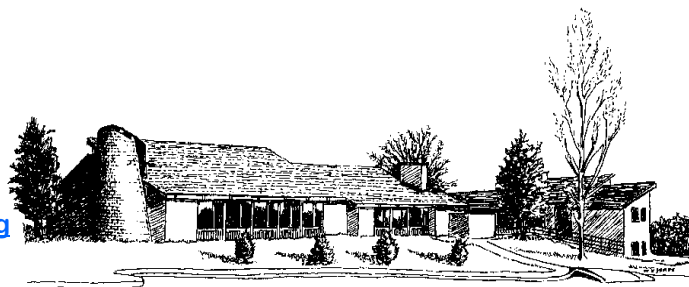


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SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

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

September 2 Sermon: "Wal-Mart and the American Dream"

On the Labor Day weekend Marc will look at Wal-Mart's history as a company and at its current status in our economy and culture. He'll also ask us to think about the connection between spending and spirituality.

September 9 In-Gathering Service and Water Ceremony

We'll celebrate a new season in the life of our church community with our traditional intergenerational gathering of the waters ceremony. Please bring water, actual or symbolic, from a place of meaning for you, perhaps a location you visited this summer. Dr. Denise Hall, our Intern Minister, will be with us today to join in the fun and spiritual sharing.

September 16 Sermon: "What I Learned From Sturgis"

Marc will share reflections and some humbling insights derived from an early August road trip he and his son David enjoyed, which coincided with the annual bike (motorcycle) rally in Sturgis, South Dakota. While you may ride your Harley to church, please park it outside.

September 23 Sermon: "Close to the Holy"

On Yom Kippur, the most sacred day in the Jewish calendar, Jews feel especially close to God. In this participatory service, Marc will invite you to share when and where you feel closest to the Holy, and will explain why, in the Jewish tradition, God is often spelled "G-d."

September 30 Sermon: "Atheists in Autumn"

Marc will discuss the rise of "aggressive atheism," seeking to understand the popularity of Richard Dawkin's *The God Delusion* and Christopher Hitchens' bestselling *God is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything*.

Thank You and What I Learned at Leadership School

This summer four members of the Foothills congregation were at Russel Lockwood Leadership School in Alta, Utah from July 21-28. Erica Dickson, Lenny Scovel and Laurie D'Audney were participants, and Sandi Nesbit-Manning was a facilitator in this amazing week of learning.

From Erica Dickson: I learned a great deal about how community and congregation can work to be more than the sum of its parts. I also gained a new appreciation for our history and traditions, and for this amazing church community I am part of. I feel very grateful to the congregation for this opportunity and look forward to bringing what I learned back!!

From Laurie D'Audney: I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to attend leadership school. I learned that it's not so much how hard I work or how much I do, but the breaking open of the heart and connecting with others that makes a good leader.

From Lenny Scovel: I, too, wish to express my deep gratitude to the Foothills UU community for giving me this opportunity. I only hope that I can begin to share with you all a small amount of the great spiritual awakening I experienced. Peace.



Upcoming Events

- Sept. 14-16 Buckhorn Retreat
- Sept. 23 Mabon celebration with Peter Mayer (see page 5)
- Sept. 25 9th Grade Trip Orientation Meeting (see page 7)
- Oct. 12-14 Mountain Desert District Conference and Assembly



Marc My Words

As September arrives with its many beginnings, I've been thinking about the popularity of viewing the essence of the life process as one of constant flux. Pre-Socratic philosopher Heraclitus is remarkably influential today, even among those who have never heard of him, as we characterize the world and our lives as "ceaseless change."

However, Heraclitus was more of a dialectical thinker than we may realize, because he was also interested in that which endured in human experience and remained permanent in the composition of matter. A famous translation of his fragmentary writings asserts: "No person ever steps in the same river twice, because it is not the same river and the person is not the same person." However, another translation changes the meaning of the sentence: "We both step and do not step in the same rivers. We are and are not."

The second translation is more complex and also more accurate, because though change is constant, patterns of change may be much more uniform and repetitive than we at first acknowledge. Even through all our changes and beginnings we continue to recognize ourselves. After forest fire, nuclear bomb, flood and famine, life asserts itself. Species evolve but evolutionary patterns of change may be studied and described, and those patterns are the universe speaking its language, which is a language of yin and yang, endings and beginnings, flow as well as flux.

The importance of this corrective to "flux" thinking may be described in several ways. First, "flux" philosophies are simply inaccurate, and don't do justice to the way the universe seems to work. Second, in the grasp of "everything is flux and change," we may miss all that endures, abides, persists, and remains constant in the world and in our lives. There are patterns, modalities, and structures in our beginnings and endings, abiding through all of our changes; ritual and ceremony affirm those things which are permanent, identify events and feelings which repeat themselves, celebrate the elements of living and dying which turn on the great wheel of time or are linked together in what some philosophers have described as "the great chain of being."

As we begin this church year, I am mindful of all that is new and changing, as well as all that remains constant and will not be banished by time or chance. I look forward to a new season with all of you, set within the context of ancient properties and forces, accompanying us, supporting us in every journey we take. I hope our own yearly rituals and rites help us feel connected to that which, participating in this world of time, is nevertheless timeless.

Yours in our shared ministry,

Marc



Caring Corner

Vicki Siska

New church member Penny Leonard died this summer after a short illness, and we send our sympathy and caring thoughts to her family upon this loss.

Let us know about our newest members!!

Members of the Caring Committee would like to support new babies and their families, but we aren't always aware when babies have arrived. Please contact a member of the Caring Committee (Nancy Kellner, Janet Ahlstrom, Carol Reith, Vicki Siska, Bill Slye and Jim Smith) if you or someone you know has had a new little one join our Foothills family.

Caring Expressions of Gratitude

The Gregory family (Dan, Katharine and Kate) would like to express their appreciation for the many members and friends of Foothill UU who helped with meals and driving during Katharine's recovery from a challenging illness. Thanks to all of you!

Virginia Tech

After the tragic event last spring at Virginia Tech, members and friends of Foothills UU sent words of condolence and support to this university community. The following is an excerpt from the acknowledgment card the church received:

We sincerely thank you for the kind messages of care and concern you sent us. These have lifted our spirits and greatly aided us in the dark days surrounding this tragic event. Your thoughtfulness reminds us as well of the beauty and goodness in the world and helps give us strength to go forward.

We are most grateful for your thoughtfulness and send you our wishes for peace.

Charles Steger
President, Virginia Tech



Volunteering at Blevins

Rosemary Bergstrom

Last Spring Foothills Unitarian Church entered into a new partnership with Blevins Junior High School, located just to the northwest of the church. Rev. Marc Salkin had had several conversations with Blevins Principal David Linehan about how members of the congregation might be able to help at Blevins, and the result was a volunteer venture that had some significant results.

Volunteers from Foothills worked as tutors in Blevins' Mandatory Study Hall, a program for Blevins students who are failing in one or more core subjects—English, Social Studies, Math, or Science. Students referred by their core subject teachers attended the Study Hall after school for an hour and a half on Tuesdays and Thursdays until their performance improved and their work was caught up.

The following members of the congregation acted as Blevins volunteers: Bryan Blakely, Lee Evans, Johannes Gessler, Jason Goldman, Susie Gordon, Sunny Hanley, Shelly Hedger, Joe Lackey, Gale Lackey, Susan Matthews, George Olson, Hugh Price, Lillys Price, Carol Smith, and Bob Viscount. Rosemary Bergstrom coordinated the volunteers. One volunteer, George Olson, also helped coach the science team that won the state competition. The Principal and one or more teachers were also available during the Study Hall sessions to help students and sometimes to direct the work of volunteers. Most volunteers indicated that they found the work very satisfying and the students grateful for the help.

After the school year ended, Rosemary Bergstrom and Sunny Hanley met with Principal David Linehan to assess the effort. Mr. Linehan produced data that indicated a strong correlation between the Mandatory Study Hall effort and an improvement in student performance across most classes. There were far fewer failures after the Study Hall was instituted than there had been before. Mr. Linehan and his teachers are committed to helping students succeed, and they plan to continue the Study Hall during the 2007-08 school year. They have several improvements in mind for the program, including individual tutoring for some students, and they are eager to have volunteers from Foothills UU Church back to help them with this endeavor. If you are interested in returning to Blevins this coming school year or if you haven't volunteered before but would like to try it this year, please contact Rosemary Bergstrom (206-0442, rosemary.bergstrom@gmail.com).

Volunteers may participate on a weekly, monthly, or on-call basis; and there is no obligation to continue if you find the work does not suit you. This is a very worthwhile program that helps students succeed in school and continue on to high school, and the Foothills volunteers have made a substantial contribution to its success.

Busy Bees

Vicki Siska, Caring Committee

I had an interesting situation this summer. Someone asked me if I knew of a child psychologist in the church and I thought to myself, well, let me look in the Caring Committee's Busy Bees directory. AND THEN I REMEMBERED....we haven't received enough forms back to print the directory!!! The goal of the directory is to list members' and friends' occupations/businesses so that 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, see me to pick one up in the social hall after church services. If you prefer to email me your information, please feel free to do so. My email address is vsiska27@hotmail.com

The information we would like includes 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, so please don't delay! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Grant Proposals due November 1

Judy Pasek, Endowment Fund Committee Chair

The Endowment Fund Committee is soliciting proposals for grants to fund modest needs of the church that are apart from the Church's general operating funds. Based upon asset growth, the Committee has determined that approximately \$9,000 will be available to fund grants this year. Endowment Fund grants can be used to enhance the physical plant of the church, provide outreach to the community, or support the wider mission of Unitarian Universalism. Grant Applications are available in the Church office. Completed applications must be submitted to the Committee by November 1, 2007, by placing them in the Endowment Fund Committee mailbox or handing them to any Endowment Fund Committee member. For questions, please contact Endowment Fund Committee Chair Judy Pasek at 495-9966 or pasekj@comcast.net. The other committee members are Judy Gates, Charlie Tucker, Ardith Kerst, and Linda Knowlton.

The Endowment Fund is made up of gifts and bequests and earnings on investments of those funds. Contributions to the Endowment Fund are made up of those donations that are given "in memory of" a person, directed to the "Endowment Fund" or a "Memorial Fund" or given by will, trust, gift annuity, or similar bequest. Contributions to the Endowment Fund can be made at any time, even in small amounts, to serve the church's long term needs.

Activities and Events

BUUMs (Book-loving UU Moms)

Starting in September, we will be meeting on Mondays at 7pm at Genoa Coffee and Wine (near Timberline and Drake, by King Soopers). I know you are all anxious to get started on your reading (now that you've finished Harry Potter, that is) so here are the books for the rest of 2007.

September 17th - *Eat, pray, love* by Elizabeth Gilbert ("A celebrated writer pens an irresistible, candid, and eloquent account of her pursuit of worldly pleasure, spiritual devotion, and what she really wanted out of life.")

October 15th - *Dreams Underfoot* by Charles de Lint (Urban fantasy highly recommended by many MUUMs)

November 19th - *Kabul Beauty School* by Deborah Rodriguez* (Wonderful book and fairly quick read - "With the help of corporate and international sponsors, Rodriguez founded the Kabul Beauty School and welcomed the first class in 2003. Well meaning but sometimes brazen, she stumbled through language barriers, overstepped cultural customs, and constantly juggled the challenges of a post-war nation even as she learned how to empower her students to become their families' breadwinners by learning the fundamentals of coloring techniques, haircutting, and makeup.")

December - off for the holidays!



Namaqua UU Congregation Relocates

Barbara Fleming

Starting with the first service in September, Namaqua UU Congregation in Loveland will be holding services and other gatherings at the Community Church of Christ in downtown Loveland, at 7th and Washington Streets. Sunday services will be at 9 a.m. Rev. Alicia Forde's office will also be at the new location, with her hours to be determined. The NUUC open forum programs start in September at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday nights. As the covenanting church for Namaqua, Foothills has supported and encouraged the growth and development of this Loveland-Berthoud congregation. Members of Foothills are invited to visit us at our new location.

Goods and Services Auction — Reinvented

Sandi Nesbit-Manning, Chris Frey, Erica Dickson, Selena Paulsen, Karen Karppinen

The Auction Committee has scheduled the Goods and Services Auction, traditionally held in spring, for November 10th. By separating the auction from the pledge drive (and tax time...) and putting it before the holiday season, we hope the timing of the auction will better match the time of year when we enjoy shopping. As artists and crafters are creating this fall, please think of the auction and what you might like to donate. We have a core group of dedicated workers and would welcome volunteers to help the cause and make for light work. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Chris Frey at rockfrey@comcast.net.

Social Action Committee

Richard Conn, Social Action Chair

The church garden has been a phenomenal success with over \$100 in sales of vegetables for the church...and counting. It may sound like a very progressive idea, but I would like to use public service announcements on KRFC radio to encourage all of Fort Collins to start community gardens everywhere using Bob Jones' expertise in the simple procedure of utilizing mulch, manure and top soil in place of a patch of lawn (or all of a lawn) to grow vegetables. Bob will be back after Labor Day to provide all the ideas that will also be presented at the Sustainable Fair on Sept. 16th and 17th). If you are interested in getting involved, contact Richard at awesomeart@mail.com.

Join Us for Our 4th Annual Madrigal Dinner

Vicki Siska

Begin your holiday season with your friends and family as we celebrate our 4th annual Madrigal Dinner, featuring Opera Colorado, talented musicians from our own church community, and a delicious catered dinner from the Rainbow Restaurant, which includes a vegetarian option and wine. The steaming Wassail Bowl begins the evening, which includes community singing and a special guest from the North! The night is filled with pageantry, theatre, friendship and fun. Period dress is encouraged, but certainly not necessary!

This year, our dinners will be held on Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8th. On Friday evening, doors will open at 6:30 pm and close promptly at 7 pm. Saturday, the doors will open at 5:30 pm and close promptly at 6 pm. This year we will only have seating available in the sanctuary. Ticket prices are \$40 if purchased prior to November 1st and \$45 if purchased after. Lord and Lady tickets, which cost a bit more but provide you with the honor of helping to make the evening available to people not normally able to attend.

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Our 2007-08 brochures are now ready, and if you didn't pick yours up at the start up breakfast, please look for one to arrive in the mail. Now is the time to take a moment to read of the many wonderful classes we are offering this year, and then fill out your registration form for the classes you are interested in taking. We look forward to your participation.

September's classes include a **DVD presentation by Joe Wilson**, husband of former CIA operative Valerie Plame. Joe will speak on the "Politics of Truth" giving us an interesting insight into the events surrounding his wife's "outing."

This class will take place on **Sunday, September 16 at 7 pm** in the sanctuary. A \$5 donation is requested.

On **Thursday, September 20**, we will have another DVD presentation, this time from internationally recognized **Middle East expert Judith Kipper**. Ms. Kipper is an incredibly knowledgeable person on the countries, cultures and politics of the Middle East. She is also a straight talker in her assessment of what needs to be done to begin the journey towards peace in this area of the world.

This class will take place on Thursday, September 20, at 7 pm in the sanctuary. A \$5 donation is requested.

The last Sunday in September will find us presenting the incredibly powerful and moving documentary, **The Journalist and the Jihadi**, which chronicles the youth and adulthood of both slain Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, but also his convicted killer. While this may seem a grim topic, there is much to be gained in examining this signature event in the war on terror. In addition, and which may seem paradoxical, there is much joy in this story.

This class will take place on **Sunday, September 30**, at 7 pm in the sanctuary. A \$5 donation is requested.

A Very Special Mabon Celebration

Mabon, the first of our Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky evenings honors the second harvest and the coming of the fall. This year our celebration will be on Sunday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm and we have a very special treat in store for those attending – a Mabon concert with UU singer/songwriter **Peter Mayer**. Our Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky evenings are a combination of worship, prayer, music, food, ritual, and silence. Interspersed throughout this special evening will be various recognitions of Mabon, but the vast majority of the evening will be devoted to sharing the gift of Peter.

While our celebrations are usually donation free, this will be a ticketed event, although the amount will be greatly reduced from normal concert prices. Due to this discount and a contractual arrangement, \$10 tickets will be available to Foothills UU members and friends only, and not to the general public. There is no charge for children under 12 who are accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be available after Sunday services beginning September 2. We expect them to go quickly, so don't delay – this is an evening you won't want to miss!

Madrigal Dinner, continued from page 4

All Lord and Lady ticket purchasers are listed in our program and receive our deepest gratitude.

We expect tickets to go fast and advanced reservations are necessary. Tickets will go on sale beginning Sunday, September 30th, after each service.

Foothills Castle Workers Wanted!

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.

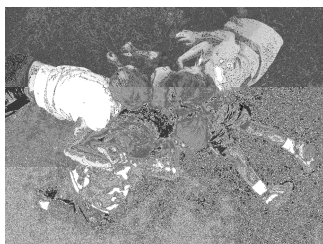
The castle will need your aid to prepare
We welcome all helpers whose time they will share
Our gratitude is generous and flows from us fairly
So, come help make an evening of Madrigal Merry!

Our annual Madrigal Dinner will be held at the church on the evenings of **December 7 and 8**, and will once again feature Opera Colorado, period music by Musical Links and some of Foothill's finest, and victuals by the local Rainbow Restaurant. But we need servers to make this all happen. If you are interested in serving on one or both nights, please speak to me either in the social hall after Sunday services or give me a call. Serving gives you a fun way of participating in the Madrigal Dinner at no cost and your help will be very much 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 (December 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 by speaking to Vicki Siska at church. You can also call or e-mail her.

Welcome or welcome back to our Religious Education Program!

Here at Foothills Unitarian Church, we are proud



to offer "homegrown, organic" religious education – rather than a "fast food, drive through" experience. We invite you to join us at our shared table for nourishment of the

mind and spirit. Ours is a cooperative program where we join together to create a dynamic religious community. Speaking from personal experience, the more you and your family become involved in activities here at Foothills, the more joy, fellowship and support you will experience.

We invite you to join us for the fun!

Eleanor VanDeusen

Children's RE Coordinator

Sunday August 26th – 9am

START UP BREAKFAST AT CITY PARK

Gather at the picnic shelters next to the City Park playground to reconnect after Summer Vacation.

Playground supervision will be provided for children.



Our Fall R.E. Programs begin on Sunday, September 2nd

Today we resume our fall schedule of double Church Services at 9am & 11am. Informal Religious Education classes will meet. We'll tour the church, meet new and old friends and play games today.

Sept 9th – Ingathering Service

This shared ritual service is a chance for us to gather as a community to share our summer adventures and their meaning in our lives. Bring some water, real or symbolic, from a memorable place that you visited this summer. Children will go to their classrooms for the last half of the service for special ingathering activities in their classrooms.

TEACHER'S SCHEDULING MEETING TODAY

10:05 am IN YOUR CLASSROOM

Sept 16th - Church School Classes begin

Sept. 23rd - Church School Classes meet

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

We will be registering children for our R.E. programs every Sunday in September From 10am – 11am on the patio.

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

This fee helps us to offset the cost of classroom supplies and snacks. Registration fees do not cover the actual cost of our Religious Education Programs. The actual cost of our R.E. program is approximately \$250 per child. Please keep this

Our Church Nursery ...

Nursery Care is provided for infants and toddlers during our Sunday church services at 9 and 11am. We offer loving care by our consistent nursery staff in a warm and inviting environment for little ones ages 6 weeks to 2 ½ years. Our nursery staff is certified in infant and child first aide and CPR. You are welcome to stay with your little one in the nursery as long as needed to help them adjust. You are also very welcome to take them with you to the church service, being mindful of their noise and activity level during quiet portions of the service. Our Nursery staff this year will be Amanda Senseman, Elizabeth Simons, Svetta Tyshenko, Jenelle & Katherine Rosecrance.

We ask that you pick up your little one no more than 10 minutes after the church services so that our child-care staff can have a break during coffee hour.

TEACHER'S SCHEDULING MEETING Sunday, September 9th, 10:05 AM IN YOUR CLASSROOM

Please meet with your Teaching Team in your classroom to schedule the Sundays that you will be teaching this fall. If you are unable to attend, please contact me with a schedule of your availability (493-5906 or eleanorv@foothillsuu.org). If we don't hear from you we will plug you into the schedule and mail you a copy.

Thank you all for volunteering to teach this year!

We still have openings for Religious Education Teachers

Please call Eleanor at the church to volunteer.

Don't delay! We really need your help!

Openings for teachers are listed below

Preschool - 9am, PreK/K - 11am,
1st grade - 11am, 1st/2nd grade -11am,
3rd grade – 11am, 4th grade -11am,
4th/5th grade - 9am

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



Hello out there in UU land! I am Anne Semlak and I have been the Youth Coordinator for 4 years now!!! I am really excited about our programming this year. Our seventh grade curriculum,

Traditions with a Wink “Teaches an Understanding of UU Faith that can replace the vague “we can believe anything we want to” with “We come from a long tradition of questioning and searching”. Our 8th grade will be broadening their knowledge of religions by visiting different churches in the area, and our high school group 9th-12th graders have many different options for spiritual exploration, social action, leadership opportunities, community building and personal enlightenment. We have an incredible gang of advisors this year and lots of times for leadership. A time for fresh starts, this year offers chances for self discovery, time for fun, and opportunities for social action.

Just a few Announcements

September is a very busy month. Here are some events at the church to keep in mind:

Registration will be going on each Sunday in September during coffee hour from 10-11:00. Our registration fee is \$30 per youth with a maximum of \$60.00 per family.

Sept. 2nd – Over this holiday weekend we will have games for anyone who comes.

Sept. 9th- Ingathering Service- Please plan on attending the first part of this intergenerational service. Bring some water from a far off place and a story to share about your summer. We will play some games to get to know each other in our classes.

Sept. 14th-16th- At Buckhorn, there will be a youth cabin for 9th -12th graders. Make sure to turn in both Denise’s form and the form that I have. We will have church on that Sunday as well.

Sept. 21st-23rd - Social Action CON for 9th -12th grade, and we’re hosting it!!! We need to register for it, but we don’t need drivers!!! Whoo-Hoo!!

September 24th - 7:00pm-8:30. There will be an orientation for all youth and parents interested in participating in the 9th Grade Trip. This is a coming of age program that culminates in a 10 day trip to the Navajo and Hopi reservations April 18th -27th, 2008 . If you have questions, bring them to the orientation.

Dec 3rd - OWL Parent Orientation for 8th graders 6:30-8:30. A parent only orientation is required, so plan on coming and learn about this fantastic program

My office hours are Mon-Wed-Fri from 10:00am-1:00pm and most Sunday mornings. Bumpersticker of the Week: “We can’t cure the world of sorrows but we can choose to live in joy” ---Joseph Campbell

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

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 csuramsrule@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.

The InterCom newsletter is delivered by the first of each month and is sent free to pledging members and friends. \$12 per year is requested from others who wish to receive it. The InterCom is also available on the church website, www.foothillsuu.org

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.

Music Notes 🎵 🎵 🎵

Ryan Marvel, Music Director

Adult Choir:

Let the singing commence! We will resume our weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 5th. We meet in the sanctuary from 7:30-9:00. Our adult choir performs a wide variety of music and generally sings in services once per month. This is a fun group and we welcome your voice. Come join us! To add your name to the choir e-mail list, please contact Ryan. (see below)

Russ Crowder Memorial Scholarship Auditions:

Auditions for this annual music scholarship will be held Saturday, October 13th in the Sanctuary. Sign-up sheets and information regarding the audition process and requirements will be available in the office as of Sept. 2nd. Please feel free to contact Ryan with any additional questions.

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. Please see the back page of this intercom for particulars; and listen for upcoming announcements regarding how you can sign up to perform!

Also, we will be doing a hymn-sing workshop this year at Buckhorn! See you there!

In Song, Ryan Marvel 970.581.0120

ryan@ryanmarvel.com

Children's Music Program

Kimberly Sena Moore, Children's Music Coordinator

Due to parent on congregational feedback, the Children's Music Program is undergoing a minor facelift! Here are the exciting music offerings that will be available to your children this year:

Children's Worship

Music is an important component of a spiritual life. All-children enrolled in the Religious Education Program at Foothills Unitarian Church learn a variety of fun, age-appropriate music as part of their worship experience. Parents get an opportunity to learn the same songs during the Intergenerational (All-Church) Sunday services.

RE Holiday Choirs

Any child enrolled in Religious Education will have the opportunity to celebrate the holidays through music! Two (2) holiday choirs will help our church community celebrate the holidays:

The **Young Holly Holiday Choir** is open to ANY child in grades K-2. Directed by Joann Hedleston, this choir will rehearse during Social Hour for 6-8 weeks leading up to the holiday season. The Young Holly Holiday Choir will

perform for the congregation during a Sunday service in December and on Christmas Eve.

The **Children Spirit Holiday Choir** is open to ANY child in grades 3-6 and is under the direction of Kimberly Sena Moore. This choir will rehearse during Social Hour for 6-8 weeks leading up to the holiday season. The RE Holiday Choir performs for the congregation on a Sunday in December, for a community audience, and on Christmas Eve.

More information will be available in the fall. Stay tuned to service announcements and read the Intercom!

Children Spirit Singers

The Children Spirit Singers choir is open to any child in grades 3-6 who loves to sing and is interested in learning and performing more advanced music. This choir meets weekly every spring for approximately 4 months. Rehearsals occur on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:00 p.m. The Children Spirit Singers have the opportunity to perform at a variety of events, including Foothill Unitarian Church's Earth Day Service, the Front Range Choral Festival, a joint performance with the Adult Choir, and at regular Sunday services. More information will be available in the winter. Stay tuned to service announcements and read the Intercom!

In addition, for the first time ever, ***we are looking for a Youth Music Assistant*** (YMA) to be involved in the Children's Music Program.

Are you a youth interested or involved in music? Do you enjoy working with children? Then consider being a ***Youth Music Assistant*** (YMA)!

The YMA will assist the Children's Music Coordinator, Kimberly Sena Moore, in any and all aspects of the Children's Music Program during the course of the year. Specific responsibilities will depend on the skills and strengths of the individual, but the YMA may have the chance to assist during rehearsals, accompany pieces, conduct a choir, and help with administrative duties. Time commitment is minimal (primarily on Sundays and Wednesdays in the spring). Music training is preferred, but not required.

Interested? Questions? Contact Kimberly at kimberly_mt80@yahoo.com or call 970/988.5326

FUC Minister and Staff

Dr. Marc Salkin, Minister
Carolyn Myers, Church Administrator
Kathryn Huckins, Office Assistant
Gaylin Altseld, Bookkeeper
Vicki Siska, Adult Enrichment Coordinator
Eleanor VanDeusen, Children's RE Coordinator
Kimberly Sena Moore, Children's Music Director
Anne Sendlak, Youth Programs Coordinator
Ryan Marvel, Music Director
Ann Schnaidt, Associate Pianist
Keith Morrison, Sexton

Foothills Unitarian Church Calendar *

September 2007

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Saturday, October 20th
Doors 6:30pm, Show 7:00pm

All ages and abilities are encouraged
sign-up for performances of music, poetry,
jokes, skits, etc. Come show off your hidden
talents in front of surely the most appreciative
audience ever... your friends at Foothills!

Refreshments will be included ticket price!
Childcare will be available with R.S.V.P.

*Tickets: Adults \$7.00, Children 5-12 \$3.00
Children ages 4 and under are Free!*

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