

THE CHALICE FLAME

Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo

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April

2012

Issue IV

A Month of Sundays

April 1 - Dorie Silverman
"Who Is Gurdjieff?"
Worship Leader: Janice Nelson
Greeters: Shawn & Ib

April 15 - Dave Wagner
"Questions of Ethical Philosophy"
Worship Leader: Gennifer Wagner
Greeters: Dan & Christiana

April 8 - Rita Prangle
(potluck breakfast 9:00 am)
"Resurrection Myths"
Worship Leader: Louise Burg
Greeters: Shawn & Dave

April 22 - Rita & Louise
"Earth Day Celebration"
(short program about 10:30 am
outside the City Park Pavilion)

April 29 James Lujan
"Truth vs. Magic Part 2"
Worship Leader: Midge Birgers
Greeters: Ib & Bev

* Annual Rummage Sale Prep following the April 29 service (see bottom of next page)

Expanded Titles and Descriptions

April 1 - Dorie Silverman will introduce us to Gurdjieff. "He was a startling rare bird. He was like no other. His methods were upsetting, sometimes shocking. He was, in all probability, a trickster and a spiritual master. And his influence continues."

April 8 - After the potluck breakfast at 9:00, Rita Prangle will talk about pre-Christian resurrection myths and other stories from early religions.

April 15 - Julian Baggini's book **The Pig that Wants to be Eaten - 100 Experiments for the Armchair Philosopher** presents hypothetical situations designed to provoke considered thought on moral and philosophical issues. We will present a few of Mr. Baggini's "experiments", especially those relating to ethical dilemmas and come to our own individual conclusions.

April 22 - We're celebrating Earth Day at City Park by hosting the 9:00 am 5K Fun Run/Walk, coordinated by Marc and Sarah Pratarelli. It's a fund raiser which benefits the Earth Studies program for District 60 fifth graders, conducted by the Mountain Park Environmental Center (75% of net) as well as the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo (25%) to support its sustainability programs, children's education, and the Sustainable Societies Collective. Our information table will be inside the City Park Pavilion. Depending on the weather, we'll have a short service after the race outdoors, but inside the Pavilion in case of inclement weather, at approximately 10:30 a.m. [Janice will lead an informal service at the church for those who might go there at 10:30 am.]

April 29 - James Lujan returns to continue the discussion of his February 19th service on Truth vs. Magic. Magic is centered on illusion, while truth unveils the illusion, which would set us free. But set us free to do what? James Lujan, MA, writer and philosopher returns to share more thoughts on the misuse of magical thoughts and the truth that would set us free.

Passover Seder

Be sure to sign up for the **Passover Seder** to be held at **5:30 pm Friday, April 6** at UUCP. The seder is a celebration of freedom and consists of a ritual meal followed by a delicious dinner. We will supply organic roast chicken and matzoh ball soup with other side dishes provided by you. The price for adults is \$3 with a side dish or \$5 without. Children pay \$1 and will have a part in the service. Please see Rita to sign up.

Juvenile Justice

Ellen Toomey-Hale and John Riley of the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition will speak about Juvenile Justice at 7:00 pm Friday, April 13 at the church. For admission, attendees may bring a non-perishable food item for Cooperative Care; a paperback book suitable for a youth at Pueblo Youth Services correctional facility; or \$1.00.

Pueblo Humanist Directions

Pueblo Humanist Directions will meet at **6:30 pm Tuesday, April 17** at UUCP.
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

***Annual Rummage Sale Prep April 29**

We will be cleaning out and organizing the shed, attic, and the closet to the left of the sanctuary after the service on **April 29**, so bring your old clothes to change into and help with this effort.

Social Activities

Happy Bookers - Wednesday, April 4 - 11:30 am - We will meet at Mr. Tandoori/Urban Bar & Grill, 310 S. Victoria Ave., Suite C for lunch and conversation. Please have suggestions ready for our next readings.

Easter Breakfast - Sunday, April 8 - 9:00 am - Bring finger food to share before the morning service.

Fellowship Breakfast - Friday, April 13 - 9:00 am - 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. The food is tasty, and the atmosphere is friendly and quiet. Come and join us.

Happy Bookers - Wednesday, April 18 - 10:00 am at UUCP - Bring and discuss your recent reads.

Potluck & Movie Night - Saturday, April 28, 5:00 pm - Potluck is at 5:00 pm, followed by the 6:30 pm movie. "**A Dangerous Method**" has a trio of superb actors, Michael Fassbender, Keira Knightley, and Viggo Mortensen, in a drama about the friendship - and later feud - between Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung. It is also a lovely reconstruction of Europe at the beginning of the 20th century. Keira Knightley is the star patient suffering from extreme anxiety. David Cronenberg ("The Fly", "Dead Ringers", "Naked Lunch", and "Crash") directs. (Adult) You are welcome to invite friends.

Ice Cream Sunday, April 29 - after the morning service, we will have organic ice cream cones in various flavors.

Dorie Silverman, Social Activities Committee Chair, 566.8604

WUULF (Western Unitarian Universalist Life Festival)

June 18-24, 2012

WUULF is held every year at Ghost Ranch, near Abiqui, NM. The ranch is surrounded by magnificent red cliffs. For a great vacation close to home, try WUULF. This year's theme is "Inner Practices for Wellness", facilitated by Dr. Jim Sharon and Ruth Sharon. The minister-in-residence is Rev. Julia McKay, from Glacier UU Fellowship in Kalispell, MT, and the youth chaplain will be Canyon Bosler.

There is great programming for children,

with Bonnie Gallegos as one of the teachers, and Ib Birgers will teach contour drawing. There is plenty of free time for hiking, biking, rafting, reading, art, or whatever moves you. You may stay in a cabin or camp (showers, washing machine, etc.) You may cook for yourself or eat in the cafeteria. **A catalogue is available in the church or check www.wuulf.org; registration by May 1st or until a maximum of 125 is reached.** If you have questions, see Ib or Midge.

Social Action

Sustainable Societies Collective meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 pm.**

Second Sunday Social Action Documentary & Discussion, Sunday, April 8, Noon

"The God Who Wasn't There" (2005, 60 minutes), at UUCP:

Borrowing the lively approach of documentaries such as "Fahrenheit 9/11" and "Super Size Me", ex-Christian fundamentalist Brian Flemming's exposé shines an unflinching spotlight on Christianity and the existence of Christ. Flemming interviews religious experts and Christians of varying backgrounds, ultimately asserting that Jesus Christ is

more than likely a fictional character based on legend and that Christian doctrine is rife with contradiction. An open discussion will follow the film. Remember to bring your own lunch to eat before the program. Questions? Contact Dave Wagner 545-1165.

Cooperative Care is asking for **peanut butter & jelly** 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. Ruth continues this important commitment most recently carried out by Liz Moulder who moved to Mexico.

Fundraising

Earth Day at the Park

- by Rita Prangle

April 22nd is Earth Day, and we're hosting a 5K Fun Run/ Wellness Walk at 9:00 am at City Park to help raise funds for the Mountain Park Environmental Center's Earth Studies program for District 60 5th graders (75% of net) and for UUCP as well - we'll receive 25% of the net profit from this event. Marc Pratarelli is spearheading this effort, and it promises to be fun as well as educational. We'll need some helpers at the UUCP booth inside the City Park Pavilion as well. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Area. The event

will take place in the morning, so **we'll also hold our Sunday service outside at the park.** What a great way to celebrate Earth Day!

Annual Rummage Sale - May 4th & 5th

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, May 4th and 5th, so start thinking about all those things that are in good condition, but you no longer use. The church will be open for donations on May 2nd and 3rd, but you can bring smaller items ahead of time if that's easier - just put your sale items in the old nursery room between now and sale time.

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.

New Horizons - by Janice Nelson

We Share a World

For all our differences, we share one world. To be tolerant is to welcome the differences and delight in the sharing. - www.tolerance.org A project of the Southern Poverty Law Center

Faith Leaders in Action is a newly formed coalition of clergy in Pueblo who are identifying areas which are common concerns that we can address as a group. Janice and Midge have been attending and are part of the leadership of this group. Areas identified include issues related to health care, education, economy, and immigration. The first sponsored event of this group is an upcoming meeting on health care and the affordable health care act. **Save this date, May 8, to hear Wendall Potter**, a former insurance company executive and whistle-blower, clarify the facts about the Health Care Act as well as encourage a call for action in our community. We will be attending a state wide event on April 24, and more of our Pueblo actions for common concerns will follow.

Blessed be. Janice

Splinters from the Board

The Board and Committee Chairs discussed:

1. Fundraising activities and upcoming events.
2. Yard sale by PFLAG on April 6 & 7.
3. UUCP Annual Rummage Sale May 4 & 5
4. Earth Day 5K Fun Run and 3K Wellness Walk Sunday, April 22 at City Park.
5. The board approved \$475 for a professional arborist.
6. Rita donated new dining linens and is making new coverings for the windows.
7. Our next Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 12.
8. Vision & Growth Committee Co-Chair Don Bruestle will facilitate conversations about a possible name change of the church on Sundays in April after the service, except for Earth Day.
9. Juvenile Justice program at 7:00 pm Friday, April 13, at UUCP.
10. Stewardship Sunday will be on May 20 is being planned by Finance committee.
11. Annual meeting will be June 24.

Healing Thoughts to: Margaret Miller · Ethyl Kelham · Chuck Gallo

Buen Viaje (Bon Voyage) Liz Moulder

As most of you know, our friend and sister, Liz Moulder, has moved to Mexico. We'll not only miss her quiet influence, her sweet disposition, her dedication to the disenfranchised, and her thoroughness in her undertakings, we'll miss one heck of a workhorse.

We recognize Liz for many reasons. She is an especially giving person and contributing UUCP member. Liz coordinated, collected and delivered food, clothing, cash and other donations to Cooperative Care and Posada. We'll miss her conscientious and kind nature.

Another arena where Liz was a key contributor was her effort for the Communications Committee. She served as our solo production maven by photocopying, collating, addressing, and

mailing the Chalice Flame, our church's monthly newsletter - exhausting work!

When there are special projects, Liz was there to lend a helping hand. For our Affordable Art & Gift Fair, Liz served as the Artist Coordinator, spending many hours calling, mailing, and emailing regional artists to secure support for our fundraiser. Further, Liz spent many, many hours going through our library organizing our collection to ease our use of it. Possibly the most profound way that Liz contributed to our church was that she brought so many other great people to us.

iMil gracias a tí, Hermana! (A thousand thanks to you, Sister.) Liz will be sorely missed, but we can contact her at lizzielou6767@gmail.com.

"**Travel** is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it (travel) sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

- Mark Twain, [The Innocents Abroad/Roughing It](#)

Unitarian Universalist Principle #3

We affirm and promote acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

Children's version: We're free to learn together.

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.

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> Apr	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
10:30a -11:30a Dorie Silverman - "Who is Gurdjieff?" 11:45a UUCP name change discussion		6:30p Sustainable Societies Collective	11:30a Happy Bookers meet @ Mr. Tandoori/Urban Bar & Grill, 310 S. Victoria Ave.		6:00p Passover Seder PFLAG Yard Sale @ UUCP	PFLAG Yard Sale @ UUCP
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9:00a -10:30a Potluck Breakfast 10:30a -11:30p Rita Prangle - "Resurrection Myths" 11:45a UUCP name change discussion 12:00p Documentary and Discussion - BYO Lunch		6:30p -8:30p Board Meeting @ UUCP - all members welcome			9:00a Fellowship Breakfast - Mi Ranchito II, 525 Pueblo Blvd 7:00p CO Criminal Justice Reform Coalition to speak on Juvenile Justice @UUCP	
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