

# THE CHALICE FLAME

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

January

2012

Issue I

## A Month of Sundays

January 1 - Rita Prangle  
"Where Do We Go From Here?"  
Greeter - Bev

January 8 - Ginger Quinn  
Sacred Dances  
Worship Leader - Christiana  
Greeters - Ib & Dave

January 15 - ML King Readings,  
Music by Leviticus Houston  
Worship Leader - Midge Birgers  
Greeters - Shawn & Don

January 22 - Cathy Hazouri  
Alternatives to the Death Penalty  
Worship Leader - Rita Prangle  
Greeters - Ib & Christiana

January 29 - Jude La Follette  
Worship Leader - Midge Birgers  
Greeters - Dan and Bev

## Expanded Titles and Descriptions

January 1 - We'll start the New Year with a service followed by a brunch potluck and discussion. We'll talk about Unitarian Universalism - Where Do We Go From Here.

January 8 - Sacred Dances led by Ginger Quinn will be an enlightening time of music and dances, with Christiana Harkins leading the service.

January 15 - Piano and guitar music by performing artist Leviticus Houston will make for a lively service! Midge will lead the service with some short readings in memory of M.L. King.

January 22 - Cathy Hazouri, former Executive Directive of the Colorado ACLU, and now Board Member of Colorado Alternatives to the Death Penalty, will speak on how working to eliminate the death penalty aligns with our UU principles.

January 29 - Rev. Jude LaFollette, BCC, Lead Chaplain, St. Mary Corwin Medical Center, will speak on "*Living in the Light of Life: a Reflection on Life, Death, and Spirituality*" Janice Nelson will serve as worship leader.

### Social Activities

**Happy Bookers - Wednesday, January 4** - We'll meet at 11:30 for lunch at Willie's Southern Classic Cuisine (Bar B Q Restaurant) at 1123 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, at Francisco Avenue (545.9338). We will be looking ahead at plans for the new year. So come and join us. Contact Dorie for more info.

**Happy Bookers - Wednesday, January 18, 10:00 am** at UUCP - We will discuss Melva Steen's book, Sensible Shoes, about being a Peace Corps volunteer in Malawi.

**Fellowship Breakfast - Friday, January 13, 9:00 am** - We'll return to Mi Ranchito II Restaurant, 525 Pueblo Blvd., which is just south of Thatcher on the west side of the street, across from the golf course. It's an accommodating, friendly place with private parking.

**Potluck & Movie Night...Saturday, January 28, 5:00 p.m.** - Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 p.m., potluck followed by the 6:30 pm movie "Powwow Highway" (1989), a Native American cult classic. Buddy and Philbert leave the reservation to take a road trip across the American Midwest to Save Buddy's sister from an unjust imprisonment. On the way, they encounter truth, love, magic, and healing. The movie is hilarious and it is also tragic, sometimes showing glimpses of life among American Indians who have lost touch with their past. Most of the film simply ambles along at a genial pace awaiting the insights that arise out of Buddy and Philbert's adventures.

**Ice Cream Sunday - January 29** - We will celebrate January birthdays after the morning service, serving ice cream in various flavors.

## Social Action

**Second Sunday Social Action Documentary and Discussion, Sunday, January 8, Noon at UUCP** This month's selection has not yet been determined, but will be announced in advance in the Sunday Order of Service. An open discussion will follow the film. Remember to bring your own lunch to eat before the program. Questions? Contact Dave Wagner 545-1165.

### **Pueblo Cooperative Care Center:**

Cooperative Care can always use cash; clothing for adults, children & babies; hygiene products, and non-perishable food.

Thank you, and thanks to Liz Moulder for taking our contributions to the Cooperative Care facility. **Its mission is** *"to provide food and other critical services to the poor in a constructive and supportive atmosphere that extends hope and purpose to those less fortunate."*  
[www.cooperativecare.org](http://www.cooperativecare.org)

### **Posada:**

Liz is collecting hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens and delivering them to Posada weekly. If you have new or gently used donations, please place them in the basket in the Fellowship area. Thank you. *"Posada's mission is to provide housing and supportive services that empower homeless individuals and families in Pueblo County to become self-supporting members of the community."* [www.posadapueblo.org](http://www.posadapueblo.org)

**Sustainable Societies Collective - contact Marc Pratarelli**  
**Meeting: Tuesday, January 3; 6:30 p.m.**

## **Congregational Meeting**

Please note that the Congregational meeting will be held after the January 15 service. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Janice Nelson or another Board member. Agenda items include: behavioral policy; mission statement; program update and review.

The current mission statement reads as follows: "We are a Welcoming Congregation supporting a free, open search for spiritual truth and meaning, and promoting the ideals of peace and justice."

## **Splinters from the Board - By Janice Nelson**

At our Dec 13 Board meeting the following actions were discussed and approved: Congregational meeting January 15, proposals to be presented to members - new mission statement, congregational covenant. Status reports from committees will be shared, and a financial report.

Maintenance issues were discussed - plumbing and pest control, Dan will get bids on sewer line replacement.

## **New Horizons - By Janice Nelson**

As we move into the New Year, let us reflect on how we can ensure this small congregation serves the needs of our current members, and attracts more new members. We have planned a congregational meeting for Jan 15th. This will be an opportunity for all of us to look at our current programs, financial status, and opportunities for change and growth. There will be a sharing meeting for all, followed by a business meeting for members to vote on the Mission statement and Congregational Covenant.

Please take time to review the proposals and to evaluate your own needs - are they being met? Also look at how you can be more involved in the activities and programs.

A very special thank you to all our members and friends for the many contributions to our Church community. I am looking forward to continuing to work together for positive experiences in the coming year.

Blessed Be, Janice

## Pueblo Humanist Directions

Pueblo Humanist Directions meets at UUCP at 6:30 on the third Tuesday of each month. There is a voluntary \$1.00 donation to help cover space rental expense. You can bring a snack to share if you wish, but it's fine to just bring yourself. This month, we'll be discussing our Humanist Group goals and projects we might engage in. For more information, and to receive meeting notices and reminders, please visit <http://www.meetup.com/Pueblo-Humanist-Directions/>, and join the group.

## Recycling at UUCP

Our recycle bin is always filled up, and we now have a weekly pickup. The \$27 monthly cost is funded by UUCP members. 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 & place it in the collection basket during the service, or give to Dan afterwards. Please, just tuck the envelope 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!

Be sure to pick up a copy of the *Pueblo Area Recycling Guide*, supplied by the Pueblo Health Department. The free booklets are on the small bookcase in the fellowship area, and they are an excellent source of information on how to get rid of everything from appliances to eyeglasses to mercury thermostats to yard waste, and pretty much everything in between!

## Musical Group Forming.....

We are forming a UU singing and instrumental group to meet and rehearse once a week for the following weeks' service. Our first meeting to discuss logistics will be Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00 pm. Anyone interested in creation of and participation in the group can contact Greg, Myrna, or Christiana.

## Religious Education

### **Children's RE: Christianity Curriculum**

The children are learning about Christianity from a UU perspective. Those familiar with Judeo-Christian traditions will recognize many of the figures (Moses, Queen Esther, Cain and Abel, etc.) and stories the children are studying. Though it is a 16-week course, each lesson is complete, and children are welcome to enroll at any time. There is child care for infants and toddlers as well. Please tell your friends, neighbors, or anyone you think who may be interested.

### **Special Event - Immigration Talk**

On Saturday, January 28, at 3:00 pm, Fawn-Amber Montoya will speak at UUCP on immigration issues. Fawn is Assistant Professor of History and Coordinator of the Latino Studies program at CSU. Fawn is also active in the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition. She will focus on stories of real people and the flaws in our immigration policy, and what can be done to fix the system.

### **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](http://www.uupueblo.org) and [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org).

# January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> Jan	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
10:30a -11:00a Rita - short service with brunch potluck and discussion		6:30p Sustainable Societies Collective meets @ UUCP	11:30a Happy Bookers meet @ Willie G's, 1123 W. 13th St.			
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
10:30a -11:30a Ginger Quinn - Sacred Dances 12:00p Documentary and Discussion - BYO Lunch		6:30p -8:30p Board Meeting @ UUCP - all members welcome	6:30p <a href="#">12 Steps to a Compassionate Life</a>		9:00a Fellowship Breakfast - Mi Ranchito II, 525 Pueblo Blvd	
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
10:30a -11:30a Music by Leviticus - celebration of ML King 12:00p Congregational meeting		6:30p Pueblo Humanist Directions meets @ UUCP	10:00a Happy Bookers meet @ UUCP - book discussion			
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
10:30a -11:30a Cathy Hazouri, Colorado Alternatives to the Death Penalty						3:00p Special Event: Prof. Fawn-Amber Montoya speaks on Immigration Issues 5:00p Movie Night - potluck @5, movie @ 6:30
<u>29</u>	<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						

---

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo  
110 S. LaCrosse Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81001**



**Sunday Service 10:30 am**

**719-561-0880  
Email: [uucop@juno.com](mailto:uucop@juno.com)**

**We're on the Web at:  
[www.uupueblo.org](http://www.uupueblo.org)**

**Minister Emeritus: Byron Kelham**

**Board President: Janice Nelson**

**Vice President: Ibsen Birgers**

**Secretary: Shawn Collins**

**Treasurer: Dan Stone**

**Members at Large:**

**Midge Birgers**

**Dave Wagner**

**Rita Prangle**

**Our Facility is Handicap Accessible**

**Send newsletter items to:**

**Louise Burg at  
[burgmedia@yahoo.com](mailto:burgmedia@yahoo.com).**

**Include "Chalice Flame Item" in the subject  
line.**

**Save a tree and a stamp**

**Did you know that our newsletter is on  
the web? If you would like to download  
your newsletter and forego the printed  
copy, please email Louise at  
[burgmedia@yahoo.com](mailto:burgmedia@yahoo.com). Please put  
"Chalice Flame" in the subject line.  
Donations to defray mailing costs are  
always welcome too!**