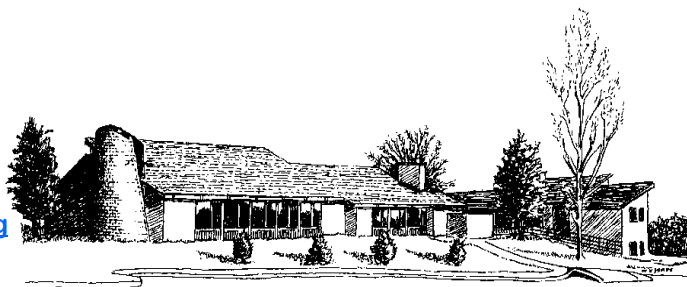


# The InterCom

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## SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER

(All services at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. as our double services resume)

### October 7 Sermon: "Talking to Strangers"

Today's program will focus on the theme of talking to strangers and building bridges. We will also look at where this approach to the world led one man and his family. We will also be blessed with very special music by our choir and flutist Alina Kassenbrock, who will perform in honor of the Daniel Pearl Harmony for Humanity celebration. Our special guest speaker will be our Adult Enrichment Coordinator, Vicki Siska.

### October 14 Sermon: "Burnout, it's not just in the Forest"

While Vicki and I are away at the MDD annual meeting, this year in Billings, Montana, Worship Associates Carole VanGorder and Nathan Cory Seymour will present both Sunday services.

### October 21 Sermon: "Animal Dreaming"

We'll focus in our services this morning on the spiritual role that animals play in our lives, from companions to rescuers to the means of our very survival. We'll also explore the continuity between humans and other animals. Dr. Denise Hall will also share the pulpit for this service.

### October 28 Sermon: "Living in Fear"

All-Church Service with our annual Day of the Dead Altar. Join for our service honoring those special people now gone from us in body but not in spirit. We invite you bring photos or mementos to place on our altar. The children will share in this ceremony and, after they leave for church school activities.



## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 12-14 Mountain Desert District Conference and Assembly
- October 20 Cabaret (see insert)
- October 28 Annual Pumpkin Carving Party (see page 6)
- November 4 Foothills Church Congregational Meeting (see page 1)
- November 10 Thanks for Gifting — Goods and Services Auction (see back page)

## From the Board of Directors

*Bruce Wagner, Acting President Board of Trustees*

On September 9th, Conwell Dickey resigned his position as Board of Trustees President. He expressed a need to fully commit his energy to personal matters. He remains an active member of Foothills Unitarian and we look forward to working with him on future projects. Conwell has served our congregation in many ways over the years. He has been a member of the Board for the last three years, beginning his term as President last June. The Board would like to thank him for his many contributions.

The Board will call a special meeting of the congregation to be held on November 4, 2007, in part to elect replacement Board members. As your Acting President, I have expressed my willingness to continue to serve as President this year. Tom Griggs, current member of the Board, would like to serve as President-Elect. If the congregation votes to elect these two candidates, then another Member at Large will be needed for all Board positions to be filled. The Nominating Committee is currently working to bring names forward for all three positions for your consideration.

Meanwhile, the Board continues its work. I am excited about the coming year. In addition to our usual business, we are planning to discuss the possibilities cultivated last spring by the Five Year Planning Committee. We will consider what it means to be a large and growing congregation, how the Board can best serve such a congregation, and how the members of the congregation can be empowered to provide leadership in matters of social action, growing gracefully, and filling our place in the greater community.

With sleeves rolled up and nose grinding,  
Bruce Wagner

## Marc My Words

In September our church was host to the two regular monthly meetings of the Interfaith Council, as well as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services for Congregation Har Shalom, located about a mile east of the church on Drake. Our friendly relations with both organizations go back many years.

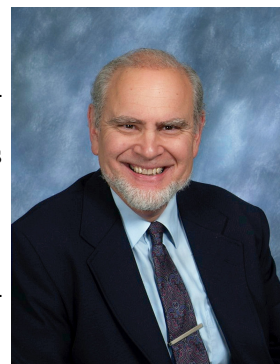
Our church was one of the founding members of the Interfaith Council, now made up of many of the faith communities in Fort Collins. Our own Garth McCann is in his second year as President of the council, which works on many projects including poverty and its accompanying traumas: ill-health, hunger, and inadequate housing. We're proud to maintain our good standing in this important organization.

Congregation Har Shalom provided a home for us in the summer of 1996 during our building renovation. Our two congregations have traded spaces at other times, helping each other out during various stages of growth and change. Our church received many compliments, both for the beauty of our space and the friendly helpfulness of our staff, as Har Shalom celebrated its high holy days this year.

The Universalist part of our tradition is steeped in a culture of hospitality and openness to other faith communities. Ironically, the place we seem to fall down is our general attitude to the Christian community, which can be one of derision, and sometimes hostility. While we may try to make it clear that fundamentalism in any form is our spiritual and philosophical nemesis, we sometimes forget to honor the diversity within Christian faith that we're ready to recognize in Islam, or Judaism, or even Unitarian Universalism. Such prejudice is a shame, is unnecessary, and makes us appear hypocritical.

Universalism is a demanding spiritual practice but a tradition we can proudly claim. However, the sages were always quick to identify "pride" as first and most deadly among sins, knowing that pride at its extreme can promote a morality of murder and an ethic of ethnocentrism. As Unitarian Universalists, we are sometimes too proud of our identity and accomplishments, leading us into our own fundamentalism, and then our own forms of prejudice. Since no one is immune from the temptation to pride, let's help each other to continually be aware of the requirements of the path of Universalism and its stance of hospitality and compassion. That's a challenge worth accepting!

Yours in our shared ministry, Marc



## Caring Corner

*Vicki Siska, Caring Committee*

Our deepest sympathy is sent to Myrna and Jim Maier upon the death of their infant great granddaughter. May your family be held in love.

Our sympathy is sent to Kate Bolster, whose mother passed away this summer, and to the families of Julie Estlick, Jim Finnell, and Dawn Webster, who each lost their fathers in recent months. May you have only good memories.

Our thoughts are with Jim Maier, who underwent surgery this past month. Jim is now up and about and doing well.

We also send healing wishes to Dalena Groen, daughter of Jennifer Iole and Dan Groens. Dalena broke her elbow and had surgery to repair the break, but we hope she will be having lots of fun soon!

We are happy to report that our Caring Committee Chair, Nancy Kellner, has completed her cancer treatment and is in good health. We know it was a long haul for Nancy and we are thrilled with your current good health.

Heartly good wishes to Stony Stonaker, who celebrated his 90th birthday this summer. Stony also had some medical

problems, but we are happy to report he is now well and getting stronger at home.

Safe travels to Scott and Rebecca Rudolph as they journey to Chicago, where Rebecca will continue pursuing her Master's degree and Scott will begin his ministerial studies for the UU ministry.

Our prayers are with Anne Sendlak as she begins this journey in her life. May each day be a blessing and bring you sacred time with family and friends and may you know our love travels with you always.

## Letter from Anne Sendlak

Dear fellow friends and colleagues,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter of resignation. Wednesday Sept 19th, 2007 will be my last day as Youth Programs Coordinator. I plan to live the rest of my days to the utmost, traveling and spending it with loved ones and friends. I have really enjoyed my time as your YPC, I have felt like this was a way for me to do something meaningful with my life, and I have appreciated all the support and love that I have received during this journey. Thank you for all that you have given me.

Love and Peace,  
Anne Sendlak

## Getting to Know Me!

*Dr. Denise Hall, Intern Minister*

Hello folks, and I hope that all is well with you and your families.

I thought that it might be wise to engage with you through the newsletter as we get to know one another. I am your part-time intern minister for two years here at Foothills Unitarian Church in Fort Collins, Colorado. I work part-time as the UU Campus Minister at the University of Colorado, Boulder through Progressive Radically Inclusive Student Ministries (PRISM). I am the consultant for the UUA Seminarians of Color, and the volunteer co-coordinator for Justice Ministries in the Mountain Desert District.

As you may interpret from all of this activity, I am dedicated to Unitarian Universalism in an energetic way. I refuse to sit back, while there is so much to do. My mother used to say, that she would rather 'wear out' than 'rust out'. I know that I have inherited her drive and determination to co-create a better world. Most of my family lives in California. My mother and younger sister live in Orange County (southern California), while my brother and his wife live in Berkeley (northern California).

Virginia and I have lived in northern Colorado for seven years. I love Colorado very much. Virginia is a native of Oklahoma, where many of her family members reside. Her father passed last year, and her mother made the transition to the next plane about eight years prior. Virginia's father, Reverend David Reese, has been a father figure as well as a mentor in ministry for me as he was a campus minister and pastor within the Disciples of Christ faith tradition.

Reverend Salkin and I have been in dialogue about my internship for some time. This has been very helpful as we prepared for my journey with you. During this church year, we will see each other fairly often on Sundays, and in other locations.

I am acquainted with your previous intern, Jinnie Tribulsi, as we have shared some seminary studies together. We have kept in touch throughout the years. We have dialogued about the delightful time she spent at the church.

My intention for us during this 'getting to know you' period is for me to pay attention, establish right relationships, listen, and learn. I will spend most of my time documenting congregational life at Foothills Unitarian Church by attending meetings, visiting religious education activities, and participating in various aspects of church life. Upon obtaining an analysis of how Foothills Unitarian church does church, I would like to bring forward that information to the board and my internship committee.

Let us take on this new adventure together, and be open to receive the blessings of our beautiful odyssey!

Peace, love, and grace to you!  
Denise

## Denominational Connections

*Lenny Scovel*

As we begin our new church year, I am very pleased to be assuming the chair of the Denominational Connections committee. My desire to serve in this capacity came as a direct result of attending the UUA General Assembly in Portland, Oregon this past June. It came as a real eye-opener how much the UUA has to offer in support and guidance to the member congregations and in return how much of our participation is required. My goal is to be the bridge between Foothills UUC and both the UUA as well as our more immediate administrative body, the Mountain Desert District (MDD). In the coming months I will use both the newsletter as well as making myself available during social hour to bring to our congregation the opportunities, resources and communications with the larger Unitarian Universalist community. If you are interested in learning more about the UUA/MDD or would like to find out how you can become involved, please feel free to contact me by email at [lennyscovel@msn.com](mailto:lennyscovel@msn.com) or by phone at 484-6090. Yours in Loving Fellowship, Lenny Scovel

## Music Notes

*Ryan Marvel, Music Director*

### Adult Choir:

We are planning a great year of new music in the choir. Our first performance will be on Sunday, October 7th. Please come and join us if you want to sing with a fun and outgoing group. We do not require an audition...just a strong love of music and adventure!

### Choir Rehearsals in October:

Wed, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 -- 7:30—9:00 pm

### Choir Performances in October:

Sunday, Oct 7 -- BOTH SERVICES

Saturday, Oct 20, 7:00 pm— CABARET!!!!

### Russ Crowder Scholarship Auditions:

Auditions for this annual music scholarship will be held Saturday, October 13th in the Sanctuary. Sign-up sheets and information are due in to the office or to Ryan by Wed, Oct 3rd.

### Come to the Cabaret!!!!

The Cabaret is fast becoming a very popular event! We have a great show so far, and are still looking for a few final acts. Please pick up your sign-up sheet in the office...or talk to Ryan, Bill Weddell or John Wells. See the spread in the insert for all the details! See you there!

Next Intercom:

- Hymn-sings between services
- Music for Jr. High and High school groups
- Meet a choir member!

In Song, Ryan Marvel, 581-0120, [ryan@ryanmarvel.com](mailto:ryan@ryanmarvel.com)

## Garden Update

Bob Jones

The church organic vegetable garden, established last fall, is having a great season! This spring volunteers put in lots more hours to build 13 separate garden beds. We held our breath this summer hoping the new composting material would break down in time to nourish plants adequately. To our surprise, the garden produced an abundance of high quality vegetables with no toxic sprays, fertilizers or pesticides. It may look a little chaotic and overgrown but we had children plant things all over the place which came up as an unexpected bonus. Many thanks to Alex and his team of volunteers for their efforts.

Produce has been shared with volunteers, sold to raise money to donate to the church for expenses and water, and given to local food banks and shelters. Now it is being sold to raise funds for maintenance, plant expenses next spring, and possible expansion.

If we don't have an early frost, we may have 2-3 more weeks of veggies. Once a frost hits hard, we will harvest the winter squash, pull up the remainder of the garden plants and probably plant a winter crop of oats to add nitrogen to the soil.

We have grown some beautiful pumpkins this summer which we plan to bring to Pumpkin Carving Night. We will also celebrate the success of the church garden.

We will need volunteers to help consolidate and add to the compost piles, clean up the garden for the winter, add another layer of boards to make the soil deeper and also grow worms again over the winter which is great fun for kids. We are also starting a mentoring program of experienced gardeners working along with less experienced folks to show them how to grow vegetables effectively. If you are willing to help and want to learn, call me at 223-2123 or Alex Barnett at 221-0994

## Last Call for Busy Bees

Vicki Siska, Caring Committee

The goal of the Busy Bees' directory is to list members' and friends' occupations/businesses so if you are in need of a particular skill or service you can patronize people within our community, if you so desire.

If you haven't turned in your Busy Bee form yet, please pick one up in the social hall after services. If you prefer to email me your information, please feel free to do so to [vsiska27@hotmail.com](mailto:vsiska27@hotmail.com). Please include your name, address, phone number, email address, the occupation and/or business name, and business address and phone number.

We also invite you to indicate whether you would be willing to be a support/mentor to someone in our community who finds themselves unemployed. We envision this role to include such activities as helping with networking, supportive phone calls, suggestions for work searches, tips on resumes and interviews, etc.

We would like to have the directory published and ready before the holidays, and have set October 30th as a deadline for accepting forms. So don't delay! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

## Madrigal Tickets On Sale

Vicki Siska

Our 4th annual Madrigal Dinner with Opera Colorado will be held on Friday, December 7th, with doors opening at 6:30 pm and closing promptly at 7 pm. A second performance will take place on Saturday, December 8th with doors opening at 5:30 pm and closing promptly at 6 pm. Both nights feature the same wonderful program of music and drama, delicious food catered by the Rainbow Restaurant, and fun with family and friends. These dinners have become anticipated evenings of holiday merriment filled with pageantry, song, and good fellowship.



Tickets are now on sale after each church service or by picking up a reservation form from the church office. Donation is \$40 per person if purchased prior to November 5th and \$45 if purchased after the 4th. Lord and Lady tickets, which cost a bit more at \$50 per person, provide you with the honor of helping to make the evening available to people not normally able to attend. All Lord and Lady ticket purchasers are listed in our program and receive our deepest gratitude.

We hope you can join us for this celebration to begin the winter season.

## Foothills Castle Workers Wanted!

Vicki Siska

To create a magical season of Wonder and Light  
Let us begin with a Madrigal, lovely and bright  
Come gather all ladies, lords, wenches and knaves  
While Rainbow dishes are served to great raves.

The castle will need your aid to prepare  
We welcome all helpers whose time they will share  
Our gratitude is generous and flows from us fairly  
So, come help make an evening of Madrigal Merry!

If you are interested in serving on one or both nights of our Madrigal Dinner, please see me in the social hall on Sundays or give me a call. Serving gives you a fun way of participating in the dinner at no cost and your help will be most appreciated. All servers are invited to dress up - or not at all - to match your inner Elizabethan spirit!

We also need people to help with set-up on Thursday evening (Dec. 6th), dishwashing on Saturday morning and Saturday evening, and take down on Saturday evening to prepare for Sunday services. If you can help in any of these areas please let me know.



Fall is in the air as the days grow shorter and the winds blow crisper. Our thoughts now start turning inward in contemplation of the cooler days ahead, and the beginnings that came to many of us in September are now becoming more routine.

I hope that you have all had a chance to pick up an Adult Enrichment brochure (please note they were not mailed), and have had time to read of the great classes planned for the 2007-08 church year. If you haven't stopped by the Adult Enrichment table in the Social Hall to pick up a brochure, please do so soon – I don't want you to miss out on anything!

### Wordplay

Our October program begins with dessert and the great movie, *Wordplay*, a film that one critic called “a playful documentary about crossword puzzle-heads that is a total delight from start to finish.” But don't be misled – you don't have to be a crossword player or fan to enjoy this film. I have done very few crossword puzzles in my life and yet I found myself totally engaged in this PG rated film which is suitable for the whole family. Please join us on Sunday, October 7th as we share a fun “wordy” dessert, try our hand at a specially designed UU puzzle and enjoy the movie. Our evening begins at 6:30 pm and should conclude by 9pm. Pre-registration is not required but is requested, as is a \$5 donation.

### Introduction to Buddhism

October will also see the commencement of our six-session Introduction to Buddhism series. Classes will be held on the second Sunday of each month, with no meeting scheduled for December or February. Join us for one session (\$4) or all six (\$20). Each meeting will conclude with an optional 20 minutes of meditation time.

The Buddhism classes will be taught by Sharon Kreider, a long time student of Buddhism and Mindfulness Meditation, and the first session will give an overview of the Buddha and Buddhism. The class will be held on Sunday, October 14, from 7 – 8:30 pm in room #226 of the Religious Education building. Please join us. Advanced registration is not necessary but appreciated.

### A Message of Hope for Everyone

Thursday, October 18 will find us listening to Dr. Susan Love, world renowned expert on breast cancer. While you may think this subject matter doesn't apply to you, chances are you at least know someone whose life has been touched by breast cancer. In addition, Susan is an excellent, engaging and funny speaker. When my daughter and I picked this tape up from Boulder I wanted to make sure it was the right recording and told her we would listen to her CD as soon as I made a quick check. After listening to just a few minutes of this engaging

speaker, my then 20 year old daughter opted to listen to the whole tape instead of her music! What more can I say – join us on October 18th at 7 pm. There is no donation fee for this class but we will take up a collection to be donated to the Dr. Susan Love Research Foundation.

### A New Addition to Our Program

We are pleased to add the following class to our Adult Enrichment line-up, and just in time for the holidays! Come learn how to sew easy, decorative and useful pillowcases to give as gifts or keep for yourself. Using holiday, juvenile, seasonal, or any other themed fabric, learn how to cut, assemble, and sew pillowcases for one-of-a-kind gifts. In addition to the fabric, you will need a sewing machine, pins, scissors, and thread. Limited sewing experience is necessary but you need to know how to run your sewing machine. This class, taught by Carole VanGorder, will consist of one session on Monday, October 22 from 7 – 9:30 pm. Pre-registration is necessary for this class and there is a \$5 donation. Please stop by the AE table to sign up.

### Earth Community

What unique wisdom and contributions can you make as an elder in our society to help create a society that is people centered and safe? Join us as we discuss these important issues and learn more about the work of David Korten, author of the book *The Great Turning*. This class, which will be held on Thursday, October 25th at 7 pm, will be lead by Bob Jones, a church member and community activist. A \$5 donation is requested and pre-registration is not necessary.

### Looking Ahead

While these classes will not be held until November, they do have books associated with them: *A Year of Magical Thinking* and *A Short History of Islam*. If you are interested in either one, please register early and get your books so you can complete the reading!

Blessings,  
Vicki





## is upon us!

My favorite time of year! Fall at Foothills UU brings Pumpkin Carving Night (see the article to follow) our Day of the Dead Celebration, warm sunny days, colorful leaves, mornings with a chill in the air and the wonderful smells and tastes of fall!

On Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate **Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead**. Please bring photographs and other items of personal significance to place on our altar of remembrance that day. These could be favorite foods or items representing a special interest or quality of your departed loved one.

Blessings of the season,  
**Eleanor VanDeusen**  
Children's RE Coordinator

### Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>

Church school classes meet at 9am and 11am today.

### Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>

Church school classes meet at 9am and 11am today. Children's worship Service for younger kids in the RE Building room 217.

### Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Church school classes meet at 9am and 11am today. Children's worship Service for older kids in the RE Building room 217.

### Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

All Church Sunday – Children join their families in the Sanctuary for the beginning of our service today to celebrate Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

If you missed RE registration we ask you to pick up a registration form from the church office or your child's teacher and return it to the office with your registration fee.

**Our registration fee for the year is  
\$30 per child/\$60 per family**

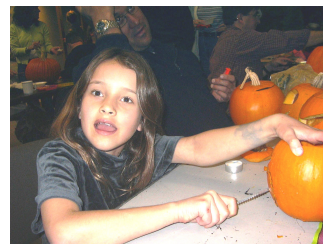
## Pumpkin Carving Night

Join us for one of our favorite family traditions at Foothills UU, Pumpkin Carving Night

**Sunday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from  
5:30 – 7:30pm**

This fun event includes a "not too spooky" Spook House to benefit UNICEF, designed and built by our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, ice cream and the carving & lighting of the pumpkins! We all sing "This Little Light" for a grand finale.

**Please bring your pre-scooped pumpkins, your favorite pumpkin carving tools and ice cream or a topping to share.**



## Fall Parenting Class

### "Parents as Resident Theologians"

**Offered on four Tuesday evenings from 6:30 -  
8:30 pm, October 9<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>**

This class was developed by the UU New York Metro District in response to parent's request for a workshop that would help parents to answer their children's religious questions. The class is designed to encourage the exploration of one's own religious pilgrimage. As we become more confident about what we believe and for what we are searching, we become more creative in our dialogues with our children.

Please contact Eleanor VanDeusen in the church office to reserve space. Couples are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be offered for a small fee if there is interest.

## Fab Family Friday

**Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30  
pm in the church Social Hall**

Families of all kinds – single parents, parents with children of any age, blended families, seniors, singles – everyone is invited to gather in the community.

**Will start with a potluck at 5:30 – bring a dish to share, table service and beverages will be provided. After dinner we will have a brief worship circle followed by some very fun cooperative (everybody wins) group games.**

*If you have questions about the Children's Religious Education Program or anything posted here, Please contact Eleanor VanDeusen, Children's Religious Education Coordinator at the church (970) 493-5906 or (970) 484-6090 home. My office hours are M, W, TH, F 9-1 and SUN 8-1*

## Youth Programming News

Anne Semlak-Youth Programs Coordinator



October is one of my favorite months, and I hope it brings us some nice autumn weather and that good times lay ahead. If you have not registered your youth yet, please stop by the office and pick up a registration form. Thank you for turning in your youth's FUC Philosophy and Behavior Expectations Agreement. If you did not pick up one at registration, you can still pick one up in the office.

Our programming is off and running and it is off to a great start. September is probably our busiest month with registration, coming back to church, we had a great youth turnout at Buckhorn, and a youth CONFERENCE that our youth organized and we had over 50 youth doing great work in the community. I would like to recognize our Conference Planning team, for the work and time they spent making that conference a success.

Reminder: 7-12 grade classes are at 11:00am only

Stay tuned for activities and information about 7th, 8th, 9-12 Sunday activities. These are in the works and promise to be better than ever! Watch your email and your mailbox for information.

For 8th graders and parents/guardians: We do have our OWL class starting on Wed. Oct. 10th from 6:30-8:30 in the RE building, room 221-222.

For 9th grade trippers and parent/guardians: Please keep in mind the class on October 14th in Boulder and the retreat here at Foothills on November 16-18.

## Cans Around the Oval

Kerri South, 204-9025



The 7th and 8th graders invite the congregation to participate with them in Cans Around the Oval this year. Let's show CSU how generous our congregation is! This food drive greatly benefits the Food Bank. Collection containers will be in the foyer and in the RE building. **MOST NEEDED ITEMS:** peanut butter, canned fruit, meal in a can (i.e. chili, ravioli, but NOT SOUP), and canned tomato products (not ketchup). **Last day to bring food to the church is October 10th**, so we don't have much time!

## Visitors' Table Volunteers

Connie Marvel, Membership Chair

If you enjoy greeting new faces, please consider helping out at the visitors' table before services one Sunday each month. You don't need to be an expert on matters of the church; just help visitors fill out a visitor's card, hand them information provided at the table, and show parents with children where the RE classrooms are. An orientation for volunteers will be provided. One volunteer is needed for the 9:00 service on 3rd Sundays and two are needed for the 11:00 service 4th Sundays. Contact Connie Marvel at 482-8428.

## Activities and Events

### Fun Committee Book Group

Myrna Maier

The Fun Committee book discussion group, will meet on Mon., Oct. 15th @ 7:00PM to discuss *The People's Act of Love* by James Meek. "What is most striking about this ambitious novel is the sheer quality of the writing: the cinematic vividness... Meek's theme is a great one: the horror of watching political or spiritual extremism extinguish common sense and common humanity." The Times (London).

We will meet on Wed. November 28th for *Guns of August* by Barbara Tuthman. We will select new books at the November meeting. Bring your suggestions.

We meet in the basement of the Religious Education Building; room 212. The book discussion group is open to anyone who has read the book and wants share their opinion. We read both fiction and non-fiction. Nothing to join! No commitment! Just take each book as it comes! Hope to see you there!

### BUUMs (Book-loving UU Moms)

Shawn Wallace

BUUMS will be meeting on Mondays at 7pm at Genoa Coffee and Wine (near Timberline and Drake, by King Soopers). Join us on **October 15th** for *Dreams Underfoot* by Charles de Lint (Urban fantasy highly recommended by many MUUMs).

### Social Action Committee

Richard Conn, Social Action Chair

Here is food for thought:

1. Let's put some capitalist ideas to work from a community point of view : Let's COMPETE with agri-businesses by starting our own vegetable gardens and if we can get most of Fort Collins in on the effort, watch the price of 'imported' produce go down, which we wouldn't want or need anyway !! (I plan to create an ongoing PSA on our community radio station KRFC about this effort).
2. Bob Jones and I will facilitate on a one to one basis, instructing how to begin a garden in the fall with top soil, manure, compost, and mulch..
3. The threat of Peak Oil may cause transportation costs of 'imported' produce to get out of reach for many of us to afford in the near future.
4. It's been suggested that portions of our collections be given to our community radio station KRFC and the ongoing cleanup effort in the Gulf Coast.

I welcome other suggestions from the congregation.

## Ongoing Meetings & Activities

### 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).

### Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group

Come join us for a weekly discussion group at 9:30 am in the RE Building, Room #226.

### The Foothills Women's Circle

The mission of this group is friendship and inter-generational community growth. Dru Van Doren [druvandoren@yahoo.com](mailto: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 am--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](mailto: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](mailto:amysjnk@comcast.net) or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/muums/join>.

### BUUMs (Book-loving UU Moms)

Shawn at [csumamsrule@gmail.com](mailto:csumamsrule@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](mailto:Interweave@foothillsuu.org).

### Feminist Discussion / Activism Listserv

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

Smart Recovery will no longer be held at our church. Feel free to call Marv Moore at 567-5253.



## Minister and Staff

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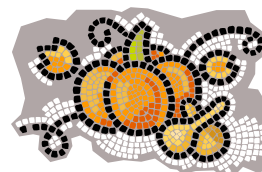
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### **The MDD 2007 Conference & Assembly**

Beautiful autumn on the Yellowstone River is just around the corner, and you can soak it all in at the Mountain Desert District UUA 2007 Conference and Assembly. Join us October 12-14, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Grand in Billings, MT. This year's theme is "The Corps of Discovery: Exploring Life Stories," and we'll hear UUs from all walks of life present workshops on this theme. You'll make new friends, share wonderful meals together, experience educational workshops, and enjoy dynamic speakers, all while surrounded by the Rimrocks that rise 400 feet above the Yellowstone River Valley.

The conference kicks off Friday night with keynote speaker Dr. Rev. Rebecca Parker, president of Starr King Theological School. On Saturday night, MacArthur "genius award" winner Dr. Janine Pease will speak on "Crow stories: heroes, tricksters, and homelands." During the day, you may choose from 21 different workshops, from "Creation Spirituality for UUs" by Rev. Barry Bloom to "Reproductive Rights" by Anne Mahoney and Rhoda Whitney to "Connecting with Social Software" by Sue Reymer.

Music enthusiasts can celebrate together in the MDD Conference Choir, and UUs working with youth will find "Young Adult Resources for Congregations" by Jessie Trovik quite helpful. Those interested in history and anthropology will enjoy Dr. Alanna Brown's discussion of Manifest Destiny, Native American culture, and the Lewis and Clark expedition in "Where Two Cultural Narratives Collide: The Corps of Discovery."

Visit the conference website via [www.mdduua.org](http://www.mdduua.org) for an agenda and details on all 21 workshops. Registration forms are available online at [www.mdduua.org](http://www.mdduua.org)

### **Stand on the Side of Love**

*Bob Blauvelt, First Unitarian Denver*

First Unitarian Denver is proud to "Stand on the Side of Love." We will be demonstrating that next month when we hold our Sunday worship service on the steps of the State Capitol, telling the world (or at least the state of Colorado) that people of faith support the rights of all individuals to express their loving relationships, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

This is the second annual "Standing on the Side of Love" service; new this year will be a mass commitment/recommitment ceremony for all who wish to participate. Please see the attached press release. We would appreciate it if you would share this news with your congregation's leaders and publicity outlets, including your congregation's newsletter and website, any local newspapers you think might publish the information, local groups that might be interested (for example, PFLAG chapters).

We've tried to distribute it throughout the Denver area, but realize that there may be a wider interest in Colorado and elsewhere. Please help us spread the word that Unitarian Universalists are people of faith who Stand on the Side of Love.

### **Letter from Rev. William G. Sinkford**

My dear friends,

I am delighted to share some exciting news with you today. We are preparing to launch the first national marketing campaign for Unitarian Universalism in fifty years!

Beginning in early October, as part of an effort to offer the good news of our faith to the larger world, the Unitarian Universalist Association will begin a partnership with Time Magazine and their website, [time.com](http://time.com).

This partnership will include:

- Print ads in Time Magazine
- "Advertorials" - printed material that promotes Unitarian Universalism and directs readers to a web archive of Time articles focusing on current religious and ethical issues
- Customized information on [time.com](http://time.com) directing users to specially designed pages on our website, [UUA.org](http://UUA.org).

This special campaign is designed to raise awareness of Unitarian Universalism and to share our unique message with a larger audience. Our partnership with Time will ensure that Unitarian Universalism is an important voice in the religious landscape. This initiative will be a highlight of our first-ever Association Sunday, to be celebrated in hundreds of congregations on and around October 14th. Association Sunday will offer all Unitarian Universalists an opportunity to support our movement's efforts to share the good news of our faith with a wider circle of seekers.

To help congregations in this vital work, we are providing many resources, including a comprehensive FAQ sheet, new hospitality tools, and much more. In addition, all of our congregations will soon receive a wonderful new DVD introducing Unitarian Universalism to visitors and spiritual seekers. This also will be a valuable tool for including new members. These innovative materials will help us reach a wider audience than ever before and I encourage you to find out more.

We will continue to update you as we approach the marketing launch in early October. These are exciting times for Unitarian Universalism as we step out into the world in a new way. I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks in advance. Thank you for opening your doors, and your hearts, to the new possibilities on the horizon.

In faith,  
William G. Sinkford, President

## And More ...

### Save Money and Trees

*Carolyn Myers and Carole VanGorder*

Why you should have the InterCom sent to you by email:

- You could be the first on your block to receive it!
- You could help save the church \$4000.00 per year!!
- You could save paper and trees!

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### Health Care For All Colorado

*Ken Tharp 484-7033*

The Northern Colorado Chapter of Health Care for All Colorado will hold a public hearing on the 208 Commission, the Legislature's Health Study Commission, on October 12th at the Lincoln Center Mini-Theater from 5 until 8 p.m. All are welcome.

### Treehouse Montessori

*Louanne Johnson, Montessori Director*

Foothills UU Church has graciously allowed Treehouse Montessori School (formerly, Montessori at Hope) to rent two RE rooms while our new facility at 2013 Valley Forge Ave. is being renovated. Our hours are 8:30 to 5:30 and we invite you to visit. (Children are napping between 1 and 3.)

### Church Handyman Needed

Part-time

Call Carolyn at the church office  
for more information.



## Community Items of Interest

### ERACISM" Film Series

*Margi Williams*

In a departure from the past, the "Eracism" Film & Discussion Series is partnering this year with a variety of community organizations to sponsor films that highlight racial and ethnic bias and ways to counter the effects of that discrimination. Following each film, a facilitator will lead discussion, allowing audience members to voice their questions, opinions and suggestions. Also new this year is a second showing of each film at Avogadro's Number. Sponsoring partners include the Har Shalom Congregation, the Not In Our Town Alliance, the Fort Collins Human Relations Commission, Fort Collins High School's Amnesty International chapter and the Citywide Poverty Action Coalition. Free Admission, but donations welcome.

#### Films and Schedule:

**"When the Levees Broke, Act 2"** Spike Lee's documentary about the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina shows how institutional racism affected the treatment of victims of the disaster. The Citywide Poverty Action Coalition will co-sponsor both showings of this film, and discussion will be led by a panel of CSU professors and recent visitors to New Orleans.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 6:30 p.m. FC Public Library downtown  
Saturday, Oct. 6, 2 p.m. Avo's

**"Paper Clips"** tells of a Tennessee school that devised a unique way to teach students about the Holocaust by collecting 6 million paper clips. The Har Shalom Congregation will co-sponsor both showings, and discussion leader will be Ron Sladek, who has been traveling the country for 14 years speaking about the Holocaust.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m. Library  
Saturday, Oct. 13, 2 p.m. Avo's

**"American Blackout"** documents the concerted attempt to keep African Americans from voting in the 2000 and 2004 elections. Both showings of the film are co-sponsored by the Not In Our Town Alliance. Blane Harding, of CSU, will lead Sunday's discussion at the library, and Saturday's discussion at Avo's will be led by Michael Esters, a sergeant in the Larimer County Sheriff's Office and former chair of the Northern Colorado Multicultural Corporation.

Sunday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m. Library  
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m. Avo's

The series is presented by the Eracism Film Series Committee with grants from Fort Fund and the Gannett Foundation, generous donations from Foothills Unitarian Church, the Interfaith Council and the Coloradoan, and with participation from the Fort Collins Public Library and the Human Relations Commission of the City of Fort Collins. For further information: [www.fortnet.org/eracism](http://www.fortnet.org/eracism) or call 484-7653.

# Foothills Unitarian Church Calendar \*

## October 2007

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## Thanks for Gifting Goods and Services Auction

You are cordially invited to the "Thanks for Gifting" Auction, on Saturday, November 10!! Our church's annual goods and services auction has been moved to the fall, away from pledge-drive and tax-time and closer to the holiday shopping season in order to better meet the needs of our congregation. What better way to start your holiday shopping than at a church benefit?!

This fun-filled evening will include entertainment by a professional auctioneer, live musical performances, and delicious, catered light-fare!! Bidding for traditional standards, new twists on old favorites, and novel offerings will be great entertainment. Look for your auction brochure, soon to arrive in your mail, and mark the evening of November 10 on your calendar.

This event has a long tradition and is a perennial favorite of many community members; if you are new to our church or haven't sampled the offerings, you will feel welcome!! Childcare provided; please RSVP to Eleanor VanDeusen.

The auction committee is very excited to share this event with you. We hope that you will join us in this evening of celebration and stewardship of our church.

