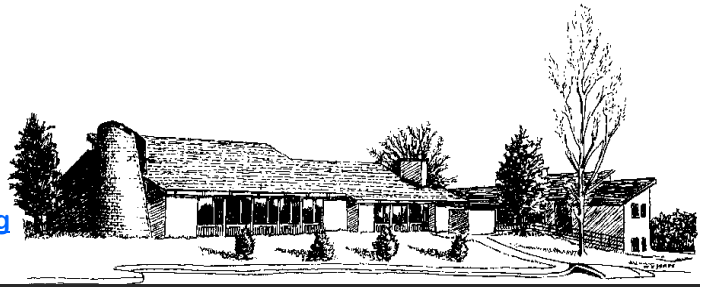


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Sunday Programs in August

Services at 9:30 a.m. only in the summer

August 5 "Addiction and Spirituality"

Marv Moore, the facilitator for our Smart Recovery Program will be our speaker today. Jennifer Geraci and Rosemary Bergstrom will facilitate.

August 12 "What Would Peace Look Like to Us?"

Ron Friesen, a peace activist, will talk about the present work of peace-making, and our own Rev. Roy Jones will talk with us about where our impulses to peace and war come from. This service takes its inspiration from the ongoing four-year UUA Study of Peace. Rosemary Bergstrom and Dan Leatherman will facilitate.

August 19 no service, prepare for Rummage sale

August 26 9:00 A.M. Start-Up Breakfast, City Park Pavilions

Join us to kick off the new church year with a fun breakfast at City Park. Please bring a dish to share as well as your own flatware, plates, cups and napkins. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided. A map showing the location of Shelters #1-5 in City Park can be found at <http://www.ci.fort-collins.co.us/parks/city-park.php>. This is a time to reconnect and get the start of year announcements before you go and shop the "bag sale" at the Rummage Sale.

Welcome Our New Church Administrator

Please welcome Carolyn Myers as our new Church Administrator. Carolyn brings many years of experience to our church as long time of-office manager here in Fort Collins. She is in the church office on Monday's through Thursday's and on Sunday morning. Please drop by and introduce yourself.

Growing with Adult Enrichment

Vicki Siska, Adult Enrichment Coordinator

We have many exciting classes and events planned for the coming year, and we are looking forward to sharing them with you! While the program is currently being refined, we do know that there will be classes in September this year, including a DVD presentation by Joe Wilson, husband of former CIA agent Valerie Plane, and a very timely DVD presentation by middle-east expert Judith Kipper.



For now, save the date of September 23 for our Mabon (fall equinox) celebration, which will include a concert by the wonderful Peter Mayer. We know this will be a very fun and popular evening!

Registration will begin on September 2nd, so please plan to pick up your brochure at the church start-up picnic on August 26th!

Caring Corner

Vicki Siska

Healing wishes are sent to Amy Plumb who has suffered some medical problems recently.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 23-26 Church Rummage Sale (see page 3)



- Aug. 26 Annual Start-Up Breakfast, City Park Pavilions
- Sept. 14-16 Buckhorn Retreat
- Sept. 23 Mabon celebration with Peter Mayer
- Oct. 12-14 Mountain Desert District Conference and Assembly

Above Board

Conwell Dickey, President, Board of Trustees

Here I sit writing my second article for the Intercom and because of Intercom lead times we have not even had our first Board meeting for the new fiscal year. I'm therefore not going to have much to say about what the Board is doing although I will say a few things later about some of the things that the Board will be looking at.

Rather I'm going to share some of my thoughts regarding this year's General Assembly which was just in Portland, OR. This was my first GA and yes it is everything that people say it is. If you haven't attended, please put it on your list of things to do at least once. There were over 5500 attendees. We took over the entire Oregon Convention Center. One of the most impressive parts of the Assembly was how successfully the democratic process was managed for this many people. Amendments were made, Resolutions and Actions of Immediate Witness were passed, and through it all everyone got a chance to be heard and be a part of the process. Truly amazing.

I've put my notes from GA on the church website (see link on front page of <http://foothillsuu.org>) and I encourage you to read them. There is much more detail than I can provide here. I would like to mention a couple of things though. First, it quickly became clear to me that we have moved into the "large" church category and as such we have new and different problems that we need to be addressed. First, large churches have a much more difficult task in being welcoming to visitors. Just because we are a friendly church does not mean that we are a welcoming church to visitors. I firmly believe that we could be doing better in this area and the Board will be talking about possible next steps. Please offer your thoughts to any board member. At GA they talked about a couple of ways of auditing how welcoming you are to visitors. Large churches also need to consider different approaches to governance and organization. There is much more information about these topics and others in my GA notes so please take the time to read them.

Your Board of Trustees will be working in the next couple of months to determine where we want to focus in the coming year. The above topics will certainly be discussed as well as others. Please let me know your thoughts.

Music Notes 🎵

Ryan Marvel, Music Director

As I write this, I cannot believe that we are half-way through our summer! Just a few announcements to put in your ear to think about for Fall...just around the corner!

Adult Choir:

We will resume our weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 5th. We meet in the sanctuary from 7:30 - 9:00. I am so excited to begin another year of choral exploration. Please let me know if you are interested in joining our fun group; we are always welcoming new members. To find out more information or add your name to the email list, please contact me. (See below)

Russ Crowder Memorial Scholarship Auditions:

If you are interested in enrolling your student (ages 6-11, 12-18) for this annual music scholarship audition, please contact me directly. I have an email list of many names that I will send out information to. Dates are forthcoming...look for it soon!

Come to the Cabaret!!!!

Mark your calendars...and get your voices in shape! Foothills will offer its first annual CABARET on Saturday, October 20th. And it's starring...YOU! This is your chance to share those hidden talents with an appreciative and loving audience. This promises to be a great evening of music, fun and lots of laughter. Look for more details soon...and be thinking of an act! Enjoy the rest of your summer...safe travels and happy trails. In Song, Ryan Marvel, 581-0120, ryan@ryanmarvel.com

Social Action Update

Richard Conn, Social Action Chair

As your new director, I'm finding exciting times ahead. The garden is already producing veggies and some will go on sale for the benefit of Foothills Unitarian Church by July 15th and then every Sunday 'til the frost is on the pumpkin. And I'll still sell along side fair traded coffee, cocoa, chocolate and tea for the benefit of 3rd World small farmers with the help of our UUSC/Coffee website. A good social action director must always ask everyone else for ideas to add to our social action program, so please stop by the SA table in the Social Hall and give me suggestions how we can enhance our community, our environment, and promote a sustainable lifestyle for everyone. awesomeart@mail.com. 988-9901.

Fun Committee

Myrna Maier

The Fun Committee book is *March* by Geraldine Brooks, winner of the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. The Publisher states, "...a story "filled with the ache of love and marriage and with the power of war upon the mind and heart of one unforgettable man" (Sue Monk Kidd). With "pitch-perfect writing" (USA Today), Brooks follows March as he leaves behind his family to aid the Union cause in the Civil War. His experiences will utterly change his marriage and challenge his most ardently held beliefs." Read the book and come join us for the discussion. Tues., August 21st @ 7PM in the RE building (follow the signs).

Dinners in the Home

Susan Snyderman and Gretchen Weller

Groups of eight to ten people are now being formed for the September, October, November dinners. Each group will decide on mutually agreeable dates and times for getting together. They will also design a plan to rotate hosting and food preparation duties.

We welcome any members or friends of the church, both singles and couples. New members and friends of the church are especially encouraged to join, as the dinners are a great way to get to know people on a more personal level.

Please sign-up no later than August 25th by calling Susan Snyderman or Gretchen Weller at 204-9219 or by e-mail at susanstudio888@yahoo.com.

We also need people willing to be on the substitute list. Current participants, please e-mail or call to let us know if you would like to be a part of the summer session. Happy eating and happy friendship making!



Hospitality Committee

Deb Shields, Hospitality Chair

The committee would like to thank all those people who made coffee on Sunday mornings during the past church year. The Social Hour is an opportunity for people to talk with friends, exchange information, and share in our church life. The coffee and tea are an important part of the occasion for many of us. During the summer months the Hospitality Committee is only responsible for ensuring that supplies are available. If coffee is desired, someone will need to volunteer to make it. Thanks to those who have volunteered this summer and please consider signing up in the fall.



Top 10 Reasons to Support the Rummage Sale:

Reason #2:

**Even your cat says
you don't get out enough!**

**And the #1 Reason to
Support the Rummage Sale:
You're spending more time picking up
clutter than picking up dates!!**

**NEEDED--
YOUR EXCELLENT DONATIONS**
(and paper grocery bags,
plastic tube hangers, pant hangers,)
Bring to the church August 13-20.

NEEDED--HELPERS!
There's a job to suit every taste:

8/12: Right after the service, help set up
sale racks & tables.

8/13 to 8/20: BRING donations to church.
8/13 to 8/22: SORT and **PRICE** goods.

8/22 5-6pm: WINE & CHEESE & SHOP
ADMISSION: \$10 OR FIVE hours volunteering be-
tween August 12-21. (Be sure to document your hours
on the chart when you work!)

8/22 6-8:30pm:Members/Friends PRE-SALE

**8/23 to 8/26: UU RUMMAGE SALE –
CASHIERS and HELPERS needed!**
8/27 to 8/29: Pack up & clean up.

SAVE THESE DATES AND YOUR DISCARDS:

Aug 12 - Set-up after church service

Aug 12- 20 - accepting donations

Aug 22 (evening) - Members & Friends Sale

Aug 23-26 - Public Sale



Thoughts from UU General Assembly...

In June, I traveled to Portland, Oregon as a delegate to the annual UU General Assembly. I attended several interesting workshops, inspiring worship services, and met many UU's from around the country. A few thoughts/questions that I bring back include:

- *How can we as adults, pass on a sense of tradition and identity as Unitarian Universalists if we ourselves are not well grounded in our own UU history and values?*
- *How can we provide more opportunities for people of all ages to gather in community and broaden the concept of family, forming deeper connections within our church community?*

I hope that you will join me in working on these and other exciting challenges in the coming year!

Yours in faith,
Eleanor

Sundays, August 5th & 12th

Summer Sunday Activities for kids ages 3 - 12 meet at 9:30 am in room 211, & 213. UU Treasure Hunters for PS - 2nd grade, UU World Travelers for 3rd - 6th grade.

Sunday August 19th

No church today due to our **Annual Rummage Sale**. Stop by to shop! There are bargains galore and many items for kids, including clothing, toys, games and books.

Sunday August 26th

Join us for our **Annual Start-up Breakfast at City Park Picnic Shelters at 9 am**. Bring a pot-luck dish and table service. Childcare will be provided at the playground by the picnic shelters.

Sunday Sept 2nd

Fall Church School Classes Begin
1st Sunday of two services 9 & 11am



**Church School Registration -
September 2nd, 9th 15th & 23rd.**

Please register your children who be attending Sunday classes this year. This allows us to plan for adequate supplies and staffing. Our requested RE donation for the 2007/2008 school year will be \$30 per child / \$60 per family. This donation helps us to offset the cost of supplies and snacks. Remember that this donation covers only a small portion of the cost of R.E. when you make your annual pledge.

We are still looking for more volunteer church school teachers.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to teach this fall. We still have several openings for teachers. A curriculum, supplies and moral and practical support are provided for you. The joy of spending time with amazing young people comes free with the job! Contact Eleanor if you have questions or would like to volunteer. A sign up sheet is located in the Social Hall.

- Teacher Orientation -

2007/2008 teachers - Watch your mailbox for an invitation to our annual Teacher Orientation. We have two different days for you to choose from.

***Saturday, August 25th 9am - 12 pm or
Saturday, Sept 8th 9am - 12 pm***

We will enjoy a casual morning together, meet our fellow teachers and discuss our ideas about religious education. Practical advice and guidelines will be offered for first time teachers. Brunch and Childcare will be provided.

PAST TEACHERS - Do you still have your curriculum binder? If you still have your curriculum from a past year, please drop it by the church office on a Sunday morning or any weekday between 9:00 and 3:00. Many Thanks!

If you have questions about the Children's Religious Education Program or anything posted here, please contact Eleanor VanDeusen, Children's Religious Education Coordinator or the church office at (970) 493-5906 church or (970) 484-6090 home. My summer office hours are Tue. Wed. Thu & Fri. 9 - 2, and Sun. 9:00 - 12:00.

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The deadline for copy is the 15th of each month at 5:00 p.m. Submissions should be sent electronically to the editors at intercom@foothillsuu.org.

If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please contact the editors at the above e-mail address or Carole VanGorder at 493-7206 or Linda Kothera at 407-1217.

Ongoing Meetings & Activities

Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group

Come join us for a weekly discussion group at 8:30 am in the RE Building, Room #226.

Foothills Covenant Groups

Covenant groups are small intimate groups composed of UU members and friends for the purpose of connecting with one another and discussing topics of mutual interest. Darcie Bailey Pientka (686-7287).

Most of the following groups are on summer break, please contact the person listed for more information.

Foothills Unitarian Young Adult Group

FUYAG meets the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Scott Rudolf
seventhchords@yahoo.com

The Foothills Women's Circle

The mission of this group is friendship and inter-generational community growth. Dru Van Doren
druvandoren@yahoo.com

YFF – Young Family Fellowship

All family groups with young children are invited you join the Young Family Fellowship. Upcoming events include potlucks and playgroups--the first and third Wednesday of the month in the social hall at 9:30--grandparents or other family members are most welcome to bring infant-preschooler family members for an enjoyable morning of activities Erica Dickson
erica460@comcast.net

MUUMs (Mostly UU Moms)

Join in the fun as we explore interesting topics and enjoy special events. Amy Roberts
amysjnk@comcast.net or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/muums/join>.

BUUMs (Book-loving UU Moms)

Shawn at csumrule@gmail.com

BGLT Outreach Committee

The BGLT Outreach Committee and Interweave members are actively working to end oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity Interweave@foothillsuu.org.

Feminist Discussion / Activism Listserv

To discuss feminist issues and participating in some activism, contact Jill at kuhngale@earthlink.net for questions or if you wish to join the listserv.

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