

# This Week at Unity Church

November 4-10, 2018

**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: Community Outreach and Social Justice**

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.

## Pack City Hall for \$15 One Fair Wage

**Wednesday, November 7 • St. Paul City Hall, 3rd Floor**

After years of organizing, workers are on the verge of winning a \$15 minimum wage in Saint Paul, but voices are still needed to keep up the powerful grassroots action used to hold City Hall accountable.

3:00-4:30 p.m., Public Hearing: City Council will introduce amendments and vote on them. This could include anything from a tip penalty to increased funding for enforcement.

4:00-5:30 p.m., Prepare to Testify: There will be a limited number of speaking spots, so if you want to testify, plan to be there by 4:00 to get in line for your number.

5:30 p.m., Public Testimony: The City Council will hear two-minute testimonies. Tell them why you support \$15 One Fair Wage, respond to any amendments, or tell them your perspective on the corporate lobbying influencing the process.

Questions? Email Celeste at [celeste.t.robinson@gmail.com](mailto:celeste.t.robinson@gmail.com).

## CALL TO MEETING: Annual Meeting of the Congregation

**Saturday, November 17 • 10:00 a.m. • Sanctuary**  
Pancake breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Childcare provided.

At this meeting the Board will:

- Report to the congregation and present the operating and capital budgets for 2019. A budget information session will be held on November 11, at 10:15 a.m., in the DeCramer Room.
- Ask the congregation to elect three new trustees. The trustee nominees are Clover Earl, Jackie Smith, and Justin Cummins.
- Vote on the proposed bylaw changes. View the proposed changes here: [www.unityunitarian.org/board-of-trustees.html](http://www.unityunitarian.org/board-of-trustees.html)

## Black Friday at Church

### *Feeding the Spirit on the Feast Day of Consumption*

**Friday, November 23, 2018 • 10:00 a.m. • Sanctuary**

Join fellow Unity Church members and friends for a rousing, intergenerational worship service.

## Save the Date: Holiday Concert, Carol Sing, Dessert Buffet

**Saturday, December 15 • Sanctuary**

6:30 p.m.: Carol Sing, led by Jeffrey Hess and Mindy Eschedor

7:00 p.m.: Concert, "All Our Hearts Rejoice"

*Children's Choir, Unity Choir, Unity Singers, Women's Ensemble, Steve Lewis & Elizabeth Giffin (percussion), Kathy Kraulik (piano)*

8:00 p.m.: Dessert Buffet, bring a dessert to share!

**Midterm Election Day: November 6, 2018**  
**Book Reading: November 7, 2018**

**Dave ★  
Durenberger**

**Wednesday  
November 7  
7:10 p.m.**

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## Young Adult Group (ages 18-35)

**Thursday, November 8 • 6:30-9:00 p.m. • Gannett Room**

Young adults gather at 6:30 p.m. for coffee/dessert "happy hour" with the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. Check out the YA blog at <https://stayingabeatlonger.com/>! To be added to the Young Adults email list, please email [kp@unityunitarian.org](mailto:kp@unityunitarian.org).

## Racial Justice Movie Night: *BlackKlansman*

**Friday, November 9 • 7:00 p.m. • Robbins Parlor**

From visionary filmmaker Spike Lee comes the incredible true story of Ron Stallworth (John David Washington), the first African-American detective to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department. Determined to make a name for himself, Stallworth bravely sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan.

## Peter Mayer CD Release Concert: *Catching Rain*

**Friday, November 9 • 7:30 p.m. • Unity Church**

Peter will be performing songs from his new CD, *Catching Rain*. Seating for the concert is general admission and doors open at 6:45 p.m. Buy tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3622618](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3622618).

## This Week in Religious Education

**Monthly Religious Education Orientation** for new families and anyone interested in learning more about R.E. at Unity is Wednesday, November 7, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

**Spirit Play (ages 3-6):** Children in Spirit Play today hear *The Parable of the Good Samaritan*. Can we remember when we stopped to help a person in need? Were they family, friends, strangers? Who exactly is my neighbor?

**Rotations (grades 1-6):** Children begin in worship in the Ames Chapel (9:00 and 4:30) or in the Sanctuary (11:00) with friends and teachers. Then in classrooms downstairs, they continue to explore "Being Human and Alive." Part of being human means claiming our own moral capacity for good/evil and everything in between, and using our hearts and minds to side with love.

**Junior High (grades 6-8):** Classes resume today, with four courses offered this semester: Technology & Religion, UU Identity & History, Sacred Threads, and Building the Beloved Community. Youth conclude each class with worship in Ames Chapel.

**Tween Group** (grades 5-7) meets November 7 in Ames Chapel at 6:45 p.m. for worship, then Jr. High classroom 21.

**Our Whole Lives** is a sexuality and spirituality program typically for grades 8-9. Class meets November 7 with focus on "Gender Expression, Roles, and Stereotypes."

**Coming of Age** is our signature spiritual growth program typically for 9th graders. Class continues today with focus on "The Nature of the Higher Power."

**Tower Club:** High school youth do NOT meet tonight given the fall overnight this past Friday. Tower Club is a gathering place for 10th-12th graders to enjoy community and share life at the intersection between the world and faith.

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### Sunday, November 4

Children's Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m., Robbins Parlor
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	10:15 a.m., Foote Room
Afterthoughts	10:15 a.m., Gannett Room
Men's Retreat Planning Team	10:15 a.m., Crothers Room
Finding Yourself at Unity	10:20 a.m., Ames Chapel
Above Every Name Worship Service	1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Soup Supper	5:45 p.m., Parish Hall
Young Adult NAMI Meeting	6:30 p.m., COA-OWL Room

### Monday, November 5

Men's Retirement Group	1:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Circle of Peace	5:15 p.m., Center Room
Alateen	6:00 p.m., Children's Library

### Tuesday, November 6

Election Day	VOTE
Zen Meditation Group	5:00 p.m., Ames Chapel
Unity Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

### Wednesday, November 7

Al Anon	5:00 p.m., Science Room
Wellspring Wednesday	See box at right

### Thursday, November 8

Women in Retirement: The Choice Years	Noon, Center Room
Young Adults Group	6:30 p.m., Gannett Room
A New Look at the Bible	7:00 p.m., Center Room
Unity Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Fresh Air AA	7:30 p.m., Anderson Library

### Friday, November 9

Racial Justice Movie Night: BLACKKLANSMAN	7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
Peter Mayer CD Release Concert	7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### Saturday, November 10

Board of Trustees	9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
Committing to Unity	1:30 p.m., Robbins Parlor

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## 2019 Children's Musical Parent Meeting

For the past 29 years, talented members of the Unity Church community have come together to write, compose, direct, choreograph, and perform a unique show for Unity Church. If you have a 6th, 7th, or 8th grader, consider whether this fun, team building experience might be right for them. To learn more, please come to the parent information session on Sunday, December 9, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the Anderson Library. The musical is scheduled for March 7-9, 2019! Questions? Please contact co-producer Dave Smith at [david.smith52@yahoo.com](mailto:david.smith52@yahoo.com).

## Save the Date! Organ Dedication Concert

Sunday, February 10 • 2:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

### Aaron Miller, Guest Organist

Aaron David Miller is a renowned organ improviser having won numerous international awards and given concerts across the country. Dr. Miller's performances have been heard on Pipe Dreams and numerous television programs. His orchestra works have been performed by such ensembles as the Seattle Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Zurich Symphony, and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. Recent compositions include works for Yale University and an upcoming Christmas recording by the Bach Chamber Players of St. Paul, MN. He is Music Director at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul.

Sunday, November 11 • 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

## The Covenant to End All Covenants:

### The Creation of the League of Nations

November 11 is the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, the war to end all wars. People all over the globe were hopeful that war was a thing of the past and that we would find new ways of working things out. As we all know, institutions like the League of Nations weren't as successful as people prayed they might be. Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs and worship associate Bob Peskin will look at this part of our history through modern lens. Veterans for Peace spokespersons Barry Reisch and Mike McDonald will offer words as well. Musicians: Dan Schwartz, guitar (all); Unity Choir (4:30).

## 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 October 28, \$3,152.01 was collected in the Sunday offering. SELF International will receive a donation of \$2,206.41. Information about today's offering recipient, the Zulu District of the Boy Scouts of America, is available in your order of service. The offering on November 11 is Veterans for Peace Minnesota.

## Look Who's Sharing Art

The colors of Rico Duran's heritage influence how he sees objects and experiences the world. From recent trips to Mexico, his homeland, he captured as many colors as he could, putting them together using recycled materials, to build Minnesota images and blend the two cultures.

## Parish Hall Artist

Susan Gangsei illustrates her own story of challenges overcome and life's unexpected gifts in a collection of unique tapestries.

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## Wellspring Wednesday, November 7

**6:00 p.m. Dinner:** *Mediterranean bowls with falafel, tabbouleh, hummus, olives, and roasted vegetables.* Cost: \$7/adult, \$4/child (5-12), \$2/child (2-4), \$20/family

**6:50 p.m. Worship service in the Ames Chapel**

**7:15 p.m. Programs and Childcare**

***When Republicans Were Progressive***

**A Book Reading and Signing with Senator Dave Durenberger**

Join Senator Dave Durenberger on the night after the midterm election for a reading from his new book with Lori Sturdevant.

With eloquence and insight, Durenberger argues that the principles and practices of progressive Republicanism are a fitting remedy for what ails American democracy today.

**Caring for Our Planet: Tinkering Time:** Explore waste reduction solutions through a "tinker time" workshop for repairing and up-cycling broken objects.

**New Family Religious Education Orientation:** Learn more about Unity's Religious Education ministry.

**Textile Arts:** This group is open to textile creatives of all ages. Bring your knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, etc.

**Yoga for Healing:** Gentle movement to activate and explore the 108 sacred sites within the body, called marma points (marmani). Marmani are similar to acupuncture points, as activating them provides a healing connection to all of our internal systems.

**Learn and Play Go, the Chinese Board Game**

**Tween Group (grades 5-7)**

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