

This Week at Unity Church



April 7, 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: Community Outreach and Social Justice

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

Evergreen Quilters: April Sale and Quilt Raffle

Evergreen Quilters are having their biennial sale and quilt raffle in Parish Hall! See the beautiful green and purple raffle quilt hanging in the main lobby, and then stop by Parish Hall to purchase your raffle tickets. On April 14 and 21 small items including bowl cozies, flower pins, napkins, and more will be available for purchase. One hundred percent of all sales support non-profit organizations serving families in our community.

Queer Theology Discussion Group

Tuesday, April 9 | 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 for access to the readings or if you have any questions: mikehuberece@gmail.com.

Unity Book Club

Second Tuesday of the month | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Online via Zoom

On April 9 the group will discuss *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. Email Dave Kaminski at kaminskibd@gmail.com to get the Zoom link and join the conversation.

Preventing Teen Suicide with QPR Training

Saturday, April 13 | 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

First Unitarian Society: 900 Mount Curve Avenue, Minneapolis
First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis partners with the I'm Glad You Stayed Project to offer teens and adults training in QPR – Question, Persuade, Refer. It's like CPR for your brain. Workshop is free and includes lunch. Registration: <https://bit.ly/qprfirstuni>

Amicus Champions of Change Event

Thursday, April 18 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. | Westminster Church, Mpls

Join our community partner Amicus for stories of friendship and hope from individuals impacted by the criminal legal system, get inspired by justice leaders, and learn how to make an impact.

Coming of Age 2024

The entire congregation is warmly invited to witness the Coming of Age of this year's ninth grade class on Saturday, April 27, at 2:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Come and listen in amazement as our young people share their personal credos, bravely laying out the beliefs of their hearts and minds for all to hear.

April Food Shelf: Bring items when you come to church!

Collection baskets are located at the Portland and Holly Avenue entrances. Needed now: garbage bags, dish soap/pods, laundry soap/pods and bleach (32 oz or less), and non-perishable food.

Candidating Week: April 14-21, 2024

Candidating week is the opportunity for the congregation to meet Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair, our ministerial candidate (who is being called to serve as Unity's next senior minister). **Please be ready to hear his stories and share yours!** Mark your calendar and find all the details, including our congregational charge, on our ministerial transitions webpage at unityunitarian.org/ministerial-transition.html.



Preparation for Candidating Week

Wednesday, April 10 | 7:10 p.m. | Parish Hall and Zoom
Join representatives from Unity's executive team, board, and ministerial search team for information about what to expect during candidating week, suggestions for the best ways to engage, and an overview of the April 21 congregational meeting and vote. Read the congregational meeting FAQs online at bit.ly/ucucmfag.

Candidating Week

Sunday, April 14-21

Candidating week provides opportunities for the congregation to meet Rev. Oscar.

Rev. Oscar Leads Sunday Worship

April 14 | 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. | Sanctuary and livestream

Meet Rev. Oscar

Sunday, April 14 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Unity Church and Zoom

This session will focus on spirituality, worship, and faith formation across generations.

Meet Rev. Oscar

Wednesday, April 17 | 7:10 p.m. Sanctuary and Zoom

This session will focus on the of governance and leadership.

Pancake Breakfast and Meet Rev. Oscar

Saturday, April 20 | Parish Hall

8:30 a.m.: Pancakes | 10:00 a.m.: Conversation

This session will focus on social justice and community outreach.

Rev. Oscar Leads Sunday Worship

April 21 | 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. | Sanctuary and livestream

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 21 | 1:30 p.m. | Sanctuary and Zoom

To affirm the call of Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair for senior minister. If you have questions about participation, please stop by the MST table in Parish Hall and pick-up a copy of the board's congregational meeting FAQs (or find it online at bit.ly/ucucmfag).

This Week in Religious Education

No religious education classes today (Spring Break). Children are encouraged to worship together with their families in the Sanctuary, or children (typically grades 1-5) may join in community activities downstairs. Nursery care is always available. Regular classes resume Sunday, April 14.

Religious education enrollment for 2024-25 will be held Saturday, May 4, and 18, (9:00 a.m.-noon). If you are unable to attend either session, please contact nelson@unityunitarian.org.

This Week at Unity Church

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

Sunday, April 7

Sunday Services 9:00 (livestream) and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary
Afterthoughts 10:15 a.m., Lower level - Room 024/online
Finding Yourself at Unity 10:15 a.m., Gannett Room/online
Indigenous Justice Team Meeting 10:15 a.m., COMT Office
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal 10:30 a.m., Foote Room
Active Hope Practice Group 12:45 p.m., Robbins Parlor

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

Wellspring Wednesday Food Prep 4:00 p.m., Kitchen
Affordable Housing 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, April 10

Men's Coffee Group 10:00 a.m., Victoria Crossing Mall
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
Mano a Mano Team Meeting 7:10 p.m., Science Room
Preparation for Candidating Week 7:10 p.m., Parish Hall/online
Beginner Violin 7:10 p.m., Choir Room
Lectio Divina 7:10 p.m., Gannett Room/online

Thursday, April 11

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

Friday, April 12

Parish Hall Artists Reception 5:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Saturday, April 13

Act for the Earth Climate Meeting 8:30 a.m., Center Room
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

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

APRIL 10

Dinner: 5:45 p.m.: Chili, cornbread, jicama slaw, cranberry lemon bars. \$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.

Preparation for Candidating Week

Parish Hall and online via Zoom: bit.ly/candidateprep
Join representatives from Unity's executive team, board, and ministerial search team as we prepare for candidating week, April 14-21. This session will provide specific information about what to expect during candidating week, suggestions for the best ways to engage, and an overview of the April 21 congregational meeting and vote.

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.

Help Prepare a Wellspring Wednesday Meal

Sign up at bit.ly/wwhosp for Monday grocery shopping, Tuesday night prep from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Wednesday support (cook, serve, clean up) from 4:00-5:30 or 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Contact Heidi Birkholz at heidi@unityunitarian.org.

Bakers and Hosts Needed During Candidating Week

Provide hospitality during candidating week by bringing baked goods or serving as a host during our meet the candidate events. Drop off nut-free baked goods in the kitchen (or a ready-to-eat healthy treat) from April 11-14. If you are interested in serving as a host for these events, email heidi@unityunitarian.org.

2024 MidAmerica Regional Assembly

The MidAmerica Region is coming together — both online and at the First Unitarian Society of Madison, WI, April 19-20, for a multiplatform regional assembly! Get the details: bit.ly/midra

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. Join GA online, June 20-June 23, 2024, for this immersive experience where we participate in worship services and workshops, reconvene with friends and colleagues, and explore the virtual exhibit hall. Register online at uua.org/ga. If you would like to serve as a delegate from Unity Church, please email to unity@unityunitarian.org.

The 16th Annual
Café Unity
A Showcase of the Literary and Musical Talent of Unity Church

Friday, May 3, 2024
Unity Church-Unitarian Parish Hall

Gather at 6:45 pm
Program to start promptly at 7:00 pm

Sign up to sing, play music, or read your original work. Space is limited.
Contact us now:
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