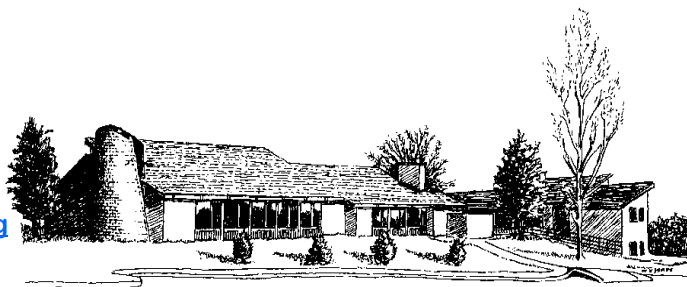


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SUNDAY SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

All services at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

February 3 "We Just Want to Be Happy"

Today's service celebrates Black History Month by considering happiness and the American Dream. Intern Minister Dr. Denise Hall and Marc will share the service and our adult choir will perform.

February 10 "All Honor to the Flying Spaghetti Monster!"

Many churches across America today are celebrating Evolution Sunday...including ours! It's an All-Church Sunday, too, so pay tribute to the FSM, as he is lovingly called, and join us.

February 17 "Why Barack Obama is NOT a Universalist"

He explains why in his memoir Dreams From My Father, and we'll discuss his reasons today.

February 24 "Unitarian Universalists in HELL!"

On this busy day of our Religious Education Open house, we'll try to locate in which Circle of Hell most UUs reside, and then discuss why Unitarians and Universalists have over the centuries consistently and passionately rejected the idea of Hell.



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Inspiration Sunday!

Margie Wagner, Sue Ferguson, Marc Salkin, Carolyn Myers, Erica Dickson, Lisa Peppin, Jeanne Patton, Ursula Harvey, Cherry Sokoloski, Chris Frey, Laure D'Audney, Bruce Wagner

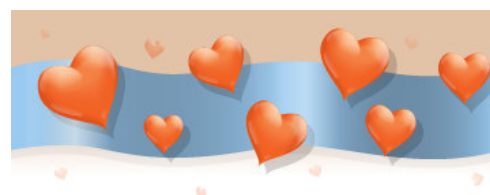
For the first time in many years, members and friends of Foothills Unitarian Church will have the opportunity to gather together on a Sunday morning at the same time in the same place!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 2, 2008, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 425 W. Prospect Rd., to celebrate our beloved church community and begin our pledge campaign.

The morning will include worship, music, small group discussions, and a plated breakfast.

At the same time, children and youth from preschool through 7th grade are invited to their own special event at the church – the Art & Spirit Funshop! Breakfast will be provided and special guests will share their talents to create a fabulous morning!

Youth from 8th-12th grade are welcome to attend the Hilton event or may choose to help with the Funshop. Nursery care will be available – details will follow. Save the date! You won't want to miss this momentous occasion in the life of our church!



Marc My Words

A faith community, of whatever affiliation, of whatever size, is a complex system of ideas, beliefs, values, relationships, chickens, and organizational structure. Chickens? Great! You're paying attention.

As any system grows in numbers (family, business, school), needs expand. At Foothills Unitarian Church we've known for some time that most churches of our current size include either an Assistant or Associate Minister on the staff. I held both titles, not simultaneously, at the First Unitarian Church of San Diego some years ago. Now it's time for us to add a part-time Assistant Minister staff position here.

A subcommittee of our Board and I interviewed a candidate endorsed by District Executive Nancy Bowen, recommended her to the Board, and were quite happy that the Board voted to offer her the position of part-time Assistant Minister. The Rev. Maureen "Mo" White is a talented, gifted Unitarian Universalist Minister whose portfolio of academic work and life experience is truly impressive, and she has accepted our invitation to become part of the ministerial staff here. Very much engaged in a variety of activities in our Mountain Desert District and finishing her work as Consulting Minister with our UU congregation in Grand Junction later this year, "Mo" will bring to our church pastoral care and counseling skills, sensitivity, caring, and vision regarding small group ministry in its multiple aspects. We will be most excited to introduce "Mo" (pronounced "Moe") to our church community soon.

You might well ask if it is current practice in the Unitarian Universalist Association to "hire" a minister in this fashion. The answer is "Yes," for a part-time position such as this. Initially our contract with Mo will be for one year; the contract may be renewed at the pleasure of church, the Senior Minister (that's me!), and the Assistant Minister, following guidelines regarding performance and the congregation's response to Mo's ministry with us. Both personally and professionally, I am very pleased that she'll be joining us at Foothills Unitarian Church and I believe that the congregation will be pleased as well.

Yours in our Shared Ministry, Marc



Caring Corner

Vicki Siska

The Caring Committee would like to extend its appreciation to all who participated in our holiday Star Program. Over \$800 dollars were raised, which will be put to good use by the committee helping those in our community who need assistance over the coming months.

We are sad to report that Mary Bates, long time church member and a tireless worker for social justice, passed away on January 12. Since Mary had moved to California to be closer to her son, Marc will be conducting a memorial service at Foothills on a later date.

Healing wishes to Pat Lane, who was recently hospitalized at PVH. We hope that you will soon be on the road to recovery.

Healing thoughts are also sent to Judith Janay who broke her hip. Judith is at Center Rehab, but we hope she will be up and around soon.

Our love and support is with Peter Weller as he continues to face a serious illness. Peter would like visitors, but please call first.

Congratulations to Erin Hottenstein, David Grumbles and Ben and Kate on the arrival of new baby sister Gwendolyn who was born on December 27. May you all have many fun times together.

Are You Willing?

The Caring Committee periodically receives requests for rides to church or doctor appointments. These are usually short term commitments, but very important for those in need. The committee has decided that the most effective way to let you know of these needs is to make an announcement in church and then ask for volunteers to sign up in the social hall after the service. If you would be willing to help in this meaning way, please listen for our announcements and then see us in the social hall!



Freedom to Marry Day

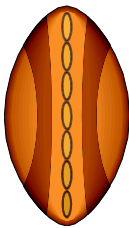
Cheryl Distaso, Center for Justice, Peace, and Environment

The Center for Justice, Peace, and Environment and Lambda Community Center invite you to the 9th Annual Freedom to Marry Day on Saturday, February 23rd. The Festivities begin at 12:30 pm in Old Town Square. Music will be provided by The Young and The Naive and Foothills Unitarian Church Choir. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Denise Hall. After the rally, we will march to Avos, arriving at 2:00pm for wedding cake and festivities. Music at Avos will be provided by Emily Fehler, and entertainment by the Lambda Youth Group. For more information, contact Cheryl Distaso at 419-8944 or distaso@frii.com

We Are All Africans!

Dr. Denise Hall, Intern Minister

In the United States, February is African American Heritage Month (aka: Black History Month). As a discipline, Africana Studies or Black Studies owe a great debt to Dr. Carter Woodson, who first launched "Negro History Week" in 1926.



Woodson chose February because it marks the birthdays of two men, President Abraham Lincoln, who enacted the Emancipation Proclamation during the Civil War, and Frederick Douglass, an African American whose energies contributed to the abolition movement ending chattel slavery. During February, contributions of African Americans as well as the importance of Africa and its peoples are celebrated and honored.

The origin of humanity lies within the continent of Africa. The first humans were Africans, thus one could say - WE ARE ALL AFRICANS!

On another note, I would like to extend an open door for those who wish to contact me during my internship here at Foothills Unitarian Church. Most Fridays, I will be available at the church office or one can reach me electronically at [**dhall@iliff.edu*](mailto:dhall@iliff.edu) <dhall@iliff.edu>*. You may leave a telephone message with Reverend Marc Salkin as well. Peace, love, and grace to you!

Endowment Committee Awards

Linda Knowlton

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce the award of six grants, totaling approximately \$9,000. The committee compliments the grant writers on their well thought out and deserving proposals. The grants are as follows:

- \$600 for Partner Church student support
- \$1189.50 for shades in the RE building
- \$1010 for Church Windows (church membership database software)
- \$4000 for acoustical treatment in the sanctuary, a cost share with the Buildings and Grounds Committee
- \$500 to enhance the organic garden
- \$750 for a visiting singer/songwriter in spring 2008

This is a good time to remind everyone that the Endowment Committee accepts donations at any time and encourages you to consider including us in your giving plans for 2008. The larger the endowment, the more we'll be able to help the church community which we all care so much about. Please contact Judy Pasek, Endowment Committee Chair, for more information. Judy can be reached at 495-9966 or pasekj@comcast.net.

Nametags: to Wear or Not to Wear, and other stuff...

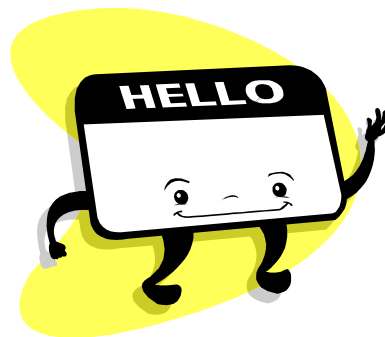
The Membership Committee

To quote the UUA website: "Name tags: They're a matter of hospitality and good manners." Whether you agree or disagree with this – as UU's are wont to do – the membership at Foothills has outgrown the nametag station and we need your help.

During the month of February, the Membership Committee will start the process of cleaning out and reorganizing nametags. Starting Sunday, Feb. 3, all the nametags from the current holder will have been moved to boxes on a table in the foyer. You can help by using the following process:

1. On Feb. 3rd, Please find your nametag from one the boxes before the service and wear it as usual.
2. At the end of the service, do not return your nametag to the boxes, but place it on the rack corresponding to the correct last name letter. Don't worry at this time about placing it back alphabetically within each letter.
3. During subsequent February services. Retrieve your nametag from either the boxes or rack depending on your previous attendance.
4. Place or return them at the end of the service to the rack (see #2).

After February 24th, the membership committee will reorganize the nametags on the rack. Nametags still left in the boxes will be placed under the rack, to be retrieved in the future or removed if the owners have moved or left the church. By mid-March, we will have a new rack with more room, a more organized system, and drawers for organizing old and new tags. Our thanks to Conwell Dickey for the construction of the new rack.



Preparation for Membership Class

Connie Marvel, Membership Chair

Minister Marc and the membership committee will hold a Preparation for Membership class Saturday, February 23rd, from 9:30 to 1:00 at the church. This class is suitable for people interested in learning more about the church and steps for becoming members. A light lunch will be served, and childcare will be provided for those who sign up in advance. A signup sheet is available at the visitors table in the foyer, or call Connie Marvel at 482-8428.

Denominational Connections — A Tale of Two Weekends

MDD North Plains Cluster Meeting

Lenny Scovel

January saw two unique and special events take place at Foothills. On Saturday, January 12 a gathering of the North Plains Cluster was held. Our cluster includes UU congregations from Loveland, Greeley, Cheyenne, Casper, Laramie and Scottsbluff (NB). Nearly all the congregations were represented.

The topic of discussion surrounded the Twelve Unitarian Universalist Principles and their possible revision over the next couple of years. The Principles as written now were adopted in 1985, and were the product of a national committee chair by our own Minister Emeritus, Roy Jones, who was again present at this meeting sharing his great wisdom and insight.

In his welcoming comments to the group, our minister, Marc Salkin recalled that the adoption of the Twelve Principles was truly a galvanizing moment for our UU faith. However, they were never intended to be considered as absolute and unchangeable, but should instead be fluid, capable of adapting to an ever changing world. And so the participants spent the day reviewing the Principles and Sources as adopted in 1985, and whether they need to be changed.

Although no unanimous conclusions were reached, it was evident that those words have had a profound effect on many people and that their wording and meaning is a delicate balance. Stan Kidder, who assisted in facilitating the day, drew up a report based on the discussion of the group that will be passed on to UUA Committee on Assessment. Watch for further developments as this process continues.

Finding Your Gifts: Pathways to Participation at Foothills

Lenny Scovel, Laurie D'Audney, Erica Dickson, Stan Kidder, Bobbie Poole, Eleanor VanDeusen, Carole VanGorder

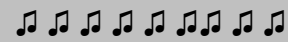
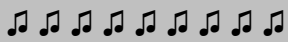
Closer to home, spiritually speaking, the Foothills UC Nominating Committee, along with recent graduates of the Russell Lockwood Leadership School, hosted a day long workshop on Saturday January 19 entitled *Finding Your Gifts: Pathways to Participation at FUC*. 31 participants (roughly 6% of our membership!) engaged in a day of worship, UU history and heritage, a tour of the facilities and discussions of spirituality.

Rev. Salkin gave the keynote lunchtime address *After the Call: Ministry at FUC* that led to much discussion about the nature of ministry, and how as a congregation we are capable of shared ministry to each other. Through the course of the day, the point became clear that in a congregational church such as our own we all share responsibility in creating a blessed community. Feedback from small group discussions about how to improve the spiritual experience at Foothills included revitalizing our Covenant Groups, exploring mentoring programs between new and long-time members, providing additional Adult RE curriculum exploring spirituality, and building community through deeper, more personal relationships. The closing worship reflected the new sense of connection shared by the participants, and the challenge to find ways to share their spiritual gifts with our congregation. Perhaps the deepest lesson of the day was that we share ownership of this wonderful community that is so dear to us and therein lies our responsibility to create the church we long for. May it also be so in the world. Blessed be.



Front row, left to right: Tom Fleming, Ed Warsaw, Dave Ernst, Gil Gutierrez, Rev. Walter Royal Jones, Jr., Virginia Savage, Barbara Fleming, Eleanor VanDeusen. Second row: Rev. Linda Bunyard, Terri Gutierrez, Ardith Kerst, Alex Barnett, Mimi Neal, Lynne Weidel. Third row: Joey Van Schaik, Joe Ann Brown, Fernor Black, Lenny Scovel. Back row: Rev. Zakir Henson, Pete Buchmeier, Dick Barton, Bob Viscount, Jeff Ross, Bruce Wagner, Byron Peterson. Taking the picture: Stan Kidder.





Attention Music Lovers: New Members Needed on Music Committee!

Ed Meek and members of the Music Committee

For a couple of years our church’s music culture has evolved. Feedback from members and friends gave us new direction. We learned it’s OK to change the type of music offered.

Ryan Marvel, Music Director; Kimberly Sena-Moore, Children's Music Director; and Ann Schnaidt, pianist have inspired our music. Our youth and adult choirs have progressed. As a result they have inspired our congregation.

Our church music reaches the broader community. The 4th Winter Chamber Concert is coming Sunday, February 17th. We recently inaugurated a new fall Cabaret, a fun filled evening with many church members contributing. There are special performances during Sunday services. And, our annual Russ Crowder Music Scholarships promote music education for young people.

Right now we are planning a new, youth-focused music program for the spring. With assistance from Judy Fjell (a Montana-based singer-song writer and trainer/instructor) we will launch this effort. We hope youth-music becomes a stronger, more meaningful part of our music vision

As you can see Foothills is experiencing a wide range of musical offerings including those sponsored by Adult Enrichment. All of these help us to bring a variety of music to our congregation and introduce people from the larger community to our church.

So... there’s one more element in all of this – the Music Committee. We want to continue improving the music program. The committee, like others in the church, needs the fresh vision and energy of new volunteers. Please contact Ryan Marvel (phone 581-0120) or Ed Meek (phone 204-9003), if you or someone you recommend can help. We can discuss the committee’s goals and current activities. Please consider joining. We meet once every 6 weeks to 2 months. Probably our next meeting will be in late February or early March.

Music Notes

Ryan Marvel, Music Director

Choir resumes...with new faces!! After a short break, our adult choir came back in masses this early January. Our Spring calendar includes performances in Greeley, Old Town Square and at FRCC for GED Graduation. We are always looking for new voices! Please see Ryan or speak with a choir member and come join in the singing. Welcome to new choir members Rose, LeRoy and Steve .

Choir Rehearsals in February

Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20 27 – 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Choir Performances in February

Sunday, February 3 – Both Services

Saturday, February 23 – Freedom to Marry Day
Old Town Square

Sunday, February 24th – Second Service Only

Upcoming Musical Events

We enjoyed a fantastic performance from the first of our Russ Crowder Scholarship winners, Nate Bethke, on January 27th. We will have 2 more performances this spring from our other recipients, Annika Bergen and Ian Koss.

Winter Chamber Music Concert

Sunday, February 17th -- 3:00 PM

Please Note DATE AND TIME CHANGE!!

Featured musicians will include Victoria Loran, Ann Schnaidt, Kimberly Sena-Moore, Ryan Marvel, Ellen Loran, Katherine Azari and the Foothills Brass Quintet. This is becoming a highly anticipated musical event. Tickets will be for sale on Sundays in Social Hall, starting January 27th. Also available in the office during the week and at the door. Mark your calendars...again!

As always, I encourage and welcome all to get involved in our music program. Performing, singing in the choir, leading hymns, joining the music committee, etc. Please contact me if you have any questions.

In Song, Ryan Marvel, 581-0120, ryan@ryanmarvel.com

Children's Music Program

Kimberly Sena Moore, 970/988.5326 or kimberly_mt80@yahoo.com

Here are the exciting music offerings that will be available to your children this spring:

Children's Worship

Music is an important component of a person’s religious growth and development. 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.

Children Spirit Singers

The Children Spirit Singers began rehearsals on Sunday, January 27th, but it is not too late for your child to join! Any child in grades 3-6 is invited to sing with us. This choir rehearses on Sunday mornings during Social Hour in room 222 of the RE Building. Registration and performance information will be available during rehearsals.

Growing with Adult Enrichment- Vicki Siska, Adult Enrichment Coordinator

Thank you to all who participated in our fun winter programs! Your kind contributions of hats, mittens and scarves at our Yule service were donated to Mary's Closet, a source for those in need in our community which is operated by Catholic Charities. We received a note from Lou, a volunteer with Mary's Closet, which read, in part, "The winter will seem a good bit warmer to a good many people because of your thoughtfulness and generosity." It was wonderful to be able to make this meaningful donation on behalf of our church community and I thank all of you who made it possible.

It's Time to Travel

Well, actually, it's time to do some "sanctuary traveling" with our February Sojourner Series. We have three very special programs planned for this month. We encourage you to mark you calendar now and plan to join us! Our offerings include:

Rome Sunday, February 3, 7-8:30 pm

Join Myrna and Jim Maier as they take you along on their two week trip to the modern and cosmopolitan city of Rome, the capital of Italy. Myrna and Jim rented an apartment which they discovered on the Internet, and made themselves at home in this fabulous city rich with history. Come find out how they spent their time and how you too can find a place of your own using the resources of the Internet. \$4 donation.

The Amazon, Sunday, February 10 7-8:30 pm

Come and explore life on the Rio Napo, in the Upper Amazon, with Jim Smith. The Amazon represents over half of the planet's remaining rainforests and comprises the largest and most species-rich tract of tropical rainforest in the world. Our evening promises to be an adventurous journey filled with colorful slides and information. \$4 donation.

The Fetterman and Little Bighorn Battlefields

February 17 7 - 8:30 pm

Marc and David Siska-Salkin visited these impressive battlefields last summer, and learned of the battles which, although won by Native Americans, brought about their ultimate defeat and in the process changed the course of American history. An informative and moving video will be part of our evening together. \$4 donation

American Jesus, February 21 7 - 9 pm

In this highly readable and informative work, Stephen Prothero, Chairman of the Department of Religion at Boston University, shares the many versions of Jesus which have emerged in the United States. Giving us a concise overview of American attitudes towards Jesus from colonial times to the present, and then moving on to different conceptualizations of Jesus, including the Black Moses and the Oriental Christ. As one reviewer stated, *American Jesus* is a lively and often witty work of history and account of the ways Americans have cast the carpenter from Nazareth in their own image. It is an examination... of the American character." We only have a few spots left so get your registration in today! \$ 15 donation includes book.

No Buddhism in February

Sharon Krieder, our Buddhism instructor, will be on a retreat in February, so no class is planned. Please join us on Sunday, March 9, as we explore Devotion and Meditation. Class is held from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Sanctuary and a \$4 donation is requested. You do not need to pre-register for this class - just come and join us!



Nationally Known Author, Forrest Church, Comes to Foothills

The Adult Enrichment Program is extremely pleased and honored to present UU theologian, historian and nationally known author Forrest Church for a very special Sunday on April 6. Forrest served for over three decades as senior minister of All Souls UU Church in New York City, where he is now Minister of Public Theology.

Dr. Church has authored over 23 books on UU history and theology, and many of you know him from his excellent voice in *Our Chosen Faith*. Recently Forrest has been focusing on the history of church and state in America as editor of *The Separation of Church and State* (Beacon, 2004) and author of *So Help Me God: The Founding Fathers and the First Great Battle over Church and State* (Harcourt, 2007). His next book, *Lincoln's Penny: How America Almost Became a Christian Republic*, will be published in early 2010.

Forrest is also a member of the Executive Board of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. He recently retired as Chair of the Council on the Environment of New York City after ten years of service (appointed by Mayors Giuliani and Bloomberg) overseeing, among other programs, New York's 50 Greenmarkets.

The Adult Enrichment Program has copies of Forrest's most recent book, *So Help Me God*, available for at a reduced cost at our table. It is an excellent and powerful portrayal of our nation's struggle over, and between, what Forrest calls divine order on the one hand and sacred liberty on the other. It is a battle that still rages today. Forrest will join us for both services on Sunday, April 6, so come with your questions as we welcome this most special of guests to our church.



World Famous Celtic Group SOLAS to Perform at Foothills!

The Adult Enrichment Program is thrilled to announce that SOLAS will again perform at the church, this time in an exclusive concert only for members and friends of Foothills Unitarian Church. Join us on Sunday, March 2, at 7 pm for an evening you won't soon forget!

Since its birth in 1996, Solas has been loudly proclaimed as the most popular, influential, and exciting Celtic band to ever emerge from the United States. Even before the release of their first CD, *The Boston Herald* trumpeted the quartet as the first truly great Irish band to arise from America; and the *Irish Echo* ranked Solas among the most exciting bands anywhere in the world.

Over the years the praise has only grown louder. *The Philadelphia Inquirer* said Solas makes mind-blowing Irish folk music, maybe the world's best. *The New York Times* praised their unbridled vitality; *The Washington Post* dubbed Solas one of the world's finest Celtic-folk ensembles; and the Austin American-Statesman called them the standard by which contemporary Celtic groups are judged.

When Solas joined us three years ago, they were able to be with us for two nights – and it was standing room only on both evenings! This time around they will only be with us for one night – so get your tickets early! All seats are unreserved and require a \$17 donation. Tickets are available after each service on Sundays, or by calling Vicki Siska at 226-5660.



Social Action Info

Richard Conn, Social Action Committee Chair

Lots of frustration already in the new year. Two meetings in January exemplify some perceived threats to the health and economy of Northern Colorado.

At a town hall 'state of the city' meeting hosted by our representatives John Kafalas, Gary Fischer, and Senator Bacon, the theme of not enough money occupied the whole agenda. Under the limits of the Tabor amendment and the unusual reduction of federal funding, there was continuing lack of funding for CSU, our community college, assistance for students' high textbook costs, developing commuter rail from Denver to Ft. Collins, assistance for Self Sufficiency projects and infrastructure maintenance. And the prospect for a revolutionary change in our health care system may not happen when the 208 Commission sends its final report to the Colorado Legislature at the end of January. This is the time when 'squeaky wheels' may get the most attention.

And speaking of squeaky wheels, there will be LOTS of opportunity in the next 18 months to speak out about another health issue: uranium mining. The first of many public meetings was held at the Front Range Community College on Monday, Jan. 14th. Four executives from Powertech Uranium Corporation, three members of CARD (Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction), and four 'neutral' scientists in radiation pathology teamed up to provide all sides of opinions concerning the effects of uranium mining on human health. After my considerable study the following day, I felt that, based upon opinion, the effects of uranium mining may not be as much concern as has been publicized. The highlights of the literature available at the meeting can be summarized as follows: (a) Powertech, as well as many previous uranium

mining operations, have shown that mining does not impact long term human health, including mine workers, (b) families who unknowingly have drunk from wells contaminated with uranium, arsenic, and radium in small amounts have had no health effects according to the 'neutral' scientists, (c) but the effects of severe weather on open pit mining, which Powertech promises will not happen, may cause air contamination by other toxic chemicals associated with uranium. Stay tuned.

Wanted: Plant Starting Containers

SeaHeart

If you have a few or a collection of seed starting flats and/or six packs that you aren't eager to use again, the Grow Food not Lawns project would be happy to take them off your hands! We are coordinating an effort to get plants started in greenhouses and solariums throughout Fort Collins and would welcome the opportunity not to have to invest in new containers. Please bring whatever you are ready to pass on to the UU on Sundays and deliver them to either Richard Conn or Alex Barnett or SeaHeart (whom you can contact with questions at 226-4256). Much appreciated!

Foothills Book Group

Myrna Maier

The Gathering by Anne Enright is the selected book for the Fun Committee Book Discussion Group. Read the book, come join the discussion on Tues., Feb. 19th, 7:00pm in the RE building (downstairs). *The Gathering* is a daring, witty, and insightful family epic, clarified through Anne Enright's unblinking eye. It is a novel about love and disappointment, about how memories warp and secrets fester, and how fate is written in the body, not in the stars.

Religious Education Classes Meet Every Sunday in February

At 9:00 am for Preschool through 5th Grade

At 11:00 am for Preschool through High School
Nursery Care for infants and toddlers is offered
during our 9:00am and 11:00am services

Sunday February 3rd

RE classes meet at 9am and 11am today.

Wednesday, February 6th

YFF Preschool Playgroup in the Social hall

Sunday February 10th

All Church Sunday - Children join their families in the Sanctuary for the beginning of our service today. We will celebrate love with story and music.

Sunday February 17th

RE classes meet at 9am and 11am today.

Wednesday, February 20th

YFF Preschool Playgroup in the Social hall

Sunday, February 24th

Religious Education Open house Today. See the article below. Spirit Singers perform during both church services today



Koffee with the Kids!

RE Open house Sunday, Feb 24th

No, this does not mean that we will be serving coffee to the kids. It means that on Sunday, February 24th the children and youth will be hosting our Sunday morning Coffee Hour in the Religious Education Building. Coffee will be served upstairs in the triple RE rooms and the kids will serve treats in religious education classrooms. This will be an opportunity for folks in the congregation to “cross over” and see what is happening in our Religious Education

Spring Parenting Class

Parents as Social Justice Educators

Tues evenings 6:30 pm February 19—March 11.

This four session class encourages adults to value their own social action efforts and helps them and their children find meaning in the world and make the world a better place. During this class we will assess our own commitment to social justice and learn ways that our families can participate together in projects that contribute to the greater social good.

The class will culminate in a family social action project of our choosing. Childcare will be provided. \$10 donation requested.

Please RSVP with Eleanor to reserve a spot in the class 493-5906.



FAB FAMILY FRIDAY

Friday, February 8th 5:30 pm

All are welcome – adults, kids, seniors, singles, youth and friends. Bring a dish to share, table service and beverages are provided. After dinner we will have a worship circle and family board games. Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with other Foothills UU families!

Our 5th grade OWL class continues on Sunday afternoons from 3:30—5:00 pm

Many thanks to Dru VanDoren and Rob Cifelli for their service as 5th grade OWL leaders. **A Special thanks ...** to the volunteers who helped us treat our Religious Education Teachers and Youth Advisors to a Teacher's Appreciation Lunch.

And of course, we thank our Teachers and Advisors for their service and dedication to our RE program.

Youth Programming News

Eleanor VanDeusen

7th Grade News

Our 7th Graders are continuing their study of Unitarian and Universalist History on Identity this month. We will predict and then conduct a "belief survey" of members of the congregation. We will also study numerous famous UU's who appear on postage stamps. Welcome to Sonia Koetting as a new 7th Grade Advisor.

8th Grade News

In our 8th Grade Class we will continue our study of various religious practices. In late January we visited Timberline Church. During February we will study Hinduism. We are also planning a sledding trip this month. Watch your email and mailbox for details.

Middle School Retreat

12 Middle Schoolers participated in a District Middle School Retreat in Lafayette, CO in mid January. Many thanks to Kerri South, Penny Gil-Stuart and Craig Stuart for chaperoning. Our own Rick and Marion Wells, District Youth Committee Officers, helped to lead this retreat.

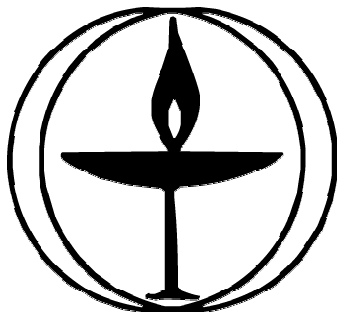
YRUU News

Several of our YRUU youth participated in a District youth Conference in Albuquerque New Mexico on the weekend of January 25-28. Many thanks again to Rick and Marion Wells for serving as responsible adults for this CON.

Our 9th graders are getting ready for their trip to Navaho and Hopi Lands in April. Mark your calendar for our annual 9th Grade trip cake Auction on Sunday, March 30th. 9th Grade Trippers will be asking for donations of baked goods this month.

Our YRUU group will participate as co-sponsors for The 9th Annual Freedom to Marry Day Celebration on Saturday February 23rd at 12:30pm in Old Town Square. The group will march to Avogadro's restaurant for wedding cake and festivities at 2:00pm. Our Intern Minister Denise Hall will be the keynote speaker for the rally in Old Town Square. Please join us!

Welcome to Sue Sullivan as a new YRUU advisor.



BUUMs Book Group

Shawn Walter

BUUMs (Book loving mUUMs) will meet Monday, February 18th at Genoa Coffee & Wine. This month's book is *The Abstinence Teacher* by Tom Perrotta. It's one of those quiet, but really well-written books that subverts the suburban myth. In the book, Ruth Ramsey, sex education teacher at a local high school, is trying to survive the aftermath of her divorce, and a scandal caused by her frank teaching of sex education. It also follows Tim Mason, junkie turned born-again Christian who struggles with his old life and new. Their paths cross, and neither is the same. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Walter at csuramsrule@gmail.com.

Thanks to Ushers

Margie Caswell, Ushering Co-Coordinator

Thank you to all of the ushers that volunteered this Nov. – Jan. Our members and visitors feel welcomed and the service runs more smoothly because of your efforts. Thanks to: Dick and Laurie Cullor, Ben and Anne Manvel, Doug Strachan, Howard and Dottie Spivak, Hugh and Lil Price, Bob Jones, Marion Brown, Bob and Pat Fromme, Bruce and Margie Wagner, Marty and Ken Tharp, Lenny Scovel, Mike Manning and Sandra Nesbit-Manning, Bob and Bev Bacon, Lucy Laugison, John and Jennifer Dunkle, Gayle Vancil, Chris Andrew, Mark and Dee Wanger, Wally and Paulette Nees, Dolores Williams, Betty Gendler, David and Kate Carr, Sue Ferguson, Linda Knowlton, Lori Thompson, and Kathy Kunkle.

A big welcome to Dick and Laurie Cullor, our new 11 a.m. Ushering Coordinators, for the months of February – May. They join Chris Andre who coordinates the 9 a.m. service ushers those same months. You can volunteer to usher by signing up in the social hall, calling the church office, or contacting the coordinators.

UU Bed and Breakfast

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area? The UU bed and breakfast directory UU're Home (formerly Homecomings) can fulfill your dream. For 28 years, we've provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us at info@uurehome.com, or at 828-281-3253, and we will gladly send you information about listing your accommodations. Host listings on the UU're Home website at www.UUreHome.com are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. For a copy of the 2008 directory and a year's access to the website listings, please click on "become a member" or send a check for \$25 and your e-mail address to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

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.



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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

Foothills Unitarian Church Calendar

February 2008

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*Don't Forget to
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Sunday, March 2, 2008

Inspiration Sunday

9:30—11:30 a.m.

An opportunity for all members and friends of
Foothills Unitarian Church
to gather under one roof together at the
Hilton Hotel, 425 W. Prospect Rd.
(See page 1 for more information.)