

THE CHALICE FLAME

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PUEBLO
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November

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Issue XI

A Month of Sundays

Nov. 6 - Jane Milne
"Orphan Train"
Worship Leader: Ibsen Birgers
Greeters: Ib & Dave

Nov. 20 - Fawn-Amber Montoya
"CIRC & Immigration History"
Worship Leader: Rita Prangle
Greeters: Ib & Christiana

Nov. 13 - Rev. Patrick Hurley
"Sojourner's Circle"
Worship Leader: Dave Wagner
Greeters: Shawn & Don

Nov. 27 - Dr. Anne Courtright
"Single Payer Health Plan"
Worship Leader: Midge Birgers
Greeters: Dan & Bev

Expanded Titles and Descriptions

Nov. 6. - Jane Milne is a story teller and Autoharp musician who relives history through her true stories and songs. The Orphan Train existed in the U.S. from the mid-1800s to the 1930s. The story is based on the experience of Puebloan Stan Cornell. The story is for ages 5 to adulthood.

Nov. 13. - Rev. Hurley will inform us about Sojourner's Circle, a national organization, and of the obligation of religious groups to advocate for those who are not heard.

Nov. 20. - Fawn-Amber Montoya of the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition will speak on the history of immigrants in Pueblo & discuss CIRC and its activities. Professor Montoya will speak again at 12:30 when she will relate personal stories of Pueblo Mexicans and expand on CIRC's work with immigrants' issues and legislative goals.

Nov. 27. Dr. Courtright, a well known advocate for the Single Payer Health Plan, will relate the plan to the UU Principles.

Social Activities

Happy Bookers...Nov. 2 and 16

We will discuss On the Back of Burros whose author will attend the November 2 meeting at 10:00 a.m. at our church building. Please bring cookie sheets and a sack lunch. After lunch, we'll mix dough and cut out shapes for dough ornaments for the AAGF. (See that article elsewhere in the newsletter.) We hope to have a speaker for our November 16 meeting.

Fellowship Breakfast...Nov. 11, 9:00 a.m.

We'll meet at Mi Ranchito II Restaurant, 525 Pueblo Blvd, which is just south of Thatcher on the west side of the street. We have found tasty, economical breakfasts in a quiet, friendly atmosphere. Come and join us.

Potluck & Movie Night...Nov. 26, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 26 at 5:00 p.m., potluck followed by the movie "The Ledge". Writer and director Matthew Chapman is the great-great-grandson of Charles Darwin. Charlie Hunnam plays the protagonist, an atheist. Patrick Wilson, current star of the TV show, "A Gifted Man", plays the fundamentalist Christian, Joe Harris. Liv Tyler, plays his wife, Shana. Terrence Howard plays the police officer, Hollis Lucetti. Adults; Rated R "A thriller in which a battle of philosophies between a fundamentalist Christian and an atheist escalates into a lethal battle of wills. Written by Foresight [see www.imdb.com]

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner...Nov. 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Dorie will have a sign-up sheet for those interested in participating in the annual pot-luck dinner.

Ice Cream Sunday...Nov. 27

We will celebrate November birthdays after the morning service on November 27. We will be serving ice cream cones in various flavors. Contact Dorie Silverman for further information about social activities at 566.8604.

Social Action

Second Sunday Social Action Documentary & Discussion "The Life Penalty" (75 minutes) - Nov. 13, Noon

How did a rebel public defender from Boulder, Colorado throw a monkey wrench into America's 'death machine'? Slip into a juror's seat as David Wymore and other nationally recognized criminal defense attorneys bring their fight against the death penalty to the front line: the courtroom.

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 is requesting cash to purchase turkeys, hams etc. for the month of November. Checks should be made payable to Pueblo Cooperative Care Center. (Please give your donation to Liz Moulder.) Thank you, and thanks to Liz Moulder for taking our contributions to the Cooperative Care facility.

Sustainable Societies Collective - by Marc Pratarelli

Meeting: Tuesday, November 1; 6:30 p.m.

We had a wonderful and engaging kick-off meeting of the Sustainable Societies Collective in October, and we firmed up the plans for the next two meetings.

On Tuesday November 1st (not election day), 6:30 p.m., at the church, the topic we will be discussing is the role of scientific and climate-change literacy and the parallel role of public education.

(Dave VanManen, the Director of the award-winning Mountain Park Environmental Center will be talking separately about environmental education sometime next spring.)

For our meeting on Tuesday December 6th, Sandy Hudock from CSU-Pueblo will be speaking on the topic of *How to Go Green*. Similarly, Carolyn Kelly will talk to us about the art and science of composting, vermiculture, and maybe we can talk her into an update of the plans for the EcoVillage that she's spearheading. I've seen all these folks speak before and they are awesome - lots of insights and great ideas.

We still have room for more people, so please feel free to bring a guest. We'll have refreshments available again for everyone. Don't hesitate to call or email me with questions and especially with ideas and suggestions for future meeting topics and facilitators starting in January. I'm working on four of them right now, but we still have another 3-4 months of meetings to fill up too. Remember, meetings begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. at UUCP. Hope to see you all there. marcprat@juno.com 549.2625

Pueblo Humanist Directions - by Rita Prangle

Meeting: Tuesday, November 15; 6:30 p.m.

Pueblo Humanist Directions will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 15 at UUCP. We will discuss our relationship to the American Humanist Association and come to a decision on whether we will be an affiliate or an AHA chapter. We'll also bring a book on the subject of atheism/humanism that we've enjoyed. We are hoping to have election of officers in December and begin planning programs for the coming year. A \$1 donation is requested, and a snack to share will be welcome, but not required. For information, contact Rita at rprangle@q.com or 542.0273.

Fundraising

Affordable Art and Gift Fair - by Rita Prangle

You may have noticed the large structure in the Fellowship area - we're using this to kick off the preparation for the Affordable Art and Gift Fair - AAGF, to be held **Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

We've been busy painting the door panels that will be used for the artists' display spaces, and we've acquired a LARGE number of pansies, some will be potted up for the kids' store; these will either be sold in the kids' \$1 store, or the UUCP booth. Donations of art and craft items to be sold at the UUCP booth are very welcome. [Note, all items for sale must be priced at \$1-\$50.]

We're asking everyone to bring in any extra art and craft supplies you may have at home, such as paints, white glue, glitter, sequins, beads, ribbon, old jewelry, and anything else that might be used to decorate ornaments. Extra gift wrap is also welcome.

The AAGF is going to be a huge event, and we need everyone's help to make it a success. We will need many helpers on December 3, but there are also tasks that can be done ahead of time. Please stop by the AAGF "canopy" and pick up a list of AAGF tasks so that you can decide which tasks you can undertake.

GoodSearch - by Rita Prangle

Goodsearch.com has earned a total of \$46 for UUCP since we first signed up at the end of August. If you do any online shopping, or search online, and haven't downloaded the Goodsearch toolbar, please do so.

GoodSearch can be used just like Google or any search engine, except that the Church earns money every time you use it!

If you are ready to BUY something, first go to GoodShop (included in the GoodSearch tool bar). You can buy from Amazon, Target, Staples, Best Buy - more than 2,400 top stores !

It doesn't cost you anything to use this search engine, but it gains the Church money every time you do - and more if you actually buy something!

If you have questions about this, please contact Rita at 542.0273 or rprangle@q.com.

"Love is the thread that binds our lives in a lasting fabric, which time shall fray.
Which time shall fray, but only to be rewoven by each generation."

Jewish prayer book

Mission Statement

Janice Nelson, our Board president requests the members to study the mission statement for possible revisions to be discussed and voted on at the next congregational meeting January 15, 2012. 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."

Recycling

There are envelopes for your contribution to the recycling bin, a small monthly contribution is much appreciated. No need to seal the envelope, just tuck in the flap, then the envelope can be re-used.

Please take one of the explanatory sheets near the small recycle container in the fellowship area, this lists the items that can be recycled. If it isn't on the list, please don't assume it's recyclable (special note - NO Styrofoam in the recycle bin, please).

Also, please note that ALL grocery stores have containers for your used plastic bags, and newspaper recycle bins are placed throughout Pueblo. So, if you can make use of those bins, that would help to avoid overburdening the church bin.

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.

Adult RE: Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life

Ib Birgers continues to lead a study group using Karen Armstrong's book, Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life, as our guide. The study is an exploration to gain insight into others as well as one's self. The group meets at the church at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday each month. In November, that is the 9th and 23rd. Please mark your calendars.

New Horizons - by Janice Nelson, UUCP Board President

As we look at our vision and look for new growth areas, we need to look at our current organization. If we are to grow we need to be sure that we support each other and all who come here. How do we assure that we are looking at agreed-upon goals, providing opportunity for communication, new members, and everyone's ideas?

Some questions to ask include: what do committees and Board need from each other? What does the congregation need? Are our committees, Board, and congregation clear about their functions, goals, and responsibilities? Are new members and visitors sought out and involved? Are new ideas or possible changes considered, encouraged, and supported?

In this spirit, we want to hear from all of you. Please contact the Board members and/or committee chairs with your ideas and needs. Together, we can achieve much! Blessed be.

Greetings from John Knox Village - by Melva Steen

Greetings from John Knox Village in Lee's Summit, Missouri. This message is to let everyone know I am getting settled in my new home. Two of my sons flew into Colorado Springs to help me move. On Saturday morning, October 1st, we left at 7:30 A.M. Randy drove the moving van and Charles drove my car with me as a passenger. We arrived at the Village at 8:30 P.M. The boys parked the van in front of my new home then went to their homes.

I stayed in the village's hotel for the night. Needless to say I was exhausted and I didn't even drive!

The next morning I went to my new home and waited for two men to arrive and unpack the van. As I sat in a chair I directed them where to put the

furniture. I had downsized just right, everything fit into my new surroundings. The men even set up my bed and made it.

A woman unpacked the kitchen things and set up the kitchen. The next day another woman came and finished unpacking linens and put my clothes in my big walk-in closet. They were such professionals that so far I have not had to move anything.

I am still getting oriented. I thought the village was North of Kansas City, but it is south. I am happy to be closer to my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The great-grandchildren have grown so much, now I can watch them grow.

I think I will be very happy here. I have a lovely view of a lake and a golf course. The leaves are turning bright reds and yellows with crunchy leaves everywhere. I have had people comment that my cottage has the most picturesque view on the campus. I am very lucky and feel especially blessed to be here.

I am extending an open invitation to anyone traveling to Missouri to visit me. My new address is 1914E NW Cherry, Lee's Summit, MO 64081. My new phone is 816.524.0228. Thank you all for being my friends. I miss all of you but am happy to be here.

Board and Committee Retreat – by Janice Nelson

The Board met in a morning session Saturday, October 15 at the Barkman branch of the Pueblo Library. Elliot Ring, Ph.D., facilitated that session as well as the afternoon session that included committee chairs.

During the morning session, the board discussed the UU seven principles and how they relate to our current programs and activities; what we are doing that is successful; and what new areas we might want to explore. The afternoon session began with a discussion about language and communication.

Next steps: By the December 13 board meeting, we'll review proposals to be included at the January congregational meeting. Each committee will look at ways to implement ideas that will benefit our church community.

Splinters from the Board - by Janice Nelson

Family Promises of Pueblo:

Ms. England Porter from the Family Promises of Pueblo presented their program for homeless families, which they are looking to restart in 2012.

The project requires a minimum of 13 churches participating full time to sustain the project. These churches would host the families (up to 17 people among up to five families) for one week each quarter. The churches would provide lodging and food for the families, who would move to another church the following week, thereby rotating weekly among the 13 churches.

The Board discussed the project and feel that we might possibly partner with a host church and referred the matter to Social Action for follow-up. Contact Liz or Dave for questions or volunteer opportunities.

Treasurer:

Dan reports that we are on target with our budget projections. Pledges are consistent and plate donations are up slightly. In the future we plan to renew purchasing King Soopers coupons as a fundraiser to provide further revenue.

Committee Reports:

Program: Our Sunday morning services are planned through December and we have received positive feedback for the variety. Our Stenger event was a huge success, and we may schedule speakers for times other than Sunday morning.

Publicity: We will continue to provide press releases to local and regional media as well as purchase paid advertising when appropriate. Our next big project to promote is the Affordable Arts & Gift Fair, scheduled for Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The committee will make recommendations to the Board to improve the website. The Board gave special thanks to Louise for the outstanding publicity for the Vic Stenger event.

Social Action: The committee will continue to show documentaries on the second Sunday each month. "The World According to Monsanto" and "Plan Colombia" were well received. The committee will continue to coordinate the collection of donations for the Pueblo Cooperative Care Center.

Fundraising: Rita works closely with Louise to plan and publicize the upcoming Affordable Arts & Gift Fair to be held Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m. Many artists have been signed up by Liz, and she only has a few spots remaining. Church members, Bookers, and friends will help make the dough ornaments for the children to decorate that day. (See the AAGF article elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Building & Grounds: They will continue to monitor building use to ensure all doors are locked. Dan presented a proposal for grounds updates from Irene for a Zen-type garden.

New groups: Two new ones have been initiated: Sustainable Societies Collective, which meets the first Tuesday of the month, and Pueblo Humanist Directions, which meets the third Tuesday of the month.

Adult RE: Ib facilitates the 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life class, the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Congregational Meeting: The Board scheduled the next meeting for January 15, 2012. The agenda includes discussion of the Behavioral Covenant; program update and evaluation; and new input. Please direct questions or suggestions to Janice or another Board member.

Board Meeting: The Board continues to meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m.; the next meeting will be November 8, and all church members are welcome to attend.

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>30</u> Oct	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Nov	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
10:30a -11:30a Ray L. Sisson, PhD - "Brief History of Yemen" 11:30a Ice Cream Sunday		6:30p Sustainable Societies Collective meets @ UUCP	10:00a Happy Bookers meet @ UUCP			
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
10:30a -11:30a Jane Milne - "Orphan Train"		6:30p -8:30p Board Meeting @ UUCP - all members welcome	6:30p <u>12 Steps to a Compassionate Life</u>		9:00a Fellowship Breakfast - Mi Ranchito II, 525 Pueblo Blvd	
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
10:30a -11:30a Rev. Patrick Hurley - "Sojourner's Circle" 12:00p Documentary and Discussion - BYO Lunch		6:30p Pueblo Humanist Directions meets @ UUCP	11:30a Happy Bookers meet for lunch			
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
10:30a -11:30a Fawn-Amber Montoya - "CIRC & Immigration History"			6:30p <u>12 Steps to a Compassionate Life</u>	1:00p Thanksgiving Dinner		Potluck @ 5:00pm, Movie@ 6:30
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u> Dec	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
10:30a -11:30a Dr. Anne Courtright - "Single Payer Health Plan" 11:30a Ice Cream Sunday						

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