

THE CHALICE FLAME

January

First Unitarian Society (formerly UUCP)

2013

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Issue I

A Month of Sundays

January 6 - Dave Wagner
"Return of the Pig"
Worship Leader, Gen Wagner
Greeters: Shawn and Bev

January 20 - Social Action and RE
"Celebrating Martin Luther King"
Worship Leader, Gennifer Wagner
Greeters: Dan and Kate
Music: Leviticus

January 13 - Zane Grant
Director of CASA of Pueblo
"Working Within CASA"
Worship Leader, Sarah Pratarelli
Greeters: Don and Kate

January 27 - Prof. Marc Pratarelli
"Personal and Social Responsibility"
Worship Leader, Sarah Pratarelli
Greeters: Dave and Gennifer

Expanded Titles and Descriptions

January 6 - Last year we sampled Julian Baggini's book, "The Pig that Wants to be Eaten, 100 Experiments for the Armchair Philosopher." Because of the positive response last time, Dave will present a few more of Mr. Baggini's "experiments."

January 13 - Zane Grant will be discussing what CASA does for the community as well as the trauma that families and kids go through when they end up in the CASA system.

January 20 - Join us for a celebration of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and his contributions to civil rights, social justice and economic equality - presented by the Social Action and Children's RE committees. FUS favorite, Leviticus will provide music for this service.

January 27 - Prof. Marc Pratarelli presents "Personal and Social Responsibility: Health, Self and Our Place in Nature."

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>30</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
9:15a -10:15a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a Program Committee - Our Community, Endings and Beginnings					11:30a Happy Bookers Luncheon @ La Renaissance			
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>		
9:15a -10:15a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a Dave Wafner - "Return of the Pig"			6:15p Board Meeting - Members welcome to attend			9:00a Fellowship Breakfast @ B Street Cafe - 121 B St		
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>		
9:15a -10:15a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a Zane Grant - "Working Within CASA"			6:30p Pueblo Humanist Directions meets at FUS this month. See meetup.com					
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>		
9:15a -10:15a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a Socail Action & R.E. Committees - "Celebrating Martin Luther King" 12:00p -1:30p Social Action Documentary							5:00p Potluck & Movie night - Potluck @ 5pm, Movie @ 6:30	
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>2</u>	
9:15a -10:15a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a Prof. Marc Pratarelli - "Personal and Social Responsibility" 11:30a Ice Cream Sunday celebrate Jan. birthdays								

Social Action

Following the MLK Service, Jan. 20 at noon, this month's Sunday Social Action Documentary will be, *Citizen King* (2004, 120 min). This film portrays a little-known chapter of Rev. Martin Luther King's life -- his last five years, during which he spoke out against the Vietnam War and became an advocate for all of America's have-nots, regardless of race. Bring a bag lunch. Questions, call Dave at 545-1165.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Posada Toy Drive and the Cooperative Care Winter Wear Drive.

Cooperative Care is accepting in-kind donations of food items and hygiene products. We have a collection box in the vestibule. Questions, contact Ruth.

Beloved Community (Formerly New Horizons)

As we move into the New Year, let us hope that the "shift" that many believe occurred this Dec. will bring us peace, love and a less violent world. Following is a reading presented in the UUA worship site for the new year by Jay Abernathy and presents some ideas for reflection for our Unitarian Society. Blessed be - Janice.

We affirm that love is our greatest purpose
Accepting one another is the truest form of faithful living
The search for truth is our constant star
We pledge our hearts, minds and hands
To challenge injustice with courage
To find hope in times of fear
And to live our Unitarian Universalist values each day as
a beloved community

Rev Josh Snyder and Rev Barbara Odon

Healing Thoughts

Please keep Pat Spahr in your thoughts.

Adult RE and Socrates Cafe

SOCRATES CAFÉ -- Please note The Socrates Cafe Sunday Morning discussion group has changed its meeting time to 9 am. This allows more time to settle and start the conversation. We have been having some thoughtful discussions and sharing. Please join us as you can. This is a very good place to get to know some of the interesting people we have in our community.

Bits from the Board

The Board had its annual retreat on Dec. 1. We discussed how we can further our Mission and looked at some of our challenges. We focused on program areas and how to increase membership and participation. We looked at a number of goals for the next months. We will be restructuring our committees and program areas and getting more input from the members and friends.

We will be having a Congregational meeting on Jan. 27. At that time we will discuss upcoming plans and revisit our Congregational Covenant which was tabled last year.

Please plan on attending. We will send out more information to members before that meeting.

Fundraising

We received a check from Goodsearch.com in the amount of \$116.90. This represents our earnings for the year ended September 30, 2012. If you don't know about Goodsearch.com, please visit their website, and sign up to support First Unitarian Society. Download the Goodsearch toolbar, powered by Yahoo!, and use that to search. Also click on Goodshop and select your merchant when shopping online. Searching and shopping through Goodsearch/Goodshop doesn't cost you more, but it earns money for FUS. Try it!

King Soopers gift cards are available for purchase after Sunday services in the Fellowship Area. Gift cards, purchased for face value, can be used for groceries, gasoline and prescriptions at King Soopers and Loaf & Jug stores. FUS receives a 4% profit from the sale of the cards.

Social Activities

HAPPY BOOKERS

We will meet at La Renaissance on Jan. 2 at 11:30 am. We will be discussing books we would like to read in the coming year. Please bring suggestions for topics, authors and titles.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Fellowship Breakfast outing will be at the B Street Café (121 B Street) on Fri. January 11 at 9 am.

POTLUCK and MOVIE NIGHT

Sat. Jan. 26 we will have a potluck at 5 pm and the movie, *Exit through the Gift Shop*, at 6:30 pm. This film is an amusing and engrossing look at underground art. It won Best Documentary at Sundance in 2010.

ICE CREAM SUNDAY

Sun. Jan. 27, after the service, we will be serving various flavors of organic ice cream (bowls or cones) to celebrate January birthdays.

Special Congregational Meeting

We will have a Special Congregational meeting, Sun. Jan 27 at noon.

We will receive an update of the current status of programs, budget, and membership. We need input from members and friends.

Members will also vote on a Community Covenant.

Pueblo Humanist Directions

We had to cancel our December meeting, so we'll celebrate the Solstice at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 15, when we'll raise a glass of mead in honor of our ancestors who persevered through the long, dark night. We'll also partake of traditional honey cakes and any other snacks you care to bring. For more information, see <http://www.meetup.com/Pueblo-Humanist-Directions/>

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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 and www.uua.org. If you would like to subscribe or unsubscribe to this newsletter, please contact 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.