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Issue IX

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

September 4 - Irene Stone

"Our Labyrinth"

Worship Leader: Janice Nelson

Greeters: Ib and Shawn

September 18 - Vic Stenger, PhD

"God and Science" Discussion

Worship Leader: Rita Prangle

Greeters: Dave and Don

September 11 - James Lujan, MA

"The Process of Maturation"

Worship Leader: Ibsen Birgers

Greeters: Dan and Bev

September 25 - Worship Team: Pat Spahr,

Jim Colson, Tirzah Collins, Kim Jackson

"Why We Are the Way We Are"

Greeters: Ib and Christiana

Expanded Titles and Descriptions

September 4 - Irene Stone, Master Gardener, will tell us about our Labyrinth: its purpose, the xeriscape plants, and what it means to her to her husband Dan. Potluck to follow.

September 11 - James Lujan, MA, philosopher and teacher, hopes to shed some light on the process of spiritual maturation. To many of us who value the freedom to think for ourselves often unknowingly get in our own way of the very freedoms we seek. Expecting everyone to always agree with us is spiritually, if not intellectually, immature. This often leads to unnecessary anguish if we take it personally. How do we get through times when we know that the course of action would benefit a greater good and lessen conflict with those who are not at one's own spiritual and intellectual maturation? Music by Inaiah and Friends.

September 18 - Science is based on the objective observation of the world as presented to our senses. Religion is based on faith in the existence of a transcendent world beyond the senses. Thus, science and religion are fundamentally incompatible. This incompatibility is more than just an intellectual debate among scholars. Belief in ancient myths joins with other negative forces in our society to keep most of the world from advancing scientifically, economically, and socially at a time when a rapid advancement in these areas is absolutely essential for the survival of humanity.

September 25 - We will touch upon individualism in America, as observed by Alexis de Tocqueville, a Frenchman writing in the early 19th Century. We will personalize the subject with self analysis by the worship team members.

New Members:

We extend a warm welcome to new members, Marc and Sarah Pratarelli and Carolyn Kelly. There will be a new member ceremony at a date to be announced by Pat Spahr, the Membership Committee Chair. Please see Pat if you are not yet a member and are interested in joining us. We'd be happy to have you.

Healing Thoughts:

Susan Traylor

Westy Bush on the passing of her son, Val Kleitz

Jennifer Kelham, Leslie's daughter

Pueblo Cooperative Care Center:

Cooperative Care is requesting flour and sugar for the month of September. Please bring your donations to the UU Church and place the items in the Cooperative Care box in the foyer. Thank you.

Art classes:

Christiana Harkins is signing up students for oil painting classes. Classes begin Saturday, September 10 for eight weeks. Students will study at the Church 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; some of the classes may be held plein air (painting in outdoor light). The cost is \$20 per class, minimum four classes. . (You may bring a sack lunch.) Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship area. Contact Christiana for more information at 542.0027.

Sunday Morning Conversation Club:

Join us at 9:15 a.m. for conversation before the worship service. Dorie Silverman will lead discussion for the first month. Each week features a different engaging topic.

"What is right is often forgotten by what is convenient." ~Bodie Thoene

Adult Education sign up:

Ib will facilitate a discussion group of 10-12 members (including Ib) based on Karen Armstrong's book, Twelve Steps to A Compassionate Life. A total of 13 sessions is expected. Karen was the Ware Lecturer at this year's UUA Convention. Participants will need to acquire the book. We'll kick it off in **September**. A sign up sheet is in the back of the Fellowship Room.

Children's Religious Education:

On September 11, the new Children's RE Sunday morning program will begin. We will have fun learning about Bible tales told from a Unitarian perspective.

Some of the stories we will read together are The Story of Queen Esther, Adam & Eve's First Sunset (sounds romantic), The Wisdom Bird: A Tale of Solomon and Sheba, Finding the Fruits of Peace: Cain & Abel and many more.

These books will be on display at the back of the church so that you can become familiar with our new curriculum.

We need all parents who would like to have their children attend Sunday School to fill out a registration form for 2011-2012. Forms are available at the back of the church next to the book display. **Please return the form to the office before September 4th.**

Ethyl still needs nursery assistants. Please, volunteer to help her with the small children occasionally. For a change of pace, enjoy your Sunday morning playing with a child.

You could also make the teachers, Janice, Midge, Shawn and Ruth, happy by volunteering to help them with the older children. We need more teachers and more assistants. Talk to one of the teachers about volunteering.

Saturday, September 10 Clean-up Day - 9:30 a.m. - ?

We'll have a Buildings and Grounds Cleanup Day focused primarily on the exterior appearance of the Church. Bring a sack lunch. Let's do it!

Mountain Desert District – Annual Convention

Rev. Meg Riley is the Keynote Speaker at this year's conference October 7-9 at the Marriott Hotel in Colorado Springs. She serves as the Senior Minister of the 3500 member Church of the Larger Fellowship. The registration deadline is September 30. See the website www.mdduua.org. All workshops are multi-generational and childcare is available. The cost is \$130 for 2-day and \$155 for 3-day commitments. See the website for youth registration details. The MDD office phone is 303-756-1378.

New Horizons – by Janice Nelson, Board President

The thought manifests as the word
The word manifests as the deed
The deed manifests into habit
And habits harden into character
So watch the thought and its ways with care
And let it spring from love
Borne out of concern for all beings
The Buddha

We are experiencing very exciting times here at the UU of Pueblo! The Sunday morning presentations have been interesting, informative and thought provoking. We have gotten very good feedback about them. We also have received positive feedback and ideas in our conversations with all of you. Many new faces are attending our programs and activities. Many old faces have been joining us. This newsletter is full of the many new activities and planned events. Please plan to join us! As always, Board and committee meetings are open. We need everyone's participation, ideas, and suggestions so we can keep on our current positive path. Blessed be, Janice

Splinters from the Board

Present were Janice, Ib, Dan, Shawn, Rita, Midge, and Dave. Membership Committee Chair Pat and Publicity Committee Chair Louise also attended. The Board reviewed and took action on issues, activities, programs covered elsewhere in this newsletter. The Church rental to

the Outreach Friendship church has been put on hold. It was decided to have a special plate offering on Sunday to help defray cost of publicity. The next Board meeting will be held at **6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13**. Members are welcome to attend.

Social Activities

Potluck - Following the worship service on **Sunday, September 4**, there will be a potluck lunch. Please bring your own homemade salads, side dishes, desserts, or contribute \$ to provide roast free-range chicken.

Happy Bookers - On **Wednesday, September 7**, we will meet at the UUCP at 10:00 am. We are continuing to read books on sustainability and ecology. We will discuss how the Bookers can contribute to the church's mission to nurture the environment. Books on other topics will also be discussed.

Fellowship Breakfast - This month's breakfast will be at **9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 9** at Mi Ranchito II on Pueblo Blvd., just south of Thatcher on the west side of the street. Those who attended last month enjoyed the food and ambience of this pleasant choice. We have a private area, attentive service, and plenty of parking. That's 9/9 at 9.

Movie Night - "The World According to Monsanto"

Social Action Movie and Discussion, **noon, Sunday, September 11**, at the UU Church. We are starting back up with the monthly Sunday documentary film series. This month's film is "The World According to Monsanto" based on director Marie-Monique Robin's three-year investigation into the world-wide practices of agricultural giant Monsanto Corporation. An open discussion will follow. Remember to bring your own lunch to eat before the program. Questions? Contact Dave Wagner 545-1165.

According to the filmmaker's publicity, "This enormously powerful film, 'The World According to Monsanto', chronicles Monsanto's controversial past: a history that combines some of the most toxic products ever sold with misleading reports, pressure tactics, collusion,

and attempted corruption. They now race to genetically engineer (and patent) the world's food supply, a frightening strategy, which profoundly threatens our health, environment, and economy. Exposing secret documents with first-hand accounts by victims, scientists, and politicians, this widely praised film exposes why Monsanto has become the world's poster child for malignant corporate influence in government and technology."

Happy Bookers - Our second meeting of the month will be on **Wednesday, September 21**, and we will go on an outing, which has not been designated yet. We will decide on the 7th and you will be notified if you are on the telephone list. If you want to be notified of future book discussions, call Dorie, 566-8604 or Janice 544-3490. Currently, the book club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the UUCP, and we attend an event or go to lunch on the third Wednesday.

Movie Night - Potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m.; movie at 6:30 p.m. on **Saturday, September 24** at the Church; discussion afterward.

Ice Cream Sunday - September 25th is the celebration of September birthdays, and organic ice cream will be served after the Sunday morning service.

Finance Committee

In conjunction with the **Saturday, September 10 cleanup effort**, there are two small projects which will require a capital layout of about \$500. These projects are 1) completing the window treatments (valances) for which we have the material, will prep ourselves, and pay for final assembly, and 2) broken window repairs - we'll do what we can ourselves, but will need to purchase glass and possibly some labor. Since there is no extra money in Building budget, we would like to ask members to donate to a Building Improvement Fund (a restricted fund).

In the short term, we are wanting to improve the appearance of the church before Vic Stenger comes on September 17. In the long run, we are envisioning our church as a venue for commitment ceremonies, etc., and this short term project is a key first step.

Atheist and Scientist Dr. Vic Stenger to Speak

Dr. Vic Stenger, noted atheist, scientist, and philosopher will speak at **3:00 p.m., Saturday, September 17** at the UU Church. The title of his program is "God and Science." Admission is free and open to the public; reservations are suggested by calling 719.561.0880.

Dr. Stenger, a prolific author, is best known for his New York Times bestseller, God: the Failed Hypothesis: How Science Shows that God Does Not Exist. His most recent book is The Fallacy of Fine-Tuning.

Emeritus physics professor of the University of Hawaii and current adjunct philosophy professor at CU Boulder, Dr. Stenger searches for evidence of God by examining scientific data. As noted on his website, <http://www.colorado.edu/philosophy/vstenger/VWeb/Home.html>, "He states at the outset that as a physicist he will go wherever the data takes him, even if it leads him to God. But after many years of research in particle physics and thinking about its implications, he finds that the observations of science and our naked senses not only show no evidence for God, they provide evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that God does not exist."

Dr. Stenger explains, "Science is based on the objective observation of the world as presented to our senses. Religion is based on faith in the existence of a transcendent world beyond the senses. Thus, science and religion are fundamentally incompatible.

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His Pueblo speaking engagement is one stop on his world tour. Copies of three of Dr. Stenger's books will be available for purchase at the event. They include The Fallacy of Faith; The New Atheism; and God: The Failed Hypothesis: How Science Shows That God Does Not Exist.

Sustainable Societies Collective:

The Sustainable Societies Collective will meet on the first Tuesdays of the month beginning in October, 2011. Meetings will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. at the UU Church. There are many objectives for the group, but more than anything else, it will be a forum for discussion of modern problems facing our planet, society, individuals, and groups as they work to define and achieve ecological, environmental, social, economic, and cultural sustainability.

Together, these are the essence of a truly sustainable people living in balance with nature such that future generations will be able to do the same. Discussion topics each month will be advertised in advance including any suggested readings. Each month a host will provide a brief presentation and act as the facilitator for group discussion. Individuals are encouraged to bring questions, concerns, and their wit. Food for sharing with others is encouraged, but not required. For more information, please contact Marc or Sarah Pratarelli at 549.2625 or 485.1167, or Carolyn Kelly at 320.5080.

Monthly discussion topics already planned may include the following:

Defining the scope of our problems; who are we and why are we this way?

How to simplify your life (voluntary simplicity).

How can you go green and still keep up appearances?

Composting at home.

Raising healthy sustainable children (consumers) of the future.

Dealing with denialists, detractors, and defectors.

Changing attitudes and values; a discussion of deep ecology.

The promise of green technology.

What does a renewable energy economy really mean?

How can our social institutions help make it happen?

Democracies of the future & the role of self-governance.

Computing your personal ecological footprint.

Affordable Art and Gift Fair

Save the date - the Affordable Art and Gift Fair (AAGF) will be held at UUCP on **Saturday, December 3**, just in time for Holiday shopping! This fair will have a top price of \$50 for any one item, with most items priced lower.

We will be signing up 20 artists - UUCP members and friends will have preference. Each artist will rent a space for \$5, and UUCP will take a 10% commission on all sales. Ten spaces will be available for artists with art to hang, and the other spaces will be rented to vendors who won't need to hang their items. These could be jewelry, pottery, small quilts, children's and baby clothes and toys, adult apparel and accessories. Please see Liz if you want to rent a space.

We will look for a space on Union Avenue Friday, Dec 2, where we can display a few sample pieces and hand out flyers. Louise is planning the publicity campaign.

There will also be a bake sale and café, specialty food items, and a UUCP space that will feature merchandise from donations (solicited from members and merchants), so that 100% of the proceeds will go to UUCP. We will also sell tickets for a 50-50 raffle at the door - winner of the drawing splits the proceeds with UUCP.

Finally, we will have a kids' store, where everything is \$1, and an ornament workshop where the kids will decorate their own ornaments. Gift items from the kids' store and workshop will be wrapped at no charge.

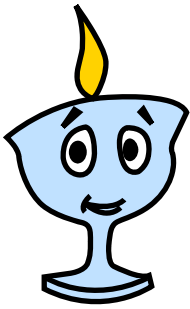
We will need a lot of help to make this a fun and successful event, more about that next month!

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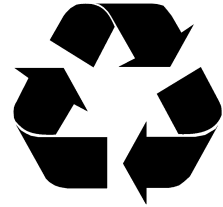
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September 2011

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>28</u>	Aug	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	Sep	<u>2</u>
10:30a -11:30a Mike Atlas- Acuna - Jews in Pueblo and 4 tenets of Judaism Ice Cream Sunday							
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	
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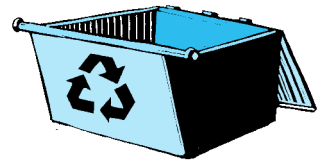
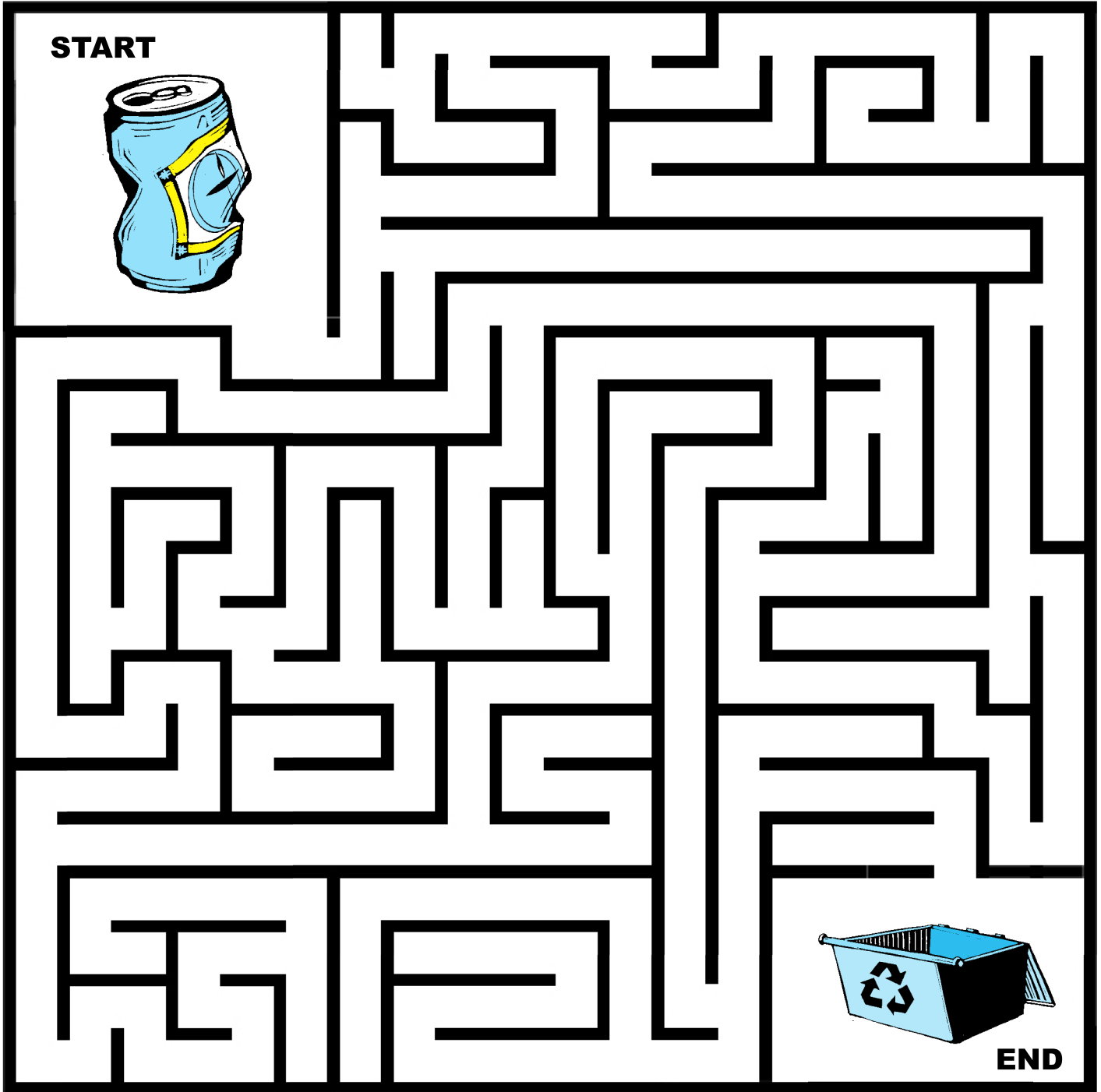


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