

THE CHALICE FLAME

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PUEBLO
110 S. LaCrosse Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81001

February

2012

Issue II

A Month of Sundays

February 5 - Ivy Carter
"The Parallel Lives and Teachings
of Jesus and the Buddha"
Worship Leader - Janice Nelson
Greeters: Ib and Dave

February 19 - James Lujan
"Truth vs Magic"
Worship Leader - Ibsen Birgers
Greeters: Dan and Bev

February 12 - Marc & Sarah
Pratarelli
"Darwin Day - A Celebration of
Science and Reason"
Worship Leader - Rita Prangle
Greeters: Shawn and Don

February 26 - Dave Wagner
"Nearly Identical Twins"
Worship Leader - Genniffer
Wagner
Greeters: Ib and Christiana

Expanded Titles and Descriptions

February 5 - Though there are differences between these two inspired and inspiring beings, Ivy's talk will "focus on similarities in their lives and teachings. Their instructions and practices show us ways to conduct our lives and free our hearts."

February 12 - "Loren Eiseley noted in his book, Darwin and the Mysterious Mr. X, that Darwin's solution...was the dispassionate observation of a man on a height to which no one else had climbed." (There will be light refreshments afterward.)

February 19 - "When we imagine we know the Truth...we find it cannot be shared equally with all...as it is called 'magic'. Magic is centered on illusion...making one thing appear as something else or even to make something appear or disappear. Truth unveils the illusion and we are 'Set Free'. But 'Set free' to do what?" James Lujan, MA, writer, philosopher returns to share some thoughts and ideas on how the misuse of magical thoughts hides the very truth that would set us free.

February 26 - What can the phenomenon of identical twins teach us about everyone's individuality, spirituality, and personal relationships? Dave will give us his insights.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>29</u> Jan	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Feb	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
10:30a -11:30a Jude LaFollette				11:30a Happy Bookers meet at Fifth & Main Espresso Bar - Leviticus Houston Performing until 1:30		
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
10:30a -11:30a Ivy Carter - "Parallel Lives and Teachings of Jesus and Buddha"		6:30p Sustainable Societies Collective meets @ UUCP	6:30p 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life		9:00a Fellowship Breakfast - Mi Ranchito II, 525 Pueblo Blvd	
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
10:30a -11:30a Marc Pratarelli - "Darwin Day" 12:00p Documentary and Discussion - BYO Lunch		6:30p -8:30p Board Meeting @ UUCP - all members welcome				
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
10:30a -11:30a James Lujan - "Truth vs. Magic"		6:30p Pueblo Humanist Directions meets @ UUCP	10:00a Happy Bookers meet @ UUCP			2:00p -4:00p Night of the Healing Grandmothers Potluck @ 5:00pm, movie @ 6:30
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1</u> Mar	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
10:30a -11:30a Dave Wagner - "Nearly Identical Twins" 11:30a Ice Cream Sunday						

Social Activities

Happy Bookers - Thursday, February 2 - we'll meet Thursday, Feb. 2, at 11:30 a.m. at the at the Fifth & Main Espresso Bar (421 N. Main). Leviticus will perform there until 1:30 p.m. Please note! That is Thursday rather than Wednesday. After lunch we can visit the Heritage Center, where Ivy Cartier and Sherry Rogers have paintings on exhibit.

Fellowship Breakfast - Friday, February 10, 9:00 a.m. We'll return to Mi Ranchito II Restaurant, 525 Pueblo Blvd., facing the City Golf Course, near the SW corner of Thatcher and Pueblo Blvd. It's an accommodating, friendly place with private parking.

Happy Bookers - Wednesday, February 22 - Our second Happy Bookers meeting will be at UUCP at 10a.m. We will discuss Black History and Women's History. A suggested book is Toni Morrison's novel Sula.

Potluck & Movie Night - Saturday, February 25 - Potluck at 5:00 p.m. Movie at 6:30 - "**Beginners**"

When it comes to relationships, we are all beginners. *Beginners* is loosely based on its writer-director Mike Mills' own experience after the death of his mother. His 75 year old father, who was married to his mother for 40 years, announced that he wanted to live out the rest of his life as the gay man he really was. The changes brought about by his father's sudden coming-out brings newfound understanding between father and son with moving, comical honesty, showing how deeply funny and transforming life can be, even at its most serious moments. "Utterly original, real, and refreshing" in style, writes reviewer Roger Ebert, who gave it "*two thumbs up*." Golden Globe and Critics Choice nominated Christopher Plummer for "Best supporting actor."

Ice Cream Sunday - February 26. We will celebrate February birthdays following the Sunday service with ice cream.

The Grandmothers Vision Council - By Janice Nelson

The Grandmothers Vision Council are presenting the following event:

"Night of the Healing Grandmothers"

Saturday, February 25, 2012

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo

By donation only

You are invited to join us in a circle of Healing! Grandmothers will lead us through several ceremonies for healing ourselves, our Mother the Earth, and the universe. Please bring your drum, rattle or other instruments, your favorite crystal and a friend! Please RSVP to Katherine Gomez at 719-565-0463 for any questions about the event or the council.

Katherine Gomez has become our latest member and will be speaking on **April 8** on Shaman teachings. We are also planning on sponsoring a Mayan Elder, Miguel Ángel Chiquín, from Guatemala to speak at a workshop at our church, tentatively in March. Watch for more information and details.

Committee on Ministry Appointments

As announced at the congregational meeting, Janice has appointed the following to the Committee on Ministry: Marc Pratarelli; Dorie Silverman; Greg Boyko.

This committee will be available to facilitate communication with the Board. They will be available to listen to any concerns or conflicts that the congregation members identify and to coordinate, make recommendations to the Board or others as indicated. These three people bring experience in counseling, conflict management, organization, and leadership skills. They are all wise, empathetic and good listeners. They will maintain confidentiality for individuals, but work in an open way. Thanks to Marc, Dorie, and Greg for agreeing to serve in this capacity.

New Horizons - by Janice Nelson

"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as much as what direction we are moving." - Oliver Wendell Holmes

Thank you all for the participation in the congregational meeting. We have accomplished much in the past six months. Our financial picture has stabilized and shows modest growth. We have varied Sunday morning programs, which have been well received. New groups and activities have started. We will continue to look for new programs and evaluate those in place. We need more involvement and participation in all our committees and events. We need people to be involved in long-range planning and opportunities for vision and growth. Please join us as you are interested and able. We are promoting many varied opportunities, consistent with our Unitarian Principles. Board members will be available after the service for dialog about the two proposals or any other questions or concerns. It is truly a pleasure to work with all of you, and share our collective experiences and visions. Blessed be

Splinters From the Board - by Janice Nelson

As planned, the Board held a congregational meeting on January 15. The announced purpose was to vote on two propositions and look at current status. The action on the two presented proposals were as follows:

1. the new mission statement was tabled until next congregational meeting as all members had not received a copy as required by our bylaws.
2. The community covenant was also tabled after a short discussion so that members can evaluate a proposed amendment.

Reports were given from all committees and programs. In general we are continuing to have interesting and varied Sunday programs and many new activities. All program areas need more people. Financial report shows gradual increase in cash on hand and on track with our budget.

There are 7 Unitarian Universalist Principles that we affirm and promote. We'll include one each month in the Chalice Flame. This one is the first.

The inherent worth and dignity of every person. Children's version: **Each person is important.**

Conversation Club - by Janice Nelson

Each Sunday morning, a few early birds gather at 9:30 for Conversation and coffee. Currently we are talking about some of the principles from **The Four Agreements** by Miguel Ángel Ruiz; for now, Janice Nelson is the facilitator. Topics and the conversations are flexible and the group can develop as participation evolves. Join us if you are up and awake. We have fun!

Social Action

Second Sunday Social Action Documentary & Discussion, Sun., Feb. 12, Noon - "Life in a Day" (2011, 95 minutes)

After thousands of people around the world joined together to record banal and remarkable everyday events on July 24, 2010, director Kevin MacDonald led a team of editors to condense more than 4,500 hours of video into this picture of life on Earth. An open discussion will follow the film. Remember to bring your own lunch to eat before the program. Questions? Contact Dave Wagner 545-1165.

Social Action Projects: Volunteers are needed to help The Pueblo Law Enforcement Chaplain Corps with a program at Bradford School to provide backpacks and school supplies to disadvantaged children. The program is scheduled for Feb. 10 or 11. Volunteers are also needed to help Pueblo Cooperative Care with their move during February. Further details will be announced when available. Contact Dave Wagner or Liz Moulder.

Sustainable Societies Collective

February 7th at 6:30 p.m. - "Environmental Education in our Future, and the Future of Environmental Education."

Sarah and Marc Pratarelli will be lead an extension of the discussion topic back in November focused on the problems in environmental education; why it is thus far so unsuccessful; and what educators need to start doing about it. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Everyone and guests are invited to attend the next meeting **February 7th at 6:30 p.m.**

Humanist Meeting at UUCP

Pueblo Humanist Directions meets the third Tuesday every month. The next meeting will be at 6:30, February 21st, and we'll have pizza and games. There will be a \$1.00 donation to cover space rental cost, plus a donation to cover your share of the pizza order. "...being a Humanist means trying to behave decently without expectation of rewards or punishment after you are dead." - Kurt Vonnegut.

Fundraising

Spring Earth Day Weekend Event - Sunday, April 22nd

Thanks to Marc Praterelli, UUCP is sponsoring a team for a 5K Walk/Run to be held at City Park on April 22nd. We will receive 25% of the proceeds from that event, with 75% going to School District 60 for the Earth Studies Program at the Mountain Park Environmental Center in Beulah. In addition, we'll have a booth at the event, where we'll sell timely goods that fit with the Earth Day theme. Please do plan to either help out at the UUCP booth, participate in the 5K Walk, or just show up at the event! Our service that day will be held in the park after the race.

Looking forward into the new year, don't forget we'll be holding the **UUCP annual garage sale** in early June. There is a plastic bin in the Lounge (formerly known as the minister's office) for small items, so you can bring these odds & ends in any time, though larger items will have to wait until we're closer to sale time.

Our **Goodsearch.com** earnings continue to build. If you haven't signed up yet, but you search and shop online, please see Rita Prangle for more information. It's a great way to earn money for UUCP at no cost to you!

Another ongoing fundraiser is **King Sooper cards** - UUCP buys these gift cards at a discount, then we, members and friends buy them from UUCP at face value. You can use these cards just like cash, either for purchases at King Soopers or gas at Loaf & Jug. They're great for budgeting purposes, they make excellent gifts, and it's a good way to raise money for UUCP without your spending any more than you would otherwise! You can buy the cards in \$25, \$50, and \$100 increments.

Recycling at UUCP

Our recycle bin is always filled up, and we now have a weekly pickup. The \$27 monthly cost is funded by donations. There are Recycle bin envelopes in the foyer, please throw in a few dollars every once in a while - put your contribution in the envelope, but just tuck the flap in, don't seal it. That way, we can recycle the recycling envelopes!

ALERT! When you see the recycle symbol  on a container, please don't use it for trash, and remember, Styrofoam is NOT recyclable!

About the UU Church of Pueblo

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo is affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association. The religious organization is non-creedal and encourages free inquiry and exploration of ideas; therefore, members are not required to share the same beliefs. The Pueblo UU Church welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons. For more information, see www.uupueblo.org and www.uua.org.

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