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A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

June 5—Rev. Wanda Daniel
“Integrating Art, Integrating Truth”
Lay Leader: Westy
Greeters: Nathaniel and Betty

June 12—**Dorrie Silverman**
“Stories from the Tao ”
Lay Leader: Shawn
Greeters: Ib

June 19—Amanda Udis-Kessler, PhD
“Be Ye Lamps Unto Yourselves ”
Lay Leader:
Greeters: Dan

June 26—Carolyn Kelly
“WORMS (World of Recycling
Management Systems) ”
Lay Leader:
Greeters: Dave and Westy

Expanded Titles and Descriptions

June 5— “Integrating Art, Integrating Truth,” Rev. Wanda Daniel

A lesson I have learned from my time with the UUCP community lives in how similar art and truth really are. Integrating this learning into my life is both a profound challenge and a poignant gift. As my story touches your story, may we both grow . .

June 12—“Stories from the Tao,” Dorrie Silverman

“The truth cannot be said for many reasons. The first and basic is that truth is always realized in silence,” Osho.

June 19—“Be Ye Lamps Unto Yourselves,” Amanda Udis-Kessler, PhD

This service marks Amanda Udis-Kessler's last day at UUCP after more than four years of regular preaching. Come hear a goodbye sermon that comes full circle from her earliest days and offers thoughts for the future.

June 26—“WORMS,” Carolyn Kelly, director of the Gaia Institute

Carolyn Kelly will speak about WORMS (World of Recycling Management Systems). The focus of the organization is the WORMS Eco Village Project and Recycling Facility. She will discuss the social, economic, and environmental benefits for our community and the jobs it will create. Carolyn will also cover composting and vermiculture.

JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy Bookers 11:30 Tea Palace II on West 4th	2	3	4 Garage Sale!!!
5 Rev. Wanda Daniel Annual Meeting Potluck	6	7	8	9	10 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 am Village Inn on Pueblo Blvd	11
12 Dorrie Silverman	13	14	15 Happy Bookers 10:00 am UUCP	16	17	18
19 Amanda Udis- Kessler	20	21	22	23	24	25 Potluck @ 5:00 pm Movie @ 6:30
26 Carolyn Kelly Birthday Sunda	27	28	29	30		

Minister's Musings—“Integrating Individuality and Community”

As my consulting minister time with you comes to a close, I want to share some parting thoughts . . .

One of our most difficult challenges as Unitarian Universalists (UU) lives with integrating our precious individuality and our beloved community. Scientific formulas do not exist for this task – nor are imaginative musings enough. What such integration requires is nothing less than an art form.

Here I use art in its deepest and broadest meanings – a process of engaging an individual in community through ways honoring and challenging the integrity of both individual and community. That said, I am not assuming we have a full understanding and/or experience of either.

Over the last decade I have listened to UU groups claim the power and right of individuality alongside a desire to grow in community. Our 7 principles often become weapons in the process instead of the tools they are designed to be. Mostly however, I find a human struggle – trying to be one's unique self while at the same time be in a community where one is loved and supported.

Our experiences vary from moments of genuine belonging to moments of defending our very existence. Such is the joy of our religious tradition, as well as our sorrow.

Is it possible that to be fully human is also to be an artist of relating?

If art invites, even demands, profound depth of both understanding and vulnerability . . . both freedom and

boundaries . . . both head and heart . . . then art offers us pathways of imagination and form we have yet to discover in our relationships.

My most creative prayer for this community, and this religious tradition, lies in the discovery and celebration of artist and human intertwined AND intertwining. A DNA of living relationships that challenge us to shape our environment and behaviors to gestate, nurture and harvest the artists we are. Most blessed be . . .

Minister's Hours in Pueblo

In May and June, Wanda is in Pueblo from Friday, 5/20 thru Friday, 6/10.

To schedule a time with Wanda, and/or invite her to a community/church event, please call (719-650-4560) and/or email (wkayd@earthlink.net).

Contacting the Minister

The best ways to reach Wanda are via email (wkayd@earthlink.net) and cell phone (719-650-4560). **For pastoral emergencies, please use her cell phone!!**

In Gratitude

May you go forth from this place thankful for the life that sustains and renews you, and open to the grace that surrounds and surprises you. May you go forth from this place with openness and with thanksgiving!

Adapted from Charles A. Howe

New Horizons...

Every month for the past three years, I've written that title, "New Horizons". Now, it takes on a much deeper meaning as I write to you for the last time as president.

What kind of new horizon will we face? We'll surely face a new beginning after this dark time, just as dawn always follows the night.

May it be that our community strengthens. May it be that we dance on that tightrope between individuality and beloved community. May it be that we find ways to be open and loving, even when that feels like a big risk. May it be that we love our differences and disagreements and become stronger for them.

May it be so, may it be so.....

Hannah Guthrie, President
Board of Trustees

Be ours a religion...

Be ours a religion which, like
sunshine, goes everywhere;
its temple, all space;
its shrine, the good heart;
its creed, all truth;
its ritual, works of love;
its profession of faith, divine
living.

Theodore Parker

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Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is June 5 following the service.

To be eligible to vote, members must make an identifiable donation 30 days prior to the meeting.

Agenda for the Annual Meeting

1. Nominations to the Board of Trustees
(Revised)

President (1 yr term) Janice Nelson
Vice President (2 yr term) Vacant
Secretary (2 yr term) Vacant
Treasurer (1 yr term) Vacant
At large (2 yr term) Midge Birgers
At large (1 yr term) Vacant

Nominating committee: Ethyl Kelham

Additional nominations will be taken
from the floor.

2. Elections to the Board of Trustees

3. Adoption of the Annual Budget

4. Should we split our annual meeting
into two in order that everyone might
be heard?

5. Shall we become two separate
groups: a church and a fellowship?

6. Shall we institute a behavioral
covenant that everyone would agree to
and sign?

7. Any other issues members want to
talk about.

Fellowshipping

FAREWELL POTLUCK

On June 5th after the Annual Meeting we will have a farewell potluck to wish Wanda success and happiness in her future adventures—living and writing in Montana. Please let Dorrie know what dish you will be bringing if you have not already noted it on the sign-up sheet.

HAPPY BOOKERS

First Ladies—presidential and otherwise – will be the topic for June reading. On June 1st we will gather at 11:30 am for lunch at the Tea Palace II (1212 West 4th Street.) On June 15th at 10:00 am at the UUCP we will discuss the books about First Ladies. Every one is welcome.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

We will gather at 9:00 am on June 10th for breakfast and conversation at the south-side Village Inn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

All June birthdays will be celebrated after the service on June 26th with ice cream cones and your favorite flavor.

MOVIE NIGHT JUNE 25

Potluck @ 5:00 pm Movie @ 6:30

Due to technical difficulties we could not show this movie in April, so we are showing it this month.

Please Give, Rated R.

Kate and Alex (Catherin Kenner and Oliver Platt) own a successful Manhattan furniture store, reselling mid-century modern treasures purchased from the estates of the newly

deceased. Wanting to enlarge and remodel the apartment where they live with their acne-ridden teenage daughter Abby (Sarah Steele), they've bought the unit neighboring their own. But before they can expand their home, they must wait for the current tenant—miserable, 91 year old Andra (Ann Guilbert) to die.

As Kate's family gets to know Andra and the granddaughters who look after her (Rebecca Hall and Amanda Peet), animosity, infidelity, friendship and empathy play out with sharp humor and pathos.

A Note from Amanda

Friends, as you know, June 19 marks my last day at Pueblo. What you may not know is that ordained UUA ministers are required to fully break contact with congregations they have served when they resign, retire, or leave for any other reason. This breaking of contact takes place for at least a year. While I am not technically an ordained UUA minister, I have received strong and consistent guidance indicating that I should follow this model and have, after much internal debate, decided to accept the guidance.

Therefore, after I depart Pueblo on June 19, I will not be in phone, email, in-person, or any other kind of contact with any of you for at least a year. I ask that you respect this process and not contact me by phone, email, or in any other way. This holds for both official church business and unofficial interactions of any sort.

I wish all of you well in all of your endeavors, church-related and otherwise.

Warmly, Amanda

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Short minutes of May 11 Board Meeting.

Pledges to date \$10,834. Budget estimated \$15,500 in comparison to 2010-11 budget of \$48,181.

Kathleen moves to approve, Janice seconds. Passed unanimously.

Sunday Morning - Programs are filled through June. Speakers are being solicited for 2012. Worship teams will be rotated weekly. The Sunday Morning team is calling for speakers and ideas for Sunday services. RE has seven kids. A review of cost effectiveness of program and whole program in general is scheduled.

May 22 congregational discussion meeting topics. Those offering topics will be given 5 minutes for presentation.

1. Splitting church into two groups - George /Kristen
2. Covenant policy change - Kristen / George.
3. Congregational theme - Wanda
4. Name change - Pat
5. Budget information - Dave

Annual Meeting format - Janice will announce rules and enforcement of them. Three minutes per person. No one may talk till others have had a chance. Annual congregational meeting June 5

Voting on Budget / Officers / (Its

reported that no one has volunteered for board. Janice and Ib are those remaining on the board. Name Change / Dividing in two / Covenant / team reports.

Dan moves, Kathleen seconds to give Wanda and Amanda gift certificate. Passed unanimously.

Hannah announced she is resigning from Board effective at end of the June 5th Annual Meeting. Dan will also be resigning effective June 30. and will help train the new treasurer. Replacements will be needed for one year remaining in their terms.

June meeting was set for June 7 at 6:15.

Adjourned at 8:10pm

UUs From Elsewhere

ONE MODEL FOR CONSIDERATION

2) UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BOULDER BYLAWS as amended by the Congregation June 14, 2009...

[ARTICLE I: NAME...]

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

We are united in the free quest of those high religious values that assist the living of a full life. In the discipline of truth, irrespective of the source and in the spirit of universal humanity, we unite to strengthen our convictions in the value and need for religion, and through the strength of our unity, to
6 give expression to these convictions.

ARTICLE III: DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

This society is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations and the Mountain Desert District of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership

A. Voting Members. Voting members shall include all persons fourteen (14) years of age or older who subscribe to the purpose stated in Article II satisfy the requirements prescribed by these bylaws, have signed the membership book in the presence of the Minister, the Moderator, the Clerk, or the President of the Congregation, and who agree to make a regular recorded financial contribution to the Church. Under special consideration, services may be substituted for monetary contribution. A new member shall be eligible to vote on church business sixty (60) days after meeting the requirements for membership.

[B. Categories of Membership...]

C. Removal from Membership. An individual may, at any time, be removed from membership for the following

reasons: (1) Such person has died, resigned, or failed to respond within sixty (60) days to a letter of inquiry from the Church as to whether such person wishes to continue his or her membership; or

(2) The behavior of such person is, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, detrimental to the continued functioning of the

Church. A member's opinion on any matter, or their civil expressions of those opinions, shall not be grounds for removal.

Section 2. Review of the Membership Roll. The membership roll shall be reviewed by the Clerk of the Congregation before any Congregational Meeting for purposes of determining who shall be eligible to vote at the meeting. Individual issues of voting eligibility will be resolved by the Clerk of the Congregation along with the Moderator. The Clerk of the Congregation shall inform the Board of Trustees of the individuals being removed from membership at a minimum of twice each year, before the winter and spring congregational meetings.

Section 3. Withdrawal Any member may withdraw and cease to be a member by notifying the Clerk of the congregation in writing.

Section 4. Removal Anyone who disrupts a Worship Service, a Congregational Meeting, a Board of Trustees meeting, or a committee meeting, may be barred from that meeting. A decision to bar a member from a meeting is limited to that single meeting unless extended by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. Any member who acts against the purpose stated in Article II may be barred from Congregational, Board of Trustees, or committee meetings by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees, such decision subject to review at a duly constituted Congregational Meeting.

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