

THE CHALICE FLAME

Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo

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June

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Issue VI

A Month of Sundays

June 3 - Matt Young
"How to be Religious
Without Believing In God"
Lay Leader: Rita Prangle
Greeters: Shawn & Kate

June 10 - John Tenorio
"The History of PFLAG"
Lay Leader: Gary Roberts
Greeters: Christiana & Dan

June 17 - Midge Birgers
"The Changing Role of
the Modern Father"
Lay Leader: Ibsen Birgers
Greeters: Don & Bev

June 24 - Jane Milne
"CF & I Steel Mill"
Lay Leader: Ivy Carter
Greeters: Dan & Kate

Expanded Titles and Descriptions

June 3 - "People seem to need religion and ritual, and rationalism will probably never replace them. Religion is too important to be left to the scriptural literalists." Matt Young

June 10 - John Tenorio is involved in the Colorado Coalition of PFLAG Chapters (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and is the new president of the local PFLAG Chapter. He will cover the history and purpose of PFLAG and will answer your questions.

June 17 - Midge Birgers will talk about the changing and varied roles of the modern father. There will be an opportunity for discussion.

June 24 - Jane Milne will combine the history of the CF & I with music on her autoharp. She has done a lot of research for her presentation. The program is appropriate for elementary age children.

For the months of July and August, only the Sunday Programs and Monthly Calendar of activities will be published.

Matt Young to Speak at UUCP on "How Morality Evolved"

Saturday, June 2, 3:00 pm

Matt Young is Teaching Professor of Physics at the Colorado School of Mines and a retired Physicist with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, where he earned the Department of Commerce Gold Medal for his work in optical fiber communications. He has published books on optical physics, technical writing, science and religion, and topics related to evolution.

In 1999, he carried out a comprehensive study of science and religion, and eventually joined the "debate" (scare quotes intended) between evolution and its deniers. He is a founding member of the influential evolution blog, The Panda's Thumb, and serves as its de-facto photography editor.

Matt is also President of the Board of Colorado Citizens for Science, a nonprofit organization formed in 2002. It is composed of scientists and interested laypersons, and is loosely modeled after groups in other states that have been formed to support quality science education standards. CCFS acts to oppose the teaching of pseudosciences that pose as science but fail to meet the widely accepted standards of the field.

All are invited to hear Matt speak on this fascinating subject, and to participate in a lively discussion afterward. Admission is free (but donations are gladly accepted). Several of Matt's books, including *Why Evolution Works (and Intelligent Design Fails)*, will be available for sale.

June 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <u>27</u> May | <u>28</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>31</u> | <u>1</u> Jun | <u>2</u> |
| 10:30a -11:30a Gennifer Wagner - "To Bury Grief, Plant a Seed" 11:30a Ice cream Sunday 11:45a Join us to discuss programs for coming year | | | | | | 3:00p Matt Young talk on "How Morality Evolved" |
| <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>9</u> |
| 10:30a -11:30a Matt Young - "How to be Religious without believing in God" | 6:15p Board Meeting - members welcome | 6:30p Sustainable Societies Collective Potluck & discussion | 11:30a Happy Bookers meet for lunch at Ruby Buffet | | 9:00a Fellowship Breakfast - Mi Ranchito II, 525 Pueblo Blvd | |
| <u>10</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>16</u> |
| 10:30a -11:30a John Tenorio - "The History of PFLAG" | | 6:15p -8:30p Board Meeting @ UUCP - re-scheduled to June 4 | | | | |
| <u>17</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>23</u> |
| 10:30a -11:30a Midge Birgers - "The Changing Role of the Modern Father" 11:30a -12:30p Light Brunch and Games after the service | | 6:30p Pueblo Humanist Directions re-scheduled to June 21 | 10:00a Happy Bookers meet @ UUCP | 6:30p Dinner at Christine's in Rocky Ford. See newsletter for details. | | Potluck & Movie night - potluck @ 5, movie @ 6:30 |
| <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>30</u> |
| 10:30a -11:30a Jane Milne - "CF&I Steel Mill" 11:30a Ice Cream Sunday 11:45a Congregational Meeting after the service | | | | | | |

Pledge Cards Please

In order to prepare the annual budget, we **need completed pledge cards by June 1**. You can put your pledge card in the Sunday offering basket or mail to Treasurer, UUCP, 110 S. La Crosse Ave., Pueblo CO 81001. If you need a pledge card, contact Dave Wagner at 545-1165.

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, June 24

Members will meet after the Sunday program, June 24 to vote on several items. There are three seats on the Board to be filled: president, treasurer, and an at-large seat. Dan Stone, Nominating Committee chair, requests that your suggestions be relayed to him.

There are also two proposals to be voted on: a name change for the church as well as a mission statement. Only those who were members as of May 24, 2012 are eligible to vote. Read on for details about the proposals.

Mission Statement Proposal

The Board is proposing a new mission statement to be submitted to the congregation for approval at the upcoming congregational meeting June 24. Here are the current and proposed mission statements for you to ponder:

Current: We are a Welcoming Congregation supporting a free, open search for spiritual truth and meaning and promoting the ideals of peace and justice.

Proposed: We are a diverse, Welcoming community that celebrates spiritual and religious freedom; nurtures growth and

learning; and works toward a more compassionate, tolerant and sustainable world.

Name Change

We will also vote on a possible name change for our organization. (The current name is Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo.) Don Bruestle, co-chair of the Vision & Growth Committee, facilitated discussions about the topic at four Sunday meetings during April.

For those who attended, there was a consensus to drop the word Universalist and to find a different descriptor other than the word church. (We will, of course, remain an affiliate of the Unitarian Universalist Association.)

There were several suggestions, one of which was to resume our previous name Unitarian Fellowship; others include First Unitarian Society, Congregation or Community. Some ideas included a nod to our location: Pueblo, Southern Colorado, Arkansas Valley. Suffice it to say there was a variety of appellations offered. A vote will be taken at the congregational meeting on June 24.

Social Activities

Happy Bookers - Wednesday, June 6 - 11:30 am - We will meet at Ruby Buffet at 2920 Hart Rd., south of Pueblo Mall near Vitamin Cottage.

Fellowship Breakfast - Friday, June 8 - 9:00 am - Once again we'll meet at Mi Ranchito II Restaurant, 525 Pueblo Blvd., which is just south of Thatcher on the west side of the street (Pueblo Blvd.), across from the golf course. It's quiet and very accommodating. So come and be with friends for good conversations.

Father's Day Brunch - Sunday, June 17 - We will have a healthy light brunch and games after the Sunday program.

Happy Bookers - Wednesday, June 20 - 10:00 am at UUCP - The featured book for June is The Language of Flowers, a Novel by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. It is a story about a young girl who is making a transition from foster care to independence. The book focuses on two time periods in Victoria's (the protagonist) life: as a nine-year-old who wants to be adopted and as an emancipated 18-year-old who finds flowers as a way to express and support herself. This book can open up the world of flowers for you. Come and discuss it

along with other books you might have read.

Potluck & Movie Night - Saturday, June 23, 5:00 pm - Potluck is at 5:00 pm, followed by the 6:30 pm movie. "**Albert Nobbs**", As the title character, Glenn Close has hair that is cropped and orangey and a voice that barely rises above a nasal croak. She lives and works as a waiter in a high-toned hotel. She resembles no man you've seen - but no woman either. She is the personification of fear - fear of being discovered a woman.

The story takes place before World War I when society treats all poor people badly, and poor women worse. The plot takes off in unexpected directions and comes to a satisfyingly offbeat conclusion.

Ice Cream Sunday, June 24 - We will celebrate all the June birthdays with organic ice cream after the morning service. Thanks to Don Bruestle for his frequent donations of organic ice cream.

Dorie Silverman, Social Activities
Committee Chair, 566.8604

Art Department

Ivy Carter and Christiana Harkins are among 17 artists at the 2012 Featured Artist Show at Pueblo Art Guild Gallery, 1500 N. Santa Fe Avenue in Mineral Palace Park near Lake Clara. There will be an artists' reception 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Friday, June 1. The exhibit will continue through Tuesday, June 22.

Cheryl Scott continues through the month of June as our featured artist whose work has been displayed in our church assembly area.

Social Action

Sustainable Societies Collective meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 5 at 6:30 pm** including a potluck dinner.

Social Action Announcement

This summer, like last summer, we will be taking a break from showing the Second Sunday Social Action Documentaries. We have enjoyed a wide variety of films this year and look forward to next year's selections. As always, if you know of an exceptional documentary related to social justice, sustainability, world affairs, etc.,

please let Dave know. Have a great summer and see you Sunday, September 9 at noon. Questions? Contact Dave Wagner 545-1165.

Cooperative Care is asking for (non-perishable, packaged) mac & cheese, goldfish crackers, and kids' snacks as this month's focus. Please leave your donations in the box near the front door. Thanks to Ruth Mahaney who has agreed to deliver the donations to Cooperative Care.

Fundraising

Our Rummage Sale, held May 4 and 5 at UUCP earned more than \$500. Thanks to all who helped.

Goodsearch

We are accumulating money for UUCP at Goodsearch.com. **Participating does not cost you anything!** After you have downloaded the Goodsearch toolbar (powered by Yahoo) and designated UUCP

as the recipient, you will be earning money for UUCP every time you search or shop online. It's easy to sign up at www.goodsearch.com, and there is an instruction book in the UUCP office that you can check out & take home to help with the process.

Pueblo Humanist Directions

PHDs will meet at **6:30 pm, Thursday June 21** at Christine's Restaurant in Rocky Ford. We'll discuss Why Evolution Works (and Intelligent Design Fails), by Matt Young and Paul K. Strode. For details and **RSVP**: <http://www.meetup.com/Pueblo-Humanist-Directions>.

"...being a Humanist means trying to behave decently without expectation of rewards or punishment after you are dead."

- Kurt Vonnegut

New Horizons - by Janice Nelson

It is hard to believe that we have completed a year, since the many changes that occurred last year. We have together, as a board and community, accomplished more than we would have imagined. We now can look forward to what our next visions will be. As we do this, let us continue to focus on our values as UUs and continue the spirit of listening to and respecting all views. As always, it is a pleasure to share this journey with our small, but mighty community.

Blessed be, Janice

From **Cherokee Feast of Days** by Joyce Sequichie Hifler
Daily quote for June 24, the date of our annual meeting:

Most of us avoid major change. Our nature is to catch hands with something we are comfortable with and to walk a long way with it. Change can take place so naturally that it does nothing to upset the harmony because we change with it. But everyone has know change that shook their foundations and left them afraid and unhappy. This is the place where profound change can move mountains. The unproductive feelings and fears drop away and a new challenge enters to boost and enliven the one that knows he can do it.

Shabbona, an Ottawa tribe member who became Potawatomi chief in Illinois
Circa 1800

His final resting place: Evergreen Cemetery, Morris, Illinois

Splinters from the Board - by Janice Nelson

At the May meeting of the board of Directors UUCP the following actions were taken: Plans for the Stewardship service and luncheon were discussed, finalized. Annual meeting will be June 24, items to be voted on need to be given to members 2 weeks before.

1. The June board meeting rescheduled to June 4 in order to approve annual meeting agenda and notification
2. Items to be considered will be name change, mission statement, nominations for board and nominating committee, any social action issues and the proposed budget
3. The annual meeting will also include annual reports, and visions

Follow-up to Wendell Potter

Faith Leaders in Action of Southern Colorado invite all to come and experience the power of sharing our stories about Health Care from 7:00-8:30 pm Thursday, June 7 at Rawlings Library. Facilitators include Janice Nelson and Midge Birgers. "Come, share, learn, and see how we can make a difference together," said Nelson.

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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. Members have come from a variety of backgrounds including lifelong UUs, Humanists, Christians, Jews, Muslims, Wiccans, Buddhists, agnostics, atheists, and others. The Pueblo UU Church welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons. For more information, see www.uupueblo.org and www.uua.org. If you would like to subscribe or unsubscribe to this newsletter, please contact burgmedia@yahoo.com or leave a message at 719.561.0880. Our facility is handicap accessible.

There are **7 Unitarian Universalist Principles** that we affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.