

# THE CHALICE FLAME

First Unitarian Society (formerly UUCP)

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Issue IV

## A Month of Sunday

April 7 - Rev. Roger Butts

"The Zookeeper's Wife: A  
Service on Holocaust  
Remembrance Day"

Worship Leader, Midge Birgers  
Greeters: Shawn & Ibsen

April 14 - Prof Richard Wagner

"Climate Change"

Worship Leader: Dave Wagner  
Greeters: Don & Kate

April 21 - Prof Marc Pratarelli

"Daddy, Are We Green Yet?"

Worship Leader: Sarah Johnson  
Greeters: Steve & Midge

April 28 - Midge Birgers &  
Steve Acker

"Relinquishing Control"

Worship Leader: Ibsen Birgers  
Greeters: Dave & Gennifer

## Expanded Titles and Descriptions

April 7 - Unitarian minister, Rev. Roger Butts will tell the story of Jan and Atonina Zabinski, Polish Christian zookeepers, who saved over 300 Jews in Warsaw. The story is taken from Diana Ackerman's book "The Zookeeper's Wife".

April 14 - Prof Richard Wagner, Climatologist, will share his understanding of humanity's impact on our climate.

April 21 - Prof Marc Pratarelli will lead our Earth Day observance with a provocative talk entitled "Daddy, Are We Green Yet?"

April 28 - Steve and Midge will talk about acknowledging our limitations and trusting in the greater flow of life; letting go of our illusions of control.

# APRIL 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Mar	1 April	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30p Sustainable Societies Collective @FUS	11:30aBookers lunch at La Renaissance			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9-10a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a Rev. Roger Butts "The Zookeeper's Wife : A Service on Holocaust Remembrance Day"		6:15p Board Meeting @ FUS - Members welcome		4:00p Philosophy at Four @ FUS	9:00Fellowship Breakfast – Hen House Cafe, 53 E. Palmer Lake Dr. Pueblo West	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9-10a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a Prof. Richard Wagner "Climate Change"		6:30p Pueblo Humanist Directions @ FUS	12:30pHappy Bookers meet @ FUS	4:00p Philosophy at Four @ FUS		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9-10a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a Prof. Marc Pratarelli "Daddy, Are We Green Yet?" 12p-1:30p Documentary				4:00p Philosophy at Four @ FUS		5p Potluck 6:30p Movie @FUS
28	29	30	1 May	2	3	4
9-10a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a Steve Acker and Midge Birgers "Relinquishing Control" 11:30 Ice Cream Sunday				4:00p Philosophy at Four @ FUS		

## **Socrates Cafe**

The Socrates Cafe continues to meet before our Sunday service each week. We share coffee, conversations and our ideas, thoughts and concerns as we get to know each other. Join us at 9am each week.

## **Malawi Youth Fund**

Long time member, Melva Steen started the Malawi Youth Fund, which our Unitarian Society has co-sponsored. This is a follow up of Melva's work in the Peace Corp. It provides support for several youth to complete their secondary education. It was Melva's decision that we complete our involvement in 2014 when the current students finish their program. Pat Spahr and Melva have been the major contributors to this project. We donate funds from our book sales, sale of our cookbook and any individual contributions. In Pat's memory, we are planning for a special donation to replace her contributions until the program is completed next year. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks. This program was very important to Pat, and she was our liaison with Melva and the Malawi project.

## **Beloved Community**

Our Unitarian Community continues to grow and change. Some of our beloved members are moving on to new adventures and leaving our community. We are experiencing many new members and interested people. How exciting is that! We will continue to explore our goals, and our common beliefs. This is the time of year that we evaluate and prioritize our programs. This will include evaluating our needs and wants. We will look at things like pledges and possibilities. In order to continue to be a growing, vital community, we need for all members and friends to participate. The future is open! Blessed be - Janice

"The future ... seems to me no unified dream but a mince pie long in the baking, but never quite done." - E.B. White.

## Social Action

We encourage all our members to educate yourself and participate as you are able in the many important issues. The following are all currently being discussed at our state level. Let your representatives hear from you:

- if you are against Gun violence, and support our Colorado legislation in this area
- if you support the Asset legislation regarding immigration
- if you are against the death penalty
- if you are concerned about global warming and its effect on our world
- if you support civil unions

-Plan to attend our Sustainable Societies Collectives which meets at our building the first Tues of each month; led by Marc and Sarah Pratarelli.

-Get involved in our local Faith Leaders in Action group with Janice Nelson and Midge Birgers.

-Talk with Don Bruestle or Doug Ohmans about the many opportunities in Pueblo for involvement.

-Find out about our ongoing support of GLBT issues and the PFLAG group that meets regularly in our building.

-Attend the monthly social action Documentaries and discussions following Sunday service. This month's film is so top secret even we don't know.

-Familiarize yourself in the Unitarian Universalist stands and resources in these areas.

- Join our Social Action committee.

## Pueblo Humanist Directions

We are meeting at FUS on Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 pm. We'll have a serious discussion about PHD, and what we want from this group. Rita will be leaving this area soon, so if the group is to continue, we need to work on ways and means. Donations or snacks to share at the meeting are appreciated, but not required. Please rsvp at [meetup.com/Pueblo-Humanist-Directions](https://www.meetup.com/Pueblo-Humanist-Directions).

## Splinters from the Board

The next Board meeting will be on April 9 at 6:15pm at our building. All are welcome.

The Board and the finance Committee are planning for our annual Pledge Drive kick off on Sun May 19, with a luncheon to follow for all members. The Board is evaluating all our program, building, membership needs in order to prioritize our needs and wants. All committees and program areas are reviewing their needs and projected plans and will submit budget proposals to the Committee. Depending on the estimated pledges, the finance committee will evaluate all areas and submit a proposed budget which will be submitted to the congregation at our Annual meeting in June.

## Social Activities

HAPPY BOOKERS- On Wednesday, April 3, 11:30 am, we will have lunch at La Renaissance, 217 E. Routt. Please make a reservation with Dorie if you plan to attend.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST- Friday, 9 am April 12. We will meet at the Hen House Café, 394 S. Joe Martinez Blvd. in Pueblo West.

HAPPY BOOKERS - Wednesday, April 17, The Happy Bookers will meet at FUS at 12:30 to discuss *Patron Saint of Liars* by Ann Patchett. Our May book is *Shout my Lovely Name* by Natalie Serber.

POTLUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT - Saturday, April 27 we will share a potluck dinner at 5 pm followed by a movie at 6:30 pm. The movie will be *Miseur Lazar*, a French film which was nominated for the best foreign film of 2011.

It is the story set in Montreal about an immigrant who takes over an elementary classroom whose teacher has committed suicide. It is described as a sweet gentle film about the teacher and his students who explore together their issues from the past.

ICE CREAM SUNDAY - We will honor April birthdays on Sunday, April 28 with organic ice cream cones following the service.

## Loving Thoughts

Byron Kelham, our Minister Emeritus, recovering from a fall.  
Steve Acker, on the death of his mother.

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### **About the First Unitarian Society**

The First Unitarian Society is affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association. The religious organization is non-creedal and encourages free inquiry and exploration of ideas; 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 First Unitarian Society welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons. For more information, see [www.first-unitarian-society.org](http://www.first-unitarian-society.org) and [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org). If you would like to subscribe or unsubscribe to this newsletter, please contact [pueblounitarian@earthlink.net](mailto:pueblounitarian@earthlink.net) 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.