

This Week at Unity Church



March 10, 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: Religious Education for Children, Youth, and Adults

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.

Pi(e) Day Pie Pick-up

Unity's annual Pi(e) Day (3.14.24) Bake Sale was a wonderful success! If you purchased a pie, please pick it up today, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., in the freezer on the lower level (room 015, next to the elevator). Need help finding the way? Stop by the table in Parish Hall for directions. Thank you for your support!

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.

In This Lan'

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

Details and 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/bhubbbsmems. To contribute to Barbara's retirement gift fund visit bit.ly/bhubbbsretire.

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.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28 | 7:00 p.m. | Ames Chapel

The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum* or commandment, which Jesus gave his disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another, as I have loved you." This is a contemplative service which remembers Jesus on the last night of his earthly life by rituals of washing of feet and an extinguishing of candles. Please email katrina@unityunitarian.org to reserve childcare.

March Artists

You are invited to explore the creativity of this month's Parish Hall artist, Kim Gordon, who paints with wax. Batik is one of the oldest ways to create patterned fabric, and Kim's creative process replaces fabric with washi rice paper and traditional dyes with watercolor, to create stunning images of the natural world.

This month in the Center Room you will find works by artists from Fresh Eye Arts, a program of Midwest Special Services. This program provides a supportive environment in which artists with disabilities can fully express their creativity and share their fresh and imaginative perspectives.

This Week in Religious Education

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 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 as they step into the process of forming a credo: What have we heard and wondered? 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 10

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
Children's Choir Rehearsal	10:20 a.m., Choir Room
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	10:30 a.m., Foote Room
Pick-up Choir Rehearsal	12:30 p.m., Choir Room
Tower Club	12:30 p.m., Center Room

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

Wellspring Wednesday Food Prep	4:00 p.m., Kitchen
Housing Justice Team	4:30 p.m., online
Unity Sangha	4:30 p.m., Ames Chapel
Queer Theology	6:30 p.m., Gannett Room
Evergreen Quilters	7:00 p.m., Anderson Library
Unity Book Club	7:00 p.m., online
Unity Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 13

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
Communal Singing	7:10 p.m., room TBD
Beginner Violin	7:10 p.m., Choir Room
Lectio Divina	7:10 p.m., online

Thursday, March 14

Women in Retirement	1:00 p.m., Center Room
Fresh Air AA	7:00 p.m., Gannett Room
A New Look at the Bible	7:00 p.m., online
Unity Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Saturday, March 16

Kung Fu	9:00 a.m., Body Room
Debtors Anonymous	9:00 a.m., Science Room
Families Living with Mental Health Challenges	9:30 a.m., online
R.E. Teacher Training	10:00 a.m., Foote Room
Threshold Choir Rehearsal	10:30 a.m., Ames Chapel
Concert: In This Lan'	7:30 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. Items needed this month include soup, tuna, canned chicken, rice, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes and sauce, and paper grocery bags.

The Justice Database

Organization for Refuge, Asylum and Migration protects and empowers LGBTIQ asylum seekers and refugees globally, providing critical and lasting assistance to LGBTIQ asylum seekers and refugees on their journey to safety, through effective global advocacy, on-the-ground programming and livelihood skill-building, while creating sustainable and systemic change. Find this organization and more in The Justice Database: bit.ly/JusticeData

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 13

Dinner: 5:45 p.m.: *Roasted chicken, parmesan potato wedges, tomato-cucumber salad, 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.

Communal Singing with Anthony Trecek-King of the Handel and Hayden Society | Room TBD

Internationally-acclaimed choral conductor Anthony Trecek-King, together with Ahmed Anzaldúa, Unity's Director of Music Ministries, will lead attendees in a communal singing experience. As a conductor and clinician, Anthony Trecek-King has earned international acclaim conducting choirs and orchestras throughout the world, and will conduct the Minnesota Chorale and Border CrosSing in a concert at Unity Church on March 16 (see details on other side).

Lectio Divina | Online via Zoom: bit.ly/Lectio2023-24

Participate in a centuries-old monastic practice of listening, contemplating, and responding to sacred texts, modified with poetry for UU small group spiritual practice. Led by Lisa Wersal or Shelley Butler. A different poem at each session. On Wednesdays, join the Zoom from the Gannett Room at church!

Beginner Violin with Mayra Mendoza | Choir Room

Beginning violin lessons appropriate for all ages. Learn basic violin posture, note reading, and more! Email Mayra at mayraquitzia@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

MARCH 20

Book Reading and Signing: *A Widow's Guide to Becoming a Handyman* by Susan Huehn | Robbins Parlor

Come hear Unity's own Susan Huehn read from her book that is part memoir, part immigrant story, and part how-to-guide. Called "big hearted and artfully crafted," Susan's story of the sudden death of her husband, and the grief and healing that followed is set against the backdrop of her quirky and needy old farmhouse. Books will be available to purchase.

A Taste of Coming of Age: What does it mean to be human and alive? | Gannett Room

This is the first of the five questions that young people in Unity's Coming of Age program address through their credo statements each spring. In this session, facilitated by Coming of Age mentor and teacher of teachers Nate Schultz, we will turn the floor over to you, inviting your responses, and listening in as others grapple with their thoughts. Next month, Nate will invite you to share your credo.

Board Game Night | Anderson Library

Open to everyone; kids are welcome with their adult(s)! We'll have a variety of board games available that are easy to learn, or bring a favorite board game.

Textile Arts | DeCramer Room

Bring your knitting, crocheting, tatting, embroidery, and needlepoint for a gathering of fellowship and service.

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