



# This Week at Unity Church

July 5 – 11, 2009

**Welcome visitors!** After the service today, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall to introduce yourself and find information about Unity Church and its programs and activities.

## Foote Music Sunday CDs

The Foote Music Sunday CDs have arrived. Turn your vouchers in at the Bookstall to pick up your prepaid CD. If you did not pre-order a CD but would still like to purchase a copy, please send \$15 per CD to Unity Church, Attn. Ruth Palmer and indicate either morning CD: *Beauty In Every Voice* or afternoon CD: *Lullabies Live*. Once your order has been received pick up your copy in the Bookstall marked with your name. If you want them mailed please add \$1 for shipping.

## Book Club Update

### This Book Clubs is open to all!

The Unity Book Club will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14. The book they will be discussing is *In the Beauty of the Lillies* by John Updike. Each book has a "sponsor" who begins the meeting by presenting a bit about the author and the book.

## *El Regalo De Pacha Mama* (The Gift of Pacha Mama)

Wednesday, July 15 • 7:00 p.m., Foote Room

Join the Mano a Mano Community Outreach Ministry Team for a special viewing of *El Regalo De Pacha Mama*. This exceptional film, voted "best cinematography" during the spring International Film Festival in Minneapolis, portrays the daily life of Quechua-speaking families who harvest salt from Bolivia's salares (highland salt flats). The film-maker, Toshifumi Matsushita, generously shared a copy of this film with us.

Mano a Mano International Partners, the community partner of Unity's Mano a Mano Community Outreach Ministry Team, is dedicated to improving health and economic well-being in very low-income rural Bolivian communities.

## Boston Pilgrimage

October 17-21, 2009

All are invited to join our ministers for a pilgrimage to the Unitarian Universalist holy sites! This pilgrimage includes visits to Plimouth Plantation, Harvard Divinity School, the Oracles of Concord, Walden Pond and the historic churches of Boston. There will be time for sightseeing as well as conversation and reflection.

The cost is \$950 per person plus airfare. This includes accommodation, ground transportation, all meals and gratuities. Single rooms may be available at additional cost. To register send a \$100 deposit to Song Thao at the Church Office.

## Job Transition Networking Group Update

There are some talented people in our church currently looking for employment networking opportunities in the following areas:

1. Marketing Manager
2. Longtime public radio professional: creative team leader, editor, writer, problem solver, music and arts specialist
3. Event Photographer
4. Administrative Assistant/Paralegal
5. Clerical/administrative, customer service, database management
6. Web application development
7. Designer specializing in 3D modeling software

Anyone in the congregation with a lead or information about employment in any of these areas, please contact Ron Prieve at 651-405-0789 or [rprieve@msn.com](mailto:rprieve@msn.com).

## Unitots: A Weekly Playgroup at Unity

Do you have a toddler or preschooler? Unitots is a playgroup for parents and their children. Currently, Unitots meets Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon. On fine days, we play outside; if it's raining, we have fun in the church nursery. This is a fun, casual way to connect with other Unity parents of young children. Meeting times and days are always open to group negotiation. E-mail Kerri Meyer, Director of Religious Education, at [kerri@unityunitarian.org](mailto:kerri@unityunitarian.org) to sign up for the Yahoo! Group that Unitots uses to communicate.

## Flowers for Summer Services

If you would like to donate flowers from your garden for a summer service please contact Julie Handberg at 651-228-1456 x.110 or [julieh@unityunitarian.org](mailto:julieh@unityunitarian.org).

## This Week in Religious Education

The nursery is open this morning for children ages six months to three years. Kids ages four and up are gardening with Anna Newton and friends in the Children's Garden. Registration is not necessary, but Safe Church ratios of adult volunteers to children will limit the number of kids we can take with us into the garden.

Our Religious Education programs begin again in September. If you're considering enrolling your child(ren) in Sunday School at Unity Church, mark September 9 on your family calendar. The next parent orientation will be offered at 7:00 p.m. that Wednesday. Contact Kerri Meyer at the Church Office for more information.

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### Sunday, July 5

Afterthoughts 11:00 a.m., Robbins Parlor

### Monday, July 6

Networking Group 9:30 a.m., Anderson Library  
Grandparents Unitots Playgroup 9:30 a.m., Nursery  
Free Yoga 5:30 p.m., Foote Room  
Women's Programming Meeting 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

### Wednesday, July 8

Board of Trustees 6:00 p.m., Anderson Library

### Friday, July 10

Unitots 9:00 a.m., Nursery

### Saturday, July 11

Relationship Transition Group 10:00 a.m., Gannett Room

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## 2nd Annual Faith Float in Rondo Days Parade

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 18, and join other Unity Church members plus those from a number of St. Paul churches on the Second Annual Faith Float. Building on the spirit created by the visit of the Shades of Praise last April, a number of St. Paul churches came together in July 2008 to appear in the Rondo Days parade. Those participating in the event dubbed the choir traveling on the back of a truck trailer, the Faith Float. For this summer's 2009 Rondo Days festival we are expanding this effort beyond the five churches from 2008 to include additional neighborhood churches.

It is great fun and a chance to sing in celebration of Rondo's history and community. Watch for more details as July 18 approaches. You need not have a great voice; only an adventurous and fun-filled spirit. Please contact Pat Haff at the Church Office by Monday, July 13, if you are planning on participating in the parade.

## National Night Out 2009

Unity Church and House of Hope Presbyterian are cosponsoring the annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 4, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This is a chance for neighbors to mingle during a relaxing evening of food and entertainment to promote a safe and friendly neighborhood. The event will be in the House of Hope parking lot and park. All are welcome.

We are looking for volunteers to help distribute flyers, set-up, clean-up, serve food, and so on. The more volunteers, the merrier! You can also support the event by becoming or finding sponsors to donate items for door prizes, food, beverages and/or cash donations. We also need cakes for the cake walk.

To pitch in, contact Ginny Martin at 651-228-0254 or marti137@tc.umn.edu or Ken Green at 651-292-0314 or klgreen@qwest.net. Or stop by the Green Sanctuary/Sustainable Agriculture table in the Parish Hall.

## Unity Church Needs a New Stove!

### Support Unity's Food Ministry!

We have to replace our kitchen's well used (but no longer safe) stove this summer and invite you to make a contribution to the Stove Fund. You can write a check to Unity Church with "Stove Fund" in the memo line, or make an online donation by visiting our website at [www.unityunitarian.org](http://www.unityunitarian.org). Our goal is \$3,000!

## Upcoming Worship Service

Sunday, July 12, 2009 • 10:00 a.m.

### *Religion, Citizenship, and the American Life*

#### Chico Hathaway

We're Americans, and we breathe American culture. But does our Unitarian Universalist religion tell us something about our role as citizens? How should we engage with America? If it is true that neither politics nor religion should be spoken of in polite company, it could be that UUs are more likely than others to get thrown out of dinner parties. Maybe that's not all bad. Musician: Michael Keyes, guitar and vocals.

## Our Ministry of Generosity

Each Sunday seventy percent of the offering collection is given to non-profit agencies within the community. The remaining thirty percent supports the Community Outreach Ministry at Unity Church.

On June 28, Unity Church collected \$682.10 in the Sunday offering. DARTS will receive a donation of \$477.47.

The offering recipient today is Children's Home Society and Family Services (CHSFS). CHSFS is an adoption services provider and humanitarian aid agency. Additional agency programs provide family counseling, and both child abuse and child neglect prevention. CHSFS has staff here in St. Paul and in 16 countries with waiting children orphanages. CHSFS has found permanent homes for 23,000 children during its history with many of these placements in Minnesota families. CHSFS assisted the Todd Graham family, Unity Church members, in finding and adopting their daughter, Zoe, out of an orphanage in Russia in 2004.

The offering recipient for Sunday, July 12, is The Family Place. Since 2001, the Family Place has provided a warm, safe, supportive daytime place for homeless families in a downtown St. Paul church where they also receive critical basic services such as meals, showers, enriched childcare, Ramsey County employment and housing services. Project Home families that stay here at Unity Church during the month of May are transported to the Family Place each day. Project Home is a joint project of the Unity Church Affordable Housing Ministry Team and the St. Paul Council of Churches.

## Organ For Lunch Bunch

Every Wednesday in July and August • Noon

Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church • [www.DAPC.org](http://www.DAPC.org)

Bring your bag lunch to Dayton Avenue Church and enjoy a twenty minute concert on their historic Casavant organ and have lunch and conversation. Organists from all over the Twin Cities will participate. The FREE mini-concerts will begin July 1, at noon, with Geoff Olson, organist and music director from St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

## Welcome to Unity: Our Class for Newcomers

Sunday, August 9 • after the 10:00 a.m. service

*Welcome to Unity* is geared to newcomers, visitors, and those seeking to learn more about Unitarian Universalists and Unity Church. This class covers the mission and vision of the church as well as the basics of historical and contemporary Unitarian Universalism. *Welcome to Unity* is the first step for all those seeking to learn more about our faith. To sign up contact Betsy Moore at the Church Office.