

This Week at Unity Church

May 19-25, 2019

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: Social Justice and Community Outreach

Finding Yourself at Unity meets on Sunday mornings, 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.

Habitat For Humanity Construction Week

The Unity Church Affordable Housing Outreach Ministry Team is co-sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity home construction work week from June 24-28. Sign up in the Parish Hall after morning services during May and June, and also online at <http://faithbuilders.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/>. All skill levels are needed, as well as someone to provide lunch one day. Questions? Contact Chuck Griggs at griggscb@msn.com or 612-408-0486 (text/call).

Apply to Serve on the Unity Church Board of Trustees

Today! Come learn from trustees about board service!

10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. • DeCramer Room

At the annual meeting in November, the congregation will vote to elect three nominees to the Unity Church Board of Trustees. Trustees find board service to be an experience that enriches their relationship with the church community and offers opportunities for personal growth. Trustee terms are three years, and meetings are held once a month on Saturday mornings. Information about the work of the board and a trustee position description and application are online at www.unityunitarian.org/board-of-trustees.html.

You must be a voting member of Unity Church to serve as a trustee. Current trustees will be available in the DeCramer Room after morning services today to share information and answer questions. The deadline to apply is June 15, interviews will take place in July, and the nominees will be chosen in early fall. For more information or to request an application, email Ruth Kirkland at ruth_kirkland@hotmail.com.

2019 Congregational Survey • <http://bit.ly/ucusurvey2019>

How are things at Unity Church? Short and sweet, let us know!

Monday, May 20, is the deadline to complete the short and sweet 2019 Congregational Survey and let the board know how things are going at Unity Church! The congregational survey is one very important tool that the board uses to gauge the progress of the congregation as we live into our Ends. This year's survey is shorter, with options to take a five minute survey, or opt for extended responses. All church members, friends, and high school youth are encouraged to complete the survey!

Tell Us Your Story!

Members of the team working to write a 1970-2020 history of Unity Church will be in the Parish Hall today after all services to tell you more about the project and collect stories you'd like to share about any aspect of the church during those years. Stories can also be submitted via e-mail to ucuhistory@gmail.com or by leaving a message in the Library mailbox located in the copy room.

Unity's Young Adult Group (ages 18-35)

Unity's Young Adult Group meets this Thursday, May 23, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Gannett Room. At 6:30 p.m., we gather for tea and coffee. Check out our YA blog at <https://stayingabeatlonger.com/>! All are welcome. To be added to the Young Adults email list, please email kp@unityunitarian.org.

UU Queer Youth Group

UU Queer Youth Group's final gathering of the church year is this Friday, May 24, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meet in the Gannett Room for community building, snacks, and fun! For junior high and high school-age LGBTQ2+ folks and allies. Parents are encouraged to spend time to get to know other parents. Questions? Contact Ray at ray@unityunitarian.org.

Fourth Friday Sustainable Film Series

Hometown Habitat: Stories of Bringing Nature Home

Friday, May 24 • 7:00 p.m. • Robbins Parlor

Learn how using native plants in landscaping can create habitat for wildlife through this documentary featuring renowned entomologist Dr. Doug Tallamy. Popcorn will be served and discussion will follow the film.

Summer Sundays

From May 26 through September 1 there is just one service each week at 10:00 a.m. Lay-led worship services begin July 7. Summer Sundays in the Garden (a program for children and youth held during worship) also begins on May 26.

Summer Musicians

Summer is a great time to share your musical gifts with Unity Church members and friends. If you are interested in participating as a musician during a summer service, contact Kathleen Bartholomay at kathleenbartholomay297@gmail.com or 651-343-4764.

Flowers for Summer Worship

If you would like to bring flowers from your garden for a summer service, please contact Martha Tilton at 651-228-1456 x105 or martha@unityunitarian.org for available dates and details.

This Week in Religious Education

Today is Flower Communion Family Sunday, with Bridging Ceremony for graduating high school seniors (11:00) and Dedication of Older Children (9:00/4:30). All children and youth are in the Sanctuary for the full worship service. Activity packets for younger children are available for use during worship, as well as nursery care in the lower level.

Summer in the Garden begins next Sunday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m. and continues through summer. Great for children ages 4-12. Please meet in the outdoor garden, next to the parking lot. No registration is necessary but drop-in capacity will be limited by the number of adult volunteers present. If you would like to help, please contact Anna Newton at asnewton3@gmail.com or Michelle Mecey at michelle@unityunitarian.org.

Interested in teaching or mentoring with Coming of Age? Please email Drew Danielson at drew@unityunitarian.org.

COA Orientation for Families: If your rising 9th grader is considering Coming of Age this fall, parents and youth should attend an Orientation Wednesday, May 22, 7:00-8:15 p.m. For further information, email drew@unityunitarian.org.

R.E. Enrollment for 2019-20 will be offered for families who missed spring sessions: Sunday, June 2, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Foote Room. Childcare provided. To schedule alternative time, email Michelle Mecey at michelle@unityunitarian.org.

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Sunday, May 19

Children's Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m., Robbins Parlor
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	10:15 a.m., Foote Room
Sustainable Living Team	10:15 a.m., Crothers Room
Afterthoughts	10:15 a.m., Gannett Room
Trustee Information Session	10:15 a.m., DeCramer Room
Finding Yourself at Unity	10:20 a.m., Ames Chapel
Trustee Information Session	12:15 p.m., DeCramer Room
Above Every Name	1:00 p.m., Ames Chapel
Young Adult NAMI	6:30 p.m., Gannett Room

Monday, May 20

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

Tuesday, May 21

Zen Meditation Group	5:00 p.m., Ames Chapel
Living with Grief Group	7:00 p.m., Gannett Room

Wednesday, May 22

Al Anon Group	5:00 p.m., Science Room
Recovery from White Conditioning	6:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Coming of Age for Adults	7:00 p.m., Foote Room

Thursday, May 23

Women in Retirement: The Choice Years	1:00 p.m., Center Room
Racial and Restorative Justice Team	6:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
Young Adult Group	6:30 p.m., Gannett Room
Fresh Air AA	7:30 p.m., Anderson Library

Friday, May 24

UU Queer Youth Group	6:30 p.m., Gannett Room
Sustainable Living Film Series	7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor

Saturday, May 25

Kung Fu	11:00 a.m., Body Room
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Look Who's Sharing Art

Rose Mitlyng did a portrait sketch of her Aunt Lydia, just for this occasion!

MUUSJA Seeks Executive Director

Looking for a job to live out your values? MUUSJA (MN UU Social Justice Alliance) is accepting applications for their next Executive Director! More info can be found online at <https://www.muusja.org/who-we-are/employment-opportunities/>.

Open Page Writing Sessions

Led by Consulting Literary Minister Karen Hering, Open Page writing session participants use stories, poetry, images and objects as well as wisdom from religious teachings, science and history, and provided prompts, to reflect on the monthly theme. No writing experience is necessary. Bring something to write with and on; the rest will be provided!

Wisdom • Wednesday, June 5 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Free; RSVP requested to karen@unityunitarian.org.

"At the crossroads, Wisdom takes her stand." As we consider the crossroads of our own times, this writing session explores the proverbial wisdom offers now as her stand and guidance. What might we find it, worldwide and within?

Racial Justice Movie Night

Friday, June 7 • 7:00-9:30 p.m. • Robbins Parlor

Migration and German Cinema: Yasemin Samdereli's Almanyas, a Turkish-German Story

Sunday, May 26 • One service at 10:00 a.m.

For Peace and a New Hope

Please note! The summer worship schedule of one service at 10:00 a.m. begins on May 26.

Once again this year we offer a service of remembrance for those who have served in our armed forces. Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs will be joined by worship associate Kevin Harris. There will be an opportunity to light candles for family members and friends who lost their lives to war or suicide and those who live with moral injury. Musician: Jeffrey Van, guitar.

Our 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 May 12, \$1,965.56 was collected in the Sunday offering. Faith Builders Habitat for Humanity will receive a donation of \$1,375.89. Information about today's offering recipient, Scholars of Minnesota COPE Project, is available in your order of service. The offering recipient on May 26 is Veterans for Peace Minnesota.

Mentoring at Unity: A Path to Deeper Connection

Unity Church has a mentor program available to all visitors and new members. A mentor serves as a guide and a resource in the congregation. They pledge to meet at least once a month face to face, and be available for ongoing questions and advice for at least six months. If you have questions, or would like to request a mentor, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall or email Rev. Lisa Friedman at lisa@unityunitarian.org.

Prior Crossing Closet Seeks Donations

Since summer 2016, Unity Church has helped stock Hope's Closet at Prior Crossing where homeless youth moving into a semi-furnished apartment home can "shop" shelves of donated new and gently used household goods. It's time to replenish the closet and stock up a pantry! **Closet and pantry items can be brought to Rev. Lisa Friedman's office during the month of May.**

- Full/double size sheet sets, mattress pads, comforters
- Pillows: (must be new)
- Pots and pans: large frying pans with lids, two quart pots
- Silverware and dish sets (microwave safe only)
- Trash can: tall kitchen size, broom, dust pan, Swiffer mop
- Towels: bath, hand, and washcloth and bath mats
- Knives, graters, peelers, can openers, spatulas, etc.
- Toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex
- Healthy non-perishable food items
- Deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, soap, body wash, sanitary products, laundry detergent, dryer sheets
- Trash bags, dish soap, sponge, all surface cleaner, toilet cleaner and brush

Grand Old Day

On Sunday, June 2, street parking will be limited due to the Grand Old Day festival. Unity's parking lots will be managed by volunteers so that worshippers can park while fair-goers contribute money toward Unity's Habitat for Humanity build. Interested in working a parking shift? Email Lisa Friedman at lisa@unityunitarian.org.

Summer Camp at Unity Church 2019!

Another summer of community, excitement and fun?! 

CHALICE CAMP: July 8–12 and July 22–26

CHALICE KIDS: July 15–19 and July 29–August 2

Details and registration at: <http://bit.ly/chalicecamp2019>