

## About ArtsWorks

ArtsWorks is a volunteer team, made up of representatives from the clergy, administration, space sharing partners, congregation, and the Artist in Residence of Unity Lutheran Church and Unity Community Center. ArtsWorks strives to support, promote, and enrich the community through arts programming. We are dedicated to building a rich, vibrant arts experience, where all are welcome without exception.

## Unity Music and Arts Calendar

The Gallery at Unity

Jean Yves Hector Solo Exhibition, November 27, 2016

Concerts at Unity with Michael Miller

“A Concert of Song”

Stuart Thompson, Baritone | Michael G. Miller, Piano

Friday, October 14, 7:30pm

“In Honor of Our Veterans: A Concert of Americana”

Friday, November 11, 7:30pm

2017 “Concerts at Unity” Calendar Coming Soon!

Unity Players

An Evening of Scenes and Monologues from Hank Keil's Theater Classes

Friday, 10/21, Saturday 10/22, Sunday 10/23

Showing at 7:30pm

An Evening of Scenes from the Director's Workshop

Friday, 10/28, Saturday 10/29, Sunday 10/30,

Showing at 7:30pm

Seasoned Trio Fall Concerts

Chamber music of Mozart, Zemlinsky, Piazzolla and Muczynski, on Clarinet, Cello and Piano

Sunday December 4, 6:30pm

Chicago Chamber Choir & Unity Bazaar

Celebrate the glow of the season with CCC and Holiday Sale

Saturday December 17, 7:30pm

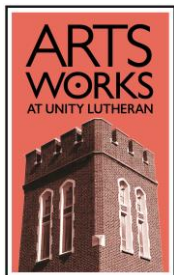
Calligraphy Classes with *Learn More Live More*

Wednesday October 19 & 26, 7:00pm

## Support ArtsWorks

The mission of **ArtsWorks** at Unity Lutheran Church and the Unity Community Center, continues through the generous donations of our patrons. Please support us at the level that best aligns with your interest and ability.

- \$100 Unity Forever
- \$50 Unity Enlightenment
- \$25 Unity Trumpeter
- \$10 Unity Paintbrush
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

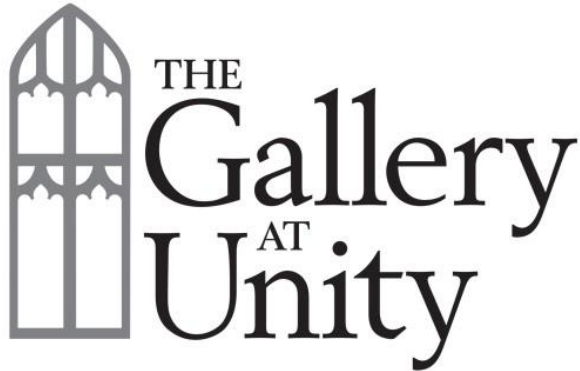


*ancient, living, interconnected*

October 16 to November 20, 2016

Unity Community Center  
at  
Unity Lutheran Church  
Chicago

## Welcome



Welcome to “The Tree of Life” exhibit now showing in The Gallery at Unity. Please make yourself at home and be our guest.

Unity’s involvement with the arts goes way back to the roaring 20’s founding of the *Unity Players*, an in-house theater that continues today under the direction of Hank Keil.



## Tree of Life

The tree of life is an ancient and enduring symbol that has been an artistic theme for millennia. The tree of life is found in paintings, architecture, theatre, and the movies. The tree of life is found in every country, culture and religion. It is living and continues to grow.

For the Abrahamic traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, the tree of life was God’s gift to humanity whose fruit symbolizes righteousness before God, and living in harmony with one another. The tree of life lives in the garden and home of all peoples. Jesus hung on a tree to die for the sake of the world. The New Testament ends with the revelation to John that in the new heaven and new earth that is coming, there will be a tree of life with leaves that are for the healing of the nations (*Revelation 22:2*).

*“Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden...”*  
(*Genesis 2:9*)

Trees are ecological players in our world. Every tree breathes and digests the carbon dioxide that is warming our planet as a nutrient for its growth producing oxygen for us to breathe. Plant trees, say the climatologists, to counter global warming.

## Tree of Life Artists



Our thanks to these artists and their interpretation of the Tree of Life! Paintings for sale as marked.

## Story of Unity and the Arts

Unity Lutheran Church formed the Unity Community Center in 2011. Building on the Unity Player’s heritage the Center has expanded Unity’s vibrant home for the arts including theatre, musical performance and instruction, healing arts classes, and is a vital resource for many community organizations like RefugeeONE’s afterschool program and the Recovery Community. The Center, under Director Amy Wood, proudly hosts up to 500 participants and more per week.

The Center created the Artist in Residence program in 2013 and has been working in collaboration with John Baker ever since. John, Amy and Pastor Fred created ArtsWorks to support, promote, and enrich the community through arts programming, including Gallery Exhibits, Concerts, Workshops, church–community outreach, and arts for worship.

The Gallery at Unity functions as a space for artists to investigate the human condition, celebrate life’s rich diversity, and reflect shared experiences.

Unity Gallery exhibits seek to enlighten, inspire, enrich and explore the spiritual, intellectual, and social dimensions of life.

All of us at Unity hope you enjoy the show!