

# This Week at Unity Church



April 14, 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](mailto:philippa@unityunitarian.org) for the link to join online coffee hour.

## Finding Yourself at Unity

### Topic: Ministerial Search Q&A for Newcomers

Finding Yourself at Unity meets Sundays, 10:15-11:15 a.m., in the Gannett Room and online at [bit.ly/fyuonline](https://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.

## Candidating Week: April 14-21

Candidating week is the opportunity for the congregation to engage with Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair, the ministerial candidate who is being called to serve as Unity's senior minister. See the insert in your order of service and get details online at [unityunitarian.org/ministerial-transition.html](https://unityunitarian.org/ministerial-transition.html).

## Congregational Meeting

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

To affirm the call of Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair as senior minister. Details at [unityunitarian.org/board-of-trustees.html](https://unityunitarian.org/board-of-trustees.html).

## 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. This Sunday and next, 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.

## Amicus Champions of Change Event

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

Join our community partner Amicus to hear 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!

Help Unity Church donate 4,000 pounds of food to the food shelf this year by bringing an item every time 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.

## All Virtual UUA General Assembly

Join the all-virtual General Assembly, June 20–June 23, 2024, for an immersive experience where we participate in worship services and workshops, reconvene with friends and colleagues, and explore the virtual exhibit hall. Register at [uua.org/ga](https://uua.org/ga). Email [unity@unityunitarian.org](mailto:unity@unityunitarian.org) if you are interested in serving as a delegate.

## Active Hope Empowerment Course

**Thursdays, May 2-June 13 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Unity Church**

Light supper will be served. Details and registration are online at [unityunitarian.org/act-for-the-earth.html](https://unityunitarian.org/act-for-the-earth.html).

Would you like to become more engaged, encouraged, enlivened and empowered in the face of concerns about the climate and the world? As Chris Johnstone notes "to recognize that feeling disturbed is a normal, healthy reaction when you face something disturbing." Join Act for the Earth for a seven-week class to find insights and practices that will help you face climate change and respond with positive action.

## This Week in Religious Education

**Today's worship service includes a Story for All Ages as part of candidating Sunday.** School-age Rotations children and middle school youth begin in the Sanctuary for worship, then both groups are blessed out after the Story for All Ages. Spirit Play children should go directly to their classrooms.

**Spirit Play (ages 3-6):** Children live into this season of renewal and change with the timely story of Passover (Pesach) that celebrates the deliverance of the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt. What is Passover? How do special foods remind us of life's important moments? How is freedom important to us? Wonder together with your children about their sacred play.

**Rotations (grades 1-6):** Children begin in the Sanctuary with families. Following the Story for All Ages, children are blessed out. Then in classrooms downstairs, they explore the year's final theme of "Endings" and the inevitability of death. How can we face this knowledge with courage, curiosity, and grace, even to discover what death may have to teach us?

**Middle School (grades 6-8):** Youth begin in the Sanctuary. Following the Story for All Ages, children are blessed out and continue their class on "Building the Beloved Community." Youth conclude class with worship in Ames Chapel.

**Our Whole Lives** meets Wednesday, April 17, with focus on "Sexual Decision Making." OWL is a sexuality and spirituality program typically for grades 8-9.

**Coming of Age** youth meet today to continue their work on credos. COA is a signature spiritual growth and enrichment program typically for 9th graders.

**Tower Club** senior high youth are encouraged to attend worship and today's 1:30 p.m. session with Rev. Oscar. Tower Club is a gathering place for 10th-12th graders to enjoy community and share life at the intersection of the world and faith.

**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](mailto:nelson@unityunitarian.org).

## 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](https://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](http://unityunitarian.org/calendar.html).

### Sunday, April 14

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  
Meet Rev. Oscar 1:30 p.m., Parish Hall/online

### Monday, April 15

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

### Tuesday, April 16

Wellspring Wednesday Food Prep 4:00 p.m., Kitchen  
Act for the Earth Policy Group 4:00 p.m., Anderson Library  
Living with Grief Group 6:30 p.m., online  
Unity Singers Rehearsal 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

### Wednesday, April 17

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  
Textile Arts 7:10 p.m., DeCramer Room  
Meet Rev. Oscar 7:10 p.m., Parish Hall/online  
Beginner Violin 7:10 p.m., Choir Room  
Young Adults Group 7:10 p.m., Center Room

### Thursday, April 18

Caregivers Support Group Noon, online  
Gun Violence Prevention Team 3:30 p.m., Gannett Room/online  
Fresh Air AA 7:00 p.m., Gannett Room  
Unity Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

### Friday, April 19

Racial and Restorative Justice Team 10:00 a.m., Center Room

### Saturday, April 20

Pancake Breakfast 8:30 a.m., Parish Hall  
Kung Fu 9:00 a.m., Body Room  
Debtors Anonymous 9:00 a.m., Science Room  
Meet Rev. Oscar 10:00 a.m., Parish Hall

## 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](http://unityunitarian.org/wellspring-wednesday.html)

### APRIL 17

Dinner: 5:45 p.m.: Mulligatawny stew, bell pepper salad, assorted bars and 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.

### Meet the Rev. Sinclair

Sanctuary and online via Zoom: [bit.ly/candidatemeets](https://bit.ly/candidatemeets)  
Join us to engage with our candidate, Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair. This session will focus on the areas of governance and leadership. Come to hear stories and responses to the questions that have come up this week!

### 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](mailto:mayraquitzia@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

### APRIL 24

Dinner: Chicken tinga tacos, lime slaw, Mexican brownies

### The Color Purple

Parish Hall  
Join On Stage for an engaging exploration of *The Color Purple*, a theatrical adaptation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. Led by local teaching artists Anna Hashizume, Maria Asp, and Harry Waters, Jr., we'll delve into the journey of Celie, exploring themes of resilience, identity, and hope. Through selected readings and discussions, we'll connect the narrative to current events and personal values. Participants will enjoy a ticket discount to experience the play at Theater Latte Da until May 5.

### Seriously, Unity Board Service Could Be Right for You

Robbins Parlor  
Want to find out what it's like to serve on the board? Current and former trustees will share their experiences including board service as spiritual practice, policy governance, and how the executive team and board work together. Applications will open later this spring for the next term of service.

### Board Game Night

Anderson Library  
Games will be available, or bring your favorite. Kids are welcome with adult(s)!

### Beginner Violin with Mayra Mendoza

Choir Room  
Beginning violin lessons appropriate for all ages. Learn basic violin posture, note reading, and more! Send Mayra an email at [mayraquitzia@gmail.com](mailto:mayraquitzia@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

### Help Prepare a Wellspring Wednesday Meal

Sign up at [bit.ly/wwhosp](https://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](mailto:heidi@unityunitarian.org).

The 16<sup>th</sup> 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

Music & Singing, Poetry & Prose.  
Food & Fellowship.  
A Tremendously Good Time!

The Library-Bookstall Team  
Unity Church-Unitarian

