



# The InterCom

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### AN IRISH BLESSING

MAY THE ROAD RISE TO  
MEET YOU,  
MAY THE WIND ALWAYS  
BE AT YOUR BACK.  
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM  
UPON YOUR FACE,  
THE RAINS FALL SOFT UPON  
YOUR FIELDS,  
AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,  
MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE  
PALM OF HIS HAND.

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN March, 2011 (All services at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M)

**March 6** Service Theme: "I Am Foothills Unitarian Church - A Celebration of our Community in Words and Music"  
Today's services will include THE WORLD PREMIER OF AN ORIGINAL SONG, WRITTEN BY OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC RYAN MARVEL. The children will join us for the first part of our services, the choir will sing, and it will indeed be a Sunday to remember! Please make a special effort to be with us!

**March 13** Sermon: "They Have A Word For It - II" -Some of my favorite books are about words: proverbs, epigrams, expressions in Yiddish and Latin, metaphors, idioms, and more. One book I especially enjoy is "They Have a Word For It - A Lighthearted Lexicon of Untranslatable Words and Phrases," compiled from many sources, in many languages. I shared some of these special words in a well-received sermon last year, but was frustrated by having to leave some of the best ones out. Today I make amends by going beyond "schadenfreude," "shibui," and "kolleh" to discuss "uffda," "yugen," "rasa," and others. I'll also review from last year my favorite Spanish sentence, "No necesita abuela." More than mere fun, such words reveal depths of meaning and power that English cannot grasp.

**March 20** Sermon: "Ayn Rand and the Search for Truth" -March is Women's History Month and I've challenged myself to discuss with you the life and beliefs of novelist and "philosopher" Ayn Rand. From the start I acknowledge that she is not a woman I either admire or agree with. Yet her influence in America, especially, remains considerable and she's attained almost cultic power long after her death. I hope that as we better understand Ayn Rand and her devoted followers, we'll learn more about our own values and commitments; some of us may indeed have been inspired by her novels and convictions. A recognition of and welcome to some of our newest members will be part of our morning.

**March 27** Youth Sunday, 2011—Join us as our high school youth group (YRUU) share with us, through music and spoken word, part of their religious journey as Unitarian Universalists. Youth Coordinator Allison Fink will also participate in our service today.



## MARC MY WORDS

I know it sounds odd, but though I've served the Foothills Unitarian Church since 1991, the church still feels new.

Yes, a poor memory might be involved—it seems new because I'm not able to grasp what's old. I recall a clinical account written by neurologist Oliver Sacks, in his book with the unforgettable title, The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat, and Other Clinical Tales. Sacks tells of "The Lost Mariner," Jimmie G., "who has lost the ability to form new memories due to Korsakoff's Syndrome. He can remember nothing of his life since the end of WWII, including events that happened only a few minutes ago. He believes it's still 1945 (in the late 70s and early 80s), and behaves as an intelligent young man, aside from his inability to remember most of his past and the events of his day-to-day life. He struggles to find meaning, satisfaction, and happiness in the midst of constantly forgetting what he is doing from one moment to the next." (I've edited this summary from Wikipedia because it's both succinct and accurate).



However, I remember much that is gratifying. The congregational vote that brought me here. The 1970's décor of the church when I first arrived. Our expansion and renovation of both the RE building and the Sanctuary/social hall/office wing, the new landscaping and parking lots. The 1998 celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So many people, some older now and some no longer with us - "absent friends." All the new folks we've been blessed to include among us. The great staff we've built up over the years. I'm proud of all we've achieved together and what we might still do.

"Stewardship" is the way we invest in and care for our church; this year the way we practice that stewardship will either enable us to move forward or retreat. There can be no remaining where we are. One example is our need for an Assistant Minister, a new staff position which would include much more than merely "helping Marc," -- though I would welcome the help! An Assistant Minister would enable us to increase our programming, serve more people more effectively, and bring a new voice, style, and presence to us - which will only enrich our church-going experiences.

Being the only professional minister here during these last years of membership growth has taken its toll, on me personally, and on the church programmatically. At least more and more of us are becoming aware of what we might achieve with another parish minister. We have moved on from the church I came to in 1991. It's not the past any longer - it's today, and our church needs our care, our stewardship, to live successfully in 2011 and beyond.

Yours in our shared ministry, Marc

## ***Endowment Fund Committee Announcement***

The Endowment Fund Committee approved the following grants for improvements to our church and community in 2009:

- \*Funding for one student scholarship for one year at our Partner Church in Transylvania.
  - \*A Special Needs RE assistant to enable two students with special needs to be included in our RE program.
  - \*Last year's Leadership Development Workshop facilitated by the Nominating Committee.
- AND last but not least, \$4,860.00 towards The New Church Sign!

The Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to announce that the approved grants for 2010 include:

- \* Sound System Upgrades.
- \* Interior Improvements and Enhancements. (This project has already started, take a moment to enjoy the freshly painted foyer, social hall and kitchen!)
- \* A Remembrance plaque for Walter Royal Jones.

The Endowment Fund Committee is able to serve this congregation because of the generous donations and bequeaths of congregants, visitors and memorial attendees.

Thank You all!

## **President's Message**     *Anne Hall*

Last September in this column I wrote about how the message of “Beloved Community” really spoke to me at the Mountain Desert District leadership school. And now as we look to March and April it is time for all of us to work to build our beloved community. Yes, it is time for the annual pledge drive that we are calling the Season of Stewardship. In that earlier Intercom article I mentioned that as a Board of Trustees are committed to working to further our mission. That mission says “we the members of Foothills Unitarian Church, unite in a religious community to provide a loving, accepting, and stimulating atmosphere for spiritual and personal growth. By living our Unitarian Universalist Principles we seek to be a force for healing and a light of reason and understanding, promoting justice and compassion among ourselves and in the larger community”. So if we are to build our beloved community to better serve our mission each of us needs to do our part in this year’s pledge drive. It is sometimes easy to just pledge what we did last year and feel we are doing our part. And for some of us that indeed may be what we need to do. But I challenge each of us to think carefully about how if we could substantially increase our pledge we could play an active role in further building our beloved community. How much does Marc’s ministry mean to you and your family? How many of you sing in the choir and feel this part of our church community has become an important part of your life? How many of us sitting in the sanctuary as the choir sings know the power of that music within the service? How many of you value our lifespan religious education program in the life of your family? And how many of us receive such warm greetings and welcome help from our church staff? Yes, these are just some of the important parts of our church that we must nurture as we build our beloved community during this Season of Stewardship.



### **Share Your Committee News.** -- We want to hear from you!

Over 40 active committees support Foothills UU Church and its mission. There are folks who maintain the facilities. Folks who make coffee on Sunday. Folks who organize the rummage sale. Folks who coordinate dinners in the home. Folks who grow the organic garden. Folks who maintain and operate the sound system. There is the Women’s Group, the Men’s Group, the Young Family Group – in addition to the MUUMS and the BUUMS.

We want to hear about all the Foothills committees! Just write a brief article for the EXTRA or the InterCom telling us what your committee is doing. You might want to include: who is committee chair, what the goals of the committee are, and some of the jobs the committee does. Submit your article to Carolyn at [Carolyn@foothillsuu.org](mailto:Carolyn@foothillsuu.org) and she will see that it gets into the next Church communication.

### **Spring is coming, and...**



Soon it will be...  
wait for it...

*Rummage sale time!*

Don’t delay, join the UU Rummage Sale group on Facebook. Help us publicize the sale this year.



### ***Caring Corner***

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Kirsten Woy and her family upon the death of her mother, Valeska Lynne Lindner. Valeska was an energetic, positive, caring woman and she will be missed.

Healing thoughts are sent to Clyde Stonaker as he faces treatment for cancer.

We are happy to share that Meg Nordwall will not be undergoing chemotherapy, and that she is back at work teaching. Yeah Meg!~



## **MUMMs** (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 p.m., discussion at 7.*

**March 8:** Chicks Chatting with Chocolate – Bring your favorite rich, chocolately treat to share or that leftover Valentine’s stash. This is a lighthearted, open discussion. We always have extra chocolate and wine so no contribution is required.

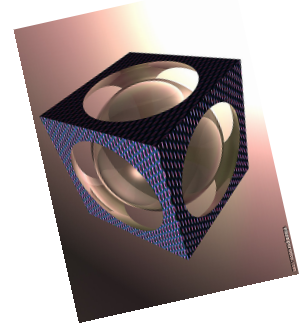


**March 22:** Speaker on Women’s Health Issues. Certified Nurse-Midwife and long-time church member **Dian Sparling** will address the changing health needs of women during different stages of their lives. Dian is eager to discuss mothers’ concerns so bring your questions.

## **F-CUBED**

(Foothills Financial Facts)

Our Endowment Fund contains **\$183,391.41**. The Fund has grown by \$16,765.06 since July of 2005. During those 5 years, the largest donation was an Estate Bequest of \$5,000, and the smallest - but still greatly appreciated - was a \$5 memorial gift. (When you make a contribution “in memory of” someone, it is deposited in the Endowment Fund.)



We also have **\$10,970.38** that has been donated towards specific purposes such as the Caring Committee’s needs, the Anne Semlack Memorial Fund for youth scholarships, the Remembrance Garden upkeep, and the Minister’s Discretionary Fund. You are always welcome to contribute to these special funds, the Partner Church, and/or the Assistant Minister Fund. These monies are held in restricted bank accounts separate from the General Fund.

Since July of 2009, the average Sunday coin collection for Change for Change is \$97.71.

This includes the single service Summer months, and means that our average monthly contribution to the selected organizations is \$423.42. Specifically, our highest donation during this period was \$758.84 in October of 2010 to the UUSC for their Pakistan Flood Relief Fund. The smallest was June, 2010 - \$204.98 to the Lambda Community Center.

Enjoy the month of March,

*Eve Enright, FUC Bookkeeper*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**2011** June 22-26  
**Charlotte, NC**

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS

**50<sup>TH</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY  
**1961-2011**

### **Registration begins March 1**

General Assembly (GA) 2011 in Charlotte will mark the 50th anniversary of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America.

Join thousands of fellow Unitarian Universalists from across the country as we remember the persons and events that brought into being the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in May 1961, to reflect on our denomination’s relevant achievements and struggles since then, and to chart new aspirations for the future we are determined to shape.

Would you like to attend as a delegate from Foothills Unitarian? You must be an active member to be a delegate and be willing to attend all the business meetings (Plenary) at the assembly. In exchange, you’re registration fees will be covered and you will be treated to fantastic and enlightening workshops, and world class speakers; This year’s Ware Lecturer will be **Karen Armstrong**, one of the world’s leading commentators on religious affairs and a best-selling author.

## Visual Arts Committee News



Many thanks to Susannah Franklin for her colorful paintings in the foyer and to Gus and Betty Gendler for sharing their interesting basket collection. This excellent painting and basket exhibit ends Feb 28.

Three different displays have been lined up for the months of March and April. Jill Kuhn will be featured in the foyer with her large color photos of flowers. Sharing the display case will be the photography of David & Rick Wells in April and pen and ink portrait sketches by Andrew Cranmer in March.

Jill Kuhn has had a lifelong love of photography, starting with a college class in black and white photography. In her pursuit to become a Psychologist, she lost the time to pursue her photographic interest. However, after her first child was born in 1999, she found she couldn't take enough pictures of her first born. In time she was able to expand her photos to her love of flowers where color, light and exploration of the details are a source of great fun. The annual Tulip Festival in Boulder has been a huge inspiration. Jill also enjoys taking photos of people, usually two at a time exploring the relationship. Jill hopes you will enjoy the photos she selected for your viewing and that you will take away something positive. Please feel free to pick up her card and order her photos or a high quality set of note cards.

David Wells is 20 years old and currently lives in Durango, Colorado attending Ft. Lewis as a junior. His major is Sociology, though he has a passion for astronomy and physics as well. He grew up in the Foothills Unitarian Church enjoying the youth programming, and especially MDD and YRUU events. He has been a photography enthusiast since early in high school at Fossil Ridge. David loves trying to capture the complexity and beauty of everyday items and using uncommon lighting. Photography is a great relaxing activity in his life. His dad and church member Rick Wells will join him with his own photo display. If anyone is interested in purchasing a photo, 25% of sales will be donated to the church.

### *News from your Membership Committee*

We had a very successful Path to Membership class on January 29th, with 20 people attending. Recent new members of our congregation are:

Megan Anderson, Jessica Davis, Diane & Paul Knight, Art & Trudi Leissa, Jacki & Peter Linsenmeyer, John & Paula Mitchell, Doug & Jennifer Powell, Ella Soderholm, Melanie Test and Aaron Gidley

Please be on the look-out for these new members at church and at church events, so that you can make a special effort to help them feel welcome!

Coming up soon we plan to have a New Member **Recognition Sunday, is scheduled for March 20th.**

Our final Path to Membership class for this church year will be on Saturday, April 9th (9:15am to 1:15pm). There will be interesting speakers, a chance to get questions answered, and a free pizza lunch along with other good food! A sign-up sheet will be at the Visitor's Table starting in late March. In the meantime, please contact Membership Committee co-chair Marla Nelson, [md29md@gmail.com](mailto:md29md@gmail.com)

# Children's Religious Education News

Eleanor VanDeusen - Director of Religious Education for Children & Youth



## Something new on All church Sundays -

Once a month we invite our children to join us in the Sanctuary for "All Church Sunday." This is a wonderful way our children to experience the adult church service.

**We are trying something new** - we are asking the children to come to the front of the Sanctuary and sit on the floor or steps right away as they enter the Sanctuary.

Our intent is twofold -

1. To help the children enjoy the service more by being right up front where they can be fully engaged in the story and music .
2. To help us all fit in the Sanctuary. We are a growing congregation and we want to have room for all. Children are always welcome to stay with their parents if they are more comfortable. Or parents can join their child up front!

Thank you for your understanding as we try new things. I would like to close with a quote that seems especially appropriate.

**"You can always have your way...if you have more than one way!"**

Yours in Faith

*Eleanor VanDeusen*

Director of RE for Children & Youth

## Sunday March 6th

**ALL CHURCH SUNDAY** - Children will join their families for the first portion of the service today. We will celebrate our Beloved Church Community in story and song.

## Sunday March 15th

**Teacher's Day Off** 1st Sunday of Spring Break. Children & Youth — preschool thru 8th grade will gather together for a **Chalice - Fest!** Our day will include chalice stories, chalice art, and chalice games. Come learn and play about our beautiful UU Symbol.

## Sunday, March 22nd

**Teacher's Day Off** 2nd Sunday of Spring Break. Children & Youth — preschool thru 8th grade will gather together for **Chalice - Fest part 2!** Today will work on surprise chalice gifts for our RE Teachers for our May teacher recognition.

**Sunday March 27th** RE Classes Meet today for preschool through High School.

A special thanks...

To all who helped and participated in our

♥ **LOVING ACTION DAY!** ♥

It was a tremendous success, thanks to you!

## Religious Education Day Camp

"A World of Faith".

FOR ages 5 -12

Monday through Friday

June 6th - 10th

9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the church.

This year's camp will feature exploration of religions of the world and how they influence our Unitarian Universalist faith.

Cost will be \$100 per child. Registration forms will be available after Spring Break. Registration for kids enrolled in our RE program will begin March 20th. We will open registration to the public after April 18th so get your registration in early to guarantee a spot!

\*We need several youth counselors to help with our RE Day Camp. These are paid positions.

Contact Eleanor at the church if you are interested.



## FAMILY "Sing-a Long"

Friday, March 25th 6:30 pm

Join us for a Family Celebration

Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with other Foothills UU families! Our own Sharon Docherty will lead us in a variety of fun songs and chants for all ages. Members of our stewardship team will be on hand to provide information about how your family can support our Foothills community and delicious dessert will be served. Join us for the fun!

*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*

## Musical Notes

### Ryan Marvel, Director of Music

#### Music vs. Text : Round 1 -

I had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a discussion with our young adult group, or FUYAG, in February. The topic was music within our denomination, and specifically, why we as a faith are sometimes perceived as the “frozen people” when it comes to singing. You may laugh...but this is a topic that comes up at every annual conference of the Unitarian Universalist Musician’s Network that I have attended. Usually there is some wine being passed around...but I digress. I do agree that we can sometimes be a bit cerebral in our approach to spirituality. And that we do, as the joke goes, sometimes fall behind in rhythms when we are frantically scanning ahead to see if we agree with the words in our hymns.

In the discussions, I asked what role text played in their spiritual approach to singing. Some said text was more important; some said the feeling of the music was the spiritual part, regardless of the text. Personally, I fall somewhere in the middle, although I almost always select our hymns based on the music and not the text. Even the greatest text falls flat if the music fails to inspire. And in my experience, once feeling or musical emotion is let in, sometimes that makes objectionable text easier to swallow. In other words...sing it, don’t think it.

I believe that we have an amazing number of dynamic leaders as Music Ministry grows within our larger faith. We will continue to write and compose new hymns that more clearly define who we are and use text that may feel more appropriate to some. But I also know that our tradition and heritage play a part in our music, and to look only forward would be naïve. As the hymn sings: “Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?” There are gems in the hymnals...just as there are dirges. So long as I am here, the dirges will stay mostly untouched. But I am glad they are there, just the same. They have a place in our history.

I do believe that our congregation has become a singing congregation, growing stronger all the time. The enthusiasm is evident whether we start with a rousing song or hum a quiet round. As we continue to grow in musical community, may we continue to sing out and feel...the rhythms, the vibration within our bodies, the healing power of sung meditation, the cleansing power of a spiritual, the emotional purity of silence. As we like to say...all are welcome here. Sing on, my friends.

#### SPIRIT SINGERS

Our 3rd - 6th Grade choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, March 27 and will perform for our congregation on Sunday, May 1 for our Music Sunday celebration. If you have a young singer who would like to participate, please contact Ryan. We meet between services in Rm. 223 in the RE Building. Full schedules of choirs can be found in the social hall.

**Upcoming Music Dates – Mark your calendars...**

#### **In April-**

Friday, Apr 8 – TALENT SHOW

Our fourth family talent night! Look for details coming soon!

#### **In May –**

Sunday, May 1 – MUSIC SUNDAY – 9 & 11

Our annual music services. Featuring both choirs, special musicians, singing and healing through song. An uplifting and spiritual service.



#### Winter Chamber Concert

Many thanks for all who supported our Winter Chamber Concert. It is my belief that these events that feature in-house musicians and offer a venue for us to share gifts with one another truly represent building beloved community. Our music would not be heard if there was not an audience...thank you. Many thanks to all of the wonderful musicians and Music Committee for support in putting the concert together.

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)

## ***Growing With Adult Enrichment***

### ***Vicki Siska, Director of Adult Enrichment***



Many of you have been so kind as to inquire about my January time in Florence. I am always happy to talk, but often time doesn't give me the opportunity to share as fully as you might like; my apologies. Perhaps if you read one of my assignments, which was to write a poem in response to the city after taking a guided walking tour with a knowledgeable art historian, you may understand and feel just a bit of what I did on this magical trip:

#### ***Winter Sojourn***

I go to Florence expecting to be swept away  
by glorious history and judgments made by others  
who know more than I  
only to discover I am transported  
not so much by marble men's unblinking eyes  
or seductively placed David's  
in Academy and store front windows,  
but by ancient stones of mystery that rise  
and fall in labyrinth alleyways of time and space,  
and as my own running after truth  
ripples with the wind I am reminded once again  
how every search for meaning will find its own  
metaphors to reflect what is true.

May you each find in the coming spring, days of wonder and discovery, and may some of them be spent with us in our Adult Enrichment offerings.

*Vicki Siska, Director of Adult Enrichment*

### **MARCH ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES**

**Sunday, the 6th**

**~ Women's Spirituality 12:30 – 2:30 pm**

~ Join us for a pizza lunch following our second service and listen to thoughts on Women's spirituality from renown writer and theologian Sue Monk Kidd. Pre-Registration necessary. \$8 donation requested.

**~ Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky ~  
Oestera, the Spring Equinox**

**Sunday, March 20th 6:30 – 8 pm**

Join us for this worship service as we honor the changing of the seasons and the welcoming of spring and the rebirth of the earth. Our evening will include information on the Pagan roots of this seasonal celebration, along with special Celtic music with live musicians, meditative prayer, ritual and readings. Craft activities and refreshments will follow the service.

There is no charge for the evening, but participants are asked to bring a new children's book which will be donated to the Fort Collins Family Center.

**Thursday, March 24 ~**

**The Atheism Tapes ~ 7 pm** in a spirit of inquiry, join us for this repeat evening of contemplating arguments for atheism (the first class was held in January amidst a snow and cold, so if you missed that evening now is your chance to "make it up." The voices of biologist Richard Dawkins and playwright Arthur Miller will be heard as they make their case for their own particular brand of belief. Our minister, Marc Salkin, will be leading this class. \$6 donation requested



## Adult Enrichment - continued.....

### FOURTH FRIDAY SPIRIT FILMS ~ Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm ~

Our Fourth Friday Spirit Film evenings are held in the homes of Foothill UU members and friends, and include refreshments and a discussion time after the film viewing. We hope that you will join us for this small group experience, but pre-registration is absolutely necessary. Register to attend at the home of your choice: But hurry; seats are limited.

Our March movie is the wonderful film, "The Secret Garden" based upon the children's classic of the same name. But don't be fooled; this story of rebirth, of hope and love, death and mystery is suitable for all ages. There is no better way to describe this movie than to say it is "a timeless tale of a special place where magic, hope and love grow." This film is a beautiful and intelligent retelling of what for many of us is a treasured book of our youth. Share this evening with the people you love. \$6 donation includes refreshment and discussion.

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> ~ The Gender of God ~ 7 pm Does God have a gender? For centuries western society has conceived of God as a male. Come explore with us the possibility that God is really a Goddess! \$6 donation.

### FUYAG - Foothills Unitarian Young Adult Group, ages 18 - 35

*Amber Lamb FUYAG Coordinator*

### YRUU—Young Religious Unitarian Universalists

*Our High School Youth Group: 9th - 2th Grades  
Allison Fink Youth Coordinator*

We come together on the first Tuesday of every month (Theology on Tap, off-site) and the third Thursday of every month (Potluck with rotating activity, church – Triple RE room).

### March Events



**Theology on Tap: March 1<sup>st</sup> at Wild Boar**, 1510 South College Ave, **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.

**Potluck Game Night! – Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm** in the Triple RE room at church. Bring a dish to share and a favorite group board (or other) game if you have one.

Please contact Amber Lamb for more information, questions, suggestions, or to be added to the email list: [ag lamb@yahoo.com](mailto:ag lamb@yahoo.com) or 505-690-6481 (local: 599-1505). Search FUYAG on Facebook and add yourself to our group!



### 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.

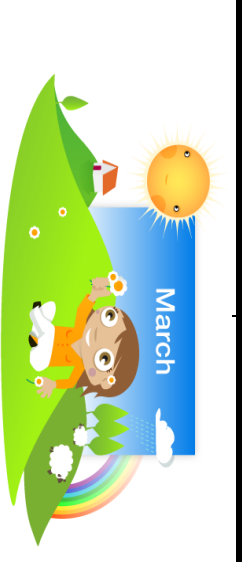

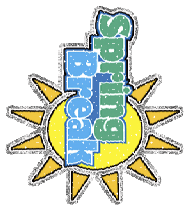
### Bridging Con!

April 15-17 is Bridging Con in Cheyenne WY. Youth conferences are supported by the District and allow youth from across several states to get together for a weekend of fellowship, workshops and worship. Conferences help create a stronger bond between the youth, offer leadership opportunities and provide youth with a connection to the larger UU community.

### March Programing

Sunday 6 – The Three A's of Awesome  
Sunday 13 – Planning for Youth Sunday I  
Friday March 18 – Social Activity  
Sunday 20 – Planning for Youth Sunday II  
Sunday 27 - Youth Sunday (both services)  
April 3 – 9th Grade Trip Cake Auction!

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

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat						
													
6	<b>9 &amp; 11am</b> <b>Sunday Service</b> 12pm Endowment 12:30pm AE, Women's Spirituality 5pm K/1st Family OWL Gathering	7	5:30 pm Membership 6pm 5th Gr. OWL 6:30pm COM 6:30pm MUUMs 7pm Drum Circle	8	5pm Finance 5:30 Personnel 6pm 5th Gr. OWL 6:30pm COM 6:30pm MUUMs 7pm Drum Circle	9	7:30pm Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice	10		11	Family Night moved to 3/25. See Family Sing Along	12	
13	<b>9 &amp; 11am</b> <b>Sunday Service</b> 12:15pm YAAC <i>Daylight Savings</i>	14	7pm Meditation Group	15	7pm Board of Trustees	16	7:30pm Adult Choir Practice	17	7pm UU Brotherhood 7pm FUYAG <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	6pm Youth Social	19	
20	<b>9 &amp; 11am</b> <b>Sunday Services</b> 6:30pm Spring Equinox Celebration	21		22	6:30pm MUUMs 7pm Drum Circle	23	7:30pm Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice	24	7pm AE Atheism Class	25	6:30pm Family Sing Along 7:30pm Fourth Friday Spirit Films	26	
27	9 & 11am Sunday Service 7pm Adult Enrichment	28	7pm Meditation Group	29		30	7:30pm Adult Choir Practice	31	AE: Adult Enrichment MUUM's: Mostly UU Moms YAAC: Youth & Adult Advocacy Committee FUYAG: Foothills U. Young Adult Group YUUMs: Youth of Uuism in Middle School COM: Committee on Ministry OWL: Our Whole Lives				

## Ongoing Meetings & Activities

### Foothills Covenant Groups

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

### Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group

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

### YFF - Young Family Fellowship

Family groups with young children are invited to join the YFF. Upcoming events include potlucks and playgroups - the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in the social hall at 9:30a.m. Charly Bratt [charly.bratt@gmail.com](mailto:charly.bratt@gmail.com).

### MUUMs (Mostly UU Moms)

Join in the fun with **other women** as we explore interesting topics and enjoy special events. Contact Kerri South [kerrisouth@comcast.net](mailto:kerrisouth@comcast.net) or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/muums/join>.

### BUUMs (Book-loving UU Moms)

We meet the third Monday of the month at Genoa Coffee & Wine on Timberline. Shawn [csuramsrule@gmail.com](mailto:csuramsrule@gmail.com).

### BGLT Outreach Committee

The BGLT Outreach Committee and Interweave members actively work to end oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity. [Interweave@foothillsuu.org](mailto:Interweave@foothillsuu.org).

### FUYAG

The Foothills Unitarian Young Adult Group welcomes anyone ages 18-35 to join us for good conversation, good food, and good fun. Amber Lamb [aglamb@yahoo.com](mailto:aglamb@yahoo.com)

### Foothills UU Brotherhood

What does it mean to be a *man* today? We gather in community, discuss our stories and share our visions.

Meetings the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm-Room 223. Doug [dpschlam@yahoo.com](mailto:dpschlam@yahoo.com).

### Dinners in the Home

Groups of eight meet once a month for three months in a row in homes for dinner and conversation. These dinners are open to couples and also singles and are a wonderful way to meet new people Susan Snyderman-204-9219, [susanstudio888@yahoo.com](mailto:susanstudio888@yahoo.com)

### Song Circle

Foothills Unitarian Church RE building Rm 211/212 (down stairs) 6:30 - 8:30pm

Come make music with family and friends.

All ages and abilities welcome.

[april@roseundy.net](mailto:april@roseundy.net), 970-407-8788 <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/songcirclefc>

See church calendar for dates

### Meditation Group

2nd and 4th Mondays @ 7 in the Sanctuary.

All welcome. Contacts - Doug Schlam

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# Annual Cake Auction

## Sunday, April 3



The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Trippers respectfully request your participation by making or donating cakes, pies, quiches, coffee cakes, breads or other baked specialties or by participating in the purchase of a cake etc. This year we'd love to feature gluten free, sugar-free, and vegan items in addition to all the delectable goodies we've seen in years past. A silent auction, small live auction, bake sale, and cupcake walk for kids will be held between church services in the social hall at 10:00. A lively live auction featuring the most outstanding cakes will begin promptly after the 11:00 a.m. service.

The Cakes Etc. Auction benefits church youth going on the 10 day UU 9th Grade Trip to the Navajo and Hopi Lands. What culinary creations, delectable delights and edible enterprises will we see this year? Mark your calendar and bring your checkbook for this fun event.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Trippers will be soliciting baked donation sign-ups in the social hall on Sundays during March. Watch for the sign-up in the social hall or email parent coordinator, Susan Skagen at [lssmaple@comcast.net](mailto:lssmaple@comcast.net) (that's with an 'L') to sign-up.

**The Ninth Grade class thanks you for your donation and your support.**