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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PUEBLO

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A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

August 7 -- Marc Pratarelli, PhD

–Religion and the
Environment
Worship Leader: Midge Birgers
Greeters: Ib and Shawn

August 14 – Dave Wagner

–"Colorado Parables"
Worship Leader: Gennifer Wagner
Greeter: Dan

August 21 – Ibsen Birgers

–Ralph Waldo
Emerson,
Transcendentalist
Worship Leader: Midge Birgers
Greeter: Dave

August 28 – Mike Atlas-Acuña

- The Four Tenets of Judaism
Worship Leader: Rita Prangle
Greeter: Ib

Expanded Titles and Descriptions

August 7 – Marc Pratarelli asks, –What responsibility do world religions have for our environment?

August 14 -- Parables were a favorite teaching device of Jesus, Buddha and many others. This service will present brand new parables set in pre-Statehood Colorado.

August 21 – When a number of Unitarian ministers in New England heard the former Rev. Emerson give the Divinity School Address, July 15, 1838, they felt their suspicions about his –heresy were justified. Would today's UUs, 173 years later, welcome Emerson back into the fold?

August 28 – Mike Atlas-Acuña, President of Temple Emanuel Congregation will give a brief history of Jews in Pueblo, and will speak on the four tenets of Judaism

Healing Thoughts—Jennifer, Leslie's daughter

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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
<u>31</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>			
10:30a -11:30a "A Compassionate Life" - Ibsen, Midge, Greg 11:30a Ice Cream Sunday				10:00a -11:00a Fundraising Committee - Affordable Art Fair Planning		11:30a Happy Bookers lunch @ Sisters Courtyard, 517 W. 5th					
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>					
10:30a -11:30a Marc Praterelli - Religion and the Environment				6:15p UUCP Board Meeting - Members welcome				2:00p -3:00p Sunday Morning Committee		9:00a Fellowship Breakfast @ Mi Ranchito on Pueblo Blvd.	
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>					
10:30a -11:30a Dave & Gennifer - Parables						10:00a Happy Bookers meet @ UUCP		4:00p -5:00p RE Committee		10:00a -11:00a Publicity Committee	
<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>					
10:30a -11:30a Ibsen - Ralph Waldo Emerson and Unitarians										Potluck @ 5:00, Movie @ 6:30	
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>				
10:30a -11:30a Mike Atlas- Acuna - Jews in Pueblo and 4 tenets of Judaism Ice Cream Sunday											

Splinters From The Board

Summary of July Board Meeting

Present: Janice, Rita, Ib, Melva, Ethyl, Pat, Louise, Dave, Herb, Midge, Shawn, (Dan is absent). From 6:15-7:00 we met with minister visitors who are possibly renting building.

Treasurers Report: Dave reviewed the approved 2010-11 budget in Dan's absence. Janice: Dave can answer questions if anyone has any. Dave: pledge income was not final last meeting and finance committee will determine if there are any discrepancies.

- the board passed a motion to enter into a rental contract with the Outreach Friendship Church for Sun and Wed evenings for a 90 day trial. We will meet with them in 90 days and evaluate the relationship and renegotiate.
- The Sunday morning schedule is almost all filled until Nov. We have a variety of speakers, offerings by the worship teams and individual members. We need more greeters. We also welcome feedback and ideas from all.
- RE program for children will restart in fall. We are planning extra publicity for the fall programs
- Ib, Shawn, and Louise will meet and bring recommendations to the board re Behavioral covenant recommendations. Other members are welcome to give input. This will be presented as requested at a congregational meeting later in the year.
- Rita announced fundraising activities for the year. The committee is planning an Affordable Art and Gift Fair to be held Dec. 3, details to follow.
- The board will continue the committee structure as in the current by laws as are necessary to get our programs done. The Team concept implemented last year as a trial, has proved confusing. We will review the current structure, and make further recommendations at the annual meeting
- In Aug we will invite those who are interested in having an Adult discussion at the 9am pre service to meet. decide on a new format and new name for those discussions. Initially Dorie Silverman will lead the discussions based on favorite quotes

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p

New Horizons

In the Spring issue of the UU World, there is an excellent article written by Don Hotchkiss based on his book "Governance and Ministry, Rethinking Board Leadership." In this article he notes that a board is not simply the sum of its members. In order to be effective, members need to know what role they are to play. Boards represent the congregation, and may see their role to give the members what they want because they have been elected. This perspective explains a lot of what an effective board does. But congregations do some of their best work when the board influences, rather than just reflect members preferences. Should a board do what the members would want if they understood the issues more fully and had spent more time thinking deeply about long-term implications? A problem with democracy in congregations is that future members do not vote. The board must represent the disenfranchised future also.

Hotchkiss sees the board's role as fiduciary, as trustees of the church, but the church isn't owned by the congregation. A congregation does exist to serve its owner, but the members do not own it as stockholders own a business. "The owner is the congregation's mission, the covenant the congregation has set its heart to and the piece of the Divine that belongs to it."

He further states "And what is the mission? Whose lives do we intend to change and in what ways?" A congregation that limits its vision to pleasing its members falls short of its true purpose. Growth, expanding budgets, building programs, and such trappings of success matter only if they reflect positive transformation in the lives of the people touched by the congregation's work.

Hochkiss gives us much to ponder in his writings. We have ordered his book as a resource for us. As we meet together, board and members, I hope we can reflect on what we can do together now and in the future to further our mission. We need to define what our mission is and how we integrate the seven principles in our fellowship. Please plan to join us in those conversations, and in our many offerings planned. We need your input and participation.

Blessed be,

Janice

Pueblo Cooperative Care Center

Pueblo Cooperative Care Center was established in 1982 in response to a major lay-off crisis by Pueblo's leading employer (CF&I) currently known as Rocky Mountain Steel Mills. This situation triggered immediate and unexpected devastation for hundreds of families in Pueblo County. Answering the –call to action, five local (downtown) churches launched an emergency assistance program to meet the needs of these families. Today, the Center is the largest emergency FOOD service provider for low income families and individuals serving over 25,000 per year.

A recent study by the Colorado Children's Campaign indicates that Pueblo County's child poverty rate is at a staggering 25.4%.

The Center accepts donations of food, hygiene items, clothing and infant supplies, and cash donations are always welcome. The center has published an annual wish list, and would especially like canned foods for the month of August.

Please bring your donations to UUCP, and place the items in the Cooperative Care box in the foyer.



Fellowshipping....

Fellowship Breakfast - The fellowship breakfast will be at 9:00am on Friday, Aug 12 at Mi Ranchito restaurant on Pueblo Blvd . Those who attended last month enjoyed the food and ambiance of this pleasant choice. See you there!

Happy Bookers - Aug 3 we will be meeting for lunch at 11:30 at the Sisters Courtyard at 517 W 5th That is a tea house, so everyone is encouraged to dress up and wear your hat and gloves. Lets have some fun with this!

On Aug 17th we will meet at the church at 10am for a continuation of our discussion on sustainability issues.

Further note When the film "The Help" comes to Pueblo we will plan an outing to go see it together. If you have not read this excellent book, contact Dorie or other Bookers- we have copies

Birthday Sunday - Aug 27 We will serve our usual ice cream cones using organic ice cream

Fellowship potluck with movie and Discussion will be Sat the 27th. Movie to be announced. Dorie will lead the always interesting talkback. Food at 5pm, movie at 6:30

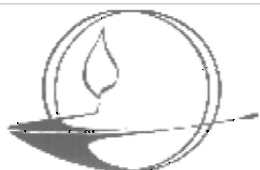
Small group conversations will be held after church on Aug 7th and 14th. Come and join us in sharing our ideas and plans for our UU community. We would be glad to meet at other times with you - evening or during the week.

Children's Religious Education

The Children's RE committee will meet on 8/18/11 (Thursday) at the church, 2 p.m. Parents and all interested adults are invited.

The first RE session will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 11. We will begin a curriculum on Christianity. Anyone interested in teaching or assisting please contact Ruth, Shawn, Janice or Midge.

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