

# The InterCom The InterCom

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## SUNDAY SERVICES IN October

Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 am

### October 5 "Forgiveness is the Cash you Need"

Inspired by the Jewish High Holy Days this service will focus on forgiveness. How does one begin to forgive? Must it be an all or nothing deal? What fosters and feeds forgiveness? Bring a small or medium sized resentment that you might begin to apply the balm of forgiveness to during this service led by Reverend Mo White.

### October 12 Service Theme: "It Takes A WHAT to Raise A WHO?"

Marc will preside at a services that will include a brief presentation from some of our YRUU youth and also an update from our Partner Church Committee concerning the scholarship fund serving Unitarian students in Romania. Then, thinking ahead to tonight's adult enrichment presentation "Bones that Float—A Story of Adopting Cambodia," Marc will return to Hillary Clinton's controversial assertion that "it takes a village to raise a child." Why does her statement remains controversial, and who or what should be raising our children? Today is an all church Sunday, with the children joining us for the first part of the service.

### October 19 VISITOR'S SUNDAY! All are welcome!

Sermon: "The Five Easy Pieces of Unitarian Universalism"—Marc will preside as we intentionally reach out into the community to share the mission and identity of Unitarian Universalism and the Foothills Unitarian Church. Our Membership Committee has laid the foundation for this outreach effort, and our services will be graced by the music of one or more of our choirs. This would be a most appropriate service to introduce friends and neighbors to us!

### October 26 Services Auction Sermon: "The Limits of Compassion"

Linda Knowlton was the high bidder for Marc's annual special sermon in last November's Goods and Services Auction, and Linda has requested that he discuss issues that cluster around compassion, accountability and personal responsibility. Even as we applaud compassion as a virtue, we'll describe circumstances and behaviors that require us to temper compassion with expectations of responsible behavior. Linda is, of course, not responsible for the opinions expressed in the sermon!



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## Marc My Words

We're off to a busy start for the 2008-2009 church year, and I want to devote my column this month to an important but perhaps to many an unexciting topic: church committees.

I hear the yawns already, but committees are traditionally the means by which much of a faith community's work is done. As we think about our many committees, we realize we could not maintain our church programs or pay our bills or support our staff without them. For years now our **church council**, consisting primarily of the chairs of our church committees, has met regularly to share goals and projects undertaken. While the objective has been to create opportunities for collaboration, most of us agree that the council structure has never been able to accommodate the many committees whose needs it has sought to serve.

Other churches, facing similar dilemmas, have created ministry teams or committee clusters, each comprised of a smaller, more appropriate number of related committees. Not only are such teams or clusters easier to call together; they are less cumbersome than the larger single council, more efficient in their work, and more rewarding for those participating.

After past years of discussion and planning, this year's Board of Trustees, directed by the congregational five year plan, has authorized an exploration of how we might reconfigure our church council. On **Monday, October 6, at 7:00 P.M.**, President-elect Nate Donovan and I will preside at a church council meeting to share how other UU congregations have created committee teams and clusters while also getting feedback from current committee chairs on possible council restructuring. While this will not be the only meeting of its kind, it is important and will help us decide in which direction to go next. We'll be contacting all current committee chairs as well as past council chairs to help begin this important process, which should ultimately make our committee work more successful and much more satisfying!

Yours in our shared ministry,  
Marc



## Mo's Musings and Meditations

*Rev. Mo White*

I am thankful for nametags! They are incredibly helpful and friendly. So thanks for helping me to learn your name by wearing your name tag and please bear with me when I forget your name. Sometimes, my brain short circuits when I try too hard and it insists on a pattern of learning and forgetting, remembering and relearning again. Does this every happen to you?

I'm reminded of squirrels that are frantic at this time of year; burying nuts and juicy tidbits all over the place, racing up one tree and down another. Only recently did I learn that the poor squirrels often forget where they buried their treasure; hence the digging and the burrowing and the intense vivaciousness.

October in any year, but especially in an election year, is full of squirrel energy. We are confronting issues, engaging in taking in large amounts of information, assessing the harvest, preparing for the upcoming winter and setting up systems and patterns of behavior that will see us through till spring. We are getting into a new groove with school and church and work and government. It's a busy time of year and this is both exhilarating and sometimes overwhelming and occasionally exasperating.

What are we to do with all this squirrel energy? My best bet is to go with it. Don't try to fight it but do try to contain it. In my own way I am all over the place here at Foothills, going to meetings and groups, meeting with committees and individuals asking questions (yes, often the same ones over and over) digging around in corners, archives and memories. Who and what is Foothills Unitarian Church? Where is the treasure and the forgotten nuggets? What values are the driving force of this congregation and how does the harvest sustain and nourish all who find a home here and those whose lives are leading them to our door?

I think it is no coincidence that so many faith traditions find that October is the perfect time to go within and discern the truth, touch into the still point, and engage with our inner lives. I encourage you to do some inner adventuring and my hope is that you may find a long buried morsel of goodness and greatness that delights you in every way!

In shared faith and ministry, Reverend Mo



## A Special Invitation

Marla Nelson & Carole VanGorder,  
Membership Committee Co-chairs

On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Membership Committee is sponsoring our annual Visitor's Sunday. This year, we are using resources from the national campaign – *Nurture Your Spirit, Help Heal Our World* - to enhance our advertising. Postcards with that logo will be available for you to pick up to hand out or mail that include specific information on this event on the other side. We will also sponsor a one day ad on KUNC, and a large banner will grace the outside of our church.

We encourage you to use Visitor's Sunday as an opportunity to invite friends, family, and others whom you think might be interested in visiting our spiritual home. We will provide a special welcome but we need your help to get the word out and provide bread or cookies. If you can help by providing cookies, muffins, or breakfast breads, please contact Carole (493-7206) or Marla (226-3246). Even if you don't invite someone to come, you can help us by providing an especially warm welcome to our visitors on each and every Sunday. Now that we are officially into our fall services schedule, we are seeing more visitors coming to church. When visitors stop at the Visitors' Table in the entry, we encourage them to go into our Social Hall, grab a blue cup of coffee (or tea) and explore all that we have to offer. Our expectation is that church members in the Social Hall will notice the blue cup and make these newcomers feel welcome. We are fortunate to have so much to offer: a beautiful chapel, dynamic spiritual leaders, outstanding religious and music programs, and a strong sense of community. But perhaps the "closer" for newcomers checking out our church is friendly and enthusiastic members who are pleased to welcome and introduce them to the world of Unitarian Universalists.



## Worship Associates Wanted

Reverend White is interested in having worship associates work with her when she provides monthly worship services. She will offer special training and would like your input on putting together a script for welcoming words, the offertory and greeting of neighbors. Good speaking skills are helpful. The enthusiastic desire to participate and collaborate in corporate worship is essential. Please contact her by calling the church and leaving a message on extension 3 or emailing [revmo@foothillsuu.org](mailto:revmo@foothillsuu.org) with your contact information.

## So Sez the Prez

Bruce Wagner, President, Board of Trustees

Article III of our Bylaws says: "The government of this Church shall be vested in the members, who shall exercise the right of control in all of its affairs..." It is the will of the Congregation that decides our path. The Board of Trustees is charged with "The executive power of the Church," and the Board is given the responsibility of providing leadership and conducting the business of the Church. "The Board shall be guided by resolutions or motions which may be adopted by the Congregation." I believe that as a Congregation we should discuss our direction and take an active role in our Church governance. To this purpose I would like to call a Congregational Meeting on November 2. At our Congregational Meeting in May, I was disappointed, as I am sure many of you were, that due to time constraints, we could not fully discuss the Bylaws changes that were being suggested. I would like to remedy this situation by holding this fall meeting to hear what you have to say in open forum. We are a growing family here at Foothills Unitarian. We are undergoing change. May I count on your participation? It is vital to the life of our Congregation that we move forward in community.

## Church Coffers Alert!

R.P. Martin (at the request of Erica Dickson)

You can spend your money in a "scheme" to help our church with benefits to you. The church submits a check for \$4750.00 to either Safeway or King Soopers. The church receives grocery certificates or "gift cards" worth \$5000.00. Those cards are then bought by you, and you spend them. If you buy a card for \$100.00, you have \$100.00 to spend and the store and the church has earned its 5.26%.

Wait, there is more!! Safeway has 2 gas stations in town: one at Drake and Taft and one at 1426 E. Harmony. King Soopers has 1 at Drake and Timberline. Each chain lets you pay 10 cents less per gallon for each \$100.00 spent in their store. At Safeway there are extra added incentives, this amount is cumulative but expires quarterly. In other words, if you spend \$1000 in the store your gas discount would be \$1.00 per gallon. It is clear that if you prefer to shop at either chain – or both – much benefit can come to you and to the church.

Other stores participating in gift cards: Sunflower Farmers Market and Vitamin Cottage. We have a card available from Albertsons, at no charge, that they scan and give a % of each sale to the church. Be sure to pick that freebie up today!!

You may purchase your grocery certificates between services on Sunday or in the office at other convenient times. Note: This enterprise is run by Mark Wanger with help from the Board, the Office Staff, and several Sunday sales persons in the Social Hall. I think Mark is looking to a sum of \$7000 this fiscal year. Let's do it – or better!!

## Baked Goods for Coffee Time!

*Dottie Spivak, Hospitality Chair*

Many of us like to bake, but don't want to have all those goodies around the house. So, feel free to bake and bring in cookies, bars or cake to share during our Sunday coffee time.

The Rule: Please bring only items which can be eaten out of hand on a napkin. Lots less mess, and we don't want to have this create more work for the wonderful volunteers who are making coffee, tea, etc. What you bring should be ready to put out on your own serving dish--or just leave it in the baking pan. Come back and clean up your stuff at the end of coffee time.

### Be the First...

Carolyn Myers and Carole VanGorder

Be the first to receive The InterCom and other important information. The October Intercom is coming to you via our new database for the first time. Please let us know if you do not receive it! If your name or address needs a correction please let us know ([info@foothillsuu.org](mailto:info@foothillsuu.org) or 493-5906).

Remember - The InterCom can be read on-line or we can email it to you. If you choose to receive it by email, you will have 2 important advantages to those who receive it by "snail mail".

- 1) you will receive it as much as a week before those getting it by mail,
- 2) it will be in glorious color, and
- 3) you will save the church money.

Please consider receiving your InterCom that way. Let the office know if you'd like to make that change.



### Housing wanted

Housing wanted in Fort Collins area for church and choir member, Maria Logsdon, who is moving from Windsor. The house she is currently renting is being foreclosed on. Maria works as an occupational therapist and does in home care with infants and children. Peaceful housing in a nonsmoking home is sought. Please call 690-4566.

## The Foothills Unitarian Church Annual Goods & Services Auction: Time, Talent, and Treasure (& Treats)



### A Chocolate Extravaganza!

It's almost time to...

**BID! BID! BID!**

**BID Online October 24 through November 7<sup>th</sup>  
AND**

**BID at the Live Auction Event 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Sat. November 8<sup>th</sup> !**

**Online:** <http://foothillsuu.cmarket.com> (You will also receive an auction catalog in the mail as usual.)

**Browse the online catalog today!**

From 10/24 - 11/7, selected items will be available for online bidding! (Some will close online. For the others, you can designate your maximum bid and a proxy will bid for you at the live event 11/8, if you cannot attend.)

**Pay by check OR credit card!** For both the online auction and Live Auction Event. We have also solved the early-checkout issue - hooray!

Don't miss all the **FUN** on **November 8<sup>th</sup>** (A **Chocolate Extravaganza**)! Some of the most unique and exciting items will **ONLY** be available for bidding at the live event. Our featured chocolatier -- Kilwin's -- has generously donated 200 samples of their products for our enjoyment!

Also visit <http://foothillsuu.cmarket.com> to reserve your table or paddle (optional), and/or childcare (required) for the Live Auction Event Nov 8th. (Or call Karen at 225-1817 - Please leave a message!)

**Thank you very much for your support!**

Please email [karp1248@gmail.com](mailto:karp1248@gmail.com) with questions.

# Volunteering and Gifting Opportunities

## Endowment

Linda Knowlton, [lknowlton@gmail.com](mailto:lknowlton@gmail.com), 223-9328

The Endowment Committee is seeking people who have remembered the church in their wills and are willing to share that information with the committee. We are preparing to mail out a new Endowment Fund brochure and as part of that effort we'd like to get an assessment of how many people have already decided that they want to support their church community in perpetuity through a charitable bequest.

If you are willing to share this information with us, please contact me or any other committee member: Judy Gates, Ardith Kerst, Judy Pasek, and Charlie Tucker. Contact information is listed on the church web site.

## Partner Church Scholarship Fund

*Vicky McLane*

Foothills Unitarian Church has made a commitment to the wider mission of the Unitarian-Universalist faith by becoming a Partner Church. FUC members have responded generously to two previous requests from the Partner Church Committee for support of a high school scholarship fund for our Partner Church in Transylvania.

This project continues to be a high priority for the Minister, Veress Ferenc, since the fund enables Unitarian students to attend a Protestant high school rather than going to the government sponsored Serbian Orthodox high school in the next town. However, the Protestant school is 40 miles distant from the Partner Church village, so students have to spend the school week at the high school dormitory. Most of the families of these students are unable to afford the costs involved, about \$60 a month, to cover the expense of train transportation and room and board.

The funds that FUC has contributed in years past have been given out to some 25 high school students, many of whom could not have finished high school without this assistance. FUC's Partner Church Committee hopes to raise enough money this time to fully support this educational opportunity that Americans take for granted.

Please help to ensure that FUC's commitment to its Partner Church is met. Make your checks payable to FUC, with a notation for the Partner Church scholarship fund. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Viscount, 493-8778, [rrviscount@yahoo.com](mailto:rrviscount@yahoo.com).

## Crop Hunger Walk

*Bob Milhous*

The Foothills Unitarian church has been asked to participate in the 2008 Fort Collins CROP Hunger Walk. This 5K walk will take place on October 5th at 1 PM starting at First Presbyterian Church at 531 S. College Ave. I am recruiting for the Walk and may be contacted at 970.484.9760 or emailed at [rtn80526@yahoo.com](mailto:rtn80526@yahoo.com). The Larimer County Food Bank will be the recipient of 25% of the proceeds. (\$3,700 last year). The balance goes to Church World Service to help feed and educate hungry people/refugees around the world. Please contact me for more information or register online at [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org). Also, check out the CWS site at [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).

## Blevins Junior High Needs You

*Rosemary Bergstrom*

Foothills Unitarian Church is part of a city-wide program sponsored by the Poudre School District which partners local faith communities with neighborhood schools to provide crucial help for the schools in meeting the needs of their students and to offer opportunities for the faith communities to engage in meaningful social action.

As partner to Blevins Junior High on Taft Hill Road just south of Stuart, Foothills Unitarian Church has for the past year and a half provided tutors and record keeping assistance for an after-school program for students not meeting standards in core subjects, namely, language arts, social studies, science, and math. These sessions will take place this year on Monday through Thursday afternoons, 2:50 to 3:50 PM, in the Instructional Media Center at Blevins and will be staffed by teachers and volunteer tutors.

And that's where you come in. We need additional volunteers for these sessions and ultimately, we hope, for one-on-one tutoring relationships with individual students. If you'd like more information about the program or would like to volunteer, contact Rosemary Bergstrom (206-0442, [rosemary.bergstrom@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.bergstrom@gmail.com)). This can be a very rewarding experience for students and volunteers, so please consider joining us.



## Preparation for Membership

The next Preparation for Membership class will take place Saturday, October 25th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the church social hall. A registration sheet is located at the visitors' table, call Marla Nelson at 226-3246, or email Carole VanGorder at [carole0811@gmail.com](mailto:carole0811@gmail.com).

## CABARET!!!

Saturday, October 11 - Doors 6:30, Show 7:00

Join us for this 2nd Annual variety show put on by...you! Deadline for signing up to be in the show is October 5th. Pick up a form in the office or see Ryan for info. For more information see the back page.

## Russ Crowder Auditions -

Saturday, October 18th - 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Music Scholarships are offered for young artists to promote and encourage music education. Three scholarships are awarded through an audition process. Sign-up sheets are available in the office. Please see Ryan if you have any questions.

## Adult Choir...

What a wonderful beginning! Our choir has grown, and we are singing more than ever. We held our first choir retreat in September, and performed for 2 services. Would you like to come and join? Drop Ryan an email, or talk to a choir member and come check us out!

## Rehearsals in October:

Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 pm - Sanctuary

Oct 8, 15, 22, 29

Note: NO REHEARSAL on OCT 1st.

## Performances:

Saturday, Oct 11th - CABARET!

Sunday, Oct 19th – Visitor's Sunday  
South African Suite



## Children's Spirit Singers...

I am so honored and excited to be able to carry on and continue to grow the great musical tradition for our young singers this year. Music adds a dynamic dimension to all our lives, and it flourishes in our children and provides them a creative outlet unequalled by many things. The Spirit Singers choir is open to all singers grade 3-6. My goal is to expose the choir to a diverse blend of music and have fun while learning in a community environment! This Fall, we will begin rehearsals for our holiday set in early November.

## Rehearsals for Spirit Singers:

Sundays – 10:10 – 10:50

Triple RE Room – RE Building

November – 2, 9, 16, 23

December - 7, 14

## Performances for Spirit Singers:

Sunday, December 21 – Both Services

Wednesday, Dec 24- Christmas Eve, 7 pm

If you are interested in getting your young singers involved in the choir, please contact me and will send you detailed information regarding rehearsals, performances and general information about the choir. Also, I am looking to continue the opportunity for one youth musical assistant to help with important duties throughout the choir year.

I look forward to reconnecting with all of you and making wonderful music with the children of our church community. See you soon!

## Holly Choir...

For our younger ones, this choir is open to age 4-2nd grade. This year's choir will be led by Heidi Mausbach, and we are so excited to have her on board!

The rehearsal schedule will be almost identical to the Spirit Singers, except that the rehearsals will be held in the Children's Worship Room in the RE building. If you are interested in getting your little ones signed up for this long-standing holiday choir, please email Heidi at [cellos@vcn.com](mailto:cellos@vcn.com) and she will get you details about this year's group.

## Performances for Holly Choir:

Sunday, December 14th – Both Services

Wednesday, Dec 24 – Christmas Eve, 5 pm

NOTE: All rehearsal and performance information for all of our choirs can be found online at the church website; click on the Music page.

In Song, Ryan Marvel, 970.581.0120,

[ryan@ryanmarvel.com](mailto:ryan@ryanmarvel.com)

## Song Circle

April Undy

Come make music with family and friends! All ages and ability welcome.

Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of each month

(Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5)

FUUC RE building Rm 211/212 (downstairs)

6:00pm - 6:30pm instrumentalist play

6:30pm - 8:00pm singing in the circle

Contact April for more information, [april@roseundy.net](mailto:april@roseundy.net), 970-407-8788

## *Growing with Adult Enrichment - Vicki Siska, Adult Enrichment Coordinator*

October is a busy month, with lots of classes and a wonderful concert to enjoy. Please mark your calendar now and join us as we explore political issues, listen to some wonderful music, share in an amazing adoption story, learn more about our faith, and contemplate the magical! Your pre-registration is always appreciated, but you are also welcome to “just show up” for any class of our offerings in October.

### **The JOURNALIST and the JIHADI**

*Thursday, October 2 7 pm \$5 donation*

Because of the personal nature of the horrendous murder in 2002 of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl in Karachi, Pakistan, his death remains one of the signature events in the war on terror. But who committed this murder, and why? *The Journalist and the Jihadi* is a tragic story which addresses not only Daniel’s death but the history of his killer—and what drove each of these men to do the things they did. Answers to this question can be found in the power of hate, the power of money, but perhaps most tellingly, in the power of ideology—a force to which we are all susceptible. Christiane Amanpour, Emmy award winning journalist and chief CNN International correspondent, narrates this film. It is a compelling documentary not to be missed.

### **HARMONY for HUMANITY:**

#### **Exclusive Concert Featuring Acoustic Eidolon**

*Sunday, October 5 7pm, \$15 advance \$17 at the door*

Acoustic Eidolon is an amazing musical duo unlike any other. Joe Scott and Hannah Alkire have combined their talents to create an exciting new acoustic sound. Joe plays an instrument he invented and which was built exclusively for him: the one-of-a-kind double-neck guitjo. The guitjo is an acoustic guitar with two necks which has an incredible tonal range, sounding alternately like a piano, dulcimer, beautiful harp or traditional guitar. Combined with Hannah’s impeccable cello-playing you have the ingredients for some very moving and enchanting music. Hannah and Joe’s live shows are very entertaining and include vocal selections as well as instrumental pieces influenced by Celtic, contemporary, bluegrass and Latin music.

### **BONES THAT FLOAT:**

#### **A Story of Adopting Cambodia**

*Sunday, October 12 7 pm*

“Bones that Float” is a Cambodian phrase referring to the element of sacredness that rises above suffering, and this transcendence is reflected in Kari Grady Grossman’s book of the same title. It is a story of heartbreak and hope, of fortitude and grace, and the adoption by Kari and George Grady Grossman of not only a child but a country. The Grossmans were honored this past summer by being named “Colorado Parents of the Year” for their work supporting children, and we are honored that they are part of

our Foothills UU community. Please join us for an inspiring evening you won’t soon forget.

### **HOW WOULD A PATRIOT ACT?**

*Thursday, October 16 7 pm \$5 donation*

Over the course of the last six years, people have had their patriotism called into question when they disagreed with some of the policies of our government and our president. But what makes someone a patriot? What acts display patriotism? Join us as we listen to this CD presentation from the Conference on World Affairs and discuss these topics together. The stories shared will get you thinking about a word that may appear simple to those making accusations, but which is actually much more nuanced. Speakers include Margot Adler of NPR, journalist Lou Dubose, lawyer Sharon Eubanks and Air American and now MSNBC commentator, Rachel Maddow.

### **Introduction to Unitarian Universalism**

*Sunday, October 19 12:30 pm*

*(bring a brown bag lunch, drinks provided)*

This class will address basic questions about our faith: whether we believe in the Bible, require Baptism or adherence to a certain creed, how we feel about gays and lesbians, what the flaming chalice means, and other topics of interest. In addition, a brief overview of the history of Unitarianism and Universalism will be presented. Join us with your interest and your questions.

### **BOMB, BOMB, BOMB, BOMB, BOMB IRAN**

*Sunday, October 19 7 pm \$5 donation*

The provocative title of this CWA session was a take from a comment made by presidential candidate John McCain when questioned at a news conference on the subject of Iran. Rachel Maddow, in her Molly Ivins Freedom Fightin’ Memorial Plenary talk at the Conference on World Affairs, explores the use of this kind of rhetoric, and also brings her razor sharp political pundit mind to other issues facing us today. This is a DVD presentation by one of the brightest young women on the air today. Please join us for an informative evening and bring your own ideas and questions for a little friendly freedom fightin’ discussion of our own following the DVD.

### **DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC?**

*Thursday, October 23 1-3 pm or 7-9 pm \$5 donation*

On Halloween witches and goblins come knocking on our doors and the idea of magic takes center stage. But what is magic? Two intriguing definitions are: that which possesses “a distinctive quality that leads to unaccountable or baffling effects”, and “a mysterious quality of enchantment.”

What do you think? Do you, as the Lovin’ Spoonful asked us so long ago, believe in magic? Let’s come together and listen to some amazing stories about “magic.”

# Children's Religious Education News - Eleanor VanDeusen, Director of Religious Education



We hope that you and your family are enjoying being a part of our larger church family here at Foothills Unitarian Church. But how can UUism become a more integral part of your daily family life?

In his book, *Growing Up Religious*, Robert Wuthnow identifies six deliberate religious activities of the home that reinforce the religious tradition of the family. In turn, they nurture the faith development of individual family members. They are:

- Sharing family meals and saying grace;
- Spending a few moments before bedtime to share the joys and worries of the day;
- Having real conversations about what matters most in life;
- Adorning your living spaces with symbols of your faith tradition—the chalice.
- Celebrating holidays in ways that the religious significance comes through;
- Participating in your community of faith in ways that make it part of your family's emotional support system.

*Eleanor VanDeusen*

**Director of Religious Education**

## Wednesday, October 1st - 9:30 am

Young Family Preschool Playgroup.  
**TODAY WE WILL MEET AT ROLLAND MOORE PARK PLAYGROUND** as Congregation Har Shalom will be at Foothills for Rosh Hashanah today.

## Sunday October 5th -

RE Classes meet at 9am for preschool thru 5th grade and 11am for preschool thru high school. Younger Children's Worship Circle in the RE Building today

## Friday October 10th -

# Family Friday Night

Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm, bring a dish to share. Beverages and table service are provided. After dinner we will have a Family Worship Circle followed by a SOCK HOP! Bring your favorite music and we will boogie till the cows come home (or 8:30, whichever comes sooner.)

## Sunday October 12th – All Church Sunday

Children join their families in the Sanctuary at the beginning of the church service today.

## Wednesday October 15th — 9:30 am

Young Family Preschool Playgroup.  
Today we will meet at the church in the Social Hall for fall stories and crafts.

## Sunday October 19th

RE Classes meet at 9am for preschool thru 5th grade and 11am for preschool thru high school. Older Children's Worship Circle in the RE Building today

## Sunday October 26th

RE Classes meet at 9am for preschool thru 5th grade and 11am for preschool thru high school. Younger Children's Worship Circle in the RE Building today

## Sunday October 26th 5:30—8:30 pm

# Pumpkin Carving Night



Join us for one of our favorite family traditions at Foothills UU. This fun event includes a "not too spooky" Spook House to benefit UNICEF, designed and built by our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, ice cream and the carving & lighting of the pumpkins! We all sing "This Little Light of Mine" for a grand finale. **Please bring your pre-scooped pumpkins, your favorite pumpkin carving tools and ice cream or a topping to share.**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

If you missed RE registration we ask you to pick up a registration form from the church office or your child's teacher and return it to the office with your registration fee. **Our registration fee for the year is \$40 per child/\$80 per family**

## Junior High OWL Parent Orientation

Wednesday, October 8th 6:30—8:30 pm  
Triple RE Rooms (221,222,223)

Parents, please plan to attend this mandatory orientation if you would like your 8th grader or 9th grader to participate in our OWL program this year

*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 eleanorv@foothillsuu.org. My office hours are M, W, 9-3 TH, F 9-4 and SUN 8-2*

## Youth Programming News

### Dreaming a New YRUU

Allison Fink, Youth Coordinator



YRUU is changing at the Continental, National and District levels. Peter Joris is a youth representative on a district-level workgroup helping to mold the future of YRUU in the MDD district. Peter is both acting as a representative and advocate and helping us at Foothills to stay informed about what is happening and how to be involved. Over the next year the workgroup will be involved in an Appreciative Inquiry to gather and synthesis information from various stakeholders. Here is the beautiful vision statement the workgroup crafted:

Youth in the MDD are invited to a living quest to encourage spiritual adventure, holy curiosity, and meaning making. This quest will empower youth to articulate beliefs, develop spiritual practice, engage in social justice rooted firmly in faith, love and trust, and foster personal and spiritual resilience. The intention of this journey is to equip youth to cultivate and live a UU identity.

Yahoo making you feel like a yokel? Don't worry; me too. The YRUU Yahoo group includes announcements, the most comprehensive and up-to-date calendar of events, and opportunities for on-line discussions between Sundays. If you would like to join the group but you're feeling a little technologically challenged contact Allison and she will try to help you get started either during social hour or after the 11:00 service.

### The year's first district-wide Con

The first district-wide Con is October 31 - Nov 2 at the UU Church of Boulder. More information and registration forms will be available soon.



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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.*

## The Larger UU Community

### Denominational Connections

Lenny Scovel, Denominational Connections Liason

Our annual Mountain Desert District conference will be held in Albuquerque from October 17-19. Representing Foothills Unitarian Church as delegates will be Board President Bruce Wagner, Sandi Nesbitt-Manning, Dru Van Doren and Amy Wimberger. This year's conference will feature Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Dr. William R. Murry, former president of Meadville Lombard Theological School and author of Reason & Reverence. The programming will focus on three different tracks: Exploring our Unitarian Universalist Values and Identity; Building the Beloved Community in the World, and Communication As a Spiritual Practice. Although our delegates are selected, all UUs in our district can attend the conference. Visit <http://mdduua.org/> for more information.

Next year the MDD conference will be held here in Fort Collins. We'll need many volunteers to coordinate this event - look for more information to come!

Also, it's not too early to start thinking of attending next year's GA in Salt Lake City. If you think you might be interested, please contact me and I will keep you in the loop as more information becomes available.

### Help Our Denomination Grow!

Gretchen Snowden

The Chalice Lighter program is for individuals who are interested in helping other congregations in the Mountain Desert District to grow. By joining with others in congregations around the district we can make a difference. If you agree to be a Chalice Lighter, you pledge to send a \$10 donation four times a year or \$40 once a year. A letter is sent to the Chalice Lighters explaining the requests when your donation is sought.

Projects in the past have included these with the amount given:

- Help with a building for the Billings UU Fellowship of Billings, MT (\$9,301)
- Help with a building for the High Plains Church of Colorado Springs, CO (\$7,977)
- Help establish a new congregation, the Unitarian Congregation of Taos, NM (\$9,361)

The average amount given is about \$8,500. Won't you join us in helping these congregations? Just think what an additional 20 members from Foothills would do for these projects!

Your local representatives for this program are Ardith Kerst and Gretchen Snowden. On Sunday, October 26th you will have an opportunity to learn more and become a Chalice Lighter. A Chalice Lighter builds a greater Unitarian Universalist presence in our growing MDD.

# Holiday Madrigal Banquet

Friday & Saturday, December 12th & 13th

Vicki Siska

The Lords and Ladies of Foothills Unitarian Castle invite you to our Fifth Annual Holiday Madrigal Banquet, featuring the voices and theatrics of Opera Colorado. They will be joined by some of Foothills' finest musicians performing on period instruments, and a special guest of the season will make an appearance. Our delicious meal will once again be catered by the popular Rainbow restaurant, and wine and juice will be had for your imbibing. We also invite all young knights and dames who enjoy a rollicking good show to be with us for our festivities to welcome the holiday season.



Tickets will go on sale Sunday, October 12th, on a first come, first served reserved basis. Ticket prices are slightly higher this year due to increased costs, but remain an incredible value for a joyful, fun, dinner theatre evening with your friends and family. Tickets purchased before November 2nd are priced at \$45 per person, after the 2nd the cost is \$50 per person. Lord and Lady Sponsorship tickets are \$60 per person and include a special thank you and recognition in our program.

Please remember, **seating for the Madrigal Dinner is limited**. Plan on purchasing your ticket and reserving your seat early for a holiday evening of magic!



## Visitor's Table

The Membership Committee is looking for people to greet visitors on some Sundays. If you are a friendly, outgoing soul who would like to give newcomers a warm welcome, please consider volunteering once a month or becoming a substitute. Please call Marla Nelson 226-3246 or email Carole VanGorder at [carole0811@gmail.com](mailto:carole0811@gmail.com).

## Sunday Ushers Needed

Ushers for both services are needed. You may sign up in the Social Hall or call Christina Andre at 493-8475 for the 9am service or Laurie & Dick Culler at 226-0358 for 11am service.

## Coffee Prep

People are always needed to prepare coffee on Sunday mornings. Sign up in the Social Hall or call Dottie Spivak at .

## Nanny Helper

I am looking for a nanny for 10 week old baby. 24-30 hours/week to begin mid October. Experience with children required. Please contact Shan at: [shandesilva@mac.com](mailto:shandesilva@mac.com).

## Foothills Castle Workers Wanted!

Vicki Siska

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

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

Our annual Madrigal Dinner will be held at the church on the evenings of December 12 and 13, and will once again feature Opera Colorado, period music by Musical Links and some of Foothill's finest, and victuals by the local Rainbow Restaurant. But we need servers to make this all happen. If you are interested in serving on one or both nights, please speak to me either in the social hall after Sunday services or give me a call. Serving gives you a fun way of participating in the Madrigal Dinner at no cost and your help will be very much appreciated. All servers are invited to dress up or not at all to match your inner Elizabethan spirit!

We also need people to help with set-up on Thursday evening (December 11th), dishwashing on Saturday morning and/or Saturday evening, and take down on Saturday evening to prepare for Sunday services. If you can help in any of these areas please let me know by stopping by the Adult Enrichment table after services on Sunday, or by calling (226-5660) or emailing me at [vsiska27@hotmail.com](mailto:vsiska27@hotmail.com)



## Deeds, Not Words!

*Rosemary Bergstrom*

The League of Women Voters of Larimer County and the Foothills Unitarian Church Adult Enrichment Program are co-sponsoring a showing of "Iron Jawed Angels," a moving study of the women's suffrage movement. This event will be held on Friday, October 3, at 7 PM at Foothills Unitarian Church, 1815 Yorktown Avenue, Fort Collins. Light refreshments will served after the film in the church social hall. This event is open to the public. It marks the 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage in 1920 of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution which gave women the vote in this country.

The film stars Hilary Swank as Alice Paul, Frances O'Connor as Lucy Burns, Angelica Huston as Carrie Chapman Catt, and Julia Ormond as Inez Mulholland. Running time is just over two hours. A free-will offering will be accepted which will benefit the League's voter education programs and the church's continuing education efforts.

What better way to celebrate women's suffrage in this critical election year! Put this event on your calendar!

## "Seeking Justice in Health Care" continues in October

*Linda Mahan*

Our national health care system was assembled slowly over the past 150 years, pieced together from a variety of laws and traditions that were not designed to work together. Today we see more and more families who are unable to afford health insurance, doctors and other providers feel hampered by bureaucratic intrusions into their practices and big and small businesses are frustrated by the rising costs of insuring their employees. Although the system has been patched and new technologies have improved some of the parts, it's a broken system. Most agree it's time we get the overhaul we need.

**On four successive Thursday nights presentations and discussions designed to provide background, stimulate your thinking and offer paths for action on this critical issue will be held from 7- 9 pm at the church.**

### October 2

Panel Discussion by local health care providers on solutions for a broken system of health care. Speakers include: Janet Seeley, M.D., Fort Collins and Dian Sparling, CNM, Fort Collins

### October 9

"Creating the Vision, Finding the Voice" We are a faith community committed to social justice. Together, we can create a shared vision and strong voice for a health care future that respects the dignity and well-being of all persons. How do we respond as individuals and as a congregation to this call for justice? Discussion led by Unitarian Universalist leader TBA.

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## Foyer Art

*Marty Tharp*

Frances Lane's art is displayed in the foyer. Richard Pillmore's fascinating rocks are on display in the foyer glass case.

Here's what Frances says about her art. "Why do I paint? I paint for the love of light and color, for the love of the beauty of the world: the delicacy of a feather, the amazement of the skies. Why do I paint? If words were enough, I couldn't need to paint." And she quotes Thoreau: "The world is but a canvas to the imagination."

Frances was born and raised in Fort Collins. A graduate of CSU with an art education degree, she taught art in Colorado public schools for 21 years. She teaches painting at the Senior Center and privately in her home studio. She has traveled and painted in England and Italy.

If you have suggestions for future displays in the foyer, please contact Dick Pillmore or Marty Tharp.

## The Fun Committee Book Group

*Myrna Maier*

Please join us for a discussion on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in room 222 of the RE Building. We will be discussing the book *Crimson Petal and the White* by Michel Faber, 920 pgs, fiction. Facilitator is Velma Steele.

"At the Heart of this panoramic, multidimensional narrative is the compelling struggle of a young woman to lift her body and soul out of the gutter. Faber leads us back to 1870s London, where Sugar, a nineteen-year-old whore in the brothel of the terrifying Mrs. Castaway, yearns for escape into a better life. Her ascent through the strata of Victorian society offers us intimacy with a host of lovable, maddening, unforgettable characters." The publisher. For more information, contact: Myrna at 204-0881 or [jtandmyrna@comcast.net](mailto:jtandmyrna@comcast.net).

## Book Loving MUUMs!!!

*Shaun Wallace*

Please join us for a wonderfully fun time and book discussion at 7pm at Genoa Coffee & Wine on the following dates.

October 20, 2008- "Out of Our Minds" by Ken Robinson (BUUMs member nomination)

'Ken Robinson writes brilliantly about the different ways in which creativity is undervalued and ignored in Western culture and especially in our educational systems.' JOHN CLEESE; 'Out of Our Minds explains why being creative in today's world is a vital necessity. This is a book not to be missed. Read and rejoice.' KEN BLANCHARD; 'If ever there was a time when creativity was necessary for the survival and growth of any organization, it is now. This book, more than any other I know, provides important insights on how leaders can evoke and sustain those creative juices.' WARREN BENNIS

## Ongoing Meetings & Activities

### Foothills Covenant Groups

Covenant groups are small intimate groups composed of UU members and friends for the purpose of connecting with one another and discussing topics of mutual interest. Darcie Bailey Pientka (686-7287).

### Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group

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

### The Foothills Women's Circle

The mission of this group is friendship and inter-generational community growth. Dru Van Doren [druvandoren@yahoo.com](mailto:druvandoren@yahoo.com).

### YFF - Young Family Fellowship

All family groups with young children are invited you join the Young Family Fellowship. Upcoming events include potlucks and playgroups--the first and third Wednesday of the month in the social hall at 9:30--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](mailto: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](mailto:amysjnk@comcast.net) or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/muums/join>.

### BUUMs (Book-loving UU Moms)

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

### Feminist Discussion / Activism Listserv


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

### 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 at [melsmithnichols@comcast.net](mailto:melsmithnichols@comcast.net) or Julie Estlick at [julie@estlick.com](mailto:julie@estlick.com)

### CUUPS

Covenant of UU Pagans will be meeting 2nd Mondays between 6 and 10 in the Triple RE, Rituals TBA. Jean Loomis, 482-5866 or [moon3crazy@hotmail.com](mailto:moon3crazy@hotmail.com).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<b>5</b> 9:00 & 11:00am <b>Sunday Services</b> Sanctuary 7:00pm Acoustic <b>Eidolon Concert</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00pm <b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Insight <b>Meditation</b> Rm. 227 7:30pm <b>Community Choir</b>	<b>1</b> 9:00am <b>Har Shalom</b> <b>Playgroup</b> 9:30am YFF 12:00am <b>Interfaith</b> Planning Meeting <b>No Choir Practice</b> <b>8</b> 6:30pm 8th <b>OWL Parent</b> Orientation 6:15pm <b>Har Shalom</b> <i>Yom Kippur</i> 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00pm <b>AE:</b> Journalist & Jihadi Sanctuary 7:00pm <b>Health Care for all</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00pm <b>Song Circle</b> Rm. 211 7:00pm Women's <b>Suffrage movie</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 & 11:00am <b>Sunday Services</b> Sanctuary 7:00pm <b>AE:</b> "Bones that Float"	<b>13</b> 6:00pm <b>CUUP's</b> Rm.221	<b>14</b> 5:00pm <b>Finance Committee</b> 6:30pm <b>MUUM's</b> 7:00pm Insight	<b>15</b> 9:30am YFF <b>Playgroup</b> 6:00pm 8th Grade <b>OWL Class</b> 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b> Sanctuary	<b>16</b> 7:00pm <b>Music Committee</b> Library 7:00pm <b>AE:</b> How would a patriot act	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00am Russ Crowder <b>Music Auditions</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00 & 11:00am <b>Sunday Services</b> 12:30pm <b>AE:</b> Introduction to UU 7:00pm <b>AE:</b> "Bomb, Bomb Iran"	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00pm <b>FUN</b> Book Discussion 7:00pm <b>Board Meet.</b> 7:00pm Insight <b>Meditation</b> 7:30pm Community	<b>22</b> 6:00pm 8th Grade <b>OWL Class</b> 7:30pm <b>Adult</b> <b>Choir</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30pm <b>FUYAG</b> Rm. 221 7:00pm <b>AE:</b> Do you believe in magic	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Snyderman <b>Recital</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30am Preparation for <b>Membership Class</b> 7:00pm <b>Coffee</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 & 11:00am <b>Sunday Service</b> 5:30pm <b>Pumpkin</b> <b>Carving Night</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30pm <b>MUUM's</b> Rm. 226 7:00pm Insight <b>Meditation</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00pm 8th Grade <b>OWL Class</b> 7:30pm <b>Adult</b> <b>Choir</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00pm <b>CUUP's</b> Class Rm. 221	<b>AE:</b> Adult Enrichment <b>CUUP's:</b> Covenant of UU Pagans <b>FUYAG:</b> Foothills U. Young Adult Group	<b>Muum's:</b> Mostly UU Moms <b>OWL:</b> Our Whole Lives <b>YFF:</b> Young Family Fellowship

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

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Childcare provided

**LOCATION:** Foothills Unitarian Church

**DEADLINE FOR TALENT SIGN-UP:** October 1, 2008

**TICKETS:** \$8 / Refreshments included. Tickets will be available during the coffee hour.

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