: Yoga

Pamela Scott will guide participants through a practice promoting a union of mind, body, and spirit.

Five Animal Kung Fu

Explore our rich Five Animal Kung Fu to develop a personalized style that suits your temperament and body type.
