

# The InterCom The InterCom

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## SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

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

### September 7 Sermon: Ingathering Service and Annual Sharing of the Waters Ritual

We'll gather as a congregation to enjoy our traditional Intergenerational Ingathering and Sharing of the Waters. As we pour water into a common vessel, we'll tell of our travels this summer and share how significant journeys and the water associated with them have shaped our summers and now this September. Our children will participate in this major portion of our morning celebrations.

### Sept 14th Sermon: Spiritual Warriorship

What is a spiritual warrior? How do we meet the aggression and warlike nature of others and ourselves? In the words of Luke Skywalker, Jedi Grand Master, "we are called to be guardians of peace and use our powers to defend and protect, serving others rather than ruling over them and [we] seek to improve ourselves through knowledge and training for the good of the galaxy." Join Rev. Mo in an exploration of the practice of spiritual warriorship.

### September 21 Sermon: "Vladimir Putin Has A Lovely Soul. Do You?"

Our current President memorably mentioned that he had once looked deeply into now Russian Prime Minister Putin's soul and found it acceptable. A nice soul; not a bad achievement for a former KGB officer involved in political oppression, corruption, murder, and now the invasion of the former Soviet "republic" of Georgia. The concept of soul is an ancient one, appearing today in new guises. What do you think? Is "soul" a metaphor, an anachronism, or a very real part of every human being? Bottom line: do you have one?

### September 28 Sermon: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

This is your great opportunity! You have until September 15 to let me know the name of two Unitarian Universalists you would love to have over for dinner. For the purposes of our sermonic adventure, they need not be living. You may either email me or write me a brief note with your two names and your reasons for wanting them to join you. Then, on the 28th, we'll share your names and reasons, and I'll add two of my own. I would like to include your names with your choices; please tell me if you wish to have your contributions remain anonymous.

I believe this will be a fun opportunity for us to become better acquainted with some of our famous forebears. We'll find out at the same time who you admire or who you wish to know or understand better.

## Endowment Fund

Judy Pasek

The Endowment Fund Committee is soliciting proposals for grants to fund modest needs of the church that are apart from the Church's general operating funds. Endowment Fund grants will be considered for any use that furthers the mission of the Church, including but not limited to: capital improvements and renovations, debt reduction; education, youth, worship, and music at the Church; community outreach; local social service agencies; Unitarian camps, conferences, and schools; and The Unitarian Universalist Association.

Grant Applications are available in the Church office and due November 2, 2008. For questions, please contact Endowment Fund Committee Chair Linda Knowlton at [LLKnowlton@gmail.com](mailto:LLKnowlton@gmail.com) or 223-9328. The other committee members are Judy Gates, Charlie Tucker, Ardith Kerst, and Judy Pasek.

## Upcoming Events

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## Marc My Words

Yes, the summer whizzed by, and parts of it were really hot. Now that we've affirmed what we all know, we can touch upon what we don't.

We don't know what the coming church year will bring. Our future currently remains a potential not yet actualized. We do know that parish minister the Rev. Mo White will become a more integral part of our faith community as she leaves quarter-time status and begins her half-time ministry with us. We know that Dr. Denise Hall will join us for the second and final year of her part-time parish ministry internship. We know that very gifted and accomplished one time YRUU participant Allison Fink will join our staff as our new Youth Program Coordinator, under the supervision of now Director of Religious Education Eleanor Van Deusen. We know that the excellence of our children's religious education program will continue under Eleanor's guidance, with devoted support from RE Assistant Eve Enright, and that our superb Adult Enrichment program, under the direction of Vicki Siska, will pull out even more stops with ambitious, stimulating, and delightful classes, concerts, special programs and the much-anticipated Madrigal Dinner.



We look forward to another fantastic year enjoying the musical talents and innovations of Ryan Marvel, assisted by Anne Schnaidt. Throughout the church community we'll see the implementation of our Five Year Plan, with the cooperation of our Board of Trustees and numerous church committees. Everything we do will be enabled and coordinated through the church office, where church administrator Carolyn Myers and her assistant Kathryn Huckins expertly preside, while bookkeeper Gaylin Altfeld will make sure the bills are paid and pledges entered. Finally, the most delightful congregation in Colorado will keep us all grounded, engaged, and growing in wisdom and love.

Certainly the future remains unknown. However, as we begin a new church year our potential is poised as never before for achievement and success. I look forward once again to joining you for a new church year in our on-going adventure in shared ministry!

Your friend and minister,

Marc

### The Caring Committee is here for you...

Sympathy is extended to the family of church member Robert McKinney who passed away in July. Longtime church member Marion Osterhout has returned to Fort Collins and is experiencing some health issues that have rendered her temporarily housebound. She would welcome phone calls or visits to reconnect with church members and friends. Her new contact information is: 1869 Indian Hills Circle, Fort Collins, 484-0978. Encouraging thoughts are extended to Janet Ahlstrom as she makes her way through recent health challenges.

Church member Angie Payton is facing several challenges, among them searching for employment. Please call Angie at 493-2951 if you are aware of job opportunities or to learn more about her skills and experience.

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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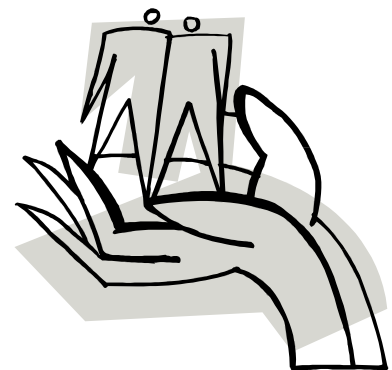
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Rebecca Williamson 472-6636 - \*meal assistance

\*Kindly give a minimum of one week notice.



## "ERACISM" Film Series

Our eighth annual "Eracism" Film and Discussion Series is coming soon. This series originated at our church and still receives significant funding from Foothills Unitarian. These films highlight racial and ethnic bias and ways to counter the effects of that discrimination. After each film, a facilitator will lead discussion, allowing the audience to voice their questions, concerns and suggestions. As we did last year, we are partnering with various community organizations.

Films and Schedule:

**Sunday, Sept. 21,** 6:30 p.m. Fort Collins Regional Library District, downtown branch

"Made in L.A." follows three Latina immigrants as they try to unionize the sweatshop in which they work, making clothes for a trendy store. Janet Barrett, of the Denver Area Racial Reconciliation Team, will facilitate the discussion, and Fuerza Latina is the co-sponsor. There will be a translator for Spanish-speakers.

**Sunday, Sept. 28,** 6:30 p.m., Library

"America at a Crossroads: the Muslim Americans" explores the diversity of Muslims in America and the Muslim-American experience since 9/11. Shakir Mohammad, president of the Islamic Center will lead the discussion. Not In Our Town Alliance is co-sponsoring this film.

**Sunday, Oct. 5,** 6:30 p.m., Library

"The Canary Effect" looks at continuing discrimination against Native Americans. A controversial figure from

Boulder, Ward Churchill, is featured in the film. Leading the discussion will be community activist Paul Bame. CSU's student advocacy organizations are co-sponsors.

**Sunday, Oct. 12,** 6:30 p.m., Library

"Children of the Camps" presents several Japanese-Americans who were interned as children during World War II and shows how that prison experience has marked their lives. Read On! Fort Collins is co-sponsoring this film in connection with the community reading of "When the Emperor Was Divine." by Julie Otsuka. Stan Matsunaka, former State Senate President, will lead the discussion.

**Sunday, Oct. 19,** 6:30 p.m., Library

"In Sickness and in Wealth" addresses the issue of disparities in the U.S. health care system based on race and poverty. Richard Breaux, CSU ethnic studies professor, will facilitate discussion, and Fort Collins High School Amnesty International chapter is co-sponsor.

Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. The series is presented by the "Eracism" Film and Discussion Committee with grants from Fort Fund and the Interfaith Council, generous donations from Foothills Unitarian Church, Hispanic Heritage Month and the Fort Collins Coloradoan and with participation from the Fort Collins Regional Library District and the Human Relations Commission of the City of Fort Collins. For further information: [www.fornet.org/eracism](http://www.fornet.org/eracism) or call 484-7653

## Mo's Musings and Meditations

*Rev. Mo White*

As we head towards fall and the energy of a new church year begins to kick into high gear I hope that you will take some time to breathe in the smell of fresh mown grass, to taste the delights of garden's harvest and to relish the feeling of cooler nights.

I have started and stopped this column several times. I am writing at the end of July and the advertisements for winter coats and school supplies have just come out making me feel a bit confused and a bit overwhelmed even. I want to linger in the heat and heart of summer.

I still hold fresh grief and connection to our sister congregation in Knoxville, Tennessee and know the path of healing is a long and circuitous journey. We are changed in ways that will take a long time to understand.

Let us continue to assure one another and our children that we are doing everything in our power to create a just world that lifts high the principles of worth, dignity, peace, and love. Our faith is based in truth and justice and while we believe in preparedness we will not let fear defeat us. In this way our children's children will know that our flame of commitment burns brightly with care and connection. We can all rest assured that while bad things do happen to good people, good people respond with thoughtfulness and compassion. We are motivated to keep goodness and joy paramount in our lives.

I look forward to our worship celebrations this month and joining those who gather at the Buckhorn Retreat. As a half-time minister I am still assessing what my role and ministry will be. You can help by sharing your thoughts with me and together we will explore a shared ministry. You can count on seeing me at Foothills two Sundays a month. I will lead Sunday worship once a month and otherwise attend worship services or classes and chapels with youth and children.

My office hours will be Tuesday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. but do call first as sometimes I am called away. I am happy to schedule a visit in or out of the office. It takes some time to get to know a congregation of this size and little by little we will come to know each other well.

Yours in our shared faith, Rev. Mo



## Growing With Adult Enrichment - Vicki Siska, Adult Enrichment Coordinator



Fall is upon us, and our Adult Enrichment program is ready to go! Please check out the following activities and classes and plan to join us!

### Weekly Meditation - Tuesdays, beginning September 9th, 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Vipassana Meditation (known also as insight or mindfulness in the Buddhist tradition) is a simple technique which has been practiced in Asia for over 2,500 years. By focusing attention on the breath, the practice concentrates and calms the mind. A sitting meditation group will be offered each Tuesday, beginning September 9th, with instruction offered the first Tuesday of each month. There is no set fee for our meditation evenings; however, your donations are appreciated and will help support our ability to offer this on-going practice.

Sharon Krieder will be our meditation leader. Sharon has been practicing Vipassana Meditation since 1978 and has studied world-wide with many renowned teachers.

### Mabon - Sunday, September 21st, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Our first earth-based celebration of the changing seasons will be Mabon, the time of the second harvest when the land is showing clear signs of its journey towards winter.

Join us for music, readings, prayers, and refreshments as we come together in thanksgiving for our bounty. For our gathering, please bring a non-perishable item of food for our Harvest Table. Items will be donated to the Larimer County Food Bank.

### The Journalist and the Jihadi - Sunday, September 28, 7:00 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. Last year the Adult Enrichment program held a viewing of the 2006 documentary, The Journalist and the Jihadi. Not everyone is aware of Danny's life and death and many of you expressed an interest in having the video offered again and we are happy to oblige.

It is never easy to watch tragic events unfold, but there is much to be learned from Danny's story that provides valuable knowledge for living in the present. There is a

deep interconnectedness in the world and how we fashion our connections has profound consequences. Danny's life held a number of parallels with that of the young man who has been determined to be responsible for his kidnapping and murder, and yet the trajectory of the murderer's life obviously took a very different path. Why?

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. Join us in viewing this compelling documentary, and then join with us to honor Danny's life in our Daniel Pearl Harmony for Humanity exclusive concert to be held on October 5th (see below for more information).

### Did you get your AE Brochure?

If you didn't pick up your brochure for the coming church year at the start-up breakfast, be sure to stop by the AE table in the Social Hall between services and get a copy. Due to printing costs we do request that the brochures be limited to one per family.

### ACOUSTIC EIDOLON to Perform Daniel Pearl Harmony for Humanity Concert

Sunday, October 5th at 7:00 pm Tickets \$15

During a two-week period in early October, around the time of Danny's birth date, an international network of concerts use the power of music to reaffirm our commitment to tolerance as citizens of a world community. For the past five years the Adult Enrichment Committee has hosted a Harmony for Humanity musical event in October and this year we are honored to present an exclusive concert by ACOUSTIC EIDOLON. Coloradoans Joe Scott and Hannah Alkire have combined their musical talents to create an exciting new acoustic sound unlike any other. Joe plays an instrument he invented and which was built exclusively for him: the double-neck guitjo, an acoustic guitar with two necks, has incredible range and tonal qualities, sounding alternately like a piano, dulcimer, beautiful harp or traditional guitar. Combine that with Hannah's impeccable cello playing, and you have the ingredients for some very moving music. Together, they create a truly different and enchanting sound. Hannah and Joe's live shows are very entertaining and include a few vocal selections, as well as music that borrows from Celtic, contemporary, bluegrass and Latin influences. Tickets on sale beginning Sunday, September 7th.

## "Seeking Justice in Health Care"

*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.

The 3000 attendees at the 2008 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) concluded their five-day meeting this past June in Florida by adopting resolutions on a broad slate of social justice issues, including support for Single Payer Health Care, which passed by a two-thirds majority. The "Single Payer Health Care 2008 Action of Immediate Witness" concludes: "We call on Unitarian Universalist congregations to become informed advocates for universal access to nonprofit health care financing through social action and adult religious education. We call on individual Unitarian Universalists to urge our members of Congress to co-sponsor and pass HR 676, Medicare for All, or its successors, so that our people and our nation can have the excellent and affordable health care system we deserve."

**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.**

### September 18

Viewing of PBS Frontline documentary "Sick Around the World." The film captures the successes and failures of health care systems in the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland. Veteran Washington Post correspondent, T. R. Reid, traveled to these five other capitalist countries that provide health care to all - with less cost and better outcomes than the U.S. He raises the questions "What can the U. S. learn?" Deanne Lembitz, M.D., a family physician in Windsor, will lead a discussion following the film.

### September 25

"The Single Payer Proposal" How would a single risk pool, single payer system of financing using private providers in the U.S. help control costs and provide guaranteed, affordable, comprehensive, quality health care to everybody? Glenn Pearson, M.D., has been a practicing physician for 25 years. He has been active on health care reform issues since the early 1990s and is a past president of Physicians for a National Health Program-- an organization of more than 15,000 physicians. Presently he is Psychiatry Section Chief at Poudre Valley Hospital.

### 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.

## Odds and Ends

### Volunteers Needed

*Marla Nelson*

Membership Committee/Volunteer Committee will have a Volunteer Sign-up Event on Sept. 14 in the Social Hall between services. If you are a committee head looking for volunteers or a church member looking to serve please contact either Marla Nelson (226-3246 or [md29md@frii.com](mailto:md29md@frii.com)) or Carole VanGorder (493-7206 [carole811@msn.com](mailto:carole811@msn.com)) for more information.

### A BIT OF HISTORY

*Barb and Bill Marquardt*

Ever wonder why the main entry door to the church has only one handle? The door to the RE Building has two handles, why not the main building? The answer lies in an attempted break-in that happened quite a number of years ago when Barb was chair of the Building Committee.

Someone telephoned with the news that the front door had been damaged, and we went over to the church to see what needed to be done. We found that some sort of pry bar had been used on the wooden part of the door; you can still see where the edges of the doors have been damaged and chipped. The handle on the left door had been twisted at an odd angle and the screws holding it had been pulled out of the door. The handle was beyond repair.

What to do? We needed something to fill the holes and to prevent the door from being jimmied in the future. So, off we went to Sutherland Lumber on College Ave. to search for something. But what? We found a metal plate that could be used to lap over the space between the doors, and solved that problem. Next, what to fill the holes? We settled on some brass cabinet knobs and bought two of those. They matched the brass of the remaining handle perfectly and installed them.

We thought that we had made a temporary fix, but twenty-five years later the stop-gap is still there.

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

## Welcome to our 2008/2009 Religious Education Program!

I am very excited to launch a new year in our Foothills RE Program. We have many rich offerings planned for children, youth and families. Our *Family Friday* Gatherings will continue on the second Friday evening of each month as well as *Pumpkin Carving Night* and our annual *Holiday Craft Workshop*. We are also pleased to offer our kids three new curricula from the newly published UUA *Tapestry of Faith* Series —

- **Creating Home** for grades k/1, a program that helps young children discover a sense of home that is grounded in faith.
- **Moral Tales** for grades 2/3 which provides children with the spiritual and ethical tools that they will need to make choices and take actions reflective of their UU beliefs and values.
- **Amazing Grace** for grade 6, intends to help sixth graders understand right and wrong and act on their new understanding.

We are also planning some special activities for middle school kids (grades 6, 7 & 8) to engage them in their church community at this unique age. I look forward to a wonderful year.

Yours in faith,

*Eleanor VanDeusen*

**Director of Religious Education**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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

**Our registration fee for the year is \$40 per child/\$80 per family** This fee helps us to offset the cost of classroom supplies and snacks. Registration fees do not cover the actual cost of our R.E. Programs. The actual cost of our R.E. program is approximately \$250 per child. Please keep this in mind when considering the amount of your annual pledge to the church.

### Sunday August 31st - Welcome back

**Sundae-Sunday!** Kids of all ages will gather together for games and ice cream sundaes. We will tour the RE building to see where our classes will meet this year.

### Sunday September 7th -

**In-gathering Service** - during this service for all ages we gather as a community to share our spiritual and physical summer journeys. Bring some water, real or symbolic from a memorable place that you visited this summer. Children will go to their classrooms for the last half of the service for special ingathering activities in their classes.

### Friday September 12th

**Family Friday 5:30 pm** join us for a burrito bar (\$5 adults \$3 kids) followed by a brief Worship Circle and Family Games! Bring your favorite family games—cards, board games, even croquet!

Sunday September 14th - First Sunday of RE classes for all ages at 9:00 & 11:00 am

Sunday September 21st - RE classes meet at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Sunday September 28th - RE classes meet at 9:00 and 11:00 am

**Young Family Fellowship Preschool Playgroup**  
1st & 3rd Wednesday mornings at 9:30am

**Join us for "How Our Garden Grows" —**  
a party to Welcome New Babies born in our church community. Friday, September 26th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

### TEACHER'S SCHEDULING MEETING Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 10:05 am IN YOUR CLASSROOM

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

**Thank you for volunteering to teach this year!**

*If you have questions about the Children's Religious Education Program please contact Eleanor VanDeusen, Director of Religious Education.*

## Youth Programming News

### Desert Dreams on the Big Blue Bus



Foothills will be hosting a 9th grade trip orientation on September 22 from 7:00- 9:00pm in the social hall.

Interested youth and their families will need to attend to be initiated into the mysteries of scheduling, permission slips, medical histories and other trip rites and rituals.

But wait! You don't have to be a 9th grader to be part of this wonderful tradition. Due to the potential number of youth from Foothills participating this year our church will need to send more than one Responsible Adult (RA). The trip commitment includes either a Sunday morning class or weekend retreat once a month from October through March and the trip is set for 10 days in April. All trip-related expenses are covered for RAs. If you are curious about being an RA for the 45th annual trip, attending the orientation is a great way to meet the youth and get more information.

### Registering for YRUU is More Fun than Doing Your Taxes

We will be registering youth for YRUU between 10:00 and 11:00 every Sunday from August 31st through September 14th. As a parent this is also a great opportunity to highlight special talents you may want to share or ways you're looking forward to being involved with the youth this year. Thanks to our registration volunteers Rob Sipes and Bill Bethurum!

### Come Hangout with the YAAC

All the cool kids will be at a Youth and Adult Advisory Committee (YAAC) meeting every 2nd Sunday at 12:15pm. Your next chance to be seen is September 14th but stop by any 2nd Sunday if you have ideas or suggestions for YRUU.

### Are We There Yet??

YRUU officially starts on September 14th at 11:00am. Between now and then YRUUers are encouraged to participate in larger church activities: the Sunday-Sundae, Startup Breakfast and In-gathering. On August 31st and September 7th the RE room will also be available for informal gathering. Watch you mail boxes for more detailed information about the 2008-2009 year – coming soon.



### Into the Woods

Thanks to everyone who helped make Woodsie a huge success! Over 50 youth spent five days reconnecting with nature and one another; sharing spirituality, serious concerns and silliness. The Con also served as a wonderful transitional event for many youth moving from 8th grade into YRUU, from YRUU to Young Adults or simply from summer into a new year. Congratulations to David Wells and Peter Joeris for organizing a great event.



### Ministers and Staff

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## ♪♪♪ Music Notes ♪♪♪

*Ryan Marvel, Music Director*

Here we are again at the beginning of another church year! All of our collected energy and vitality brings new growth and endless possibilities. Let's make music together!

### **A FEW CHANGES...**

I am excited to share some items that will add more music and energy to our program:

- 1) This year, with the goal of starting our services on time, we will be adding a musical prelude to our service. This will begin 4-5 minutes BEFORE the service begins. The chime will then sound, signaling the start time of the service, 9 or 11. Please feel free to center yourselves during the prelude and allow the music to set the tone of our time together.
- 2) Hymns... we are going to be doing lots of singing this year! With the growth of our congregation, the addition of new staff members and the greater UU music movement, how can we keep from singing? It is my goal to have more upbeat and energetic singing, as well as more healing music. I am looking for some song leaders to help in this important exploration... interested?

### **CABARET!!!**

Saturday, October 11, 2008 – 7:00 pm

Hold the date... and see the inserts and announcements on this InterCom, in the office and on-line.

### **RUSS CROWDER AUDITIONS -**

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

Music Scholarships offered for young artists to promote and encourage music education. Three scholarships are awarded to pay for private music lessons. Sign-up sheets are available in the office as of September 2nd. Please see me if you have any questions.

### **ADULT CHOIR-**

We will resume our weekly rehearsals starting September 3rd. We have a fantastic Fall planned, and will be performing more than we ever have. We are also holding our first Choir Retreat on Saturday, September 13th here at Foothills. This would be a great time to join our singing group! If you have questions or would like to get your name on the choir mailing list, please see me or drop an email. Y'all come sing! Remember... the only prerequisite is a love of music and a need to add to the fun.

### **Rehearsals in Sept:**

Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Sanctuary

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24

Retreat: Saturday, Sept. 13, 9am-1pm

*Continued, next column*

### **Performances:**

Sundays, both services

September 14 and 28

Looking forward to a fantastic year of growth and musical expression!

In Song,

Ryan Marvel

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### **Greetings Book Loving MUUMs!!!**

The schedule has now been released for our upcoming BUUMs reading choices. There are books spanning the spectrum of literature - fun, informative, mysterious, heart-felt and more. With the exception of those suggested by book club members, I have made sure that there are several copies available either at our library or through Prospector.

So, please join us for a wonderfully fun time and book discussion at 7pm at Genoa Coffee & Wine on the following dates. It's always best to have read the book to attend, but that is not a prerequisite! I look forward to seeing everyone on the 18th of August!

**September 15, 2008** - "Luncheon of the Boating Party" by Susan Vreeland. 'As impressionistically dazzling and humane as the Renoir painting that inspires it, "Luncheon of the Boating Party" is itself a true work of art that blends the manifest joys and the impossible longings of life into a single coherent vision. "Susan Vreeland has for some time been one of our finest writers, and this is her best book yet." says Robert Olen Butler, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for "A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain."

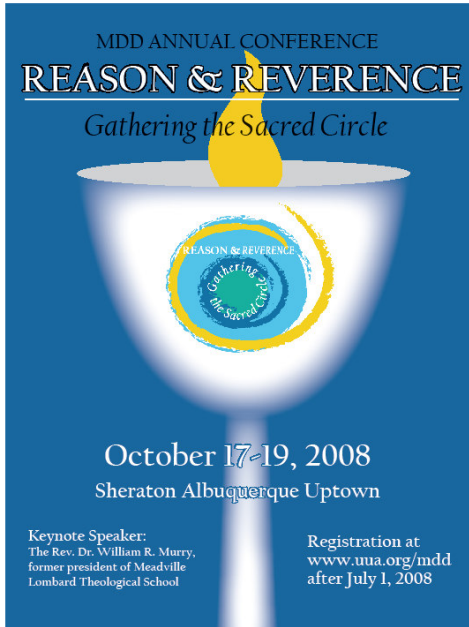
**October 20, 2008** - "Out of Our Minds" by Ken Robinson (BUUMs member nomination) 'Ken Robinson writes brilliantly about the different ways in which creativity is undervalued and ignored in Western culture and especially in our educational systems.' JOHN CLEESE 'Out of Our Minds' explains why being 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.

**November 17, 2008** - 'Monique and the Mango Rains' by Kris Holloway. 'Monique and the Mango Rains' is the true story of the life and death of a remarkable West African midwife, seen through the eyes of a young Peace Corps Volunteer who worked side-by-side with her, birthing babies and caring for mothers, in a remote, impoverished village. It is a rare tale of friendship that reaches beyond borders to vividly and irrevocably unite another woman's world with our own.

Questions? Contact Shawn [csuramsrule@gmail.com](mailto:csuramsrule@gmail.com)

## Denominational Connections

Lenny Scovel



The Annual Mountain Desert District Conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 17-19. In addition to District business there will be inspiring workshops, meaningful worship and a chance to meet other UUs from our district, which stretches from Montana to Texas. If you are interested in being a delegate, please see Lenny Scovel by September 7.

UUA General Assembly will be in Salt Lake City in June 2009. This will be a very important GA, as we will be voting on a new President. Foothills is planning on sending our entire allotment of delegates (12) this year – please start thinking on whether one of them should be you!

More to come.

In Fellowship, Lenny Scovel

### *Song Circle*

*Come Make Music With Friends  
1st Friday of every month*

Contact April Undy 970-407-8788 or [april@roseundy.com](mailto:april@roseundy.com)

The InterCom newsletter is delivered by the first of each month and is sent free to pledging members and friends. Visitors will receive 3 free issues. Anyone else wishing to receive it may do so for \$15 per year. The InterCom is also available on the church website, [www.foothillsuu.org](http://www.foothillsuu.org)

The deadline for copy is the 15th of each month at 5:00 p.m. Submissions should be sent electronically to the editors at [intercom@foothillsuu.org](mailto:intercom@foothillsuu.org).

If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please contact the editors at the above e-mail address or Carole VanGorder, at 493-7206 or Linda Kothera at 407-1217.

## IT'S AUCTION DONATION TIME!!!

Karen Karppinen

This year, it's **EASIER** than ever to donate!



Donate ONLINE: <http://foothillsuu.cmarket.com> (Click on “Donate Item.”) Donation forms are also available in the church office.

### **Nothing to donate? NO PROBLEM!**

At <http://foothillsuu.cmarket.com>, you can sponsor an exciting item from their online marketplace, browse our “wish list” to discover your hidden talents, or contribute a small item to help create a theme basket!

### **DONATIONS are DUE in SEPTEMBER**

so that all items can be featured in the auction catalog and on the auction website. Late donations will be put in the “UU Store” for a fixed price (no bidding).

### **What's EXCITING about the auction this year?**

- ✓ Watch the auction catalog grow in real time! (See website)
- ✓ Same great selection of favorite items, plus unique new items (hot air balloon rides, trip to Cancun, special UU items)
- ✓ Bid ONLINE from October 24—November 17! <http://foothillsuu.cmarket.com>
- ✓ Pay by cash, check or CREDIT CARD! (Online and Live Auction!)
- ✓ Live auction event on November 8th - a **Chocolate Extravaganza!**
- ✓ Pre-Register Online! Reserve your table, paddle #, and/or childcare. Childcare **MUST** be reserved in advance.

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

Please consider helping with some auction tasks (or food for the live auction event) -- look for the signup sheet in the social hall. (PLEASE help our “committee” of two reach our goal of \$16,000 in proceeds!)

### *Sip Soup with Mo*

Join in a welcome lunch out part-time minister  
Rev. Maureen “Mo” White  
Light soup lunch will be provided by the Board

*September 14 after services*

## FUYAG

Denise White

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

### Brewery Ride! Saturday, September 13

Join us on your bicycle for a fun ride to several North Fort Collins breweries. We'll tour two or three of the breweries and have plenty of time for tastings. It'll be a casual ride of 5 to 13 miles depending on the interest of the group. Meet us at Coopersmith's at 11:15 am to start the ride off with a quick lunch.

Don't have a bike? You can check one out at the Fort Collins Bike Library: [www.fcbikelibrary.org](http://www.fcbikelibrary.org). Don't want to ride your bike to or from Old Town? Take a Transfort bus: <http://www.ci.fort-collins.co.us/transfort/>. For more information contact Denise at [denisedomain@yahoo.com](mailto:denisedomain@yahoo.com).

## The Fun Committee Book Group

Myrna Maier

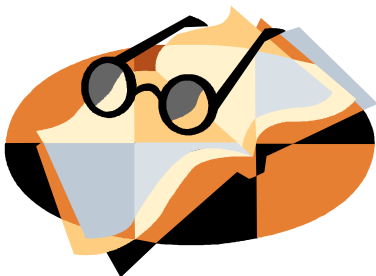
Our book group of about 10 men and women is seeking new participants to read and participate in discussion of a variety of books. We are currently meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the RE bldg @ 7:00PM. We are open to considering another meeting day/time. Contact: Myrna Maier 204-0881. [jtandmyrna@comcast.net](mailto:jtandmyrna@comcast.net)

On **Tuesday, September 16**, the Book discussion group invites you to read "Blink: The Power of Thinking without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell - 317 pages, non-fiction. After reading the book, please join us for a discussion in the RE building room 222 with Facilitator Bill Slye. This book is one that can change the way you think for many years to come. It is absolutely phenomenal and really opens your mind to explore further possibilities of what you might have thought you already knew. Gladwell shows how the 'snap judgments' we make are many times more accurate than when we decide something after evaluating it for a while.

For **October** we will read "Crimson Petal and the White" by Michel Faber, 920 pages.

For **November** we will read "Here if You Need Me: A True Story by Kate Braestrup" 224 pages.

At this meeting, we will select books for 2009.



## 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 on June 1, then at 8:30 am on June 8th and for the rest of the summer. This group meets 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 to 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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	September					
7 9:00 & 11:00am <b>Sunday Services</b> <i>Ingathering Service</i> 10am RE Registration	8 5pm Finance Comm. 6:30pm, MUUM's 7:pm Interfaith <b>Thanksgiving Meeting</b> 7:00 Insight/Mediation 7:30 Community Choir Sanctuary	9 9:30am <b>Preschool Playgroup - YFF</b> 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b> Sanctuary	10 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b> Sanctuary	11 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b> Sanctuary	12 5:30pm <b>Family Friday Potluck</b>	13 9am <b>Choir Retreat</b> Sanctuary 5 pm <b>Private Party</b> Social Hall
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21 9:00 & 11:00am <b>Sunday Services</b> 10am RE Registration 6:30 <b>Fall Equinox</b> <b>Celebration</b>	22 7:00 <b>9th Grade Trip Orientation</b> Social Hall	23 6:30pm, MUUM's 7:30 <b>Community Choir/ Sanctuary</b> 7:00 <b>Insight</b> <b>Mediation</b>	24 7:30pm <b>Adult Choir</b> Sanctuary	25 7pm AE - <b>HCAC</b> Sanctuary	26 <b>6pm How Our Garden Grows,</b> <i>A party to welcome new babies!</i>	27 10am <b>Garden Committee</b> <b>7pm Coffee House</b>
28 9:00 & 11:00am <b>Sunday Services</b> 10am <b>RE Registration</b> 3pm <b>Garden Harvest Party</b> 7pm <b>AE - Library</b>	29 <b>5:30-8 pm</b> <b>Har Shalom Rosh Hashanha</b>	30 <b>9am—1:30pm</b> <b>Har Shalom Rosh Hashanha</b> 7:00 <b>Insight</b> <b>Mediation</b>	AE - Adult Education MUUM's - Mostly UU Mom's HCAC—Healthcare for All Colorado RE—Religious Education YFF - Young Family Fellowship			

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## **GARDEN HARVEST PARTY!**

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Many of us have worked in or visited our UU Organic garden this season,  
and many of us have also been gardening in our own backyards

**It is now time for all of us to share in our bounty!**

Please join us at the church for a family dish-to-pass  
**Garden Harvest Party**

featuring (as much as possible) food from our gardens,  
garden thoughts and reminiscences, poetry even

And, to make our celebration even more joyous,  
we will have live music by our own Fort Collins Band

**Driftwood Fire**

Please call Lee Scharf if you will be joining us  
(970) 377-0223

