

This Week at Unity Church

July 14-20, 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 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.

Summer Sundays Pancake Brunch

July 21 and August 18! Following the service!

Join us for a pancake brunch after worship. We'll have fresh pancakes, real maple syrup, sausages, juice, coffee, and more!

Unity Men's Conversation Group

The Men's Conversation Group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month (July 22, August 12 and 26), from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Gannett Room, to discuss a wide range of topics; to offer support for each other with emotional, spiritual, family, and other issues; and to develop a deeper connection with one another. Everyone identifying as male is welcome. Questions? Contact Terry McDanel at tmcdanel@gmail.com.

Textile Arts Group

All ages and levels of experience are welcome! Join this group for summer meetings in art and conversation on the second and fourth Thursday (July 25, August 8 and 22) of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bring your knitting, crocheting, tatting, embroidery, needlepoint, and cross stitch for an evening of fellowship and service. Questions? Contact Linda Mandeville at lindamandeville41@gmail.com.

La Pasión según San Marcos

Friday, August 2, and Saturday, August 3 • 8:00 p.m.

Orchestra Hall • Tickets at <http://bit.ly/lapasion2019>

Twin Cities choral ensembles Border CrosSing and the Minnesota Chorale join the Minnesota Orchestra for a dramatic collaboration of music and theater. Energized by the spirit of Afro-Cuban music, bossa nova, tango, rumba, and flamenco, Osvaldo Golijov brings the rich tradition of Latin American music to his interpretation of the final days in the life of Jesus Christ on earth as described in the Bible's Gospel of Mark.

Unity Book Club

Unity Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome — even if you haven't read the book! On August 13 the group will discuss *Diesel Heart* by Melvin Carter II. Questions? Contact Jack Hawthorne at jack.hawthorne@comcast.net.

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

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

Rondo: Beyond the Pavement

The youth filmmakers of *Rondo: Beyond the Pavement* have been accepted to several film festivals and are now looking to continue spreading the word of this important film. The youth are applying to more film festivals this summer and are seeking financial support to help cover the cost of applications. If you are interested in supporting these young filmmakers, from right here in Unity's neighborhood, please visit <http://bit.ly/rondo2019> to make a donation.

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.

Food Shelf Collection

Bring non-perishable food and hygiene items to Unity Church and help feed hungry people in our community through Evergreen Quilters' partnership with Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf. Wicker collection trunks are located at the Portland and Holly entrances.

Merging of Waters Worship Service

Be sure to collect water from your adventures (or backyard!) this summer for our annual Merging of Waters ritual service which will be held on Sunday, September 8.

Unity libraries are open all summer!

Visit the Anderson Adult Library and the Whitman Children's Library to pick up some great summer reads!

Summer Camp at Unity Church 2019!

Openings are still available!

A summer of community, excitement, and fun!

CHALICE CAMP: 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.

Religious Education Enrollment for 2019-2020

The next R.E. enrollment session for the 2019-20 church year will be held Wednesday, September 4, at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to enroll your child in Unity's Sunday programs for children and youth, please attend this session. Questions? Contact Michelle Mecey at michelle@unityunitarian.org.

Interested in teaching or mentoring with Coming of Age?

Please email Drew Danielson at drew@unityunitarian.org.

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Sunday, July 14

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

Monday, July 15

Chalice Camp 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Men's Retirement Group 1:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
Circle of Peace 5:15 p.m., Center Room

Tuesday, July 16

Chalice Camp 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Tuesday Night Chopping 4:00 p.m., Kitchen
Zen Meditation Group 5:00 p.m., Ames Chapel
Debtors Anonymous 6:30 p.m., Drama Room
Living with Grief Group 7:00 p.m., Gannett Room

Wednesday, July 17

Chalice Camp 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Al Anon Group 5:00 p.m., Science Room
Recovery from White Conditioning 6:00 p.m., Gannett Room

Thursday, July 18

Chalice Camp 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Pastoral Care Team 9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
Fresh Air AA 8:00 p.m., Anderson Library

Recovery from White Conditioning

Recovery from White Conditioning meets each Wednesday, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., in the Gannett Room. Regarding racism, Ta-Nehisi Coates said, "It's as if I had a problem with alcohol... That's a different conversation in that I have to confess... that there's something in me... that I will always have to cope with that... that I will always have to deal with that. The honesty that takes is profound." It is the hope of this group that the 12-Step journey encourages you to live out profound honesty and courage. Come any time, as you are. Questions? Contact Dayna Kennedy at daynamelissa@icloud.com.

New Dawn Theatre presents *Crowns* by Regina Taylor

September 13-October 12, 2019

Tickets on sale now: <https://crowns.bpt.me>

Summit Center for Arts and Innovation

1525 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105

Winner of four Helen Hayes Awards, *Crowns* by Regina Taylor is a coming-of-age story about Yolanda, a self-destructive African American teen whose mother sends her away from Brooklyn to live with Grand Mother Shaw down south. After the violent death of her brother, Yolanda is ushered through pain, baptized by love, compassion, and fortitude of the sisterhood of "Hat Queens." Each hat carries memory and history of life, death, religion, racism, identity, unity, pride, trials, and triumphs. These stories are told through ancient oral and spiritual traditions, which originated in Africa and the field songs, blues, jazz, R&B, Hip-Hop and the Gospel of the American Black Church. Directed by Austene Van and starring Jevetta Steele, Jamecia Bennett, Thomasina Petrus, Aimee Bryant, Shirley Marie Graham, and T. Mychael Rambo.

Unity Gardeners

Join other Unity Gardeners on Thursday mornings for a few hours of weeding and watering during the summer. For more information please contact Ethel Griggs at c.griggs@comcast.net.

Summer Sunday Services • One service at 10:00 a.m.

July 21: *Foraging, Alone?*

Join Alex Askew and Bob Peskin as they unpack what it means to make our way through the world. In what ways does our Unity Church community support us, and how do connections we make outside the church impact our life trajectory? What does our web of all existence look like? Musician: Joshua Taylor, piano; Bryan Janssens, voice

July 28: *Saying Goodbye as a Spiritual Practice*

Everything ends, but sometimes it is so hard to let go. Join Kathryn Jay and worship associate Richard Lau as they look at the importance of saying goodbye and how good goodbyes promote spiritual depth and emotional growth. Musician: Kathleen Bartholomay, piano

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 July 7, \$1,036.53 was collected in the Sunday offering. Lower Phalen Creek Project will receive a donation of \$725.57. Information about today's offering recipient, Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop, is available in your order of service. The offering recipient on July 21 is Frogtown Green.

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.

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.

Look Who's Sharing Art

Peter Heege worked in publishing and found joy in preserving the art of letter press printing. Come to see the poem "Older Love" in broadside form, shared by Peter and Nancy.

Black Lives of UU presents

The Harper-Jordan Memorial Symposium

October 30-November 2 • St. Paul, MN

The Harper-Jordan Memorial Symposium responds to a longing on the part of many Black Unitarian Universalists to more fully understand where we have been, who we are now, and how we hope to live out our Unitarian Universalism as Black people.

This four-day gathering will offer a welcome reception, informative and interactive plenaries, spiritual grounding and worship experiences that speak directly to the onsite learning, and as many meaningful and joy-filled networking and community-building opportunities as you can handle. The symposium will conclude with a worship service, open to all, at Unity Church-Unitarian.

We are opening ourselves up to an articulation of Unitarian Universalism that is unapologetically Black and proceeds from our co-creation and co-development, such that we might proclaim and clarify a vision for a Black Unitarian Universalism.

The Symposium is open to everyone, and we are prioritizing spaces for Black people, Indigenous people and People of Color. Please register and we'll follow up and let you know when registration is full. Full details and registration is online at www.blacklivesuu.com.