



# Chalice Flame

## First Unitarian Society of Pueblo



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### SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL

SERVICES ARE HELD FROM 10:30 TO 11:30 AM

#### APRIL 6: JAMES LUJAN

##### "Unfinished Business"

James Lujan returns to share his historical and personal look into the role of karma and the soul. Like the word *consequence*, karma does not necessarily reflect a negative trait, but rather a sign that one's soul is ready to be renewed.

Music will be provided by three of the group **Haunted Windchimes**, Inaiah and Chela Lujan and Desie Garcia.

**Service Leader:** Steve Acker

#### APRIL 13: STEVE ACKER, IBSEN AND MIDGE BIRGERS

##### "Our Church Community: Deepening Our Connections"

Strength lies in differences, not similarities and on the quality and depth of relationships.

**Service Leader:** Kathryn Acker

#### APRIL 20: MARC PRATARELLI

"Honoring Our Earth" Dr. Pratarelli, professor of psychology at CSU-Pueblo, specializes in environmental psychology. In honor of Earth Day, he will share his thoughts on our environment.

**Service Leader:** Midge Birgers

**Easter Brunch (9 AM)** Join us for our traditional Easter brunch; bring a dish to share.

#### APRIL 27: CAROL ORBAN

##### "Sufism: The Path of the Heart"

Carol, Jan Butorac's twin sister, will talk about Universal Sufism, a mystical path that was brought to the West from India by Inayat Khan in the early years of the twentieth century. Universal Sufism illuminates the deeper unity of all great religions and builds a bridge between science, philosophy, mysticism and religion.

**Service Leader:** Jan Butorac

##### Noon: Workshop on Dances of Universal Peace

The Dances of Universal Peace were inspired by Inayat Khan's teaching that all of the world's major religions are devoted to similar ideals. Join Carol as she leads us in several simple but engaging Dances.

### FROM OUR PRESIDENT, JANICE: "OUR BLESSED COMMUNITY"

"I now have deep within me and all around me all the resources I need" This discussion topic was used in our Socrates Cafe last week. It is inspirational, but is it true?

The old saying "these are the best of times, these are the worst of times" represents where we are as a faith community at this time. We are welcoming new visitors and members each week. The overall enthusiasm and sharing is palpable. We have long time Unitarians, and others who are finding a safe place where they can explore their own path. We have people who are working together to plant seedlings and plan a fundraiser, helping us reorganize, cleaning the church, looking at meaningful outreach, and presenting services. Our FUS community is a special resource that promotes spiritual and intellectual growth in a non-judgmental and supportive place.

On the other hand, we are facing a big financial crunch. Our resources are very limited, but we have, with belt tightening and careful spending, been "holding our own." However, in the recent months we have faced some unexpected financial crises. Our small congregation pitched in with extra donations to cover a broken water heater, and another possible problem is being evaluated and will be shared when all facts are known.

We need everyone's input as we review our options and set our priorities. If this small faith community is important to meeting those needs, then let us determine what it will take for us, together, to use our considerable enthusiasm, time, and talents to continue to thrive and grow. This will be our challenge. Can we say that we have "all the resources we need"? I believe that, together, we do!

In love and community, **Janice Nelson, President, FUS  
Board of Trustees**

## KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON—AND MORE!

We used this space last month to provide preliminary information about our annual canvass coming up in May. Our effort is to keep the congregation informed about the process and the purpose of the canvass, and the critical role of stewardship to FUS.

Our budget for last year was \$19,200, based on the pledges that we received then. Because some major contributors have moved out of the area, and while we have had several new members join, we have not collected the amount originally pledged. This circumstance has caused us to tighten up in many areas, including our Sunday programs—to pay our bills, we have been unable to bring in guest speakers and/or ministers as often as planned (once a month). This has a negative impact on our overall programming. Lay-led services are critical and always interesting, but having guest ministers regularly significantly strengthens what we are able to offer you and our community. This is just one area where we have had to “make do.”

As mentioned last month, FUS has also been unable to meet our commitment to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) to send them \$84.00 per member per year so they can keep their own programs going. This per-member commitment by all UU churches worldwide is the UUA’s only source of operating funds.

**To Pledge or to Donate to the Plate?** The act of pledging helps so much in our ability to predict when and how much money we will have in our coffers. The act of making the pledge also causes one to think more deeply about the level of commitment and the level of one’s ability to support the church monetarily.

**Fire of Commitment.** The following is taken from the Reverend Vail Weller of the Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo’s stewardship sermon, (which won the *UUA award for Stewardship Sermon of the Year* in 2011), “The Fire of Commitment.”

*“Listen. Money is simply energy and nothing more. Money can be stuffed in the mattress, or kept in an offshore bank account, to provide a sense of security, or to move us just a bit closer to that ever-elusive sense of “enough”. Money can also be used to do great good in the world. I believe that this church changes lives for the better and that we’re only getting started. We need to be a congregation of stewards, who understand that the church needs our strong support in order to fulfill our shared mission of transforming ourselves and the world. As stewards, we are caretakers of this institution for a future we will never see, just as our founders had the*

*vision to build and strengthen a congregation that we now benefit from.*

*A few of you may be wondering about the invitation that we make to you to give 5% of your income to the church, worrying that there are surely those who can’t afford to give at such a level. Studies show it is low-income working families that are the most generous group in America, giving away about 4.5 percent of their income on average. This compares to about 2.5 percent among the middle class, and 3 percent among high-income families.*

*The pledge is meant to support the overall ministry of the church, not to support the sliver of the budget that is most important to us personally. This is what stewardship is: building the foundation for a future we will never see. When money is given to the church, it is given to the greater good—to enrich your lives. We end our Sunday services here, and you go out there and do service yourselves – you live your principles far and wide.”*

**We hope that the fire of commitment will be growing in you** over the next few weeks, and that you’ll be inspired to do something truly generous. And please hear this: **whatever** your gift to FUS may be, we celebrate and appreciate it.

As we approach our pledge campaign, let’s each look inside for what it is that we most treasure and value about FUS and make a personal commitment—as we are each able to do so—to empower those values in living community. FUS needs all the support that you can give to **keep the lights on—and MORE!**

### NEW PUEBLO PAGAN GROUP!

Join Michele Barnes on **Wednesday, April 16th at 6 pm** at FUS for the first monthly meeting of Pueblo Pagans, a new group she is starting. Pueblo Pagans is a monthly discussion/teaching group where everyone from the novice to the experienced can come and learn new things, share your knowledge, have fellowship with other pagans, and practice ritual in a group setting.

**You Can Help!** We are actively recruiting people to help with the canvass. It is a short-term project with a clear beginning and end, and will take not more than a few planning meetings and then a brief flurry of activity as we near and complete the campaign. Let the Finance Committee (**Don Bruestle, Chair; John Petersen, Jan Butorac, Louise Burg**) know if you will participate.

**Schedule of Events:** Here's a high level schedule of activities for our stewardship campaign for 2014-2015.

**April:**

- ✚ All committees determine their budgetary needs for the coming church year and submit them to the Board
- ✚ The Board, with the Treasurer and Finance Committee, formulate a proposed budget for 2014 – 2015. This is our preliminary budget—both what we need and would like to have for the new year.

**May:**

- ✚ We provide the congregation with the new budget.
- ✚ Stewardship Dinner, May 17: We gather for a super pot-luck dinner and a fun skit to simply enjoy each other's company as a celebration of FUS. We also show a slide presentation on the budget and giving needs.

**SING ALONG WITH MICHELE—NOW ON THURSDAYS!**

Singing practice has been moved to Thursdays at 6:00. Join our other singers for fun and music! We get to know the hymns so we have more strong voices to help the rest of the congregation along, as well as develop some harmonies. **So come on and sing with us!**

- ✚ Stewardship Sunday, May 18: Our presentation for that day, let by John Petersen, is on the topic of stewardship, and pledge cards are distributed after the service.
- ✚ Congregation returns pledge cards to the Treasurer.

**June:**

- ✚ All pledge cards returned by June 1
- ✚ Board adjusts preliminary budget based on actual pledge total
- ✚ Board presents final budget to congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 29; we also vote on the slate of candidates presented by the nominating committee for open Board positions.

**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: STEVE ACKER**



Steve Acker, a member of FUS for over a year, was born in Rochester, NY, where he grew up. His first excursion was when he joined the US Coast Guard at the age of 18. He served for four years as a Boatswain Mate in search and rescue and marine patrol, and there fell in love with the ocean and with sailing. In

fact, he and his wife Kathy spent their honeymoon on a schooner sailing out of Camden, Maine!

When he left the Coast Guard, he went to college at the Florida Institute of Technology and finished with a degree in Marine Sciences. But he decided to return to his hometown to take a job with Kodak, where he became a tool and die maker.

He moved to Tennessee, where he met and married Kathy and continued working as a tool and die maker, there for Electrolux. After their son Scott became chronically ill, Steve became “Mr. Mom,” taking responsibility for the majority of his care. He even spent 13 months in Pittsburg as Scott had transplant surgery.

As Scott became more stable and independent, Steve and Kathy moved to Pueblo for a nursing job for Kathy, and he says it was the best move he has ever made. He feels that he has undergone a transformation because he (and Kathy) has been able to focus on their own wellbeing, spiritual growth, and physical and mental health. Finding FUS, he says, was a critical step in their growth, and he is committed to the continued vitality of FUS. He serves on the Committee on Ministry and the Program Committee, and leads the Philosophy at 4:00 discussion group. He also presents Sunday services frequently.

Steve is a serious amateur photographer and is interested in fly fishing, gardening, reading, and writing.

**BOARD BITS**

March's Board of Trustees meeting on 3/11 focused on finances as well as committee reports:

**Committee Reports:**

- ✚ Stewardship: Don Bruestle reported on preliminary planning for the annual canvass.
- ✚ Programs: Sunday services are in place for April.
- ✚ Member Support: The member directory will be completed for the Annual Meeting
- ✚ Fundraising: Discussion of planning for garage/plant sale and other fundraising items in planning stages

**Finance:**

- ✚ Status of payment for the \$900 water heater
- ✚ Discussion of King Sooper card process
- ✚ Review of budget; discussion of how to better track items in QuickBooks; process for preparing budget for Canvass

**Other:** It was noted with sadness that our Administrator Ruth Mahaney will be leaving us. We will need to find a replacement as soon as possible.

## UPDATE ON BIG MAY 3 SALE

We had a successful, productive planting and signage “party” on Saturday, 3/22, with about a dozen people



Maria makes ID tags for seedlings

showing up to help. We planted hundreds of flower seeds in flats and made numerous signs for the sale. Because the windows in the fellowship hall get so much sun, we have “appropriated”

the tables against the windows for a few weeks. Please bear with us! Various folks will be regularly watering the seedlings. Others are planting and husbanding vegetable and herb plants in their homes.



Cyndi and Dorie plant seedlings.

**Bake Sale:** Begin now baking, wrapping, and freezing for the bake sale! We need cookies, cupcakes, muffins, brownies, bar cookies, and other items that

can be individually wrapped and priced.

**Garage Sale:** Think about what you may want to donate to the garage sale. We will provide further information in April as to when and what help we need for this

aspect of the BIG DAY.

Following are some key dates going forward:

**Throughout April:** Publicity in various outlets, plus research on pricing

**Week of April 27:**

Bring items for yard sale to FUS; we will publish specific times when the church will be open.

Also bring any frozen baked goods for bake sale.

**Thursday– Friday, May 1-2:** Put up signs at selected locations

**Friday, May 2:** Set up for sale; bring in all bake sale items.

**Saturday, May 3, 8AM to 5PM:** The Big Sale! Tell your friends!



Shawn & Michele discuss seed depth.

## BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS DOING ITS WORK

The Nominating Committee comprised of Ethyl Kelham, Michele Barnes, and Kathryn Acker, have begun their work of putting together a slate of officers for the coming church year. This Committee is an elected group whose responsibility is to evaluate the needs of FUS and the qualifications of prospective candidates. If more than one person is interested in a position, the committee has the discretion to evaluate each candidate and present the slate they believe meets the needs of FUS.

The process goes like this:

- ✚ Anyone who is interested in or has suggestions to serve on the Board or Nominating Committee should speak to one of the members. (Those eligible to run must be members in good standing, and must have been a member for at least one year.)
- ✚ The slate is completed and reviewed by the Board no later than June 3.
- ✚ Members are notified of the slate (per by-laws) two weeks before the annual meeting, and the slate is formally presented to the members at the annual meeting, which is scheduled for **June 29** after the service.
- ✚ The congregation votes on the slate of candidates (as well as the new budget).

**So What’s in Store for This Year?** As summarized last month, the status of the Board positions is as follows:

- ✚ President: Janice Nelson (Term up at end of FY)
- ✚ Vice President: Midge Birgers (One year remaining)
- ✚ Secretary: Kate Langworthy (Term up at end of FY)
- ✚ Treasurer: Marc Pratarelli (Term up at end of FY)
- ✚ At Large (Member Services): Dorie Silverman (One year remaining)
- ✚ At Large (Programs): Shawn Collins (One year remaining)
- ✚ At Large (Operations): Don Bruestle (Term up at end of FY)

**Open positions that require nominations:**

- ✚ President: Two-year term
- ✚ Secretary: One-year term
- ✚ Treasurer: Two-year term
- ✚ At Large (Operations): Two-year term

So let the Nominating Committee know of you want to take the plunge and present yourself for a Board position!

## FAITH LEADERS IN ACTION (FLIA) WORK FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Janice Nelson and Midge Birgers have been representing our church in FLIA for over two years. The group of clergy and faith leaders focuses on justice issues. Their mission statement is

"Pueblo Faith Leaders in Action, in association with Together Colorado, is a group of non-partisan, multi-racial, multi-faith leaders committed to social justice and community improvement through advocacy and community organizing. Working together with other clergy and faith leaders, we stand in solidarity with the voices of justice, compassion, equality, and non-violence."

Our chapter receives guidance from the state organization, Together Colorado. It has focused on health care, sponsoring a forum featuring Wendall Potter, author of *"Deadly Spin: An Insurance Company Insider Speaks Out on How Corporate PR Is Killing Health Care and Deceiving Americans"*. It has also sponsored a turn-in-your-gun day, organized local peace demonstrations, and advocated for a fair path to citizenship. In addition, FUS, along with other faith leaders and Veterans for Peace, organized a Veteran's Observance Day gathering, advocating peace.

The local and state groups meet with legislators to promote our values of justice and compassion.

*By Janice Nelson*

## WESTERN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST LIFE FESTIVAL (WUULF) COMING IN JUNE

WUULF, an annual gathering of UUs in our region, will be held June 16 to 22, 2014 at Ghost Ranch, near Abiquiu, New Mexico. Ghost Ranch is a conference center in Northern New Mexico, approximately 220 miles from Pueblo. About 150 adults and children gather every summer for a vacation, retreat, fun, and to commune with other UUs from Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and beyond.

The area was made famous by artist, Georgia O'Keeffe. The Ranch is in a valley surrounded by red rocks and mesas. Look at the catalog at FUS to see the available programs for adults, children, and young adults. This year's theme speaker is Rev, Robert Latham, "Frolicking in Mystery--The Revolution and UUs". Some of you may remember Rev. Latham, who was a frequent guest minister in Pueblo. There are opportunities for hiking,

biking, horseback riding, rafting, and visiting local haunts such as Santa Fe, Ojo Caliente (hot springs), numerous wineries, and so much more. You may camp or stay in a rustic cabin and eat in the cafeteria.

See Ib or Midge Birgers for questions. **The registration deadline is May 1st** or until all spaces are filled.

*By Midge Birgers*

## TOGETHER COLORADO TRAINING PROGRAM

On Saturday March 22, the First Presbyterian Church in Pueblo hosted a leadership training program for Together Colorado. Three members of FUS – Janice Nelson, Midge Birgers and Steve Acker – attended the workshop.

Together Colorado is a member of the PICO (People Improving Communities through Organizing) National Network in 20 states and over 200 cities. The guiding principle of Together Colorado is that faith-based community organizing can be an effective tool to address the problems and concerns of our communities and, in turn, vitalize and strengthen the life of our congregations. With strength in numbers and unity in purpose, we can better relate to public officials, community members, and to one another as effective agents for change.

Together Colorado, along with Faith Leaders in Action (FLIA), can be an effective tool for use in our own outreach and social justice ministry here at FUS. For more information, visit the PICO and Together Colorado websites: [www.piconetwork.org](http://www.piconetwork.org) [www.togethercolorado.org](http://www.togethercolorado.org)

If you would like to participate in Together Colorado or if you have any questions or input, please contact Janice, Midge, or Steve.

*By Steve Acker*

## HOUSEKEEPING TIPS....

For meetings or other events at church, consider the following:

- ✚ Write your meeting date/time on the central calendar (desk in the office) to avoid conflicts
- ✚ The building is available for use for all members, and we have a rental policy and fee schedule for non-members and groups
- ✚ You may also contact the Church administrator (or at this time Janice Nelson) to arrange for meetings, rentals, etc.
- ✚ As part of the responsibilities for renters and anyone who uses the building, it is expected that

the rooms, including the kitchen, will be left clean and ready for the next use.

- ✚ Any problems with the building, equipment, or requests should be reported to the Administrator, or to Don Bruestle, Building and Grounds, or leave a note in the box outside the office.

## SPRING EQUINOX SERVICE

*Michel and Tirzah conduct "Ostara," the pagan Spring Equinox ritual, for the congregation on 3/16. We each raised our own energy and fertility (physical or spiritual) for the new season by contemplating a jelly bean and then consuming it. The service called on the goddesses and gods of the North, South, East, and West, and gave praise to the turning of the seasons. (Yes, Michele IS wearing a pair of bunny ears!)*



## SOCIAL JUSTICE AT FUS

According to Richard Gilbert, and as I discussed in my sermon of March 23, there are four modes of Social Justice:

- ✚ **Social Service** - direct hands-on service work from person to person
- ✚ **Public Witness** - making known to the community a position on issues for the sake of being heard and seen
- ✚ **Community Organizing** - mobilizing social actors (religious and secular) in a given community (section of city country, state, nation, world) to address a set of social problems
- ✚ **Advocacy for Systemic Change** - working on changing policies and policy makers to affect whole systems. All of the above modes may be utilized in this mode also.

Let us follow up on the sermon by brainstorming together over the next few weeks to come up with ideas as to how we can serve our broader community. Then, let's reach consensus on one project that we all feel good about. Many great ideas were presented in the discussion following the sermon!

**Jan Butorac**

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND OTHER GATHERINGS

### **Socrates Café, 9:00 each Sunday:**

Come talk philosophy, life, death, and religion with a lively group of interesting FUS folks.

**Happy Bookers: Lunch meeting 4/2**, 11:30 am at the Shamrock; **discussion meeting 4/16**, 4:00-5:30 pm, at FUS. April's book is *A Week in Winter* by Maeve Binchy.

**Philosophy at 4:00 (Each Thursday):** Join this gaggle of philosophers as they begin a new series: readings and discussions of J. Krishnamurti's book *To Be Human*. Please contact Steve Acker (423-930-7277) for additional information.

**Singing Practice: Each Thursday at 6:00** with Michele Barnes

**Fellowship Breakfast: 4/11:** Each second Friday, join the bunch for lively conversation and a great breakfast. This month's location: The Village Inn (Pueblo Blvd.)

**Social Justice Movie: 4/13, noon:** Bring a snack and join us after the service for a viewing of *A Place at the Table*. Using personal stories, this powerful documentary illuminates the plight of the 49 million Americans struggling with food insecurity. A single mother, a small town policeman, and a family are among those for whom putting food on the table is a daily battle. (84 minutes)

**Pueblo Humanist Directions: 4/15** at FUS. Please come and feel free to bring a guest. There will be snacks and beverages, and you're welcome to bring some to share, but it's not required. This is a great group of interesting people who are fun and smart. Many are also Unitarian Universalists. For more information, see the website [www.americanhumanist.org](http://www.americanhumanist.org).

**Pueblo Pagans: 4/16, 6:00.** Pueblo Pagans is a monthly discussion/teaching group where everyone from the novice to the experienced can come and learn new things, share your knowledge, have fellowship with other pagans, and practice ritual in a group setting. Led by Michele Barnes

**Easter Brunch: 4/20, 9:00.** Join us for our traditional Easter brunch. Bring food to share, such as breads, fruit, juice, quiche, etc.

**Saturday Night Movie and Pot Luck: 4/26:** Bring a dish to share for the 5:00 potluck, and stick around for the movie at 6:30. This month, see **Short Term 12**. This movie is told through the eyes of Grace, a twenty-something supervisor at a foster-care facility for at-risk teenagers. She is passionate and tough, a formidable

caretaker of the kids in her charge – and in love with her long-term boyfriend and co-worker, Mason. Grace and Mason struggle to help Marcus, an intense, quiet kid who is about to turn 18, cope with the difficulty of having to leave the facility. But Grace’s own difficult past, added to the surprising future that suddenly presents itself, throw her into unforeseen confusion, made all the sharper by a new arrival, Jayden, a gifted but troubled teenage girl with whom she has a charged connection.

The film was greeted enthusiastically by critics and audiences alike at the 2013 SXSW Film Festival. Film review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes reports that 99% of critics gave the film a positive review based on 137 reviews.

## VIEW FROM THE WINDOW BY GAMPI, MYSTERY COLUMNIST

We as Unitarian Universalists readily acknowledge the pitfalls of religious fundamentalism. Simple logic tells us that books like the Bible and the Koran are rife with contradictions. Strict literal adherence to all their tenants is a futile exercise that usually leaves the practitioners fragmented in their own minds. Fundamentalists deny the evidence of evolution and preach faith over science, yet have no problem embracing the technologies that brought us modern medicine, space travel, or their personal electronic gadgets. They preach the love of God and the teachings of their prophets on love, yet do not see the hypocrisy of packing personal weapons for “protection” and actively supporting wars – ignoring the fact that Mohammed, Jesus, and the Buddha were all people of peace. Such are the pitfalls of any strict and rigid religious belief.

What we might not readily acknowledge are the areas in which we are also guilty of a fundamentalist approach. The Miriam Webster dictionary defines fundamentalism as “a movement or attitude stressing strict and literal adherence to a set of basic principles.” Sets of principles exist in the realm of theology, economics, science, government, or any other construct in which we attempt to frame our reality. We tend to define our constructs as truth, when in reality they are beliefs. As such, they can be either static and confining, or fluid and dynamic. We are not immune from

defending and promoting our own constructs from the constructs of others within our congregation, thus promoting conflict. Any challenge to our own system of belief can shake the foundation of what we determine is real.

With our diverse beliefs, how can we avoid this conflict? How can we as Unitarian Universalists keep our own principles fluid and dynamic instead of static and confining? Perhaps the key lies in recognizing that we truly don’t know what is real and everlasting. To admit to ourselves “I don’t know.” is perhaps the most freeing admission we could ever make.

If we could accept the premise that our principles are but blazes on the trail of self-discovery, and not the trail itself, we might find ourselves more open to dialog with others. When we are open to the thoughts and insights of others, we have a great opportunity to discover our own prejudices and contradictions. If we can be truly honest with ourselves, we can discard any thoughts or attitudes that are not liberating, open, or life-promoting in preference for those that are. The healthy body of water has both an inlet and an outlet, thus promoting its own health. When we are open to the beliefs of others, we might find that instead of removing the splinter from our neighbor’s eye, we remove the log from our own.

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*A flame within a chalice represents the Unitarian Universalist Association and is a symbol of the Unitarian Universalist faith.*

### ***The Mission of The First Unitarian Society***

We are a diverse, welcoming community which celebrates spiritual and religious freedom, nurtures growth and learning, and works toward a more compassionate, tolerant, and sustainable world.

## APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Happy Bookers Lunch: The Shamrock, 11:30	<b>3</b> Philosophy at 4:00 Singing Practice 6:00	<b>4</b> Program Committee: 4:00	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Socrates Café: 9:00 Service: 10:30 James Luhan, "Unfinished Business", accompanied by members of Haunted Windchimes	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Board of Trustees: 6:15	<b>9</b> Member Support Committee: 4:00	<b>10</b> Philosophy at 4:00 Singing Practice 6:00	<b>11</b> Fellowship Breakfast: 9:00 Village Inn (Pueblo Blvd.)	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Socrates Café: 9:00 Service: 10:30 Steve Acker, Ibsen and Midge Birgers, "Our Church Community: Deepening Our Connections" Social Justice Movie, <i>A Place at the Table</i> . noon	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Happy Bookers Discussion: 4:00-5:30	<b>17</b> Philosophy at 4:00 Singing Practice 6:00	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Socrates Café: 9:00 Service: 10:30 Dr. Marc Pratarelli: "Honoring Our Earth" (Earth Day Service)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pueblo Humanist Directions 6:30	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Philosophy at 4:00 Singing Practice 6:00	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Movie & Pot Luck Night, <i>Short Term</i> 12, 5:00
<b>27</b> Socrates Café: 9:00 Service: 10:30 Carol Orban "Sufism: The Path of the Heart" Noon: Workshop on Dances of Universal Peace—Carol Orban	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>All events are held at FUS unless otherwise noted.</b>	

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## About the First Unitarian Society

The First Unitarian Society (FUS) is affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association. Our religious organization is non-creedal and encourages free inquiry and exploration of ideas. Members are not required to share the same beliefs; we come from a variety of backgrounds including lifelong UUs, humanists, Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, pagans, agnostics, atheists, and others. FUS welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons.

For more information, see [www.uupueblo.org](http://www.uupueblo.org) and [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org). If you would like to either subscribe or unsubscribe to this newsletter, contact [pueblounitarian@earthlink.net](mailto:pueblounitarian@earthlink.net).

## Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes

We covenant to affirm and promote the Principles and Purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association:

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