

# This Week at Unity Church

June 4, 2023

## 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 Laura Park at [laura@unityunitarian.org](mailto:laura@unityunitarian.org) for the link to join our online coffee hour.

## Finding Yourself at Unity

### Topic: Worship and the Liturgical Year

Finding Yourself at Unity meets Sundays, from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., in the Gannett Room and online at [bit.ly/fyuonline](https://bit.ly/fyuonline). Designed for visitors, new members, and inquirers, this eight-week series is offered continuously during the year. Childcare is available in the nursery.

## Meet the June Parish Hall Artists

Come see what *joy* looks like! Emmy White and John Huisman have very different styles and work in different mediums, yet they are both able to convey *joy* in their pieces. Emmy floods her canvas with bold, bright colors celebrating whatever she paints. John's work is quieter, reflecting the quiet joy of noticing the small wondrous moments of the day. It's worth noting that Emmy and John had not met prior to Unity's Art Team putting them together for this show. Please stop by for a joyful greeting and to meet Emmy and John after the service today.

## Habitat for Humanity Summer Build

Unity's Affordable Housing Team is co-sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity home construction work week June 12-16, in Roseville. Help build a quality affordable home! Volunteer for one day or multiple days — no experience required. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about home construction, and how Habitat contributes to stable housing in our community. Find details and registration online at [unityunitarian.org/affordable-housing.html](https://unityunitarian.org/affordable-housing.html). Questions? Contact Chuck Griggs at [griggscb@msn.com](mailto:griggscb@msn.com).

## We've Been Charged — Now What?

**Tuesday, June 6 • 5:30-7:00 p.m. • Unity Church**

**Wednesday, June 14 • 7:10-8:30 p.m. • Unity Church & via Zoom**  
Registration: [bit.ly/chargesessions](https://bit.ly/chargesessions)

On Sunday, May 14, the board delivered a charge to both the Ministerial Search Team and the congregation ([unityunitarian.org/ministerial-transition.html](https://unityunitarian.org/ministerial-transition.html)). What does that mean? And how do we live into that charge? The board and Rev. Kathleen Rolenz invite you into a conversation not only about the charge but about what qualities we — as a congregation — wish to bring to the search process and the year ahead. Child care available by request: [unityunitarian.org/childcare-request-form.html](https://unityunitarian.org/childcare-request-form.html).

## Book Talk: *Finish Strong* by Barbara Coombs Lee

**Wednesday, June 7 • 7:00 p.m. • Unity Church**

UUs have long supported bodily autonomy, which includes the right to die with dignity. How will you choose to "finish strong?" Join this guided talk on end-of-life options. Questions? Email Marty Rossmann at [rossm001@umn.edu](mailto:rossm001@umn.edu).

## Creating Pollinator Habitat: Gardens at Unity Church

Join other volunteers from 10:00 a.m.-noon every other Saturday to maintain the church pollinator garden: June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, August 5 and 19, and September 2, 16, and 30.

## One Voice Mixed Chorus presents ONEarth

**Saturday, June 10 • 7:00 p.m. • Raspberry Island**

**Sunday, June 11 • 3:00 p.m. • Raspberry Island**

ONEarth will celebrate our connections to each other and the earth, so grab your lawn chair or blanket (and a few friends) and come to Raspberry Island! Tickets are pick your price, and seating is general admission. Tickets: [onevoicemn.org](https://onevoicemn.org)

## Food Shelf Donations

During June please bring sunscreen, toilet paper, paper towels, aluminum foil, window and oven cleaner, and disinfectant spray.

## Summer Pick-Up Choir

**June 11 and 18 • July 9 and 16 • August 6 and 20**

Come and sing with Unity's summer Pick-Up Choir! Meet for rehearsal at 9:00 a.m., in the Foote Room, and sing during the 10:00 a.m. service. Bring family and friends and come sing with members of Unity's choirs. This is easy and accessible music that can be learned quickly. No singing experience required.

## Unity Book Club

Unity Book Club meets Tuesday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. All are welcome!

## Pride Month Is Here

How can all UUs live into the promise of radical welcome as Minnesota becomes a "trans refuge" state? Join Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance on Tuesday, June 13, 5:30 p.m., on Zoom, with members of the Minnesota State House Queer Caucus including Rep. Leigh Finke, Rev. Diana McLean, and Michael Crumpler. Registration is required: [muusja.salsalabs.org/pride2023](https://muusja.salsalabs.org/pride2023).

## Serve on Unity's Board of Trustees

Unity's Board of Trustees seeks candidates interested in serving as a trustee for the 2024 through 2026 term. If you have questions about serving as a trustee or would like to receive an application, please contact Clover Earl at [2clover@gmail.com](mailto:2clover@gmail.com).

## This Week in Religious Education

### Summer in the Garden: The theme today is seeds!

Children and youth ages four and up are invited to gather at 10:00 a.m. in the green space east of the Sanctuary to plant and bless our seeds, and learn how precious seeds are protected across cultures. Please pick up your child by 11:15 a.m. Adult and teen helpers are needed! If you would like to help, please contact Katrina Nichols at [katrina@unityunitarian.org](mailto:katrina@unityunitarian.org).

**Religious Education enrollment for 2023-24** will be offered again for families who missed spring sessions (Sundays in the Foote Room): June 11, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; July 16, 1:00-2:30 p.m.; August 20, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Child care provided. To schedule alternative times, contact [katrina@unityunitarian.org](mailto:katrina@unityunitarian.org).

### Chalice Camp at Unity Church!

**Week 1: July 10-14 • Week 2: July 17-21**

Details are online at [unityunitarian.org/chalice-camp.html](https://unityunitarian.org/chalice-camp.html). Chalice Camp 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).

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Find the church calendar, along with links to participate in online offerings, at [unityunitarian.org/calendar.html](http://unityunitarian.org/calendar.html).

### Sunday, June 4

Sunday Service	10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Summer in the Garden	10:00 a.m., Children's Garden
Afterthoughts	11:00 a.m., Crothers Room
Finding Yourself at Unity	11:15 p.m., Gannett Room
Zoom Coffee Hour	11:15 a.m., online
Threshold Choir	11:30 a.m., Ames Chapel
Parish Hall Artists Reception	1:00 p.m., Parish Hall

### Monday, June 5

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

### Tuesday, June 6

Warren Misiewicz Memorial	Noon, Sanctuary
Unity Sangha	4:15 p.m., Ames Chapel
We've Been Charged	5:30 p.m., Parish Hall

### Wednesday, June 7

Men's Coffee Group	10:00 a.m., out of building
Summit Hill Al-Anon	5:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Recovery from White Conditioning	6:00 p.m., online
Textile Arts Group	7:00 p.m., Green Space

### Thursday, June 8

Women in Retirement	1:00 p.m., Center Room
Gun Sense Ministry Team	3:30 p.m., Gannett Room
A New Look at the Bible	7:00 p.m., online
Fresh Air AA	8:00 p.m., Gannett Room

### Saturday, June 10

Board of Trustees	9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
Kung Fu	9:00 a.m., online

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## Trans | Forming | Lives

### Sunday Service, June 11 • 10:00 a.m. (including livestream)

Rev. Kathleen Rolenz | Carol Mahnke, worship associate  
There is a concerted effort among many states to deny life-giving treatment to trans and gender non-confirming persons, particularly targeting children and their families. What we don't hear enough about is the ways in which naming and claiming one's identity — even as that identity may shift and change over the course of a lifetime — is a powerful assertion of living a life of integrity, service and joy.

## Red Cross Blood Drive: Volunteers and Donors Needed

We are looking for six volunteers to check in donors and monitor the canteen during our blood drive on **Monday, June 19, in Parish Hall**. Available shifts are 8:30-11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and 1:00-3:00 p.m. Sign up by email to [unity@unityunitarian.org](mailto:unity@unityunitarian.org). Donation appointments are available from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter UCustpaul.

## Antiracism Literacy Partners

### Wednesday, June 21 • 7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom: [bit.ly/alpjune](https://bit.ly/alpjune)

This program, offered each quarter, will highlight useful books, podcasts, and videos in our ongoing practice of learning about systemic racism and the work of dismantling it. Participants report that their understanding of a resource increases exponentially when explored with a partner or a group. Come to choose a resource, sign up for a buddy or small group and make plans for your discussions. Resource/discussion guides provided.

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## Wellspring Wednesday, June 14

Wellspring Wednesday is on its summer schedule with programming once per month on June 14, July 12, and August 9! 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.

### **The Courtroom with OnStage • 5:00-6:00 p.m. (before dinner!)**

OnStage brings us an interactive experience of *The Courtroom: A Reenactment of One Woman's Deportation Proceedings*, a play showing at Hamline University June 1-June 11, and at the Jungle Theater June 13-July 2. Questions they'll explore with us: What does it mean to be an American? What does it feel like to be "an American" outside the U.S.? Does the judicial system work for you? Participants will receive a ticket discount to see the play. Interested in seeing *The Courtroom* with other Unity Church congregants? Please complete the interest form: [bit.ly/thecourtroomplay](https://bit.ly/thecourtroomplay).

**Dinner • 5:45 p.m. • Parish Hall** : steelhead trout with herbs, roasted summer squash, tossed greens, Rice Krispie bars

### **Chapel Service • 6:45 p.m. • Ames Chapel**

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### **Lectio Divina • 7:10 p.m.**

Online via Zoom: [bit.ly/Lectio22-23](https://bit.ly/Lectio22-23)

Following a centuries-old Benedictine spiritual practice of contemplative reading, a chosen poem is read aloud, as attendees are encouraged to lift up what they heard and how the poem spoke to them. A different poem at each session. A rich way to receive poetry's gifts in a small group setting. Led by Lisa Wersal or Shelley Butler.

### **Beginner Violin with Mayra Mendoza • Choir Room**

Join Mayra Mendoza for beginning violin lessons appropriate for all ages. Learn basic violin posture, note reading, and more!

## Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly Pittsburgh, PA, and at Unity Church • June 21-25

Attend our General Assembly watch parties here at Unity Church — hosted by Interim Senior Minister, Rev. Kathleen Rolenz! Get all the details: [unityunitarian.org/uuamidamerica.html](http://unityunitarian.org/uuamidamerica.html).

## Unity Church Garage Sale • Mark your calendar!

**July 27, 28, and 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day!**

This is a fundraiser supporting Unity's operating budget. Start setting aside items to donate and sign up to volunteer: [bit.ly/ucugsale](https://bit.ly/ucugsale).

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

### **Thursday, August 17 • 7:00 p.m. • CHS Field**

Join Unity Church friends to enjoy a St. Paul Saints baseball game at CHS Field. We have pre-purchased a block of seats together at \$20 per ticket. You can purchase your ticket(s) at [bit.ly/stpsaints23](https://bit.ly/stpsaints23) or by contacting Laura Park at [laura@unityunitarian.org](mailto:laura@unityunitarian.org) or 651-228-1456 x110. Purchase tickets by July 15.