

This Week at Unity Church

November 11-17, 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.

Budget Information Meeting

Today! • 10:15 a.m. • DeCramer Room

Do you have questions about the financial landscape at Unity Church? Do you want to learn more about the 2019 budget that the congregation will be asked to approve on November 17 at the Annual Meeting? We are providing an opportunity for curious congregants to ask questions and explore in detail the church finances and 2019 proposed operating and capital budgets. Please join Barbara Hubbard, Executive Director, at the budget information meeting or contact her with questions at barbara@unityunitarian.org or 651-228-1456 x116.

Finding Yourself at Unity

Topic: Q&A with Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs

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.

Gun Sense Ministry Team

The issues of gun violence and gun ownership rights are roiling our country. Unity's Gun Sense Ministry Team thinks that fear is one of the emotions behind the issues. To help the team identify aspects of this fear, please stop by the Gun Sense table in the Parish Hall today.

Young Adult Group (ages 18-35)

Thursday, November 15 • 6:00-8:00 p.m. • Walker Methodist Church

Unity's Young Adult Group is joining Northern Mississippi Prisoner Support Project to write to those incarcerated due to charges stemming from Standing Rock. Meet at Walker Methodist Church or contact Ray Hommeyer to carpool: ray@unityunitarian.org.

Save the date: Young Adult Friendsgiving!

On Wednesday, November 21, at 5:30 p.m., Unity's Young Adults will gather at Unity Church to tell the story of Thanksgiving based on the history of the Wampanoag people. Come willing to practice gratitude, meet new folks, and feast! Friendsgiving will be potluck style, please bring a dish with the ingredient list well labeled. Turkey will be provided! All young adults are welcome even if you aren't able to bring a dish to share. RSVP by November 18 to Ray Hommeyer at ray@unityunitarian.org.

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.
- 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

Look Who's Sharing Art

Sandy Lucas is sharing a colorful, five foot tall, carved wooden fish! Read her story of selling a car, installing a dishwasher, and ending up happily with the fish.

Parish Hall Artist

Susan Gangsei's stunning tapestries have universal appeal while revealing Susan's deeply personal journey.

Black Friday at Church

Feeding the Spirit on the Feast Day of Consumption

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

Unity Church's eleventh annual "Black Friday at Church" celebration offers you an opportunity to launch the holiday season with spiritual renewal, fellowship, and good cheer, an alternative to the habitual consumerism on display in the broader culture.

Join fellow Unity Church members, families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues on the Friday morning after Thanksgiving Day for a rousing, intergenerational worship service. Activities for children and families, as well as child care, will be provided.

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. If you are interested in learning more, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall today.

Food Shelf Donations

Collection trunks are located at the Holly and Portland Avenue entrances. Non-perishable food, toiletries, and pet food are all gratefully accepted on behalf of Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf.

This Week in Religious Education

Family Night Out on Saturday, November 17, is an opportunity for Unity parents to spend an evening out with other Unity parents while childcare is offered from 6:00-8:30 p.m. RSVP to Ray Hommeyer by November 13: ray@unityunitarian.org

Spirit Play (ages 3-6): Children today hear the story of Promises and the wisdom of UU Principles for our lives. What are the seven UU Principles? Which ones do you like best? Which ones are most important? How can we live them out in the world?

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 continues today with 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 14 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 14 with focus on "Sexual Orientation."

Coming of Age is our signature spiritual growth program typically for 9th graders. Class meets today 3:30 p.m. with mentors, to conclude theme focus on "The Nature of the Higher Power" and attend worship service together.

Tower Club: High school youth meet tonight to bring focus to Tower Club's purpose and goals for the year. Tower Club is a gathering place for 10th-12th graders to enjoy community and share life at the intersection between the world and faith. Meets typically Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:15 p.m.

This Week at Unity Church

Sunday, November 11

Children's Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m., Robbins Parlor
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	10:15 a.m., Foote Room
Budget Information Session	10:15 a.m., DeCramer 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
Tower Club	6:00 p.m., Center Room

Monday, November 12

Circle of Peace	5:15 p.m., Center Room
Alateen	6:00 p.m., Children's Library

Tuesday, November 13

Zen Meditation Group	5:00 p.m., Ames Chapel
Evergreen Quilters	7:00 p.m., Anderson Library
Unity Book Club	7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
Unity Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 14

Al Anon	5:00 p.m., Science Room
Wellspring Wednesday	See box at right
Mano a Mano Team	7:00 p.m., Art Room

Thursday, November 15

Pastoral Care Team	9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
Caregivers Support Group	Noon, Anderson Library
Unity Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Fresh Air AA	7:30 p.m., Anderson Library

Saturday, November 17

Pancake Breakfast	8:30 a.m., Parish Hall
Annual Meeting of the Congregation	10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Family Night Out	6:00 p.m., Lower level

2019 Children's Musical Parent Meeting

If you have a 6th, 7th, or 8th grader, please come to a parent and actor 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.

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!

Winter Warm-up Drive

Unity's Racial and Restorative Justice Team is collecting the following items to share with clients of its community partner, Amicus. These items will be shared with people upon their release from correctional facilities:

- New hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste/brushes, lotion, deodorant, and shaving cream
- New gloves, hats, scarves, and socks suitable for the job site
- Hand and foot warmers
- Bus passes or the cash to buy bus passes

Bring donations to the Racial and Restorative Justice table in the Parish Hall on Sundays and to Lisa Friedman's office during the week.

Sunday, November 18 • 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Promises • Family Sunday

Beneath the totally apocryphal story of the first Thanksgiving there is a longing for spiritual hospitality. We long to sit down at a table where everyone is truly welcome. The whole church family will gather to sing the old songs, renew that sweet longing, and try to see the feast that's always spread before us. Musicians: Children's Choir, Unity Choir, Women's Ensemble (9:00/11:00); Wendy Tangen-Foster, violin (4:30).

On Family Sundays, children experience the entire worship together with their families in the Sanctuary. A children's message and activity books related to the stories and sermon help children to engage in the experience of worship. The nursery is open for children under five years of age.

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 November 4, \$3,885.30 was collected in the Sunday offering. Zulu District of the Boy Scouts of America will receive a donation of \$2,719.17. Information about today's offering recipient, Veterans for Peace MN, is available in your order of service. The offering on November 18 is Unity's Partner Church Ministry Team.

Wellspring Wednesday, November 14

6:00 p.m. Partner Church inspired dinner: *Chicken paprikash, spaetzle, salad, dessert.* 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

Covenant: the Promises We Make, Break and Renew

Free; RSVP requested to karen@unityunitarian.org

What does our capacity for promise-making and covenant mean and how does it shape our human identity, our communities of faith, and our role in creating new realities in the world? Led by Consulting Literary Minister Karen Hering, Open Page writing session participants stories, poetry, images, religious teachings, science, and history to reflect on the monthly theme.

Pilgrimage Stories from Transylvania

For more than two decades our church has had a significant partnership with the little village named Homorodszentpeter, nestled in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains in western Romania. This tiny village has been home to Hungarian-speaking Unitarians for more than four centuries! More than 100 people from Unity Church have made trips to this village, to visit places where Unitarianism was born and maintained, and to feel first-hand the heartfelt hospitality of our Hungarian partners. Come hear the personal stories of some of these pilgrims, about what they found and how it changed them.

Your Voice in the Congregational Survey

Come hear key insights the board gained from the congregational survey completed last May.

Yoga for the Season

This class includes season-specific yoga poses to help us create equanimity in the body and mind as fall transitions into winter.

Learn and Play Go, the Chinese Board Game

Tween Group (grades 5-7)
