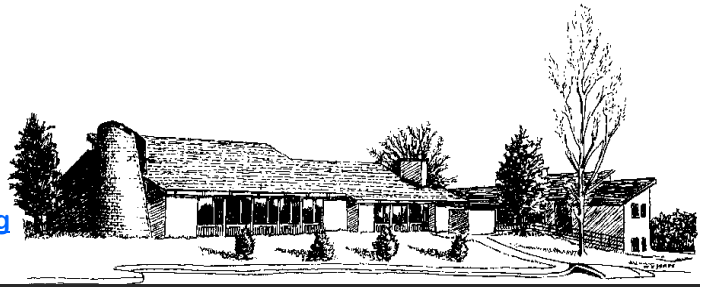


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SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH

All services at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. except for March 2nd, Inspiration Sunday

March 2 INSPIRATION SUNDAY

Join us for breakfast (our treat) and a Celebration of the Community we know as The **Foothills Unitarian Church**. We'll gather at the Hilton Hotel, 425 West Prospect, a five minute drive from the church, for great music, food, and friendship, surprises, and fun.

Today you'll meet our new quarter-time (for now) Assistant Minister, the Rev. Maureen "Mo" White as we share our **joy in the present and our vision for the future**. Please join us for a great morning!

March 9 "Spiritual Religion"

Religious scholars Elaine Pagels and Marcus Borg outline it, retired Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong argues for it, millions hunger for it—Spiritual religion. Assistant Minister the Rev. Maureen White and I will discuss it with you today.

March 16 "Truthiness"

Stephen Colbert ad-libbed the word into the first "Colbert Report"—it was just supposed to be "truth"—and the world has never been the same. Intern Minister Dr. Denise Hall and I will look at how truthiness impacts our lives.

March 23 EASTER SUNDAY — Homily: "To Feel the Stars"

The subtitle of my Easter homily might be titled "I still am blind, and yet I see." We'll enjoy great music from the adult choir and our children will join us for the last part of our services today.

March 30 "Justice Making"

Denise Hall and I will celebrate how the UU Service Committee engages with the world, and we'll suggest how our own congregation might be more effective in its own justice making locally.



Inspiration Sunday

By the time you receive this InterCom, you should have received a call and had the opportunity to sign up to attend our celebration on March 2nd. If for some reason, you have not had the chance and would still like to attend, please email Lisa Peppin at Lisa.peppin@gmail.com or call at 204-1260 for availability.



Easter Breads

Dottie Spivak, Hospitality Chair

One of Foothills Unitarian Church's traditions is the sharing of bread between services on Easter Sunday. This year Easter falls on March 23. Mark your calendars to stay after the 9:00 service or come early for the 11:00 service. Bring bread or a treat to share or simply come and enjoy one with your tea or coffee.



Upcoming Events

- March 2 Inspiration Sunday
- March 2 SOLAS
- March 16 Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky celebration (p. 5)
- March 23 Join the Foothills' tradition of the sharing of bread between services on Easter Sunday.
- March 30 9th Grade Trip Cake Auction (p. 10)

Marc My Words

It wasn't supposed to be such a winter as this in Colorado, so cold, so much snow. Not that we don't appreciate our snow pack conditions, which portend great things for summer lawns and flowers (with our still conserving and using water responsibly, of course). However, weather forecasters are looking at their charts and computer models, trying to make sense of a winter that continues to surprise.

Global climate change might be a factor. Such change would throw off calculations and undermine forecasts, and atmospheric scientists are considering just such a possibility. Even so, a strong wind of humility is blowing, with jet stream force, through the hearts and minds of the experts who once were pretty sure what our winter would look and feel like.

Honestly, forecasts of any sort are risky, yet we want them, just the same. Depending on the expert, the current housing market bust is:

- Just about over.
- Just getting started
- My, aren't the clouds beautiful today.

Like most of us, I listen eagerly to predictions and prognostications (the latter are predictions that are harder to spell). I enjoy pundits proclaiming and prophesying, and I even try offering forecasts about the state of the church a few months or years from now. I've learned, though, how often even experts are wrong. About everything. The economy. Weather. Politics. Investments. About who's going to win a Grammy, an Emmy, an Oscar, a Tony, or my own favorite, a "Golden Globe"—because I think globally...

The secret about predictions is that they're great tests of our skill and knowledge and really important for decision making and planning. In an uncertain world we try to minimize risk in many proactive ways, also enjoying the intellectual work of anticipating the future. In our personal lives, however, we keep learning that the world is full of joy and woe, sun and snow, bitterness and ecstasy. Our emotional climate can change in the blink of an eye—we didn't see that storm coming, did we?

Religion, I think, is for helping us cope with woe and joy as constant companions, and I predict that as long as our lives unfold in radical unpredictability, religion will be important, whatever kind of experts we are.

Yours in our Shared Ministry, Marc



Caring Corner

Vicki Siska

Loving thoughts are sent to the family of retired UU minister and church member Peter Weller. Peter died peacefully in his sleep on January 21.

We also send our sympathy to John Dunkle upon the death of his father and to Bob Bethke, whose mother died. May you both have only good memories of times spent with your parents.

Loving thoughts to Patricia Fredericks, whose mother passed away in February. We care about you.

Healing wishes to Sandra Freeman who had foot surgery recently. We hope you are up and about soon!

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.

Congratulations to Hugh and Lil Price on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Vedrich Price, who was born on Valentines day! We hope your time with him will be filled with love

The Caring Committee is here for you...

...providing support to Foothills Unitarian members and friends in times of need.

Please contact a member of the Caring Committee if you or someone you know needs assistance or support:

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*meal assistance

*Kindly give a minimum of one week notice.

Denominational Connections

Lenny Scovell

With the arrival of March, the time has come once again to choose our General Assembly delegates and our Leadership School participants.

General Assembly is the annual meeting of the member congregations of the UUA, and will be held this year in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from June 25-29. In addition to business sessions (Plenary), the General Assembly (GA) program comprises over three hundred workshops, lectures, and worship opportunities over the five days of GA. To see a schedule of activities visit the UUA website at uua.org. Foothills UC will send six delegates to represent our congregation. Delegate's registration will be paid, and some money may be available to help offset travel and lodging expenses. Delegates will be responsible for attending all of the Plenary sessions and will be empowered by the congregation to represent FUC. In addition, delegates will be expected to report back to the congregation in the fall. It is also hoped that delegates will bring back potential programming ideas from the many workshops available.

The Russell Lockwood Leadership School exists to train Mountain Desert District UU's for congregational leadership. Leadership School is late nights and early mornings, stimulating discussions, meaningful worship experiences, new friends, challenges and opportunities for personal insight and for deepening one's religious identity, lots of group process, examinations of leadership styles, and a refining of leadership technique. It is information about Unitarian Universalism, a closer look at District policies and services, and hands-on experience with worship development and congregational problem solving. It is an amazing opportunity for people to express their creativity and expand their leadership gifts. Past participants will often recall what a life-changing experience RLLS was, and they long to return! A cautionary note: leadership school can be both physically and emotionally draining – potential participants should be in reasonable physical condition (able to sit on the floor, climb lots of stairs, stay-up late and get-up early) and should be in an emotionally centered place in their daily lives. Graduates of leadership school will be expected to take on leadership responsibilities in the congregation. Two candidates will be selected.

Delegates and leadership school candidates will be nominated by the Nominating Committee and chosen by the Board of Trustees. We will want to make all selections by mid-April, so don't delay! Interested persons should contact Lenny Scovel to apply: lennyscovel@msn.com or 484-6090.

In Loving Fellowship,
Lenny Scovel

Womens Spirituality Conference

Dr. Denise E. Hall, Foothills, Intern Candidate Minister

Women Gathering Spirit: Empowering Women to Heal Themselves and The Earth is a women's spirituality conference co-sponsored by the Mountain Desert District-Justice Ministries, the Denver-Boulder Cluster, the First Unitarian Society of Denver and the Jefferson Unitarian Church of Golden. Women's Spirituality belongs to a liberal tradition sharing a common agenda of ending oppression and developing new models for society that reflect the values of spiritual and political equality, we firmly believe that nurturing women's leadership is a justice issue.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 8, so you won't miss the conference, *Women Gathering Spirit: Healing Ourselves and the Earth!*

First is a panel discussion about the physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual aspects of being a total woman. Twelve dynamic spirit-centered women present eleven afternoon workshops. Topics include Spirit Weaving, Womanist Spirituality (for women of color), a Medicine Walk, Handless Maiden: From Helplessness to Creative Empowerment, Laughter Yoga, among others.

Refresh yourself in the Red Tent, a round, pillowed room with an altar for quiet reflection beneath stained glass windows. The conference offers a talented henna artist. Use her intricate designs or your imagination! Want more? Don't miss our musical and dance presentations.

If you register before February 23, you will pay \$45. After that date, the cost will go up to \$50. Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Childcare will be provided. Please call to let us know how many children will need care. Some scholarships are available. Home hospitality may also be available.

The conference, to be at Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, was planned by Unitarian Universalist women of Front Range area churches in the Mountain Desert District.

Jefferson Unitarian Church is located at 14350 W. 32nd Ave., Golden, just one mile west of I-70 at the Youngfield exit.

Explore, learn, relax and heal your spirit with us!

For information call Virginia Savage in Greeley on 970-978-1728, or e-mail her: savageone02@yahoo.com.



Adult Choir

We are a busy group! After performing for Freedom to Marry Day, we are moving on to some new locales. We will travel to Cheyenne this month to visit our neighboring UU's! Come and join our exciting group! Please speak to Ryan if you have interest in singing with the adult choir.

Rehearsals in March:

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm in the Sanctuary
March 5, 12 and 26
(No rehearsal 3/16... Spring Break)

Performances in March:

Sunday, March 2 – Inspiration Sunday
Sunday, March 23 – Easter, Both Services
Sunday, March 30 – Cheyenne, WY

Upcoming Musical Events:

Sunday, March 30th we will welcome local singer-songwriter Kathryn Mostow to our services to share her talents. She has a pure, clean and inspirational voice. Check out her website at www.butterflysound.com and come and hear her in person on the 30th!

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.

A Call for Submissions!

Poets, lyricists and those inspired...lend us your talents!

On behalf of the UUA Mountain Desert District, our district executive, Rev. Nancy Bowen, has asked the district Music Directors to create an original song that describes who we are, defines our place in UU-ism and gives a sense of geographical identity. This will be a collaborative process involving our congregations' authors and music makers. This song is to be debuted at the MDD Conference in October, 2008.

We are calling for submissions of text, lyrics or ideas that will begin the process and inspire the music to be written. Submissions should be about who we are, geographically and spiritually, and what we look to become. The winning entry will become the property of MDD; any proceeds resulting from the publishing or other distribution of the song will be used to benefit MDD music programs. The person submitting the winning entry will receive an honorarium of \$200.

Submissions can be e-mailed to john@firstuniversalist.org or sent to: John Hubert, First Universalist Church, 4101 E. Hampden, Denver, CO 80222. Deadline for submissions is April 30, 2008. Questions: Contact Ryan.

In Song,
Ryan Marvel, 970-581-0120
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An Important Message from Forrest Church

Vicki Siska

I was heartbroken to receive a recent email from Forrest Church sharing that his cancer has returned and his need to cancel his appearance at our church in April. The following is an excerpt from the letter I received and that Forrest shared with his friends across the country and with his congregation in New York.



Dear Friends,

After enjoying a year of fine health, this past Thursday I learned that my cancer had recurred, having spread to my lungs and liver. There is no way to sugarcoat this news. I shall undergo a regimen of chemotherapy, more for palliative than curative reasons, but must face the certainty that my cancer is terminal and the great likelihood that my future will be measured in months not years.

In more than one respect, I feel very lucky. In the fall of 2006, my family and I had a dress rehearsal for the drama we now are entering in earnest. My wife, Carolyn, and our four children, Frank, Nina, Jacob and Nathan were able then to begin working through the complex feelings that always accompany the loss of a family member, especially a parent. As for me, I have greeted every day since my reprieve (and shall greet the days to come) as gravy.

Since it would be remarkably unimaginative for me to die at fifty-nine as my father and grandfather each did before me, I shall do my utmost to make it to September, when, after rejoicing in my daughter's wedding, I shall celebrate both my sixtieth birthday and the completion of thirty years at All Souls.

In the meantime, know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

*With lots of love,
Forrest*



Forrest Church is one of our most distinguished UU ministers and his loss will be felt both by those who knew him personally and those who knew him through his many books, including *Our Chosen Faith*. I know that you join me in sending our heartfelt thoughts to him and his family. I will have cards at the AE table that you are welcome to sign and which will be sent to Forrest.

It is my plan to offer a class on Forrest's most recent book, *So Help Me God*, in the fall. Forrest was to speak to us about this work, and had sent us an order of discounted books for our purchase. If you are interested in obtaining a copy please see me at the AE table in the Social Hall after Sunday services.



February saw us enjoying a number of interesting and informative classes as we journeyed down the Amazon and spent time in the ancient city of Rome. We also enjoyed a number of engaging class discussions and activities on a variety of topics, and I would like to say a few words about one class in particular: Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism.

We have an incredibly rich and diverse congregation, and it is clear from the enthusiastic and large turn out for this class that we make assumptions about our community at our own peril. The person sitting next to you on Sunday morning may have a very different theological orientation, or political outlook, for that matter, and we must always bear in mind that ours is a faith that seeks to value all paths traveled in our search for truth. There may be the tendency to assume that because Unitarian Universalism is a liberal tradition none of us could possibly still believe in Jesus or God or the Bible. We might also imagine we are all Democrats, and that we think the same on a variety of political issues. Our Adult Enrichment classes and my conversations with a number of you prove otherwise.

Many of our classes present ideas from leading religious thinkers of our day; join us and share your thoughts while learning about those of your fellow church goers. There is much to learn and celebrate and as a faith community immersed in diversity we have the perfect opportunity to practice "loving alike," as one of our often quoted forebears, Francis David, extolled us to do. May we always rise to the challenge! Upcoming Classes

A Romp Through Menopause

Thursday, March 6 7-9 pm \$5 donation

Back by popular demand, Pat Fredericks and Dian Sparling will lead an informative evening on the experience of menopause. Pat and Dian will share information on the use of herbs, diet, exercise, hormones and other products and support groups which help address the issues of menopause. They will also cover the variety of physical and emotional changes that accompany this life stage.

Both Dian and Pat are certified mid-wives and have been involved in women's health practices for over 22 years. Join with us to better understand and honor this important life event.

Take This Bread, Thursday, March 13, 6 – 9 pm

A self-proclaimed blue-state, secular-intellectual, lesbian, left-wing journalist with a strong skeptical streak, Sara Miles was hardly a candidate for Christian conversion. Then, at the age of 46, Sara was out walking and wandered into a San Francisco Episcopal church and, to her surprise, took communion. After that everything changed. Before long, she turned the bread she ate at communion into tons of groceries and created over a dozen food pantries to serve the needs of poor and marginalized people. This is clearly a woman who knows about the politics of food, and you will be impressed with her journey whether you consider yourself a Christian or not. \$25 includes book and dinner.

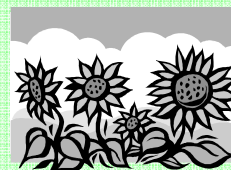
Take this Bread: a Radical Conversion is engaging, funny, serious and insightful. Join us for dinner and a discussion of this most remarkable woman and her story of what means to "be" religious.

An additional Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism class has been scheduled for Thursday, April 17th. If you weren't able to attend our first class but would like to do so now please see me to reserve your space and book. More information available at the Adult Enrichment table in the social hall after Sunday services.

Touch the Earth Reach the Sky

Sunday, March 16 6:30 - 8 pm

Registration greatly Appreciated!



The third evening in our cycle of Earth Based Celebrations is the Vernal, or Spring, Equinox. Like its counter time in the fall, the Spring Equinox marks the time in the earth's rotation when the day and night are of equal duration.

Our contemplative and participatory services include words of worship, prayer, ritual, silence, music, food and fun. Join us as we welcome back the warmth of the returning sun and celebrate life bursting forth after the quiet of winter.

Please bring a new children's book to share with those who are just beginning to read.

Children's Religious Education Programs

Meet every Sunday in March

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 March 2nd

Children's **Art & Spirit FunShop** at the church! 9:00 am - 11:45 am. Join us for a morning of spiritual exploration through the arts! See Article to follow

Wednesday, March 5th

YFF Preschool Playgroup in the Social hall

Sunday March 9th

Young Children's Worship Today.
K/1 OWL Family Celebration 5:30 pm

Friday, March 14th 5:30 pm

FAB FAMILY FRIDAY Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with other Foothills UU families!

All are welcome Bring a dish to share, table service and beverages are provided. After dinner we will have a worship circle and treasure hunt.

Sunday March 16th

Teacher's Day Off 1st Sunday of spring Break. Children—preschool thru 6th grade will gather together to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day and learn about the history of religion in Ireland!



Wednesday, March 19th

YFF Preschool Playgroup in the Social hall

Sunday, March 23rd

Easter Sunday! Kids gather in their classrooms for Easter activities. At the end of the service each child will receive a potted flower and will come to the Sanctuary to join the congregation. We will sing together and share the joy and spirit of spring and rebirth!

Another Easter tradition is our

Canned Food Hunt / Drive.

Please bring several items of canned or non-perishable food to church on Easter Sunday. All is donated to the Food Bank - a wonderful way to share the bounty of spring with other families.

Sunday March 30th RE Classes Meet today



Art & Spirit FunShop

Children of Foothills Unitarian Church age 5 -7th grade, are invited to join on Sunday, March 2nd 9:15 am - 11:45 am

Our morning begins with breakfast followed by fun and active workshops exploring spiritual expression through the Arts!

Workshops will include:

Making Personal Shrines - Virginia Savage, UU Art Therapist will be our guide (bring photos or small items that are sacred and special to your child)

Dances of Universal Peace - circle songs and dances from various religions traditions led by Sarah Rain

Creative Dramatics and Mask Making with Openstage actress Lindsay Teal Jandrain

Children will be assigned to youth assistants and will rotate through the activities under their supervision. Our high ratio of leaders to children will ensure the children's safety and fun!

Our **Art & Spirit FunShop** coincides with our **Inspiration Sunday** gathering at the Hilton Hotel. We have added drop off and pick up time to the schedule for your convenience. Childcare for children 6 weeks through 4 years will be provided at the Hilton. Please contact Eleanor VanDeusen if you have questions.

Looking Ahead to Summer...

It's time to start thinking about summer plans! In addition to summer religious education activities during our single 9:30 am services, we will host an **R. E. Day Camp** again this year!



This year's camp will be held Monday through Friday, June 9th—13th—9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the church.

Our camp will have an Earth Care theme this summer. Cost will be \$100 per child for the week. Registration will begin after Spring Break.

***We need several youth counselors to help with our RE DayCamp.** These are paid positions. Contact Eleanor at the church if you are interested.

Youth Programming News

Eleanor VanDeusen

7th Grade News

Our 7th Graders had a terrific response to their "Congregational Belief Survey" conducted on February 10th. 213 members of our Congregation participated in the survey. Regarding the faith they were raised in, response were —63% protestant, 18% catholic, 9.5% UU, 6% Jewish and 4.7% no religious faith. Regarding how people describe their faith now, responses were —53% "God is nature", 45% humanist, 35% agnostic, 22% mystic, 18% pagan, 14% atheist, 12.2% ethical Christian, 4.7% Christian, and 4.7% eastern religions (Buddhism, Taoism.) Note that many people described themselves as believing more than one thing, for example, atheist and agnostic or Humanist and "God is nature." This month our 7th graders will learn about our UU Roots in Christianity and the Bible.

8th Grade News

In our 8th Grade Class we will continue our study of various religious practices. In February we studied Hinduism and we were visited by guest speakers from the Indian Cultural Association. We also participated in a songwriting workshop with guest the YRUU high school group and UU musician, Judy Fjell. Judy will be returning to perform the song with our youth on May 4th.

In March we will be have guest speakers on atheism and we will study Easter and Passover on Easter Sunday. At the end of the month we will begin studying African American religion.

YRUU News

Our YRUU group continues to lead their own workshops and discussions in their weekly classes. The youth leadership and enthusiasm is fantastic with as many as 20 youth attending most Sundays followed by lunch as a group after church. Our YRUU group participated as co-sponsors for The 9th Annual Freedom to Marry Day Celebration in Old Town Square on February 23rd. We also participated in the songwriting workshop with guest musician, Judy Fjell in February. Judy will be returning to perform the song with our youth on May 4th.

Welcome to Elizabeth Winder-Chavey as a new YRUU advisor.

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

Children Spirit Singers

It is not too late to join the Children Spirit Singers. Any child in grades 3-6 may come sing with us. Rehearsals are held in Sunday mornings during Social Hour in room 222 of the RE Building. Questions? Contact Kimberly Sena Moore, Children's Music Coordinator at 970-988-5326 or kimberly_mt80@yahoo.com.



Top 10 Reasons to Support the Rummage Sale:

#10:

**You have to park in the driveway
because your car won't fit into
the garage anymore.**

CARS CROWDED OUT?

Start thinking NOW about what items you want to dispose of, and set them aside in your home. Sell your gently used belongings at the Rummage Sale, to benefit the church, the buyers AND your space problem!

IF YOU DON'T HAVE THIS PROBLEM...

...maybe you could provide some pre-sale storage space for people who need to move items out of their homes prior to the sale. This would be a great help, because the church does not have enough room to accommodate these items.

ALSO NEEDED:

- display racks for clothing or other goods
- pant hangers
- wooden hangers
- plastic hangers

**HAVE RACKS, HANGERS OR SPACE?
Call Pam (225-1223)**

SAVE THESE DATES AND YOUR DISCARDS:

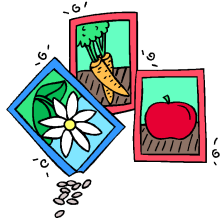
- Aug 10 - Set-up after church service
- Aug 11-18 - accepting donations
- Aug 20 (evening) - Members & Friends Sale



Seed Starting Party !!!

SeaHeart and Alex Barnett

Spring it just around the corner. Get a head start on growing healthy vegetables, herbs and flowers by attending the 1st Annual Seed Starting Party at Foothills Unitarian Church.



- Learn how to start seeds indoors
- Meet with other gardeners in our community
- Find out about Grow Food not Lawns, a group supporting organic backyard gardens
- Buy hard to find heirloom seeds at discount prices
- Share seeds with other gardeners

Seed trays and growing medium will be provided for a small materials fee.. Come together, build community and celebrate the renewal of life with fellow gardeners interested in sustainable and organic gardening in Northern Colorado. Children are welcome.

- Location: Foothills Unitarian Church
- Date: March 9, 2008
- Time: 1PM-4PM

For more information contact SeaHeart at 226-4256 or Alex Barnett at abarnett88@comcast.net

Social Action Info

Richard Conn, Social Action Committee Chair

On Thursday, Feb. 14th I met Cameron Meyer of the Greeley Unitarian church and we discussed some of the activities of the Greeley church. They are deeply involved with helping families become self sufficient by donating food and shelter for a few weeks to those who became down on their luck and were referred by social agencies in Greeley. Since my experience with Cameron has been so recent I'd like to explore further what our congregation could do parallel to the Greeley activities and become familiar with Fort Collins agencies that could work with us. Stay tuned.

BUUMs Book Group

Shawn Walter

BUUMs (Book loving mUUMs) will meet Monday, March 17th at Genoa Coffee & Wine to discuss *The Average Human* by Ellen Toby-Potter. The nebulous heroes of Toby-Potter's novel are the members of the Mayborn family. Every pleasant small town in America is home to at least one family like the Mayborns, social outcasts that suck the class right out of the neighborhood: front yard claimed by discarded household items, sons perpetually in jail, daughters perpetually pregnant. In the small town of Loomis, a fading hamlet in rural New York, the Mayborns are credited for a wide variety of crimes against humanity. When fourteen-year-old June Mayborn accidentally kills the aging leader of a former local cult, the funeral attracts

a new crop of visitors and a new focus on just what it means to be a Mayborn. Are the Mayborns so far removed from the average human that all hope is lost? If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Walter at csuramsrule@gmail.com.

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.

Charly Bratt , charly.bratt@gmail.com

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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Greater UU Community

Napa Valley Wine Country Excursion

An hour north of San Francisco are the lush vineyards, world class wineries and picturesque small towns of the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. We invite all UUs and friends to share the beauty of our "home" through the UU Fellowship of North Bay's "Wine Country Excursions."

We offer small customized two day tours of our valleys which can include wine tastings, art galleries, museums, scenic trails and much more. We provide private rooms with bath in the homes of our members and experienced guides to conduct tours in their cars.

Napa itself is alive and vibrant with galleries, boutique shops, world-class restaurants, wine tasting rooms and entertainment. Sites of special interest include COPIA (The American Center for Food, Wine and the Arts); Jack London's home (now a state park); the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone; the diRosa Art and Nature Preserve.

Tours are offered from May through October. Plan for two days of touring and a two or three night stay with all local transportation provided. Home hospitality without tours is also available. Our fees are much below market rates for similar services. All proceeds to help our Fellowship grow and purchase property in this expensive real estate market. We have limited openings, so contact us now for details. Tom Wilson 707.254-7443 or 2wilson-sldog@comcast.net



WhaleCoast Alaska - 2008

Five Alaskan UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural program this July, our 12th year. See REAL Alaska, with UU homestays in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Seward, Juneau, and Sitka. UU's host events and lead tours. We visit Tlingit and Inupiat Native Alaskans, see lots of wildlife like bears, moose, caribou, whales, sea otters and bald eagles. We visit Denali and other National Parks. Dave Frey, a 27-year Alaska resident, leads the programs. Visit our <http://www.wuurld.org/> website, email waltonfrey@gci.net or phone 907-322-4966 for a brochure. Reservation deadline March 15.

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Cakes, Etc. Auction

March 30th

The Cakes, Etc. Auction benefits church youth going on the UU 9th Grade Trip to the Navajo and Hopi Lands. Will there be another Marc cake? A Goth Barbie cake? Cheddar-apple pie? Mark your calendar and bring your checkbook for this fun event.

A silent auction of baked goods will be held between church services in the social hall. A lively live auction will begin promptly following the second 11:00 a.m. service. The 9th Grade Trippers will be soliciting baked donation sign-ups in the social hall on Sundays during March. Watch for the sign-up in the social hall.

Thanks very much from the Ninth Grade class and auction coordinator
KrisBrowning-Blas. For more info, 970-217-7822 or kbrowning@denverpost.com.

Thank you for your donation and support.

