

This Week at Unity Church



May 5, 2024

Welcome Visitors

After the service please stop by the Welcome Table in Parish Hall to introduce yourself. We would love to get to know you, answer your questions, and help you learn about Unity Church. If you are attending the service online, contact Philippa Anastos at philippa@unityunitarian.org for the link to join online coffee hour.

Finding Yourself at Unity

Topic: Unitarian Universalist History

Finding Yourself at Unity meets Sundays, 10:15-11:15 a.m., in the Gannett Room and online at bit.ly/fyuonline. For visitors, new members, and inquirers, this eight-week series is offered continuously during the year. Childcare is available in the nursery.

Parish Hall Exhibit

May's art exhibit in Parish Hall and the Eliot wing hallway features the work of Unity Church member Maura Williams. The exhibit is entitled "Natural Consequences" and life since Covid is its theme. Maura will be in coffee hour on May 5 after both services.

Memorial Service for Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs

Saturday, May 11 | 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary and livestream

If you have a remembrance of Janne to submit for the collage of voices, please email it to unity@unityunitarian.org by May 8.

Harmonies Unite

Sunday, May 12 | 4:00 p.m. | Central Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 19 | 4:00 p.m. | Augustana Lutheran Church

Singers from Border CrosSing, the Minnesota Chorale, the local community, and the choirs of Unity Church-Unitarian will come together with the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra to perform Chôros No. 10, the wonderful work of Heitor Villa-Lobos and the centerpiece of a program of Latin American music that includes both popular and obscure works by Arturo Márquez, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Osvaldo Golijov, and Silvestre Revueltas. These concerts are free and open to the public.

Native Plant Sale

Details and order form: unity-plant-sales.square.site/

Unity's Act for the Earth Pollinator Team is coordinating a group purchase of native plants at wholesale prices from Glacial Ridge Growers (Glenwood, MN). Prices range from \$2 for small to \$7 for jumbo and \$8 for shrubs. Minimum order of three plants. Ordering deadline is May 24. Plant delivery June 27. Printed plant lists and order forms will be available at the Act for the Earth table in Parish Hall on Sundays. Questions? Contact Tracy Yue at tksyutu@gmail.com.

Photos from Candidating Week

If you took photos during candidating week, we would like to add them to our archives. Email photos to unity@unityunitarian.org.

Garden Helpers Needed

Help get Unity's children's garden ready for classes!

Sunday, May 19 | 1:00 p.m. | Children's Garden

The produce we raise feeds our neighbors. No experience necessary, adults, youth and families are encouraged to join us. We will tackle dandelions, spread mulch, clear and top off the beds and plant. Be sure to don garden gloves and sturdy shoes, and join us for garden fellowship! Contact Anna Newton at asnewton3@gmail.com to let her know you are coming.

All Our Fullness

Introduce yourself in All Our Fullness, a new project of stories, art, and videos designed to help us "know each other in all our fullness," and take a deeper dive into the people of our Beloved Community. Find out more and submit here: <https://bit.ly/AllOurFullness>.



Food Shelf: Bring items each time you come to church!

Needed now: salsa, dry pinto and black beans, syrup, pancake mix, boxed macaroni and cheese and canned sardines. Collection baskets are located at the Portland and Holly Avenue entrances. Thank you for your support!

Childcare at Unity Church

Need childcare for a church event? Complete the request form (unityunitarian.org/childcare-request-form.html) one-week in advance or email katrina@unityunitarian.org.

This Week in Religious Education

Religious education enrollment for 2024-25 will be held Saturday, June 1, 9:00 a.m.-noon. If you are unable to attend, please email nelson@unityunitarian.org.

Religious Education classes conclude next Sunday, May 12, with everyone beginning in the Sanctuary to recognize our ministry with children and families. May 19, is Flower Celebration Family Sunday. We then switch over to our Summer in the Garden program beginning Sunday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m., for children ages 4-12.

Spirit Play (ages 3-6) children learn about Merging of Waters ceremony that punctuates the start of the RE year again in September. Where are some of the places where we get water? What happens if we were to mix water from different places? How much new water can you add and still have the pitcher be the same water? Please wonder together with your children about their sacred play.

Rotations (grades 1-6) children begin with worship in Ames Chapel, then in classrooms explore the year's final theme of "Endings" and the inevitability of death. How can we face this knowledge with courage, curiosity, and grace, even to discover what death may have to teach us?

Middle School (grades 6-8) youth continue their second semester class on "Building the Beloved Community." Youth conclude each class with worship in Ames Chapel.

Tower Club senior high youth gather with Coming of Age Class of 2024 for picnic in the park, 12:45-2:15 p.m. 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 Sundays from 12:45-2:45 p.m.

2024 Chalice Camp

Week 1: July 8-12 | Week 2: July 15-19

Chalice Camp at Unity Church is offered Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., for children and youth ages 5-18 (youth in grades 7-12 serve as junior counselors and counselors). Registration and counselor applications are online at unityunitarian.org/chalice-camp.html.

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Find the church calendar, along with links to participate in online offerings, at unityunitarian.org/calendar.html.

Sunday, May 5

Sunday Services 9:00 (livestream) and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary
Religious Education Classes 9:00 and 11:15 a.m., lower level
Afterthoughts 10:15 a.m., Lower level - Room 024/online
Finding Yourself at Unity 10:15 a.m., Gannett Room/online
Youth Choir Rehearsal 10:15 a.m., Ames Chapel
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:20 a.m., Choir Room
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal 10:30 a.m., Foote Room
Tower Club 12:30 p.m., Center Room
Indigenous Justice Monthly Meeting 1:00 p.m., online
smarthings.zoom.us/j/erikjordan

Monday, May 6

Men's Retirement Group 1:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
Circle of Peace 5:15 p.m., Center Room

Tuesday, May 7

Wellspring Wednesday Food Prep 4:00 p.m., Kitchen
Unity Sangha 4:30 p.m., Ames Chapel
Committing to Unity 6:30 p.m., Center Room
Antiracism Literacy Partners 7:00 p.m., online
Unity Singers Rehearsal 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 8

Men's Coffee Group 10:00 a.m., Victoria Crossing Mall
Summit Hill Alanon 5:00 p.m., Science Room
Wellspring Wednesday Dinner 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall
Recovery from White Conditioning 6:00 p.m., online
Wellspring Wednesday Chapel Service 6:40 p.m., Ames Chapel
Dying for Beginners 7:10 p.m., Parish Hall/online
DRUUMM Service 7:10 p.m., Robbins Parlor
Lectio Divina 7:10 p.m., online/Gannett Room
Beginner Violin 7:10 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday, May 9

Women in Retirement 1:00 p.m., Center Room
Active Hope Empowerment Course 6:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor
A New Look at the Bible 7:00 p.m., online
Fresh Air AA 7:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Unity Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Saturday, May 11

Act for the Earth Monthly Climate Meeting 8:30 a.m., Center Room
Board of Trustees 9:00 a.m., Anderson Library
Debtors Anonymous 9:00 a.m., Science Room
Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs Memorial Service 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary/livestream

Queer Theology Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 14 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Center Room

Queer Theology is a theological practice that attempts to erase boundaries that exist in religious traditions, to include rather than exclude more voices. Open to adults of all genders and sexual orientations. Contact Mike Huber at mikehuberece@gmail.com.

Become a MUUSJA Congregational Connector

Are you passionate about social justice and eager to make a difference? Would you like to connect in community with other UU organizers? Would you like to explore what spiritually grounded organizing could look like? Our state-wide organization, Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance, is seeking dedicated individuals to serve as liaisons between MUUSJA and Unity Church. Get all the details: muusja.org/volunteer/.

Wellspring Wednesday

Wellspring Wednesday gathers a multigenerational church community to nourish right and holy relationship among us and deepen our life of faith grounded in spiritual practice and antiracist multicultural work. Details at unityunitarian.org/wellspring-wednesday.html

MAY 8: Last Wellspring Wednesday until September 11!

Dinner: Bratwurst, hot dogs, not dogs, potato salad, roasted broccoli, rhubarb cake

Dying for Beginners — the End | Parish Hall and via Zoom

Join Rev. Lara Cowtan, Marty Rossmann and Patricia Ohmans for a review and wrap-up of the popular sessions from previous months, and a discussion of what is on the horizon for the question of End of Life Options legislation, as well as future programming and conversations about end of life planning.

Lectio Divina | Online via Zoom

Participate in a centuries-old monastic practice of listening, contemplating, and responding to sacred texts, modified with poetry for UU small group spiritual practice. On Wednesdays, join the Zoom from the Gannett Room at church!

DRUUMM Livestream Worship | Robbins Parlor

Join us for a livestream of the annual Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM) open worship service! The theme is "Choosing Joy! Living with Intentionality and Purpose." The service will explore sustaining joy amidst adversity. Discover how a joyful heart can be your sanctuary, even when spirits are tested. A celebration of resilience, purpose, and the healing power of joy.

Beginner Violin with Mayra Mendoza | Choir Room

Email at mayraquitzia@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Food Ministry Opportunities in May and June

There are a number of events happening in May and June to honor significant thresholds including Bridging dinner for our graduating high school seniors and a celebration saying goodbye to Rev. Rolenz. If you would like to participate in preparing food or serving at these events, please sign up online at bit.ly/mayjunefood or by email to heidi@unityunitarian.org.

All Virtual UUA General Assembly

Secure your spot at the all virtual 2024 Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly, June 20-23. Enjoy dynamic speakers, transformative worship, the virtual exhibit hall, and exclusive access to on-demand programming. Be part of this extraordinary gathering! Register at uua.org/ga. Email unity@unityunitarian.org if you are interested in serving as a delegate.

Twin Cities Pride: Volunteer with MUUSJA

Twin Cities Pride weekend is June 28-30! Our partner MUUSJA (Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance) will be hosting a booth during the festival in Loring Park and are inviting congregations to sign up for volunteer shifts. Volunteers help promote Unitarian Universalism and Unity Church! If you are interested in this fun opportunity, please email Rev. Kathleen at kathleen@unityunitarian.org.

Help Our Neighbors: Use the Parking Lot

Our neighbors really appreciate it when you park in our lot at the corner of Portland and St. Albans instead of on the street. Be a good neighbor: please use our lot! Thank you!