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SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER (all services at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.)

October 3 Sermon: “Islam for Dummies”—Why let our profound ignorance about Islam influence our opinions and certainties? We’ll look at the controversy regarding the “Ground Zero Mosque” and seek to increase our understanding of Muslims near and far. Our children will join us for the beginning of the service and our choir will perform.

October 10 Sermon: “Does The Bible Really Tell Me So?”—According to the flyer placed on my door by a local church, the key to discovering who I am can be found in Genesis. Ten years into the 21st century, what are we to make of such a claim?

October 17 VISITOR’S SUNDAY: This annual event, sponsored by our Membership Committee, reflects the fact that the primary way faith communities grow is by personal invitation from neighbors and friends. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to a service designed to introduce folks to us in a non-threatening, hospitable manner. The sermon is titled “Here’s What We Believe... But Are We ‘Cool?’ Many thanks to Kathryn Boyle, Office Assistant and member of the Membership Committee, for the title suggestion. Our choir will perform at both services.

October 24 Service Theme: “If Money Isn’t Making You Happy, You Probably Aren’t Spending It Right”—Economist Dr. Elizabeth W. Dunn, University of British Columbia, has led intriguing studies regarding money and happiness, and we’ll discuss her findings through role-playing, drama, and sermon.

October 31: With services on Halloween, we’ll ask: “What REALLY Scares You?” Through congregational participation, we’ll answer the question together, and I suspect our answers will be diverse and engaging.

Grocery Certificates and Scrip Sales through the Holidays

Carolyn Myers

Holidays you say! It’s too early you say! Maybe so, I’m planting this seed hoping you’ll know to use gift cards to buy Halloween costumes and candy, Thanksgiving turkeys and tablecloths, Christmas sugarplums and party dresses to bring in the New Year!

Grocery Sales and Scrip Card sales are going great. The King Sooper’s rechargeable cards have been a huge success. These cards are a great fund-raising opportunity for the Church. The Church gets a 2% to 19% rebate from every purchase. Plan ahead to use Scrip cards when you shop on-line or at the store. Take a look at what is available at www.shopwithscrip.com, and place an order. You can place an order on-line or at the Church.

**Grocery certificates & Scrip cards are available every Sunday
or in the office during the week.**

MARC MY WORDS

As our Membership Committee planned for VISITOR'S SUNDAY, October 17, we reviewed an article by an executive at Olan Mills Studios, which annually prepares thousands of pictorial directories for churches. In "Getting Your Current Members To Invite Friends," Richard Reising wrote: "I cannot say this emphatically enough—all true Christians want other people to become Christians."



As Unitarian Universalists, we might be expected to take exception to this pronouncement, and we did. At least "Real men don't eat quiche" was a humorous self-parody. This assertion about "true Christians" struck most of us as arrogant and inaccurate—we know "true Christians" who would also object to Reising's claim. Yet we posed this question: if we are truly committed to certain values, principles, and ideals, on what basis would we refrain from promoting them?

In fact, were we to be absolutely honest, might we wish (secretly or not) for all people to believe as we do? Is that either far-fetched or unethical? If we're feminists, environmentalists, conservatives, liberals, UU or Jew or Christian, isn't it simply being truthful to admit that we'd like to convert the world, if we could, to our views and values? Isn't that, on some level, the premise of our own Visitor's Sunday?

No, not at all. Deeply embedded in our core values as Unitarian Universalists is a long-standing commitment to pluralism and diversity; an attempt to achieve a universal conversion to our views would represent a betrayal of them! We **could** hope, however, that more and more people would come to share our dedication to open societies, freedom of belief, and authentic diversity in religion, politics, and ethics. **We are and have to be** committed to a set of core beliefs and principles that promote those goals...otherwise why be here? The notion that as UUs we can "believe anything we want" is misguided and simply wrong. We have an identity, a belief system, ethical principles, and the acceptance of some basic assumptions about how the world works.

It's essential that we grasp the fact that we're not a social club, a discussion group, or a collection of interesting people. We are a community grounded in dedication to particular understandings that lead us to oppose uniformity and absolutism. No, we do not want a world made up of only certain kinds of Christians or only Unitarian Universalists. Frankly, that would be against our religion. However, since we would love to have more allies dedicated to beliefs and principles that help make our world more compassionate, more equitable, and more enlightened. Visitor Sunday is not merely a nice idea; it's the fulfillment of our calling.

Yours in our shared ministry,
Marc

Song Circle *April Undy*

We have moved our dates this fall! Mark your calendars.

TIME: 6:30pm - 8:00pm, on the following **Fridays: September 24, October 22, and December 3!**

We meet in the RE building— Room 211/212 (down stairs).

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

Contact April Undy for more information april@roseundy.net, 970-407-8788
<http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/songcirclefc>





President's Message

Anne Hall

Is it really almost October? Fall in Colorado always seems to be a particularly beautiful time of the year; bright blue skies, white puffy clouds, and trees with leaves turning all shades of shimmering yellows, greens, and reds. That image of a tree has become an important one for the Board of Trustees this year as we finalize plans for the implementation of the reorganization of the committee structure our church. At our late August Board retreat we struggled with how to clearly communicate to church members all the work done by various church leaders over the past two years. Thanks to their work there is a plan to coordinate the work of over thirty-five church committees into seven or eight more manageable groups whose subcommittees can work together on budgeting and other common purposes within the life of the church. And it was at this retreat that the metaphor of a tree became an important way to communicate our vision for this church reorganization.

Let's think of one of those beautiful trees shimmering in the autumn sky. Although we see the beauty of the leaves, the fullness of the branches, and the sturdy trunk we do not see the roots and without those healthy roots there would be no tree. Now let's take the metaphor to our church and this time let's start with the roots. To the Board the roots represent our Unitarian Universalist religion. And to me the best way to describe those roots is the statement on our beautiful new church sign "All Souls Are Worthy". All those roots anchoring our tree and all are equally worthy. A powerful image to be sure.

Next consider the trunk of the tree. To us the Board of Trustees represents that trunk. That trunk has grown over all these many years thanks to the vision and work of all who have served on past boards. And so now we look at the major branches of the tree and this is where we see our new church structure. Each large branch has smaller branches that are very much connected to it. And it is those eight large branches of the tree that represent the work of the church and each large branch has several smaller branches (committees) connected to it.

Each large branch will work together with its connected branches on budgeting issues and ways to connect new members as well as current members to the life of the church. This will take some training and some time and this is where the Board has committed itself to working closely with each of the large branches.

Last but not least on our metaphorical church tree are the beautiful leaves. And those leaves represent each of us. We hopefully feel connected to one of the branches and feel very much a part of the tree that is Foothills Unitarian Church. Come see our Foothills church "tree" in the social hall some Sunday and talk to any Board member about questions and or suggestions you have about this process.

TWO MORE "ERACISM" FILMS THIS MONTH (Co-sponsored by Foothills Unitarian Church)

Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Main Library: "THE LEAST OF THESE" about detention facilities for immigrants without papers. Discussion led by Jennifer Piper, American Friends' Service Committee

Wednesday, Oct. 6 at Harmony Library: "THE LEAST OF THESE" with discussion leaders Kim Medina, immigration attorney and Norberto Valdez, CSU

Sunday Oct. 10 at the Main Library: "BLUE EYED" about the effects of demonstrating to people that they are inferior. Patricia Vigil, CSU will lead the discussion.

Wednesday Oct. 13 at Harmony Library: "BLUE EYED" Discussion facilitator will be Mark Benn, CSU.
All films begin at 6:30 p.m. and they are free, though donations are encouraged.



CARING CORNER

Vicki Siska

Our love and healing wishes are sent to Mark Wanger as he faces thyroid cancer. Both Mark and Dee are very positive and optimistic about Mark's treatment plan and expect a full recovery, but we are going to keep him in our hearts, too!

Our sympathy is sent to Pam Stevens upon the death of her father. Despite the fact that Pam suffered this loss late in the summer she gallantly carried on with her role in facilitating our Annual Rummage Sale, and we are grateful to her commitment while also sending her our love at this difficult time.

Our loving thoughts are with Hugh and Lil Price who experienced the death of two close family members on the same day. Losing a brother-in-law and a daughter's father-in-law within six hours of one another was a heart-breaking occurrence for both Hugh and Lil and for all of the Price relatives. We will keep you in our hearts.

Healing thoughts are sent to Paul Nordwall, Skylar Marvel and Marjorie McTaggart who have each had recent health challenges. Marjorie is now living at Spring Creek and we hope this new home brings her comfort.

Congratulations to our former Nursery Caregiver Sveta Tyschenko, who gave birth to a healthy baby girl on August, 18. "Sasha" weighed in at 5 pounds 13 ounces and both she and her mother are doing well, as are proud grandparents Leonard and Cherry Sokoloski.

A fall note: while I try to mention everyone in the Caring Corner who facing a difficulty or celebrating a significant event, I am sure that not all of you make it into my head and onto the computer. Please forgive me if this applies to you, and please also feel free to drop me an email (vsiska27@hotmail.com) anytime to share information that we should get into print so our community can extend its support.



Music Notes

Ryan Marvel, Director of Music

CABARET!!!

Saturday, October 9, 2010 – Doors at 6:30, Show at 7:00 pm

"Broadway, Baby!" is this year's theme! Lights, camera, action! Come and see the best show this side of Spring Creek! Fantastic MC Don Hahn will set the stage for our acts put on by fellow congregants, choir members and musicians. Tickets are \$8, includes refreshments...on sale Sundays between services or in the church office. THIS EVENT USUALLY SELLS OUT...SO GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!! More info? Contact Ryan or a member of our Music Committee.



Coffeehouse/Open Mic

Friday, Oct 22, 7:30 PM – Social Hall

Come and join in the cool and casual environment that is our semi-annual Coffeehouse. We welcome all musicians, storytellers, poets to come and share their gifts. Your host will be the talented Roger Fredericks; the mic is open to all, and members of our song circle will join us for this collaborative musical event. Coffee and snacks provided, free and open to all ages.



Wait...when was that again?

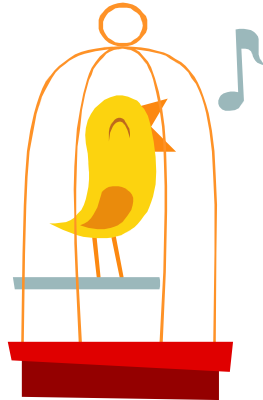
For your fridge and bulletin board needs, there is a Music Program 2010-2011 flyer available in the foyer at the visitors' table. This tri-fold info sheet has all of our big musical events listed and information on ongoing musical groups. Dates, times and descriptions of when, what, where... pick one up for your hungry bulletin board today.

And More Music Notes

Ryan Marvel, Director of Music

Music Committee WANTS YOU!

The Music Committee is looking for 2 new faces! If you are interested in adding your dimension to a growing and dynamic program, please consider joining this committee. We meet about every 6-8 weeks, and do a lot of our correspondence online. We support the Director of Music in the continuing goal to bring meaningful, spiritual and varied music to all ages at Foothills. We also are point people for planning and executing special events such as the Cabaret, Winter Chamber Concert and other musical events. If you are interested, please contact Ryan.



NEEDED – ACCOMPANISTS for CHILDREN’S CHOIRS!!!!



Ryan and Sharon are looking for two individuals who are able to accompany our Holiday choirs. The two candidates must be able to

read music, have fun and handle a somewhat hectic environment. ☺ In all seriousness, this is a wonderful opportunity for a rewarding musical and collaborative experience. These are paid positions! If you are interested, contact Ryan.

Youth Choirs beginning...rehearsals October 31!!!

We will continue our wonderful tradition of Winter choirs for our young singers. We will send out a confirmation email and overview letter by mid-October to all of our singers who have signed up. If you still need to sign up, please send Ryan or Sharon an email.

Holly Singers Holiday Choir: Pre-school – 1st Grade

Directed by Sharon Docherty
Our youngest organized music group brings joy to so many during the holiday season. We will **begin rehearsals on October 31** (between church services) and perform for December services at church as well as at a community venue. To sign up, stop by RE registration or drop Sharon an email: firesoul@mac.com.
Spirit Singers: 2nd – 5th Grades
Directed by Ryan Marvel



Our Spirit Singers will be doing some more challenging music this Fall, incorporating rhythm and instrumentation into their performances. This group will sing at church services twice in December, as well as one or two community performances. Look for **rehearsals to begin on October 31**, between church services. To sign-up, stop by RE registration or drop Ryan an email.

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

Children's Religious Education News

Eleanor VanDeusen - Director of Religious Education for Children & Youth

Welcome Fall at Foothills!

I always enjoy October. The air is crisp, the leaves are falling and we have made it through the hectic, back to school transition. Don't forget that this is a beautiful time of year to pause and restore your spirit with some time in nature with your family. We have fun October

activities in store for you here at Foothills! Family night with Square Dancing and S'mores on October 8th, our annual Pumpkin Carving Night on Friday, October 29th and our Day of the Dead church service of remembrance on October 31st. We hope you can join us for the fun and fellowship.

Eleanor VanDeusen

Director of Religious Education for Children & Youth

Sunday, October 3rd

All Church Sunday Church Service—Kids join their families for the first portion of the church service today, followed by Religious Education classes.

Wednesday October 6th

YFF Preschool Playgroup—9:30 am at church. We will take a nature hike on Spring Creek trail to look for signs of fall.

Friday October 8th

Family Night! Grab your partner!

Potluck dinner at 5:30 pm followed by **Square Dancing and S'mores**. Church members Nels & Sally Broste and their square dancing pals will lead us in the fun. We'll also have a fire pit for roasting s'mores on the patio.

Sunday October 10th

Religious Education Classes for preschool thru 5th grade at 9am and for preschool thru middle school meet at 11am

Wednesday October 13th

8th Grade OWL Orientation 6—8pm

8th graders and parents join us for an orientation for this terrific **Comprehensive Sexuality Education Program**. Attendance is required to take the course.

Sunday October 17th

Religious Education Classes for preschool thru 5th grade at 9am and for preschool thru middle school meet at 11am

Wednesday October 20th

YFF Preschool Playgroup—9:30 am at church. Join us for a Pumpkin Party!

Sunday, October 24th

Religious Education Classes for preschool thru 5th grade at 9am and for preschool thru middle school meet at 11am

Friday October 29th

Pumpkin Carving Night

5:30 —9:00 pm Bring you pre-scooped pumpkin, your carving tools and ice cream or a topping to share. Come in costume if you like. We will carve pumpkins, eat ice cream, enjoy a spook house made by our 4th & 5th graders and we'll cap off the evening with a sing-a-long and the lighting of the Pumpkins!



Sunday October 31st

All Church Sunday Church Service—Kids join their families for the first portion of the church service today followed by RE classes. Today we celebrate "Day of the Dead". Bring items to place on our altar of remembrance during our service today. It could be a photograph of your departed loved one, their

Youth of UUism in Middle School Our Middle School Youth Group

This group meets twice a month in addition to Sunday morning Religious Education Classes. All middle school kids, 6th—8th grades are invited.

Join us for these activities in October:

Sunday October 3rd 1:30—4:00 pm

CSU Challenge Course (you may have heard it called a "ropes course") \$18 per person. Please RSVP to Eleanor by September 26th. 493-5906

Thursday October 21st Yuums Game Night

6:00—8:00 pm at the church. Bring you favorite Games -board games, strategy games, active games

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

YRUU-Young Religious Unitarian Universalists

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

Who are the YRUU?

Foothills youth are leaders in their church, district, faith and communities. This 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 YRUU Coordinator, Allison Fink and adult advisors.

Youth Assembly @ MDD October 8-10

Get ready for Youth Assembly at the annual district conference. This year we will be in Ogden, UT. Youth Assembly is different than the other conferences since it is with people of all ages from throughout our district. Youth participate in conference workshops and business, offer worship on Saturday night and also spend time with other youth.

October YRUU Programming:

October 3 - Spiritual tools - your spiritual journey and yearning. We'll also decide on spiritual tool topics for the coming months.

October 8-10 - Youth Assembly @ MDD

October 10 - Spirit face painting.

Saturday October 16 - Fall Foothills Day of Caring - a multigenerational volunteer event.

October 17 - Planning for Day of the Dead service and brainstorming; Art and Body activities for the coming months.

Friday October 22 - Coffee house with Ryan and the Song Circle.

Bring your voice, instruments or other talents for a fun relaxing evening.

October 24 - Social action/service project.

Friday October 29 - Pumpkin Carving night.

Multi-gen, messy and fun.

October 31- 9:00 and 11:00. We'll be doing something fresh and inspiring as part of the Day of the Dead.

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

My office hours are Thursday 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.



FUYAG (Foothills Unitarian Young Adult Group, ages 18-35)

Up next: Theology on Tap: October 5th at Wild Boar 7pm, 1510 South College Ave, Fort Collins.

Join us for drinks and deeper discussion about our UU principles, ideas and beliefs. This month we'll be discussing the 2012 phenomenon and choosing a topic for next month.

Corn Maze: We'll go out and have a local fall adventure you don't want to miss! Stay tuned for the date on this one—let Amber know ASAP if there's weekday evening or weekend that doesn't work for you.

FUYASC (Foothills Unitarian Young Adult Steering Committee): Have some good ideas, a passion for Young Adult planning and leadership, or just a desire to help? We need two or more YA people to help out on the Steering Committee. We meet about three times a year for activity planning and are hoping to host a district or cluster Young Adult conference in the spring that could use some leadership. ** We are also looking for two "adult" members for our Steering Committee. Any YA allies out there? Search FUYAG on Facebook 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 or 505-690-6481 (local: 599-1505).

Growing With Adult Enrichment

Vicki Siska, Director of Adult Enrichment



Living in the future is so darn hard; it is probably why most wisdom literature advises against it! Each month when the newsletter deadline looms I resist writing my article because it isn't time to be thinking of next month; I want to stay in the present and concentrate on what will be happening in the next week or two, and writing about classes that are still a month away detracts me from my effort to "be here now."

On the other hand, good planning requires foresight, and there are always many dates to get on the calendar so we don't miss what is important. We have several great classes in October which are listed below, but I am going to go even further out in time and mention a few activities that are coming up in November that I hope you will put on your calendar along with the October classes as soon as you finish reading the newsletter!

I am excited that on Friday, November 5th we will welcome singer/songwriter Susan Werner back to Foothills UU. Those of you who attended Susan's concert in the spring of 2009 will remember what a fantastically talented person she is, whether you are a fan of folk, pop or classical music, and her career has grown by leaps and bounds since we saw her last. With an enviable mix of incredible musicianship and a talent for penning relevant and thought provoking lyrics, a night with Susan is one you won't want to miss.

Also in November the AE program is thrilled to bring one of the world's leading experts on animal emotion and behavior to our pulpit. Dr. Mark Berkoff lectures internationally and as the author of over 22 books he will have much knowledge and wisdom to share. I hope you will put Sunday, November 14 on your can't miss list.

Whew! So much for staying in the present, but after considering all the good programs coming up maybe it is safe to say that sometimes it may actually be important to be both here and there...now. But, in the end, wherever you decide to be, I hope you are enjoying a crisp, beautiful fall day.

Blessings,
Vicki

October 2010 Classes

Sunday, the 10th ~ The History of God ~ How has our understanding of the God concept evolved over time? Join us for this insightful DVD based upon Karen Armstrong's work of the same name.

Thursday, the 14th ~ God's Problem ~ Last week we explored the evolution of God; this week we will take a look at some of the theological challenges popular religious scholar Bart Ehrman feels God faces. *Pre Registration and book required.*



Sunday, the 17th ~ Rituals for U and U ~ A discussion and hands on look at some UU rituals for all ages that can be carried out at home. Presented by Eleanor VanDeusen, Director of Children's RE and Vicki Siska, Director of Adult Enrichment.
THIS CLASS WILL BE HELD FROM 3 TO 5 PM.

Friday, the 22nd ~ The second film in our Fourth Friday Spirit Film series will be *Confessions of a Super Hero*. In this month of costumes and secret identities, join us as we examine the struggles and back stories of four people who inhabit super hero personas while they try to make a living on Hollywood Boulevard. This deeply moving, very off-beat documentary by Morgan Spurlock provides an insight into the lives and minds of everyday people who take a very unusual path in their search for identity, fame and success. Rated R. REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL. Film evenings are held in member homes and begin at 7:30 pm.

Lots of This, Lots of That!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS *Bob Bergstrom*

October is a busy month for membership activities at Foothills UUC.

First, **October 17** is our **Fall Visitors Sunday**. This is an opportunity to invite and welcome to our community men, women, and children who can benefit from searching for truth and justice the Unitarian way and in turn contribute their individual perspectives and talents to the members and friends of the church. Soon we will have post cards for you to send or hand to relatives, friends, or neighbors, inviting them to be our guests on the morning of the 17th. Please take and use them and then come on Visitors Sunday to welcome new friends.

Second, our first **Path to Membership class** of the year is scheduled for **Saturday, October 30, at 9:30** in the morning and lasting until 1:30 in the afternoon. Those of you who are feeling a pull toward full membership in Foothills Unitarian, or are interested in what such a decision might entail for you, are warmly invited to join us. More details to follow.

Finally, we still need volunteers to sit at the welcome table on Sunday morning before services. You don't have to have specialized knowledge to welcome newcomers, and what you do need to know is written on laminated sheets which are always at the table (including information about the Religious Education program).

If you're interested (and I hope you are), please write to Marla Nelson at md29md@gmail.com.

Prayer for Seekers

Prayer is not merely an occasional impulse to which we respond when we are in trouble: prayer is a life attitude. ~Walter A. Mueller



What is prayer?

Can prayer be an effective part of your spiritual practice?

Do you already pray but want to deepen your experience?

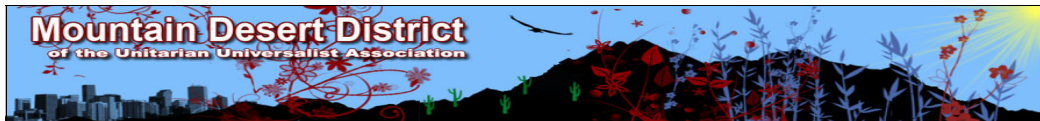
You are invited to join fellow seekers for a five week experiential exploration of prayer.

Each week we will explore a different style of prayer and share our insights, struggles, thoughts and experiences from the week before. The series is open to high school and up. Participation is limited to 10 people to maintain intimacy.

Sessions are Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 8:30pm Nov. 2 - Dec. 7. No meeting on Nov. 23.

The series is facilitated by Allison Fink, Foothills Youth Ministry Coordinator.

To register please e-mail Allison with your name and contact information at: allison@foothillsuu.org






Embracing the Vision: Learning, Leading, Growing

This year's Mountain Desert District Annual Conference and District Assembly will take place in Ogden, UT, October 8-10. Keynote Speaker The Reverend Terasa Cooley. It is a great privilege to welcome the Rev. Dr. Terasa Cooley as our keynote presenter for the MDD Annual Conference this year. She will present on Adaptive Leadership. In addition to the keynote on Friday evening Terasa will offer a day long workshop on Adaptive Leadership for congregational leaders. This is an opportunity you will want to recruit leaders to attend. Terasa has offered Adaptive Leadership trainings in Boston and at the Mountain in the past year, and is Director of the Congregational Life Staff Team at the UUA. Terasa's is just one of many exciting workshops planned by our hosts in Ogden, UT and Idaho. They will highlight their collaborative work for justice.

See the links below for all of the latest information! *We look forward to seeing YOU in Ogden!*

Contact Lenny Scovel lennyscovel@msn.com for information on being a Foothills delegate to this year's conference.

Lenny Scovel

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
3 9 & 11am Sunday Service 12pm Endowment Comm. 1:30pm YUUMs 7pm Adult Enrichment	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9 & 11am Sunday Service 7pm Adult Enrichment MDD Conference	11 Columbus Day	12 5pm Finance 5:30 Personnel 6:30pm MUUM's 6:30 Committee on Ministry 7pm Drum Circle	13 6pm 8th Grade OWL Orientation 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice	14 7pm Gardening Class	15 6pm Youth Event	16 8:00 am Day of Caring 9am NIA Class 10am UU History & Partner Church
17 9 & 11am Sunday Service Visitors Sunday 3pm Adult Enrichment	18 	19 5:30pm Personnel Committee 7pm Board of Trustees	20 9:30am Preschool Playgroup 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice	21 6pm YUUMs 7pm UU Brotherhood	22 5pm 8th Gr. Owl House 6pm Youth Coffee 6pm Song Circle 6:30pm Fourth Friday Spirit Films	23 9am NIA Class 9am Path to Membership
24 9 & 11am Sunday Service 12:30pm Adult Enrich.	25	26 6:30pm MUUM's 7pm Drum Circle	27 7:30pm Choir Practice	28 	29 5:30pm Pumpkin Carving	30
31 9 & 11am Sunday Service						

AE: Adult Enrichment
 MUUM's: Mostly UU Moms
 YAAC: Youth & Adult Advocacy Committee
 YFF: Young Family Fellowship
 FUYAG: Foothills U. Young Adult Group
 YUUMs: Youth of Uuism in Middle School

Activities scheduled as of September 15. Some activities or events may have changed since publication.
 Go to Google Calendar on church website for current and more detailed information.



HEALTH CARE ACTION TEAM OF FOOTHILLS UNITARIAN CHURCH

Chance to speak out about health insurance exchange. There is an opportunity on Oct. 29, in Greeley, for citizens to comment on the COLORADO HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE, mandated by the new health reform law. The meeting is set for 10 a.m. at the UNC University Center, Panorama Room, 2045 10th Ave. in Greeley. This is an opportunity to learn more about how the exchange will be set up, and to provide your ideas.

The state exchanges must be set up by 2014, but Colorado is already in the planning stage. The exchange, geared to the individual and small group markets, is intended to offer a choice of plans and help consumers better understand their options. The meeting is sponsored by the Health Reform Implementation Board, the Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved and the Colorado Consumer Health Initiative.

IN OTHER NEWS, be aware that a ballot issue called Amendment 63 seeks to block the state from enforcing some of the new health care reform law – in particular, it would forbid the state from enforcing the mandate that every person must have health insurance. For more information about this proposed amendment, read a Denver Post article from August 27 at www.denverpost.com/news/

Goods and Services Auction

Due to unforeseen scheduling challenges, this year's Auction will actually happen next year! Instead of a fall event, the Goods and Services Auction will be held **Saturday, January 29**.

Mark your calendars for some warmth and friendship on a cold winter night. **Due date for donations will be extended to the end of November**. Look for the Auction table in the social hall throughout the fall, where you can make a donation, volunteer for the event, and sign up to bring food for our potluck dinner at the event. Thank you all for your flexibility. We look forward to seeing you at the Auction in January! *Erin Price*

2010 Rummage Sale Report

Pam Stevens & the Rummage Sale Committee

Whew! The hard work is over, and it's time to celebrate another great sale. The rumors are true—we grossed over \$18,000. A new record!

Of course, it would not have happened without all the great help we had this year. Seems like we had more volunteers than ever who pitched in to set up, run the sale and clean up. During the set-up days alone, we had 106 volunteers, who put in a total of 841 hours! The Federal government rates that labor as worth \$14,297.

The extra clean-up help was especially appreciated, as it's always the hardest to get. And cleanup needs to get done quickly so the church will be ready for services. Next year we might ask for a "chair czar" (or 2) to come in to put the chairs back after the carpet is shampooed. Just an idea for y'all to think on. General consensus is that the Electronics Recycling Roundup was a success. We brought in \$76 for the church, plus saved ourselves at least that much in recycle fees for items that would not have sold. Those who brought in stuff were glad to have a place to easily and safely dispose of non-usable electronics. We'll do it again next year, so save your TVs, old computers, VCR players, phones, and anything with computer chips, and bring them on the Saturday before the sale.

We also kept more of the less desirable items out of the landfill this year by having an enormous FREE section, rather than just tossing them. These are items we feel would not sell, but might be usable in some way. At least half of it "went away" by the end of the sale. Thanks to all the helpers who were vigilant in culling these items, and took the time to put them in the Free Boxes. Larimer County Land Fill also thanks you. We'd love to become a "Zero Waste" event, and plan to keep working toward that goal.

And last but not least, thanks as always to everyone who donated all the great treasures. As in every year, some unbelievable things showed up. Alas, the camel's head-dress from Afghanistan went back home with it's donor but we loved having it around.

FINE ARTS COMMITTEE *Kent Brown*

WANTED: Artists, including artisans, craftspeople, photographers, potters, painters, sculptors, and creators and collectors of all manner of visual arts and objects of cultural interest. Have you ever exhibited your work at the Church? The walls and the display case in the foyer await and the Fine Arts Committee wants to hear from you.

The Committee will work closely with each artist selected to ensure that their exhibit is a success. The work of each artist will be exhibited for two months, the work may be offered for sale, and it will be insured while it is at the Church. All artists in the community may participate. However, members and friends of the Church will be given preference. Pick up a "Fine Arts Committee Exhibit Proposal" in the foyer or have it emailed to you from the office, fill it out and place in the Fine Arts Committee mailbox in the foyer. Share the joy of your art with the congregation. Any questions? Contact Committee Chair Kent brown at 970-672-8401 or kent.c.brown@comcast.net.

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Day of Caring
Saturday, October 16th



**Co-sponsored by the Social Action Council
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On this Day of Caring - church members will go out to help several agencies in our community or participate in social action projects right here at Foothills Unitarian Church.

Families are most welcome; we will have projects for kids as young as five, and