

# This Week at Unity Church

December 9-15, 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.

**Cairns Vol. 10**  
THE UNITY CHURCH JOURNAL OF THE ARTS

**Release Party TODAY!**  
10:15 am, Anderson Library  
Find Cairns in the Bookstall after the 11am service, and every Sunday morning thereafter.



## Today! Holiday Boutique

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. • Parish Hall

- Unity's Mano a Mano team will be selling sweaters, totes, scarves, hats, tablecloths, and more made by Bolivian artists
- Hand made table runners, wall-hangings, zippered bags, ornaments, and other items made by Evergreen Quilters
- 100% of the proceeds from the sale will benefit the communities that these two organizations support

## Today! 2019 Children's Musical Information Meeting

10:15-11:15 p.m. • OWL/COA Room

If you have a 6th, 7th, or 8th grader, please come to today's parent and actor information meeting! 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).

## Today! Finding Yourself at Unity

**Topic: Religious Education for Children, Youth, and Adults**

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.

## Today! Wreath and Cookie Sale

Take home made from scratch cookies and a holiday wreath designed by our high school youth!

## Today! Caroling

Sunday, December 9 and 16 • 12:30 p.m.

Meet at Holly Avenue reception desk

Caroling for members who are not able to get to church during the holidays.

## Mitten Tree

Our Mitten Tree is standing in the lower level Whitman Lobby, waiting to be decorated with warm hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens! Gently used children's boots of all sizes are also needed. Donated items should be new or like new. Children's items will be distributed to families through Obama Elementary. Adult items will be distributed through Amicus.

## Racial Justice Movie Night: *Rabbit Proof Fence*

Friday, December 14 • 7:00 p.m. • Robbins Parlor

Join Unity Church members and friends for an ongoing film series to further our growth in the understanding and challenging of white supremacy and structural racism. Popcorn will be served and there will be time for conversation.

At a time when it was Australian government policy to train aboriginal children as domestic workers and integrate them into white society, young Molly Craig decides to lead her little sister and cousin in a daring escape from their internment camp. *Rabbit Proof Fence* also features a fine soundtrack by Peter Gabriel.

## Holiday Concert, Carol Sing, Dessert Buffet

Saturday, December 15 • Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.: Carol Sing

7:00 p.m.: Concert: "All My Heart This Night Rejoices"

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

8:00 p.m.: Potluck Dessert Buffet: Bring a dessert to share!

## Sing with a Choir on Christmas Eve

Children's Pageant Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 16 • 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. • Foote Room

Sing during pageant services on Christmas Eve.

Adult Pageant Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 16 • 10:15-11:00 a.m. • Choir Room

Sing during pageant services on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 20 • 7:30 p.m. • Parish Hall

Sing at the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Contact Ruth Palmer at [ruth@unityunitarian.org](mailto:ruth@unityunitarian.org) or 651-228-1456 x116 to sign up.

## Look Who's Sharing Art

Richard Birger says, "The Closet, a 2006 photograph was taken in our Nevada home at the base of Lone Mountain." View the photo in the Parish Hall to see why Richard says it's meaningful on several levels.

## This Week in Religious Education

**Spirit Play (ages 3-6):** Children in Spirit Play hear the story of the *Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story*. Why do people argue and fight with one another? How might our differences create something more beautiful because of our differences?

**Rotations (grades 1-6):** Children begin in worship in the Ames Chapel (9:00 and 4:30) or in the Sanctuary (11:00). Then in classrooms downstairs, they conclude their course on "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.

**Tweens (grades 5-7)** are on winter break, with meetings resuming January 9.

**Our Whole Lives** is a sexuality and spirituality program typically for grades 8-9. Class on December 12 focuses on "Sexuality and Disability."

**Coming of Age** is our signature spiritual growth program, typically for 9th graders. Class meets at 3:30 p.m. today with mentors to conclude section on "Death and Loss" and attend worship together,

**Tower Club** meets tonight to bring focus to upcoming YouthCon and explore guided meditation. Tower Club is a gathering place for 10th-12th graders to enjoy community and share life at the intersection between the world and faith. Typically meeting Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:15 p.m.

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### Sunday, December 9

Holiday Boutique	After morning services, Parish Hall
Wreath and Cookie Sales	After services, Parish Hall
Children's Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m., Robbins Parlor
Children's Musical Parent Meeting	10:15 a.m., OWL/COA Room
<i>Cairns</i> Release Party	10:15 a.m., Anderson Library
Celebration of New Lives Reception	10:15 a.m., Center Room
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
Tower Club	6:00 p.m., Center Room

### Monday, December 10

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

### Tuesday, December 11

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

### Wednesday, December 12

Al Anon	5:00 p.m., Science Room
Santa Pause	5:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Board of Trustees	6:00 p.m., Center Room
Recovering from White Conditioning	6:00 p.m., Gannett Room

### Thursday, December 13

Women in Retirement: The Choice Years	Noon, Center Room
Young Adult 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

### Friday, December 14

Racial Justice Film Series	7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
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### Saturday, December 15

Holiday Concert and Carol Sing	6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
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## Evergreen Quilters

The quilt "Woodland Wonder" hangs in the Sanctuary today to honor the families participating in the Celebration of New Lives. Many members of Unity's quilting community made the blocks. Melissa Nellis, Georgie Peterson, and Kathie Simon Frank assembled the blocks, made the back, and bound the quilt, and Rose Allen quilted it. The quilt will be donated to The Family Place, a St. Paul day shelter, where it will be given to a family receiving their services. Families who participating in today's Celebration of New Lives will receive a card with a picture of the quilt.

Evergreen Quilters hand made items are for sale at the holiday boutique in the Parish Hall after morning services today. One hundred percent of the money raised from your purchases will be shared with The Family Place, the Jeremiah Program, Hallie Q. Brown Center food shelf, and Obama School.

If you're interested in quilting for social justice causes, please join Evergreen Quilters. People of all skill levels are welcome and the group meets on the second Tuesday (at the church) and fourth Saturday (off-site) of each month. Questions? Contact Peggy Wright at 651-698-2760.

## Young Adult Group (ages 18-35)

**Thursday, December 13 • 6:30-9:00 p.m. • Gannett Room**

Desserts, coffee, conversation. All young adults are welcome.

**Sunday, December 16 • 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.**

## *Cultivating a Practice of Wonder*

Wonder is at the core of an open and curious heart. How do we stay open and grounded, especially in the season where we are told over and over again that all we have to do is purchase happiness and it will be ours. Join Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs and worship associate Lia Rivamonte as they work to cultivate a practice of wonder. Musicians: Unity Choir (9:00/11:00), Unity Singers (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 December 2, \$2,427.20 was collected in the Sunday offering. TU Dance School will receive a donation of \$1,699.04. Information about today's offering recipient, the Face It Foundation, is available in your order of service. The offering on December 16 is the Indigenous Roots.

## Blue Holidays Service

**Wednesday, December 19 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Ames Chapel**

Join us for this contemplative service for all who are lonely, grieving, and hurting during the holidays. Come and be with others in the community as we take gentle care of our tender hearts together. Childcare will be provided.

## Winter Solstice Celebration

**Friday, December 21 • 7:00 p.m. • Parish Hall**

Come join us for a contemplative, family-friendly, Celtic-inspired ritual to mark the turning of the year as the darkness gives way to the growing light. This participatory ritual will include chanting, meditation, candle-lighting, singing, and cauldron jumping. Kids — bring animal masks and hand percussion (rattles, shakers, bells)!

## Family Sunday • *Holy Families*

**Sunday, December 23 • 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. only • Sanctuary**

Don't miss our Christmas Family Sunday service! The service will begin with a carol sing-a-long. Our infamous carol shout will be held during the 11:00 a.m. service. The ministers will preside, old stories will be told, and good cheer will be shared by all.

## Christmas Eve

**Find A Stillness • 10:00 a.m. • Ames Chapel**

In the full rush of Christmas Eve morning we will gather in the quiet of Ames Chapel. There will be extended periods of silence to provide time for relief and contemplation. The service will include an invitation to join in communion.

**Christmas Pageant • 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. • Sanctuary**

Our ministers narrate the story of the nativity as Unity's youth act out the story in the Sanctuary.

**Christmas by Candlelight: Family Lessons and Carols**

**7:00 p.m. • Sanctuary**

This service is a collaboration between Above Every Name Ministries and Unity Church. This is a service for the entire family, with carols and stories that children and adults will enjoy. Nursery care available for infants and toddlers.

**Christmas by Candlelight: Lessons and Carols**

**10:00 p.m. • Sanctuary**

Join worship leaders KP Hong and Janne and Rob Eller-Isaacs as we retell the Christmas story and celebrate the promise of peace within.

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**Wellspring Wednesday is on winter break  
and will return January 9!**  
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