

This Week at Unity Church

June 9-15, 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: Membership 101 and Congregational Life

Finding Yourself at Unity meets on Sundays, from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.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 Build: June 24-28

The Unity Church Affordable Housing Outreach Ministry Team is co-sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity build as an interfaith partner in Faith Builders. This will be new a construction build in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul. Sign up to volunteer in the Parish Hall after worship today or online at <http://faithbuilders.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/>. Questions? Please contact Chuck Griggs at griggscb@msn.com or 612-408-0486 (text/call).

Young Adult Group (ages 18-35)

Unity's Young Adult Group meets this Thursday, June 13, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Gannett Room. Check out the YA blog at <https://stayingabeatlonger.com/>! All are welcome. To be added to the YA email list, please email kp@unityunitarian.org.

Apply to Serve on the Unity Church Board of Trustees

Information session after the service in the 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 Parish Hall after the service 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. Questions? Email Ruth Kirkland at ruth_kirkland@hotmail.com.

Night of the New Day: 2019 Kaleo Fundraiser

You are warmly invited to an evening of connection, community, and shared imagining towards collective liberation at Kaleo Center for Faith, Justice & Social Transformation's annual celebration and fundraiser *Night of a New Day* on Thursday, June 13, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., at Unity Church. Tickets are sliding scale and start at \$0. Registration and details are online at www.kaleo.center/nnd2019.

Kaleo is thrilled to welcome Yavilah McCoy as the keynote speaker. Yavilah is a nationally renowned educator, organizer, and spiritual leader who draws on her inheritances of Blackness and Jewishness to speak powerfully to the ways that racism, anti-Blackness, Islamophobia, and anti-Semitism shape our lives, and to the ways that transformational solidarity can build a world where all of us are free.

Enjoy a special dinner of Indigenous foods by The Sioux Chef, music by The Lacewings, poetry by See More Perspective, and more. Can't wait to see you there!

Summer Sundays Pancake Brunch

July 21 and August 18 • Following the 10:00 a.m. service!

Home Hospitality Needed

Border CrosSing is seeking home hospitality for three singers who will be here to rehearse for and sing in "La Pasión según San Marcos" by Osvaldo Goiljov with the Minnesota Orchestra on August 2 and 3, 2019. Border CrosSing is a professional choral ensemble and Unity's incoming director of music ministries, Ahmed Anzaldúa, is their artistic director. The home stay needs include several weeks between June 24 and August 8. Guests do not need to stay together and the length of stay can be determined by what is convenient for the host. If you are willing to consider this hospitality ministry, please email info@bordercrossingmn.org.

Northern Spark Comes to the Rondo Neighborhood

Friday and Saturday, June 14-15 • 9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.

The ninth annual Northern Spark free arts festival will explore the theme *We Are Here: Resilience, Renewal, & Regeneration* with projects in three locations including the Rondo neighborhood in St. Paul! Visit <https://2019.northernspark.org/art-and-events/> and select Rondo as the neighborhood to view the installations, exhibits, and performances that will be at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Penumbra Theater, and the Rondo Community Outreach Library.

Take Unity Church Out to the Ball Game

Saint Paul Saints vs. Cleburne Railroaders

Wednesday, July 24 • 7:05 pm • CHS Field

Join other Unity Church members and friends at CHS Field! We have pre-purchased a block of seats together at \$14 per ticket. You can reserve your tickets at the Summer Opportunities Table in Parish Hall or by contacting Kathryn Jay at kathryn@unityunitarian.org or 651-228-1456 x109. RSVP by June 30. All are welcome!

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.

Summer Camp at Unity Church 2019!

Openings are still available!

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>



This Week in Religious Education

Summer in the Garden is offered today at 10:00 a.m. and continues throughout summer. Great for children ages 4-12. Please meet in our 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 KP Hong at kp@unityunitarian.org.

Regular nursery care for continues throughout summer.

Interested in teaching or mentoring with Coming of Age?

Please email Drew Danielson at drew@unityunitarian.org.

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Sunday, June 9

Anderson and Whitman Libraries Open to the Congregation
Afterthoughts 11:15 a.m., Gannett Room
Finding Yourself at Unity 11:15 a.m., Ames Chapel
Above Every Name 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Monday, June 10

Circle of Peace 5:15 p.m., Center Room

Tuesday, June 11

Zen Meditation Group 5:00 p.m., Ames Chapel
Unity Book Club 7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
Evergreen Quilters 7:00 p.m., Anderson Library

Wednesday, June 12

Al Anon Group 5:00 p.m., Science Room
Recovery from White Conditioning 6:00 p.m., Gannett Room

Thursday, June 13

Pastoral Care Team 9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
Women in Retirement: The Choice Years Noon, Center Room
Fresh Air AA 7:30 p.m., Anderson Library
Young Adults Group 6:30 p.m., Gannett Room
Kaleo Center Celebration/Fundraiser 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall
A New Look at the Bible 7:00 p.m., Center Room
Textile Arts Group 7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor

Saturday, June 15

Kung Fu 11:00 a.m., Body Room

All Summer: Tuesday Night Chopping

In an effort to utilize more Minnesota grown produce in the Unity Church kitchen, volunteers are invited to shop for, prep, chop, can, preserve, and freeze summer's bounty! You will learn new recipes and techniques, enjoy tasting Minnesota's freshest fruits and vegetables, and share good conversation and lots of laughs.

- Farmers Market Pickup: You'll receive a shopping list to purchase produce at the farmers market (you will be reimbursed). Deliver produce to the church by the Tuesday you've signed up for.
- Tuesdays in the kitchen: 4:00-6:30 p.m., Prep, chop, taste, and preserve market produce.

Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/summerchop>.

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 would like more information, stop by the Welcome Table or email Kathryn Jay at kathryn@unityunitarian.org.

Tell Us Your Story!

Members of the team working to write a 1970-2020 history of Unity Church are collecting the stories you'd like to share about any aspect of the church during those years. Stories can be submitted via e-mail to ucuhistory@gmail.com.

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.

Sunday, June 16 • One service at 10:00 a.m.

Salvation by Character

Our historic Bond of Fellowship is taken from a letter William Channing Gannett, an early and powerfully influential minister of the church, wrote when he was asked to consider coming out to Minnesota a few years after the end of the Civil War. It includes these words: As those who believe in religion, as those who believe in freedom, fellowship and character in religion... we join ourselves together name, hand and heart as members of Unity Church. In his final sermon until fall Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs will wrestle with the many dimensions of the word character. Musicians: Mila Vocal Ensemble; Ruth Palmer, piano.

Sunday, June 23: On the Wisdom of Eating Lizards

Rev. KP Hong and worship associate Rebecca Flood
A story about the early church and our capacity to stomach other people's food, culture, and way of life.

Sunday, June 30: This Is an Uprising

Sometimes received wisdom says change is impossible. And then, boom. All that wisdom is turned upside down. On this fiftieth anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, join Kathryn Jay and worship associate Jake Rueter as they explore how cultural and institutional norms can be changed when people fight for what they believe in.

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 June 2, \$1,069.00 was collected in the Sunday offering. Slow Food Minnesota will receive a donation of \$748.30. Information about today's offering recipient, Unity Church Chalice Camp, is available in your order of service. The offering recipient on June 16 is Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop.

Wellspring: A Year of Spiritual Deepening

Do you yearn for deeper connection to your faith and to the people here? Do you wish you had a better grasp of our traditions, history and theology? Do you dream of a day when you have the time to create a daily spiritual practice? Then you might want to know more about Wellspring, a year-long curriculum designed with spiritual deepening as the goal.

Wellspring responds to the need for spiritual grounding in our own tradition and offers a five-spoke model of spiritual deepening. The five spokes are: daily spiritual practice, regular meetings of the Wellspring group, engagement with Unitarian Universalist history and theology, meeting monthly with a one-on-one spiritual director, and discerning our unique call in life.

Unity's Wellspring group will be led this year by Janne Eller-Isaacs and Laura Park. The group will begin with a day-long retreat on Saturday, August 17, and will meet regularly on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month through May 2020. Each session will have reading assignments that support the exploration and engagement of the topics and themes. Class enrollment is limited to 18. Interested? Please contact Martha Tilton by e-mail at martha@unityunitarian.org or by phone at 651-228-1456 x105.

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/>.