



This Week at Unity Church

February 7–13, 2010

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.

Open Page Writing Sessions

Today! 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Reflection Topic: Brokenness

Anticipating the upcoming worship theme of *brokenness* in March, we'll explore the places where we experience the world or ourselves as broken. How is brokenness healed? And how does it sometimes open our lives and our world to the truth and the light we are seeking? Free. No registration required.

Guided Meditation in Ames Chapel

Tuesday, February 9 and 16 • 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Buddhist meditation is a centuries old spiritual practice that can bring greater awareness, clarity and peace to our lives. Join Lissa Gundlach for a weekly guided meditation in the beautiful Ames Chapel. Each week we will briefly listen to teachings, practice sitting and walking meditation and support one another in our developing practice. Come every week or drop in. All ages and levels of experience welcome.

Unity Church Book Club

Tuesday, February 9 • 7:00–8:30 p.m.

The Unity Church Book Club will be discussing *Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts. **Everyone is welcome — even if you haven't read the book!**

Elders Circle Group

Thursday, February 11, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

The Elders Circle Group meets each month for fellowship, conversation and friendly community connections. The group is always welcome to newcomers as well as regular participants. Join Hallman Intern Lissa Gundlach for this month's conversation on the theme *Love* and fun Valentine's Day treats.

Valentines, Unity Singers, and Pancakes!

Saturday, February 13 • 8:30–10:00 a.m.

Purchase a Singing Valentine sung by our award winning Unity Singers! Reserve your Singing Valentine at the "Singing Valentine" table in the Parish Hall today after the morning services. Limited number of Valentines are available. Valentines will be sung on site in the Parish Hall or over the phone between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m., during the Pancake Breakfast.

Amicus Volunteer Information Session

Monday, February 15 • 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Unity Church

For over 40 years, Amicus volunteers have offered friendship to those building new lives. Volunteers visit individuals in correctional facilities, where they provide much-needed connection to someone in the outside world. Training and careful matching ensure a safe and meaningful experience. Find out more at this session. Please RSVP by Thursday, February 11, by contacting Chris at 612-348-8570 or chris@amicususa.org.

The Sources Supper • Sign Up Now!

Be part of the second annual Sources Suppers during Unitarian Universalist Heritage Week, February 20-28. This is a dinner ritual tradition where we tell the stories and reflect on the meaning of our UU heritage for our lives today. Sources Suppers will be held in church members' homes on the evenings of February 20, 21, 27, and 28, and on Sunday afternoons, February 21 and 28. The vision is that we will return to this table ritual year after year to deepen our connection to one another and to our liberal faith tradition. Sign up in the Parish Hall after services or call the church. We need hosts as well as participants.

The Library Team Presents...

Marv Davidov and Carol Masters

You Can't Do That: Non-violent Revolutionary Wellspring Wednesday, February 17

In his career as a grassroots activist and a non-violent revolutionary, Marv Davidov has been active for years for standing for love and for the dearest things we know. Come hear the remarkable story of a man who has dedicated his life to effecting change through peaceful means. Book signing following talk.

Caregivers Group

Thursday, February 18 • Third Thursday of every month

An informal support group for caregivers, 12:00–2:00 p.m. Contact Janne Eller-Isaacs if you would like to participate in this group.

This Week in Religious Education

NO Sunday School classes next Sunday, February 14, due to the holiday weekend. Children and youth are welcome to attend service or to join us in the Chapel for a short worship and card-making activity. Nursery care will be provided as always.

Today in Spirit Play: Jan Hus was a Catholic priest who broke church rules so that his congregation could participate more fully. We'll learn his heroic story.

Today in Workshop Rotation: We're starting off a new unit on friendship. What skills does it take to be a good friend? Why is it worth working hard at friendship with people who are different from us?

Today in Junior High R.E.: The "Sacred Threads" class is learning some basics about how everyday, modern Hinduism is practiced. In "Kingdom of Equals," we're continuing our study of the Sermon on the Mount. Youth Music Ensemble is rehearsing in Ames Chapel.

NO Coming of Age class today! We had a great Sacred Spaces potluck and overnight on Friday!

In Tower Club: It's Fun First Sunday! Games and fellowship start in the Foote Room at 6:00 pm.

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Sunday, February 7

Children's Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m., Foote Room
Afterthoughts	10:00 a.m., Robbins Parlor
Affordable Housing Ministry Team	12:30 p.m., Parents Room
Children's Musical Rehearsal	1:30 p.m., Foote Room
Open Page Writing Session	2:00 p.m., Anderson Library
Soup Supper	5:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Tower Club	6:00 p.m., Foote Room

Monday, February 8

Grandparents Units Playgroup	9:30 a.m., Nursery
Networking Group	9:30 a.m., Anderson Library
Men's Retirement Group	1:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Unity Men's Group	7:00 p.m., Center Room
Green Sanctuary Ministry Team	7:30 p.m., Gannett Room

Tuesday, February 9

Guided Meditation	5:30 p.m., Ames Chapel
AntiRacism Leadership Team	6:30 p.m., ARLT Room
Children's Musical Rehearsal	7:00 p.m., Ames Chapel
Unity Book Club	7:00 p.m., Gannett Room
Evergreen Quilters	7:00 p.m., Anderson Library
Unity Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Foote Room

Wednesday, February 10

Wellspring Wednesday	See box below
Our Whole Lives	7:00 p.m., OWL/COA Room
OWL Parent Group	7:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor

Thursday, February 11

Elders Circle	1:00 p.m., Center Room
Finding Yourself at Unity	6:30 p.m., Center Room
Racial Justice Ministry Team	6:30 p.m., Gannett Room
Children's Musical Rehearsal	7:00 p.m., Foote Room
Unity Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Friday, February 12

Unitots Playgroup	9:00 a.m., Nursery
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Friday, February 13

Pancake Breakfast/Singing Valentines	8:30 a.m., Parish Hall
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Wellspring Wednesday

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. \$6/adult, \$4/child ages 5 to 12, \$2/child ages 2 to 4, or \$18/family

Programs begin at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10

dinner: potato gratin with leeks and olives, cheesy potatoes for the kids, arugula salad, Tunisian carrot and raisin salad, grainy bread, cherry jam tart

My Flag Grew Stars with Kitty Goggins

Their homeland destroyed in World War II, teens Olga Wagner and Tibor Zoltai fled Hungary—Olga minutes ahead of advancing Russian troops and Tibor drafted by the Germans almost died as an American POW. After struggling to survive as refugees for several years, they separately immigrated to North America as indentured agricultural servants, united, and embarked on a cultural journey to become Americans. Through perseverance and creativity, they learned how to thrive. For over fifty years, Tibor and Olga took pleasure in helping new refugees successfully resettle in America. Local author, Kitty Goggins, will talk about her parents' journey from being refugees to helping refugees.

Upcoming Worship Service • Sunday, February 14

9:00 am. • 11:00 a.m. • 4:30 p.m.

Standing on the Side of Love — Janne Eller-Isaacs

Nurturing a loving and intimate relationship is to walk a path of divine and sacred unfolding. It is a demanding path full of profound challenges and opportunities. Janne and Worship Associate Sue Babcock will explore the dimensions of *Eros* in our lives. Musicians at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.: The Eclectics. Musician at 4:30 p.m.: Gregg Temple, guitar and voice.

Our Ministry of Generosity

Each Sunday, thirty percent of the offering goes to support the Community Outreach Ministry at Unity Church and seventy percent is given to the chosen community non-profit recipients.

Please make checks payable to Unity Church.

On Sunday, January 31, Unity Church collected \$1,864.16 in the Sunday offering. Crisis Connection will receive a donation of \$1,304.91.

The offering recipient today is Family Tree. The mission of Family Tree Clinic is to cultivate a healthy community through low-cost, patient driven health care to men, women and teens in St. Paul. Since 1971, it has provided comprehensive sexual health care, complete services for both visually and hearing impaired and educational programs for schools and other community groups. The agency programs are tailored to accommodate the cultural and family traditions of our diverse immigrant communities. Clients are served on a sliding fee scale with over 6,000 St. Paul residents taking advantage of these services in 2008. Unity member Dick Buggs is a supporter of Family Tree.

The offering recipient for Sunday, February 21, are the visitors from the Unitarian Universalist Association Holdeen India Program. During the last two weeks in March, Unity Church will welcome two visitors from one of our Unitarian Universalist Association Holdeen Partner Organizations in India—Vidyak Sansad. While here, Amol NandKumar Namjoshi, president of Vidyak Sansad and Hindavi Kumar, public relations manager, will share their experiences of working for a 30,000 member strong union composed of former bonded laborers. They will tour a variety of Twin City sites and organizations to learn about non-profit management in the U.S. During the last two summers, Unity Church members Wendy Harris and Laney Ohmans each traveled to India to teach in the Vidyak Sansad school for girls. This offering will help defray the trip expenses for our two guests.

Restorative Justice Team Seeks Transit Donations

Amicus, a local nonprofit partner of Unity Church, has found that one of the biggest challenges for those being released from a correctional facility is their lack of affordable transportation. You can help provide a vital tool for new starts – a bus pass.

Each Sunday during the month of February, the Unity Church Restorative Justice Outreach Ministry Team will gratefully accept bus passes, checks, and in-kind donations of winter hats, gloves and coats at their table in the Parish Hall. Stop by the table for more information - thank you!

The 2010 Unity Church Children's Musical

Lulu Pickle: A Circus Tale

Performances: March 4, 5, and 6