



# Chalice Flame

## First Unitarian Society of Pueblo



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### SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JUNE

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

#### **JUNE 7: KATHERINE GOMEZ**

##### **"History, Sacredness and Significance of the Native American Drum"**

Ms. Gomez will speak on the history, sacredness, and significance of the Native American drum's many qualities of communication, healing, guidance, and assisting us in shifting our consciousness to travel to different realms or worlds for various reasons. You will experience a drumming session to help heal our Mother, the Earth, and a drumming session for healing. Katherine comes from a bloodline of folk healers, born into the Huachi tribe of Mexico. She is a naturopathic doctor, iridologist, herbalist, Reiki Master, massage therapist, and energy worker in the Native American and Inca traditions. Bring your drums, rattles, bells, bowls, and click sticks.

**Service Leader: Janice Nelson**

#### **JUNE 14: DR. DAVID SPINNEY**

##### **"Cooling the Creation and Evolution Debate"**

What creationists and evolutionists need to know and understand about each other that would enable each camp to feel more comfortable and trusting with each other.

**Service Leader: Shawn Collins**

#### **JUNE 21: REV. JOHN MARK HILD**

##### **"What about Our Legacy?"**

We hear that as parents we should leave a legacy for our children. Can a legacy go beyond our family? Is it a personal responsibility to leave a better place for future generations? What as a person or group am I leaving behind? Why should I try to make a difference? What is it that you want to change or be different for those who come after us?

**Service Leader: Midge Birgers**

#### **JUNE 28: WILLIAM SANDOVAL**

##### **"Blessed Community"**

What binds Unitarian Universalism together? The coffee? The meetings? The music? How can such a diverse and strongly opinionated group thrive and continue to exist? In this week's gathering, we will

contemplate the UUA's blessed community, its structure, its place, and its purpose.

**Service Leader: Steve Acker**

### **Deadline to Turn In Your Annual Pledge Is Sunday, May 31**

Please get those pledges in to Midge, Don, or Louise so we can establish our final budget for FY 2015 – 2016. Get into the act—the act of providing the resources we must have to keep First Unitarian Society vital and to empower our UU values in living community.

### **"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN DOORS"**

#### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN NEARING CLOSE**

Get that pledge in if you haven't already done so! As soon as we receive all pledges, we can move forward with our final budget planning and be assured that we will have the funds to cover all our fixed and program expenses for the coming fiscal year (FY). Ours is a bare-bones budget, but it will feel great to meet our goal.

All pledge cards are to be returned by May 31, but if you haven't dropped yours in the mail, please go ahead and **Just Do It!** Or hand it to Midge, Don, or Louise.

Next Steps:

- ✚ Finance Committee adjusts preliminary budget based on actual pledge total and Board accepts final budget to be presented to the congregation
- ✚ Board final budget to congregation at the **Annual Congregational Meeting on June 28**; we also vote on the slate of candidates presented by the nominating committee for open Board positions and on a set of revised Bylaws for church governance.

**From Your Canvass Team: Don Bruestle and Louise Burg**

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 28: CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

All members are urged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 28 directly after the service.

**Every member will receive an information packet with associated materials in the mail (proposed bylaw changes, the slate of proposed officers, & the proposed FY 2015 – 2016 budget) as required by our Bylaws for Annual Meetings, on or about June 13. Be sure to bring them to the meeting.**

The purpose of the meeting is three-fold:

- ✚ **Election of Board Members:** The Nominating Committee will present its proposed slate of officers for the congregation to elect for FY 2015 – 2016. This committee will present this slate of candidates to the Board at its meeting on June 10, and the Board will then include this recommended slate of candidates for a vote at the Congregational Meeting.
- ✚ **Adoption of new FUS Bylaws:** A committee has worked very hard to update our critical guidelines for running our church, and the membership will vote on the changes.
- ✚ **Approval of FY 2015 - 2016 Budget:** We will vote as to whether to accept the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and adopted by the Board, based on the final canvass total.

We will meet shortly after the service to take care of this critical annual business. It is important for all of us to be part of these actions.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND OTHER GATHERINGS

**Socrates Café, 9:15 each Sunday:** If you are an early riser and want to share coffee and conversation with others, join us before the service on Sunday mornings for the Socrates Cafe. The topics vary, depending on current events, group decisions, or who is attending.

**Philosophy at Four:** Each Thursday, join this gaggle of philosophers who are continuing their philosophical journey. Contact Steve Acker (423-930-7277) for additional information.

**Happy Bookers:** Lunch Meeting: Wednesday, 6/3, 11:30 AM, China Moon. At our last discussion group, it was decided that we would not meet for book discussions

for June, July, and August. But we would like to meet for lunch during the summer months. Join us June 3 at China Moon, 1016 Constitution Rd. in the Belmont Shopping Center off Bonforte Blvd. Lunch for July will be decided by the group at China Moon. Hope you can make it! If anyone has any good reads to recommend for the summer months, please be ready to share them with us.

**Program Committee:** Friday, 6/5, 4:30

**Social Justice Committee:** Tuesday, 6/9, 6:00. We will continue to discuss the way forward in our social justice thrust for 2015. Come and put in your two cents!

**Member Support Committee:** Wednesday, 6/10, 4:00

**Board of Directors:** Wednesday, 6/10, 6:15

**Fellowship Breakfast:** Friday, 6/12, 9:00 AM, Victoria's Deli. Bring your friends and join us for breakfast and a lively conversation. You-all come!

**Social Justice Movie and Potluck:** Saturday, June 13, 5:00/6:30. Join us for our monthly documentary and potluck. Bring a dish to share at 5:00, then stay for the 6:30 film and discussion. ***Alive inside a Study of Music & Memory*** is a moving documentary that follows social worker Dan Cohen as he uses music to unlock memory in nursing home patients with Alzheimer's disease. Aided by well-known neurologist Oliver Sacks, Cohen aims to transform the quality of life for the afflicted.

**Fathers' Day Breakfast:** Sunday, June 21, 9 AM. Join us before the service and bring a snack to share (quiche, muffins, eggs, fruit, etc.) in honor of all fathers.

**Saturday Night Movie and Potluck:** Saturday, 6/27, 5:00. ***Magic in the Moonlight*** is a comedy about an Englishman (Colin Farrell) who was brought in to expose a phone psychic (Emma Stone) in the 1920s French Riviera. This becomes more challenging than expected when the debunker becomes smitten with the supposed fraud. This is a gentle romantic period piece with beautiful scenery and clever dialogue. (PG-13; 97 minutes)

**Ice Cream Sunday:** Sunday, 6/28. We will celebrate June birthdays after the service with organic ice cream. If your birthday comes in June, let us know your favorite flavor so we can honor you properly.

***The Mission of the First Unitarian Society of Pueblo***

*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.*

**FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF PUEBLO**

**Board of Directors:** Midge Birgers, President; Don Bruestle, Vice President; Kate Langworthy, Secretary; Jan Butorac, Treasurer; Shawn Collins, Louise Burg, and Dorie Silverman, Directors at Large

**Pianist/Harpist:** Myrna Steele **Chalice Flame Editor:** Jan Butorac

**FUS Administrator:** Deborah Ball



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

## JUNE 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Happy Bookers Lunch: 11:30, China Moon Restaurant	<b>4</b> Philosophy at 4:00	<b>5</b> Program Committee: 4:30	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Socrates Café: 9:15 Service: 10:30 Katherine Gomez: <i>"History, Sacredness, and Significance of Native American Drum"</i> Service Leader: Janice Nelson	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Social Justice Committee: 6:00	<b>10</b> Member Support Committee: 4:00  FUS Board of Directors: 6:15	<b>11</b> Philosophy at 4:00  E.A.S.T. Board Meeting: 5:30 Vazquez Taco Shop	<b>12</b> Fellowship Breakfast: 9:00, Victoria's Deli	<b>13</b> Social Justice Movie/Potluck: 5:00/6:30 <b><i>Alive Inside a Study of Music &amp; Memory</i></b>
<b>14</b> Socrates Café: 9:15 Service: 10:30 Dr. David Spinney: <i>"Cooling the Creation and Evolution Debate"</i> Service Leader: Shawn Collins	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Philosophy at 4:00	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Father's Day</b> Father's Day Breakfast: 9:00 Socrates Café: 9:15 Service: 10:30 Rev. John Mark Hild: <i>"What About Our Legacy?"</i> Service Leader: Midge Birgers	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Philosophy at 4:00	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Movie and Pot- Luck Night: 5:00/6:30 <b><i>Magic in the Moonlight</i></b>
<b>28</b> Socrates Café: 9:15 Service: 10:30 William Sandoval: <i>"Blessed Community"</i> Service Leader: Steve Acker Ice Cream Sunday <b><i>Annual Congregational Meeting after Service</i></b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			<b><i>ALL FUNCTIONS ARE HELD AT FUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.</i></b>	

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Our facility is handicap accessible.

## ABOUT THE FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY

The First Unitarian Society (FUS) is affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the Mountain/Desert District of the UUA. 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.fuspueblo.org](http://www.fuspueblo.org) and [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org), or find us on Facebook at First Unitarian Society of Pueblo. 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 Principals 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.