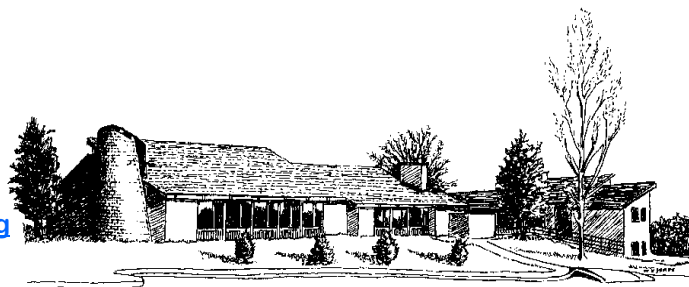


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SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY

All services at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. except for May 18th

May 4 "Let Our Voices Be Heard"

It's a special pleasure to welcome UU singer/songwriter Judy Fjell to our services today. At Leadership School, at the annual District meeting in Billings, Montana, and in UU congregations in the Mountain Desert District and beyond, Judy's songs and spirit inspire, delight, and uplift. Judy will be joined by our Youth Group to share the song they've created together, and then she'll share her music in a distinctly Unitarian Universalist way with all of us.

May 11 "I Remember, I Remember..."

On Mother's Day, 2008, we'll enjoy the music of our choirs on a Family Sunday, and recognize the teachers and advisors in our religious education program for children, youth and adults. The service will include reflections on being a mom by some moms among us! Marc will preside.

May 18 9:00 A.M. Service Only!

Homily: "Crossing the Threshold"—At today's single service today we'll celebrate the annual "Coming of Age" recognition for our sixth grade class. Marc's homily will address the fact that we cross thresholds into new places in our lives continuously—whether we want to or not!

10:30 A.M. Annual Congregational Meeting

Discuss and approve (we hope) the budget, elect officers, hear reports and entertain recommendations from several of our five year planning teams, and have a great time being the church as we do the work of the church!

May 25 "You Bring the Potato Salad—I'll Bring the Rocket-Propelled Grenades"

On the Memorial Day weekend we annually juxtapose picnics and glimpses of summer against war and its losses. Which is more real, more true, and more long-lasting in human life?

Upcoming Events

- May 3&4 Judy Fjell music workshops and more (see page 11)
- May 18 Annual Congregational Meeting 10:30 a.m.
- May 24 Spring Cleanup Day (see page 3).



So Sez the Prez

Bruce Wagner, President, Board of Trustees

As Bob Dylan wrote: "The times they are a changing." With Rev. Maureen "Mo" White joining us, we have a new quarter-time soon to be half-time assistant minister. Many of you voiced the need for additional ministerial staff and it has become a wonderful reality. Also, intern minister, Dr. Denise Hall, has brought insight and verve into our midst. We have new windows in the RE building, new colors and sound absorption panels to improve acoustics in the sanctuary. We have a garden on our property that is serving as a model to the community for sustainable living and as an educational tool for many.

We are a growing church and with growth comes challenge. The Five Year Planning Teams have gathered recommendations from the Congregation upon how we might meet these challenges. We assimilated and streamlined these recommendations and will present them to you at the Congregational meeting on May 18th. The Church Board has been working hard investigating governance and church structure solutions. There are many fine models to consider but in the end a working structure for our church must be built by our church and for our church enabling us to meet the needs of our growing church community.

There has been so much fine work done by people in committee in our church. I believe that a restructuring of our committees would further empower them; and given budget and authority they could move more quickly to realize results from their hard work. Similarly our extraordinary staff would also benefit from some restructuring. I am envisioning a structure of overlapping circles of Church Members, Staff, the Board and Committees rather than a hierarchical flow chart. We will work as a team. Much has been done; there is much to do.

Marc My Words

Nathan Woodliff-Stanley is Minister of Social Responsibility at the Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, and in a recent column in the JUC newsletter he offered some election year reminders to that congregation I'm going to share.

"As a church, we are not allowed to endorse, support, or oppose candidates for office or political parties, at risk of losing our tax-exempt status... Literature for candidates and political parties must not be distributed at the church or in the parking lot, and church communication tools are not the place for candidate debates."

Mr. Stanley's comments are important for us to hear. As private citizens we can of course wear our political buttons and display our bumper stickers, as well as live out our values and principles as Unitarian Universalists. Faith communities and their members do take stands on issues, ballot initiatives, and legislation, always respecting the rights of others, including voices of dissent. Since we often speak of our diversity and pluralism theologically and spiritually, it would be unfortunate to ignore that commitment in the political arena.

It's no surprise, however, that, flowing from our basic principles and beliefs, clusters of attitudes regarding public policy are manifest in our life as a faith community. Take our stance supporting the civil rights of gays and lesbians. We don't make those partisan issues, though others may do so, formulating positions then associated with a particular candidate or political party. Our support of principles and policies inevitably often becomes intertwined with persons and parties. Our job then is to support the principle without AS A CHURCH being partisan.

Principles may collide and ambiguity appear, but our clarity of purpose needs to be visible as we support issues and values rather than specific candidates—while we're at church, in our capacity as members or ministers. Religion, the Founders thought, should speak truth to power, not become powerful in the name of truth.

Yours in our Shared Ministry, Marc



5 Year Plan Update

Chris Frey, Board of Trustees

Several members attended the open forums between services during April covering the physical plant, membership, social action, and communications. We appreciate your questions and suggestions as we move forward! The last open forum, covering Life Span Religious Education, will be held between services May 4th. The final report including the individual reports of all action teams is posted on the church website and copies will be made available at the Annual Meeting.

The following is a sampling of key themes that have surfaced from two or more teams:

1. Programs and committees that have staff support are far more successful than those with little to no staff involvement.
2. It is becoming increasingly more challenging to find volunteers who can commit the time needed to consistently fulfill the responsibilities of many of the committees. We also have way too many committees who work independently from one another!
3. Additional small group ministry is needed, especially for those going through life transitions.
4. Ministerial presence/support is needed for religious education of all ages, as well as for social action/outreach.
5. Having a strong social action program builds community within the membership, has a much greater impact on the community at large, and provides good PR for the church.
6. Membership pledging should be expanded beyond purely financial contributions to include volunteerism both for the church and for the community at large, i.e., pledge your Time, Talent, and Treasure.

The teams have come up with exciting plans to achieve our five year goals, as well as steps that need to be taken this next year in order for us to realize the longer-term goals. Unfortunately, it does not look like we will have the funds this year to hire additional staff or architectural help. But, that doesn't mean we can't still make progress with help from members. By breaking the steps into manageable tasks, we can divide and conquer! Specific information on the tasks to be completed will be made available at the Annual Meeting and in next month's Intercom.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who served on the action planning teams!

Caring Corner

Vicki Siska

Our sympathy is extended to the following families who each suffered a parental loss in March:

Roger Fredericks and Pat Fredericks upon the death of Roger's mother, who had suffered from a long illness. Our thoughts are also with Simon and Jason upon the death of their grandmother.

Steve Hureau and Joan Woodbury upon the death of Steve's father, who also had suffered several years from illness. Our thoughts are also with Adam and Tess upon the death of their grandfather.

Joannah Merriman, upon the Easter morning death of her father, Albert Joseph Merriman. Our thoughts are also with Ashley, Tanner and Morgan upon the death of their grandfather.

Donna and Jim Ott upon the death of Donna's mother in Florida. Our thoughts are with Kendra and Kira upon the death of their grandmother.

May each of these families be blessed with good memories and the love and support of friends.

Our thoughts for a quick recovery are with Bill and Barb Marquardt who were in an auto accident recently.

We are happy to share that Julie Estlick is home from the hospital after complications following the birth of her son.

A loving welcome to Logan Rose Breck, new daughter of Stewart Breck and Lauren Prause, and little sister to Sage. Logan was born on March 25 and weighed in at almost 8 pounds.

We also welcome Sam Alden Lucanus Marsh, son of Karen Karppinen and Kylan Marsh, and little brother to Alexander. Alden arrived weighing a little over 9 pounds!

Congratulations to Joy and Warren Brill upon the birth of their ninth grandchild. Hayden Elizabeth was born on December 18.

We also send good wishes to Joy and Warren upon their adoption of Janessa, whom Warren has raised since birth.

May each of these families delight in years of joy together.



Spring Cleaning Festivities

Saturday, May 24 @ 9am

We will be dusting, washing windows, painting, sweeping, raking, making the grounds and building even more beautiful. Enjoy some brunch treats provided by the buildings and grounds committee.

There will be a task list from which to choose your favorite chore. Sign up in the social hall or call the office to be included and for childcare.

"Many hands make quick work," and your hands will help us put a fresh Spring face on our Church.

Volunteer Recognition

Sandra Nesbitt-Manning, Board of Trustees

In the spirit of providing an atmosphere of generous recognition of our incredible volunteers we invite your nominations for the following five awards to be given to deserving recipients on May 25, 2008 - Volunteer Recognition Sunday:

1. Unsung Hero Award – for the FUC member whose actions inspire and support our fellowship.
2. Unsung Youth Award – for the FUC youth whose actions inspire and express our UU principles.
3. Excellence in Religious Education (K-12) Award
4. Outstanding Contribution to Adult Religious Education Award
5. *Walter Royal Jones* Social Action Award – person who best exemplifies the spirit of social justice.

Nomination forms and additional information can be obtained in the FUC office.

Thanks for your assistance.-----

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know; the only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve." - *Albert Schweiter*

Welcoming Mo...

Lenny Scovel

Among the many questions we ask ourselves as a congregation is *how do we welcome new visitors and guests to our church?* We at Foothills must now ask *how do we welcome a new minister to our church?* It has been 17 years since this congregation had to welcome a new minister into the community. And it is without precedent that this congregation welcomes a new assistant minister into the fold. Most of us have by now had opportunity to get a glimpse of the Rev. Maureen (Mo) White in the pulpit, either sharing a worship service with Rev. Salkin, Intern Minister Denise Hall and Director of Religious Education Eleanor VanDeusen, or ministering on her own. She brings her own unique set of experiences and style.

To help facilitate Mo's introduction and integration into our church community, a team has been formed as a vehicle for Mo to ask questions about our institutional history and culture, and in turn for congregational feedback to get back to her. Since she will only be serving us quarter time until July, when she goes to half time, and because she is completing her obligations to the Grand Junction church, this team will be an important conduit of communications. The team consists of Bruce Wagner, Chris Frey and Lenny Scovel. Please feel free to contact any team member with questions you have regarding Rev. White's new role with our church.

Mo will be conducting two services in July, and then will return to us in her expanded role in September. We look forward to Rev. White's ministry, and hope you all find the opportunity to welcome her.

Thank You from John Mahoney

A big thanks to the people who helped move the "free" shed to the church grounds. Norm Illsley coordinated the effort and was the main person who made it happen. His supporting crew was Ed Secor, Brendan and John Mahoney, Bill Bethrum, and Howard Spivak.



UU's looking for...

We are UU's in the North Georgia mountains and members of the Georgia Mountains UU Church. Our son lives in Fort Collins.

We are looking for a place to stay for a month or less between 12/15/2008 and 1/15/2009. Could be 2 weeks.

We thought that you may have members that might have a small furnished apartment or mother in law suite that they might like to rent. Would be for 2 adults.

Thank you,
Fred and Mary Beth Tanner
(706) 867-9446, www.georgiamountaininn.com



Top 10 Reasons to Support the Rummage Sale:

#8:

**The kids have left home
but their stuff hasn't.**

#7:

**The last time your pile of bedside
books toppled over, you lost your
spouse for a week!**

Someone else needs what you don't!

...
Many families shop the Rummage Sale for their back-to-school needs. They will be happy to put your kids' outgrown clothing and unwanted backpacks or toys to good use.

Will you ever read that book again?
Pass it along for someone else to enjoy!

Please set aside a closet, box or corner now—and start weeding out those items you don't need, but someone else would be happy to use.

Furniture, small appliances, décor,
linens...look around and de-clutter!

SAVE THESE DATES AND YOUR DISCARDS:

Aug 10 - Set-up after church service

Aug 11-18 - accepting donations

Aug 20 (evening) - Members & Friends Sale

Aug 21-24 - Public Sale



In May we will be looking at a rather enigmatic person in the Jesus story: Mary of Magdala. What was her relationship with Jesus and the other apostles? Could she actually have been Jesus' superior?



You are invited for two evenings of exploration: On Thursday, May 8th we will view a HBO biography which draws on ancient texts, rare art and the research of top scholars at Harvard, Yale, Catholic University and the University of Wisconsin to explore the life of Mary Magdalene. Was she a saint or a sinner? Join us, view what new archeological evidence has to say about medieval sexism, and form your own opinion! The class will be held from 7 – 9 pm and there is a \$5 requested donation.

For our second evening, which will be held on Thursday, May 15th, Dr. Karen King, Winn Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Harvard Divinity School, will join us via a DVD presentation, sharing her findings on the woman who is probably the most misunderstood woman in the Bible. Dr. King's highly readable book, *The Gospel of Mary Magdala: Jesus and the First Woman Apostle*, reached the number 11 spot on Amazon when it was published in 2004. While we won't be reading the book, class attendees will receive a copy of what text there is of the Gospel of Mary. The class will be held from 7 – 9 pm. Requested donation is \$5.

PLEASE NOTE: if you attend one class there is no charge for the second class!

CANCELLATION: Since I will be out of town, the "Afterthoughts" class scheduled for Thursday, May 22, will not be held. Because this was intended as an opportunity to reflect on AE classes this past year, it will not be rescheduled. I apologize for any inconvenience.

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While not technically an Adult Enrichment matter, I thought I would take this opportunity to share a few words from our son, David. As most of you know by now, as a member of the Army Reserves, David is spending a year in Baghdad, serving as Personal Security Detail (the Defense Department's equivalent of the Secret Service) for the commanding general. With the recent attacks on the Green Zone, we have been understandably worried, but the following words from David have brought me a sense of, if not peace, then certainly pride. I think they illustrate what we might all want our children to develop: a sensitivity regarding their place in the larger world, an understanding of the fragility of the interdependent web we so often speak of, and a heart of compassion and humor. Marc, Becky and I thank all of you for your kind words of support and your caring, and share with you these slightly edited words from David:

Baghdad Update 4/3/08

Recently I was awakened to a strange sound that has since turned into a sound I spend my time waiting to hear, and which I don't hesitate to identify and respond to: the "Incoming" alarm, which was followed that morning by a massive explosion that sent all of us running into the nearby "Duck and Cover" bunker. The rocket hit about 200 meters from us. It was the start of attacks that left several people dead and several others wounded in the IZ (International Zone). Unfortunately there were many, many more killed outside the wire.

Well, I was about to continue describing it when we just had two more rocket hits. This is getting real annoying, real fast. It's definitely scary when we're not doing anything. You have time to play through scenarios in your mind – prepared as you may become to certain possibilities, the potential to imagine possibilities is a definite drawback. At the same time, it may be a valuable lesson – since it helps one to focus on the now (good old Buddhists), and it teaches one to deal and cope with the threat of death, which seems so far away and ethereal most of the time. It's strange knowing that someone is actively engaged in trying to kill you. It's important not to give in to these powerful emotions though – you can become a casualty of your own psyche far quicker than indiscriminate IDF (indirect fire). And really, survival, if truly meant, is far more than simply physical wellbeing.

I like to remember that what I'm now experiencing for a year (it's going to be a long one) is the situation so many people live with (in far worse conditions, and to far worse extents) around the world today and in the past. I've thought many times on this deployment about how one's suffering is so like and yet so much less pronounced than that which so many other people throughout time have experienced. As Americans we "go to war." Other people around the world live in a state of war. They live in the middle of war; it consumes them and their lives. It is their lives. It's not some separate event, something one goes on a journey to reach, goes through institutionalized training for – it simply happens....

In other news, we took a little tour of Southern Baghdad and the area around it. Unbelievably green! I never imagined the sprawling fields of crops surrounded by palm trees with herds of goats idly grazing that we saw. It was an impressive and interesting experience, to fly low and just take it all in. The pilots also did a couple of "stunts," including ridiculous banks, accents and a freefall that reminded everyone that seatbelts are supposed to be tightened so as to keep one actually sitting in one's seat. A final note, there are some funny T-shirts going around: one which I'd like has a couple of pictures, similar to the public sign stick figure art, and underneath it says: "Eat. Sleep. Incoming. – Green Zone, Baghdad, Iraq." How appropriate.



Children's Religious Education Programs

Meet every Sunday in April

Nursery Care for infants and toddlers is offered during our 9:00 am and 11:00 am services

Friday, May 2nd 5:30 pm

FAB FAMILY FRIDAY

Family Gardening Activity

Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with other Foothills UU families! Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm.



Please bring a dish or dessert to share. After dinner we will head out to our Organic garden to plant a children's/family section. Wear old clothes and bring your green thumb!

Sunday May 7th

RE Programs meet at 9am and 11am today
Older Children's Worship Today 9:05 and 11:05 in room 227.

Wednesday, May 6th

YFF Preschool Playgroup in the Social Hall

Sunday May 11th

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY

Today we will celebrate Mother's Day and honor our Religious Education teacher's with a ceremony of gratitude.

Sunday May 18th

Church Service & RE Programs will meet at 9am only this Sunday due to our Congregational Meeting at 10:30 am. Childcare will be provided during the Congregational Meeting.

6th Grade Coming of Age Recognition during the 9am service, with a reception during coffee hour.

Wednesday, May 21st

YFF Preschool Playgroup in the Social Hall

Sunday May 25th

Teacher's Day Off. Children, ages 4—7th grade, will gather downstairs for a group activity.

WE ARE NOW RECRUITING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & YOUTH ADVISORS FOR THE 08/09 YEAR!

If you are long time member, or you've just been thinking about getting involved with our terrific RE programs...now is the time to sign-up for fall teaching slots! A Sign Up Sheet is posted in the Social Hall. Just ask any of our current RE teachers - spending Sunday mornings with our kids is a wonderful way to learn and grow in your UU faith. You serve on a team of four so you lead the class just one Sunday per month. Easy to follow curriculum, all supplies and staff support will be provided for you. Contact Eleanor VanDeusen at 493-5906 if you have questions.

Summer Fun Sundays

This summer we will have religious education activities for two age groups (preschool—2nd grade and 3rd—6th grade) during our single 9:30 am service. Youth are invited to assist with children's activities or attend the adult service.

Green Spirit Camp

June 9th - 13th 9:00 am to 3:30 pm for ages 5 -12



Cost will be \$100 per child. Our camp theme this year will be "Green Spirit." We will celebrate our 7th UU Principle—Caring for the Planet Earth and All Living Creatures during this week long, active day camp. Children will enjoy stories, music, games, art projects, special guests, and fun with friends. Join us for a fun packed week! Registration Forms are now available in the Social Hall. Registration will be open to church members and friends through April 20th. After April 20th registration will be open to the public on a space available basis.

***We need several youth counselors to help with camp activities. These are paid positions. Contact Eleanor at the church if interested.**

If you have questions about the Children's Religious Education Program or anything posted here, Please contact Eleanor VanDeusen, Director of Religious Education at the church (970) 493-5906 or (970) 484-6090 home. My office hours are M, W, TH, F 9-2 and SUN 8-1

Youth Programming News



Judy Fjell Workshop and Service with Youth

Our 8th Graders and YRUU youth group will continue our songwriting workshop with Judy on Saturday, May 3rd from 1:00—3:00 pm. We will perform our original song during both church services on Sunday May 4th. Don't miss this great experience with Judy. She is an amazing woman with contagious enthusiasm!

7th Grade News

In May our 7th grade class will continue their study of our UU Christian heritage with The Golden Rule. We will also learn about the UU historical connection to Mother's Day.

8th Grade News

In May we study Buddhism and will visit The Shambala Mountain Center and the Stupa on May 18th. Parents and families are welcome to come along.

YRUU News

Our YRUU group continues to lead their own workshops and discussions in their weekly classes.

Watch next month's Intercom for a report on the April 9th grade trip to Navajo and Hopi lands. Foothills sent 14 youth on this life changing journey. Thanks to the congregation for supporting the 9th grade trip cake auction which raised over \$3,000.00!

The Bridging CON in Wyoming was a great success with many tears shed by everyone involved. It was especially emotional for Rick and Marion Wells because both David and Darcy Wells, and many of the cherished youth that they have known, were bridged. Hilary Gregory-Allen, who many of you know moved to Texas last year, bridged at the CON this year.



Rick and Marion were re-elected as MDD YRUU Adult Communications/Treasurer officers for next year.

We would like to express our great gratitude to Rick and Marion for all they have given to our Youth Program. They are incredible!

Children's Music Program

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.

Children Spirit Singers

It's not too late to join!!! 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 on **Sunday mornings** from 10:05-10:55 in room 222 in the RE Building.

We have one final performance scheduled this year. On Sunday, May 11th we will perform jointly with the Adult Choir at both Sunday services. We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact Kimberly Sena Moore at 970/988.5326.

Thank You from the 9th Graders

Kristen Browning-Blas

The 2008 Ninth Grade Class would like to thank all the bakers, donators, buyers and others who helped make the cake auction a success. We raised \$3,000 for the annual trip to the Navajo and Hopi lands. Thanks to the whole Foothills community!



Cycling as a Spiritual Practice

Lenny Scovel

I'd like to find out if there is any interest in starting a Saturday morning road cycling group here at the church. The model I have in mind would be a drop-in group who would meet at the church on Saturday mornings at about 7:15, with the intention of leaving around 7:30. The group would then decide by consensus on a route of 20-40 miles, riding at speeds ranging from 14-20 MPH.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please contact Lenny Scovel at lennyscovel@msn.com, or call 484-6090.

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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 ♪♪♪

Our Adult choir will perform two more times in May. Please don't miss our final church performance on Mother's Day, May 11th.

I am so proud of this fantastic group and the musical strides that we have taken this year. Thank you to each of you for your dedication, willingness to sing and enthusiasm for music here at Foothills. I am grateful! Here's to many more musical years...

Adult Choir Rehearsals in May:

Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 - Sanctuary
May 7 (Final Rehearsal)

Adult Choir Performances in May:

Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day — “Cantique de Jean Racine” (Faure), “Prayer” (Barnwell)

Wed, May 14 – FRCC GED Graduation
Thanks to Margie Wagner for inviting us to perform for this inspirational ceremony.

Upcoming Musical Events:

Sunday, May 25th we will be joined in services by Annika Bergen, a Russ Crowder Music Scholarship recipient. Annika will be performing on the saxophone at both services.

LAMBDA Community Choir

Come and sing with a new community choir! This choral group is open to all, regardless of age, sexual orientation or gender. Our hope is that this choir will be able to bring music to the community for social justice events, in concert and for area churches. The first performance will be in June for Pride in the Park. Music will include “Seasons of Love” from Rent, “Down to the River to Pray” from *O Brother, Where art thou?*

We will meet the following Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm at Foothills.

May 13, 20
June 2
Questions? Contact Ryan.

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



Ongoing Meetings and Activities

FUYAG

William Weyenberg

The Foothills Unitarian Young Adult Group welcomes anyone ages 18-35 to join us for good conversation, good food, and good fun.

May 7th. Wednesday Game Night!

Join us at 6pm and try to topple the Reigning King of Monopoly, Daniel Blum! Other games will be played as well.

May 11th, Sunday

Two volunteers from FUYAG will be preparing coffee, for FUC social hour. Can you join us on Sunday, May 11th??

Sunday, May 18th

The congregational meeting may not be very exciting, but it is vitally important. And we can make a difference in the democratic process!

May 22nd, Our May Gathering

We have almost always gathered the fourth Thursday of the month, We will reserve space at Foothills Unitarian Church for a gathering on that night. This is our spiritual night of good conversation, spirituality, and fun.

For more information contact Melanie Smith-Nichols at melsmithnichols@comcast.net or William Weyenberg at 402-3052.

BUUMs Book Group

Shawn Walter

BUUMs (Book loving MUUMs) will meet Monday, May 19th to discuss *House on the River* by Nessa Rapoport. Looking for the perfect summer getaway? Come along with Nessa Rapoport on her journey through the blue lakes and stone canals of the Trent-Severn Waterway in Ontario with her children, mother, and uncle and aunt. *House on the River* is lyrical and evocative, radiant and inspiring: a memoir that will invite you to reflect on all the big stuff - family, faith, loss, love, legacy - and move you with its stunning and heartfelt prose. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn at csuramsrule@gmail.com.

The Fun Committee Book Group

Myrna Maier

We will be discussing *Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah*, by Richard Bach on Wed., May 13 at 7 p.m. in the RE building room 211. Our group is open to all who have read the book and want to come join the discussion. See you there!



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>.

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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.

FUYAG

The Foothills Unitarian Young Adult Group welcomes anyone ages 18-35 to join us for good conversation, good food, and good fun. For more information contact Melanie Smith-Nichols at melsmithnichols@comcast.net or William Weyenberg at 402-3052.

RAISE YOUR MUSICAL SPIRIT!

MAY 3-4

FOOTHILLS UNITARIAN CHURCH (UU)
1815 Yorktown Ave., Fort Collins

Singer / Songwriter / Musical Activist

JUDY FJELL

Judy Fjell is full of energy, full of joy. Not only does she make you want to sing, she makes you want to live!
Barbara and Bill Hamilton-Holway, Unitarian-Universalist Ministers

**Members and friends are invited to participate
in these singing events!**



SATURDAY, MAY 3

**9:30-11:30 AM SINGING WORKSHOP - All are invited to
experience the joy of enthusiastic and heart-filled
congregational singing with Judy.**

Judy has taught workshops and private lessons for over fifteen years to singers of all ages and abilities. Her enthusiasm prompts even the most hesitant singer, and her knowledge of the workings of the singing voice can help ALL singers to sing more freely. She has some very unusual (and effective) vocal warmups and voice care tips which open up the voice, even for the early service on Sunday morning! Those who consider themselves "non-singers" are certainly welcome at this workshop!

1-3 PM WORKSHOP FOR FOOTHILLS YRUU

Judy will be working with the youth to prepare a musical presentation for Sunday worship on May 4


AND . . . MUSIC-FILLED

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 4
9 & 11 AM

SPECIAL TREAT: JUDY FJELL IN CONCERT
AVOGADRO'S \$10 cover SAT, MAY 3 6-8 PM

INFO: ryan@ryanmarvel.com (970)581-0120 To learn more about Judy, visit www.judyfjell.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00am Interfaith Council Social Hall	2 5:30pm Fab Family Friday Potluck 6:30pm Snyderman/ Recital	3 9:30am Preparation for Membership Rm. 221 Judy Fjell Workshops 9:30am Sing /all 1:00pm Youth
4 9:00 & 11:00am Sunday Services Sanctuary 1:30pm Ranney/ Recital	5	6 5:00pm Finance Committee Library	7 9:30am Playgroup 6:30pm 8th Grade OWL , Rm. 221 7:30pm Adult Choir	8 7:00pm Bldgs & Grounds 7:00pm AE: Mary Magdalene film	9	10 11:30am Temple/ Recital 4:00pm Jaeger/ Recital
11 9:00 & 11:00am Sunday Services Sanctuary 1:30pm Azari/ Recital	12 7:00 pm SA: Global Food Crisis Sanctuary	13 6:30pm, MUUM's Rm. 226 7:00 Fun Comm. Book Club Rm. 211 7:30pm LAMBDA Choir , Sanctuary	14 7:30pm Adult Choir Sanctuary	15 9:00 am Interfaith Council SH 7:00pm AE: Mary Magdalene class	16	17 10:00am Sedlack/ Recital Coming of Age : 5:30pm Prep 8:00pm service
18 9:00am Only Sunday Service Congregational Meeting 10:30am 7:00 AE: Buddhism	19 5:30pm Personnel Committee Library	20 7:00pm Board Of Trustees 7:30pm LAMBDA Choir Sanctuary	21 9:30am Playgroup 7:30pm Adult Choir Party	22 6:00pm FUYAG Rm. 227	23	24 All Church Spring Clean-Up Day! 9:00 am
25 9:00 & 11:00am Volunteer Recognition Sunday Service 1:00pm Peter Weller Memorial	26	27 6:30pm MUUM's Rm. 226	28 4:30pm Debut Theater Sanctuary	29 4:30pm Debut Theater Sanctuary	30 4:30pm Debut Theater Sanctuary	31 4:30pm Debut Theater Sanctuary

*Activities scheduled as of May 16th. Some activities or events may have changed since publication.

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