

# The InterCom The InterCom

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## SUNDAY SERVICES IN DECEMBER

(All services at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. EXCEPT December 26)

### December 5: Sermon: "Jesus Wars"

Christianity did not arrive neatly; its history has been contentious, and its most bitter battles have been fought over who Jesus really was. As December begins, we'll consider an argument that has rocked the world for centuries. The adult choir will sing and we'll recognize our newest church members in a brief ceremony.

### December 12: All-Church Sunday!

Homily: "And Still The Dazzling Sky-Blue Sheep Are Grazing In the Red Field"—We'll look at a few lines from "A Child's Christmas in Wales," by Dylan Thomas, and discuss why understanding them is essential to our well-being. Our children's choirs will perform: the Spirit Singers at 9:00 A.M., the Holly Choir at 11:00 A.M.

**Join us for our annual Holiday Crafts Workshop, from 2:00 until 5:00 P.M. today**

### December 19: Sermon: "Christmas Eve at Greeley Gourmet Sandwiches, 2009"

An amazing event occurred last Christmas Eve at my friend Jeff Richards' sandwich shop in Greeley and, as Christmas Eve 2010 draws near, I'd like to tell you about it. Today's services will include our traditional Naming and Dedication of Children. **YOU MUST SPEAK WITH MARC BY DECEMBER 13 TO HAVE YOUR CHILD OR CHILDREN INCLUDED.**

### December 24: Christmas Eve

Family Services at 5:00 and 7:00 P.M. with children's choirs, stories, and surprises.  
Adult Service of Music, Carols, and Readings at 9:00 P.M.

### December 26: ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. only

A quiet service of Reflection, Readings, and Sharing.  
There will be nursery care and activities for children.

## News from the Membership Committee

*Bob Bergstrom and Marla Nelson, Co-Chairs*

The Membership Committee, along with Marc and committee representatives Lenny Scovel, Sue Ferguson, Eleanor VanDeusen and Anne Haro-Sipes presented the first of three Paths to Membership classes on Oct. 30. Aside from Marc's leadership and informative talks from our congregational reps, we enjoyed stimulating conversation, yummy treats, and great pizza. We'd like to welcome the following new members who signed the book after the class:

Dan Bentsen	Tim & Margaret Clouse	Martin Nikolaus Deyke	Norma J. Fox
Angel & Brian Hughes	Deborah McFarland	Stacey Odgen	Mary Rundquist
Jude Simmons	Elizabeth Stanley		

Our next scheduled class will be held January 29. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Visitors' Table closer to the date. Many thanks to all who attended and made this event fun and informative.

## MARC MY WORDS

On a number of occasions now I've participated in panel discussions at CSU titled "Face to Face With Faith." Held at various residence halls on campus, the evening sessions feature representatives from area faith communities responding to questions from students. The ground rules: civility, respect, and discussion rather than debate.

On Monday, November 8, panelists included an officer from the CSU pagan group, a Rabbi from a local Jewish congregation, a minister from a nearby Christian church, and yours truly. The questions from students are uniformly excellent, if challenging. One student asked me if I believed in Satan and demons, and referred to the story of Adam and Eve as if it were a mutually agreed upon account of creation. When I explained that I was a Darwinian, and that I saw belief in Satan and demons as a product of culture and history, I saw the room divide between those for whom that stance was refreshing and those for whom it was hard to swallow from a person of faith.

Asked if I believed in God, my answer was "Yes, in a God manifest in nature." And I always inquire about the use of the male pronoun in reference to God: "Why do you say 'He'?" The give and take is fun, stimulating, and at times controversial. I find myself becoming a bit self-righteous (unfortunately) when we address the inevitable question about our attitudes regarding the GLBT community. While others equivocate or confess that their tradition has to view same-sex relationships as sinful or "incomplete," I'm always happy to state our own views as a "Welcoming" congregation and our years of support locally for Freedom to Marry Day.

I am proud to be part of our faith community, proud of what we affirm and the values we live by. (Try to live by.) I appreciate what our tradition allows me to proclaim, even as I am aware of my personal failings and our religious movement's unfinished aspects. More than anything, though, I am inspired by the questions and curiosity of the students, and the hard work of the student organizers of our meetings. Religion, I believe, best expresses itself as quest and pilgrimage. "Face to Face With Faith" is a wonderful opportunity to give voice to our deepest beliefs. In addition, our public discourse should always be this supportive and polite!

Yours in our Shared Ministry and Faith Tradition,  
Marc



### Caring Corner

We send our deepest sympathy to Lorann Stallones upon the death of her son. Our love is with you.

Healing thoughts are sent to Meg Nordwall as she battles breast cancer. We are holding you in our hearts and prayers.

Healing thoughts are also sent to Jan Parrish, who recently took a tumble. Jan is now recuperating at a rehabilitation center here in town, and we hope she will be home soon.

Robert Smith Winegarner, father of Lois Winegarner, passed away on Sunday November 7th here in Fort Collins. His life was rich, full and well-lived. Our sympathy and love to the entire Winegarner family.

### Adopt A Family

*Anne Hall*

This year our church will be supporting a holiday "Adopt A Family" program in partnership with La Familia/The Family Center. The center has been providing affordable day care and parenting education classes to low income working families in Fort Collins for many years. Foothills has been supporting the families of La Familia in several ways over the past year through Change for Change, a winter coat drive, a diaper drive, and our time and talents during our Day of Caring last spring. On the Sundays of November 21 and 28, and December 5 there will be a table in the Social Hall where we will have the "names" (actually only a number) of 15 families and the ages of their children available for anyone in our congregation who would like to "adopt" the family for the holiday season. All gifts will be dropped off at church and then the Social Justice council will see that they are delivered to The Family Center. Please consider supporting the families of La Familia.

## **President's Message**

*Anne Hall*

Can it really be almost December already? Where has the year gone? How can we ever get everything done that needs to get done during this holiday season but yet try, yes really try, to enjoy this special time of the year? Questions many of us ask ourselves each year and each of us approaches this season in our own way. I only hope we can all try to keep everything in perspective and on December 31 look back at the past month and year with positive feelings and with a spirit of optimism for the New Year, even though for many that will be a real challenge.

Recently I had the opportunity to attend a Mountain Desert District conference focusing on the needs and challenges of large congregations such as ours. I came away thinking that two words framed the conference for me: challenges and opportunities. The conference addressed such issues as the importance of being sure our new members feel connected to our church. Are we doing enough to develop that sense of connectedness? How can we help new members find their niche in our church? Many of you remember when our church was much smaller and that sense of connectedness seemed to be just natural. It's harder to accomplish that now but yet so very important. So yes, this is a challenge but it is also an opportunity for small group ministry, for covenant groups. What can we do in the next few months to build these opportunities? A very important challenge for large congregations is leadership development. Just by nature of all the needs in a large congregation regarding worship, pastoral care, religious education, stewardship, governance, fellowship, social justice, governance, and facilities many leaders are needed. The opportunities for leadership must be nurtured in all of us. It is through leadership roles that our connectedness to our church becomes an important part of our lives. So thank you so very much to our current leaders and some possible future leadership role is there for all of you! Perhaps the greatest challenge for large churches centers around the issue of stewardship and yet therein is also the greatest chance for opportunity. In our church we know that we must do something to address hiring an assistant minister, we must recognize the incredible work our staff does on a week-in and week-out basis by increasing their compensation, and we also must try to return our support of the UUA to the recommended levels. Yes, those are our challenges and yet every one of them is an opportunity to build our church in ways that we can all feel meets our quest for spiritual and personal growth. I know we can accept all these challenges and I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year!

All my best to you at this very special time of year, Anne



## **F-cubed (Foothills Financial Facts)**

*Eve Enright, Bookkeeper*

We are now four months into our 2010-2011 Fiscal Year – one third of our Budget year. Here are some Financial Facts for you to ponder:

- Our beautiful new outdoor Church Sign is now finished!  
(You need to take the time to see it, if you haven't already.)  
The total cost is \$11,926.61, including custom design, manufacturing & installation, landscaping, and electrical work.  
\$4,860 of that was covered by a grant from the Endowment Fund,  
\$945 was contributed at last year's Services Auction, and \$78.75 was raised through sales of the "Nurture the Spirit" t-shirts.  
The balance of the money, \$6,042.86, is covered by regular Budget money – i.e. your pledges.
- Last winter, we spent \$5,284.29 for snow removal.
- The Church spent \$550 to send our Minister, Church Administrator and three Board members to Denver for the MDD Large Church Gathering in early November.



Happy December!

Greetings Everyone:

I bring news from the Committee on Ministry. The committee has met monthly for over a year now, and we will be bringing several proposals for bylaws changes to the congregational meeting in May.

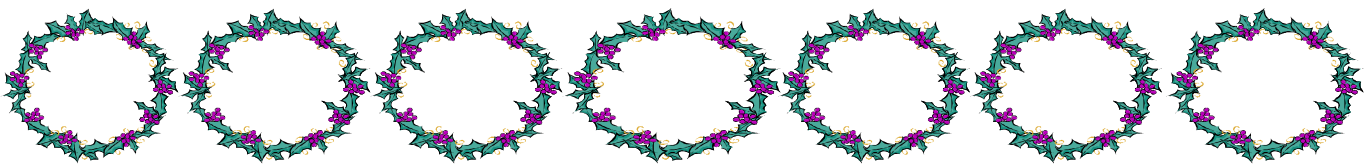
One question that we have addressed is: What type of ministerial committee best serves the needs of a church community the size of Foothills? A current movement within the Unitarian Universalist Association moves away from the traditional *Ministerial Relations Committee* toward employing a *Committee on Ministry*. The current version of our bylaws at Foothills calls for a Ministerial Relations Committee (MRC) to be a standing committee of the church. The job description for this committee states that it is comprised of “Three members serving three-year terms, with one member appointed by the Board each year from a list of six candidates submitted by the Minister.” This committee has been inactive for several years and only last spring was once again reinvigorated with three new members. A few months ago the Committee on Ministry (CoM) and the MRC began meeting jointly, with Rev. Salkin in attendance as an ex-officio member. It was decided within the joined committee, that we would take a proposal to the congregation next spring to change the name and makeup of the Ministerial Relations Committee to become the Committee on Ministry. One method of building this committee would be to assemble a committee of five members with three members appointed by the Board with input from both the minister and the board, and filling two elected positions at the Spring Congregational meeting. The terms would be staggered to aid in continuity. This is an exciting proposition as it would put committee members to work not only in support of our professional clergy but also to promote the ministerial work of our congregation.

The five-year plan adopted by the congregation in 2008 calls for us to: “meet the variety of worship and pastoral care needs by achieving the UUA ministerial staffing guidelines.” Marc mentioned at the last CoM meeting, with word from Nancy Bowen our MDD District Executive, that our church is perhaps the largest congregation in the district to be served by a single minister. Clearly Marc needs help, and I don’t mean counseling, although it may come to that. Article IX of our current bylaws contains language that describes how the congregation shall hire and retain a single called minister, but it is unclear as to other types of professional ministry staff the church might wish to employ, such as an assistant or associate minister. It has become clear to us that the means of hiring or calling other ministers to join our senior minister must be clarified in the bylaws. The committee will work to draft language to that end.

The Committee will work closely with Marc, the Bylaws Committee and with you, the congregation, in drafting these proposed changes. Please contact any one of us with questions, comments or concerns.

In Shared Ministry, Bruce Wagner, member, CoM

Committee on Ministry: Anne Haro Sipes, Rick Gumina, Bruce Wagner



# MUUMs

MUUMs (Mostly UU Moms) invites all moms to share some laughter, tears and insights in a supportive setting. We gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month in the Triple RE room in the Religious Education building. Socializing at 6:30, topic discussion or event at 7 p.m.

**Dec. 14** – Gift Exchange, Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange and Sing-along.

Bring a batch or two of your favorite festive cookies to share. NEW this year: a stocking stuffer gift exchange! Please contact Lisa Peppin, [lisa.peppin@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.peppin@gmail.com), by Dec. 1st if you want to participate. We’ll sing Christmas carols and other requests during this festive evening. Don’t forget your Tupperware!

**Dec. 28** – Decompress from the Holidays, and Year-end Wrap Up

Open discussion on handling the stresses of the season. Bring leftover holiday treats to share if you like.



**TIS THE SEASON...for MUSIC!**

Once the first snow falls, it seems like music is everywhere: The crunch beneath our feet, the laughter in children’s voices...even the silence of dawn with a fresh blanket of snow. Add to that the holiday celebrations, gathering of family and friends and school concerts and productions...music is all around us.

Our Youth Choirs will be taking the music out to the Community once again this holiday season, singing on December 11<sup>th</sup> at some assisted living homes throughout Fort Collins.



Our Adult Choir will sing two times, performing a beautiful Ave Maria on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and holiday favorites on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. Madrigal Choir will add their musical voices to the beautiful AE Yule Celebration on that same evening. Come and sing with everyone for the Caroling Party and Chili Supper on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. And of course, our wonderful Christmas Eve services will be filled with music, including Roger Fredericks’ performance of “Christmas in the Trenches” at the 9:00 PM service. May we all continue to make beautiful harmonies and recognize our potential for a peaceful symphony.

Blessings to all. Ryan

**For more information** regarding ongoing music at our church, see the bulletin board in the Social Hall, pick up a flyer at the Visitor Table, check the church website or drop Ryan a line. Welcome...come and join in the music.

In Song,  
 Ryan Marvel  
 970.581.0120  
[ryan@ryanmarvel.com](mailto:ryan@ryanmarvel.com)

**CAROLING PARTY/CHILI SUPPER**

Co-Sponsored by the Religious Education and Music Programs

What: A Family CHILI SUPPER and CAROLING PARTY

Who: You! Us! Everyone! All ages!

When: **Friday, Dec 17th, 2010**

Where: Foothills Unitarian Church, Social Hall

Time: Dinner at 5:30, Caroling afterwards

**ADULT CHOIR**

Performances in December:

**Dec 5th** - Rachmaninoff’s “Ave Maria”

**Dec 19th** - Parker/Shaw’s “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” & “Angels We Have Heard on High”

**YOUTH CHOIRS**

Performances in December:

**Dec 11th** – Community Performances, TBA

**Dec 12th** - Spirit Singers – 9:00;

Holly Singers – 11:00

**Dec 24th** - Christmas Eve:

Holly Singers–5:00 PM , Spirit Singers–7:00 PM

**MADRIGAL CHOIR**

Performance in December:

**Dec 19th** - Adult Enrichment’s YULE Service, 6:30pm

**UPCOMING DATES:**

Adult Choir Retreat – **Sat, Jan 15** – 10 - 3

Winter Chamber Music Concert – **Sat, Feb 19,** 7pm

**Song Circle News**

*April Undy*

Everyone is invited to join in the singing!

Holiday Song Circle

**Friday, December 3 6:30pm-8:00 p.m.**

Foothills Unitarian Church RE building

Room 211/212 (down stairs)

Come make music with family and friends. All ages and abilities welcome.

(Winter and Spring Song Circles continue on the 4th Fridays of the month)

For more information: [april@roseundy.net](mailto:april@roseundy.net)

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# Children's Religious Education News

Eleanor VanDeusen - Director of Religious Education for Children & Youth



## Join us for Family Events & Religious Education Programs in December

### Wednesday December 1st 9:30 am

**YFF Preschool Playgroup** In the church Social Hall. We will make Christmas Countdown Decorations!

### **Sunday Dec. 5th**

R.E. classes meet at 9am and 11am today

### **Sunday Dec. 12th**

**All Church Sunday** - Children join their families in the Sanctuary for the first portion of the church service today. Our *Children's Choirs* will perform at both church services. Choir party 10-11 in room 222.

**Holiday Craft Workshop 2:00–5:00 pm today**

### Friday November 17th 5:30 pm

## **Chili Supper & Caroling Night**

### **5:30 pm in the church Social Hall**

This is a Chili Cook-off! Prizes will be awarded. If your last name begins with A–M bring a pot of your favorite chili recipe or a loaf of bread. Last name N–Z bring a dessert (or chili if you want to share your recipe!). Table service and beverages will be provided. We will carol around the neighborhood and we will have a sing-a-long in the Sanctuary for those less mobile. After caroling we will come back for a hot-chocolate warm-up.

### **Sunday Dec. 19th**

R.E. classes meet at 9am and 11am today

### Wednesday December 16th 9:30 am

**YFF Preschool Playgroup** - Cookie Decorating!

## **Family Christmas Eve Services**

### **Friday December 24th, 5:00 and 7:00 pm**

Join us for a favorite holiday tradition. This service will include our children's choirs, carol singing and holiday stories and memories to warm the heart.

### **Sunday December 26th**

**We will have just one church service and RE program at 10:00 am only today.**

**Teachers will enjoy a day off.** Kids will gather for Worship Circle and activities in the RE Building.

## Holiday Craft Workshop



### **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00 – 5:00 pm**

**ADMISSION \$5.00**

Join us for an afternoon of holiday creativity!

Our Holiday Craft Workshop features

15 stations for children to make holiday crafts!  
**We need lots of helpers. Please sign up on the poster in the social hall to help at a craft station.** You need not be "crafty". All materials and easy instructions are provided.

## Holiday Helping Projects

### **The Family Center "La Familia"**

If you would like to help children have gifts to open on Christmas you can sign up at the Social Action table during coffee hour to purchase Christmas Gifts for children and return them to the church by December 12th. We will deliver these to the Family Center.

### **Project Self Sufficiency**

If you'd like to help single parents with holiday gift-giving for their children you may purchase gift cards from our Scrip table in the church Social Hall. We will have a box at the table for you to drop off your donated cards which will be delivered to this great organization.

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*If you have questions about the Children's Religious Education Program or anything posted here, Please contact Eleanor VanDeusen, Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth, at the church (970) 493-5906 church or (970) 484-6090 home. My office hours are M, W, TH, F 9-3 and SUN 8-1*

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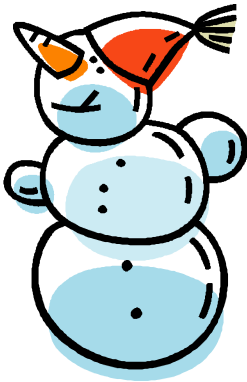
## YRUU-Young Religious Unitarian Universalists

Our High School Youth Group (9-12th Grades)

Allison Fink-Coordinator

Foothills youth are leaders in their church, district, faith and communities.

The high school youth group has a social action/awareness emphasis inspired by our UU Principle of "justice, equity, and compassion for all." YRUU also emphasizes worship, Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes, fellowship, and fun! YRUU focuses on youth leadership and empowerment with assistance from our Youth Coordinator and adult advisors.



### Programming

Sunday 5 - Spiritual tools and planning for worship.

Sunday 12 - Photography workshop two. Bring your best photos either on disc/flash drive/memory card or printed out.

Sunday 19 - Worship with 8th graders.

Sunday 26 - No youth group. Happy Holidays!

Allison Fink can be reached at: cell 970-402-7297, e-mail [allison@foothillsuu.org](mailto:allison@foothillsuu.org).

My office hours are THURS 10:00 - 3:00 and SUN 10:00 - 4:00. I most often work at home but am available on my cell so please call anytime.

## YUUMs -Youth of Unitarian Universalists in Middle School

Eleanor VanDeusen, Lisa Stroyan, Lyndy Latta & Glen Pearson - Planning Team

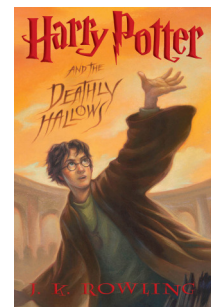
### YUUMS EVENTS IN DECEMBER

#### Sunday December 5th - Harry Potter Movie Outing

Haven't seen *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows* yet? Already seen it but can't wait to see it again? Come see it with our YUUMS group! We'll meet at Carmike Cinema at approximately 1:30 pm on Sunday December 5th.

Exact time will be confirmed as we get closer. Watch the "Extra" and the YUUMS yahoo group for final details. Contact Lisa Stroyan

LStroyan@gmail.com if you want to join us.



#### Saturday December 18th - Bonfire and cookout at Paula Brobst's House

We'll gather at the home of Paula Brobst & Robert Pennington (3010 North Overland Trail, LaPorte CO) at 6:30 pm for a winter cookout and bonfire. Wear warm clothes and bring a snack to share. We need additional adult chaperones. Please contact Eleanor at [eleanorv@foothillsuu.org](mailto:eleanorv@foothillsuu.org) to volunteer or to RSVP.

# Growing With Adult Enrichment

Vicki Siska, Director of Adult Enrichment



December is a tradition-filled time of year. Winter delivers a solstice to lead us, likewise people traveling under night skies, to more and more moments of sun; oil meant or one day lasts for eight, allowing for the rededication of a people's sacred temple; we fill our homes with Pagan rituals adapted to honor the birth of a baby who, like all newborns, changes the world. Even in the midst of our busy days, time seems to slow down, allowing us more opportunities to gather with friends and family. There are special occasions at church, including the Madrigal Dinners, our Winter Yule Celebration, the Christmas Crafts Fair, and our wonderful worship services filled with music and inspiring words. And I will take pleasure in them all.

But sometimes, in the midst of all this wonder, I question if we shouldn't feel something more when we come to church, if maybe our sanctuary should be not only a place that comforts but one which makes us un-comfortable as well. I know I felt a certain unease when I was asked last month to share from the pulpit why I am a vegetarian in our special AE service with Marc Bekoff, because to stand in front of a room filled with people I care about and declare my allegiance to a choice I am committed to, but which most do not share, was challenging. I don't always like to rock the boat because I know that sometimes the people who cause a commotion are the ones who get thrown overboard - and I don't know how to swim. On the other hand, UUs have always affirmed that we are on a journey together, and we acknowledge that part of the voyage includes learning from one another in open and respectful dialogue even, or perhaps especially, when we disagree. If any of us is hesitant to speak our truth in the company of supporting friends, how can we ever expect to change the hearts and minds of people who radically oppose a world we would like to see come into being? With this in mind and in a month that honors many diverse times of holiness, may we come to church to not only bask in the beauty and warmth of our togetherness, but to also feel the cold of the stable and experience the dark of night. When these times happen, I look forward to seeing you sitting next to me.



COME ONE.....COME ALL  
THE CASTLE AWAITS YOUR PRESENCE AT

OUR 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MADRIGAL EVENINGS

THIS THEATRE EXTRAVAGANZA INCLUDES THE MAGNIFICENT VOICES OF OPERA COLORADO AND MUSIC BY SOME OF FOOTHILLS' FINEST. A FOUR-COURSE DINNER WITH WINE CATERED BY THE RAINBOW RESTAURANT WILL ALSO BE SERVED. GOOD CONVERSATION AND CASTLE AMBIANCE ROUND OUT THE EVENING, SO CHOOSE YOUR NIGHT AND INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU IN WELCOMING THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN STYLE!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 ~ doors open at 6:30 & close at 7 pm

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 ~ doors open at 5:30 and close at 6 pm

\$45 PER PERSON

OR \$60

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TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE SOCIAL HALL AFTER SERVICES

*Growing With Adult Enrichment*  
*Vicki Siska, Director of Adult Enrichment*



*A MIDWINTER YULE CELEBRATION*

*Sunday, December 19 6:30–8 pm*

**Please join us as we Touch the Earth and Reach the Sky, celebrating the longest night of the year, the Winter Solstice. On this darkest of days, the Goddess becomes the Great Mother and once again gives birth to the Sun God, and as we continue to make our way around the wheel of life the days will begin to lengthen. We are delighted that the Foothills Madrigal Singers will once again perform at our service. Please join us as we celebrate this changing of the seasons with ritual, prayer, quiet, music, food and fun! Refreshments and a craft activity will follow this service suitable for the whole family.**

*Please bring new mittens, hats, and scarves for those  
In need of warmth this winter.*

**FUYAG -Foothills Unitarian Young Adult Group, ages 18-35**  
**Amber Lamb-FUYAG Coordinator**

Up next: **Theology on Tap: December 7th** at **Wild Boar**, 1510 South College Ave, Fort Collins, CO, 80524, 7 pm. Join us for drinks and deeper discussion about our UU principles, ideas and beliefs. Come a little early to grab a drink or snacks upstairs, and join us in the downstairs meeting room.

**Dances of Universal Peace:** On **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm, we will be going down to the First Unitarian Society of Denver to join in this wonderful experience. This will also be a potluck, so plan to bring something to share. We are hoping to meet up with other Front Range YAs as well.

\*\*Invitation to all: FUYAG would like to open this up to anyone who's interested in joining. The Dances of Universal Peace came to the MDD Annual Meeting held in Fort Collins last October. These simple circle-style dances, designed for all, are a wonderful opportunity to connect in community.

Please contact Amber if you plan to attend so we can set up carpooling. Please also include if you are willing to drive or if you need a ride, how many you can take, and when you can leave.

**Caroling and Chili Supper:** We'll join the greater church community in the annual FUC caroling party and chili supper cook-off, on **Friday, December 17**, from 5:30 to 8:30 in the Social Hall at church.

We are still looking for a few good folks for our **Steering Committee!!**

Coming Next Month: Due to holiday travel, Theology on Tap will be held on the **second Tuesday in January, 1/11/11**. Same time and place as usual. (see above)

Search FUYAG on Face Book and add yourself to our group for all the updates. Contact Amber Lamb for more information, questions, suggestions, or to be added to the email list.  
[aglamb@yahoo.com](mailto:aglamb@yahoo.com) or 505-690-6481 (local: 599-1505).



## Notes from the Bookstore:

Eve Enright

Do you remember reading *The Pokey Little Puppy*? How about *Charlotte's Web*, or *A Wrinkle in Time*? If you've read any of them, you're in good company! They're just three of the **Top 20 Best Selling Children's Books of All Time**. (The Pokey Little Puppy is No. 1 with 14,898,341 sold since its first publication in 1942.) This Holiday Season the Bookstore will have copies of all 20 titles, plus many more including books about Hanukkah, Christmas, and even Un-Christmas! Remember, a book makes a great gift for anyone - especially for a child.



Stop by the Store on Sunday during Social Hour, and look through the great selection of Fiction, Non-fiction and Spiritual Growth books for adults, and some new Chalice Jewelry, too. And, we can still get you a **Special Order** Book/s. Just

give us the title before our last December order, which will be placed after the Second Service on Sunday 12/12/10. You'll get the same 10% discount we always offer, and if you order more than one copy of the same title, the discount doubles to 20%! (FYI: We take Special Orders throughout the year, not just in December. Let us get books for your Book Group or Class.)

Here are some recent titles that you may still find on the racks: *Duck & Goose: How are You Feeling?* (A Board Book for babies). *Talking Like the Rain: A Read-to-Me Book of Poems* (for the 4-8 crowd). *Hunger Games: Book 1* (A NY Times Bestseller for 9-12 year olds). *Cutting for Stone* (NY Times Bestselling Fiction for adults), *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Education* by Gregg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, and, *Earth Prayers from Around the World*.

### Grocery cards

make GREAT stocking stuffers and as thank you gifts to the baker and candlestick maker. Remember to always bring your checkbook to Church. Thank you for your support.

Michael E. Manning  
(970) 484-9436



## Volunteer Opportunity Available

Do you need someone to spend an hour hanging your drapes ? Need a ride to church? Are you a great cook but have no-one left at home to eat all the fab recipes? Need someone to help out on your committee/ event for a night or a season? Do you have plumbing or bookkeeping expertise and want to give back a few hours to help a fellow church member? Want to connect with others more than just during coffee hour?



WE have a method to get you hooked up! Please see the postings on the bulletin board to the right of the fireplace or in the RE Building across from the nursery. Get a form from the church office if you need some assistance or can provide some assistance. Have questions?

Contact Ellen: Volunteer coordinator.

[ellen@riverrock.org](mailto:ellen@riverrock.org)

970 472 1169

## Save the Date for the Goods & Services Auction!

Mark your calendars for the Goods & Services Auction, Sat. Jan. 29 from 5:30 to 8:30.

Please join us for an evening with food, fun, and fabulous entertainment. As usual, we have fantastic items donated by local businesses and by congregants. Entertaining events, delightful dinners, sensational services, interesting items...



Let your competitive nature shine: outbid your friends while doing good for the church. Please remember that the **deadline** to submit your donation for the Goods & Services Auction is **December 1**.

Stop by the Auction table in the Social Hall between services in November. Can't decide what to donate? Our volunteers would be happy to give you some creative ideas!

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### Looking for a cheap gift?

Say "thank you" to all the rummage sale volunteers (and add to the church coffers): Log in to Facebook, search for UU Rummage Sale and join the group. Then invite your friends and ask them to pass it along to others. It will be the easiest gift you give this season.

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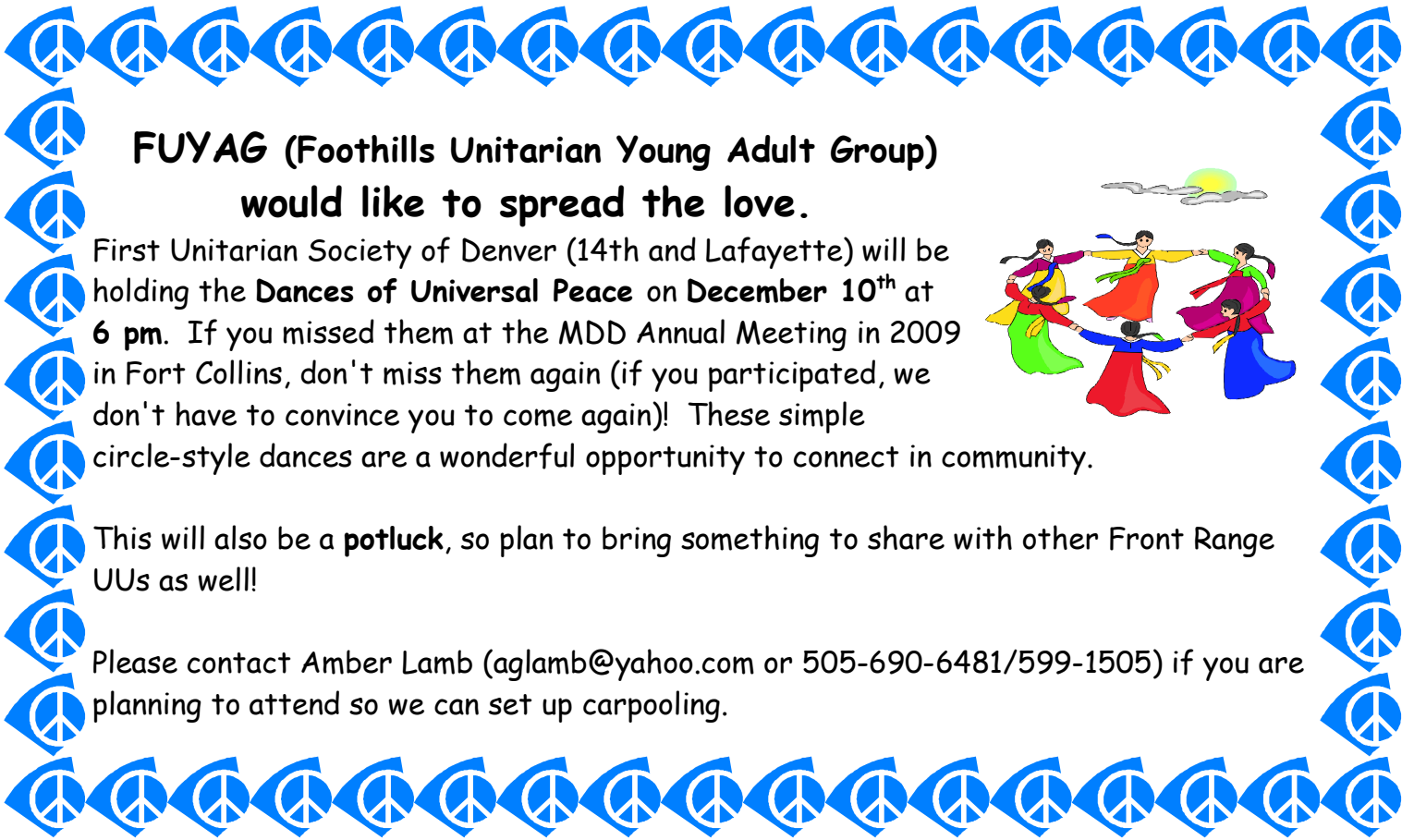
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**FUYAG (Foothills Unitarian Young Adult Group)  
would like to spread the love.**

First Unitarian Society of Denver (14th and Lafayette) will be holding the **Dances of Universal Peace** on **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at **6 pm**. If you missed them at the MDD Annual Meeting in 2009 in Fort Collins, don't miss them again (if you participated, we don't have to convince you to come again)! These simple circle-style dances are a wonderful opportunity to connect in community.



This will also be a **potluck**, so plan to bring something to share with other Front Range UUs as well!

Please contact Amber Lamb ([aglamb@yahoo.com](mailto:aglamb@yahoo.com) or 505-690-6481/599-1505) if you are planning to attend so we can set up carpooling.