

# THE CHALICE FLAME

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PUEBLO

110 S. La Crosse Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81001

March

2012

Issue III

## A Month of Sundays

March 4 - Leviticus Houston  
Music: piano, guitar & song  
Worship Leader: Ivy Carter  
Greeters: Shawn & Ib

March 18 - Sarah Johnson-Pratarelli  
"Thoreau & Living Simply"  
Worship Leader: Midge Birgers  
Greeters: Dan & Christiana

March 11 - Ib & Midge Birgers  
"Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?"  
Worship Leader: Midge  
Greeters: Dave & Shawn

March 25 - Helena Atlas-Acuña  
"Celebrating Jewish Holidays"  
Worship Leader: Rita Prangle  
Greeters: Ib & Bev

## Expanded Titles and Descriptions

March 4 - Leviticus Houston is back by popular demand. He will play music from his extensive repertoire.

March 11 - Ib and Midge will facilitate an interactive discussion on justice, using the book by Harvard professor Michael Sandel, Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?

March 18 - Sarah Johnson-Pratarelli, adjunct lecturer at CSU-P, will be sharing a few of her own experiences with Thoreau's idea of voluntary simplicity in the context of the human equation of climate change, the destruction of nature, and how his philosophy might offer needed suggestions for our current predicament.

March 25 - Helena Atlas-Acuña, a member of Temple Emanuel, the Reform Jewish Synagogue in Pueblo, will give an overview of Jewish holidays and their meanings.

## Worship Leaders Needed

Members who would like to be worship leaders, please see Midge, Janice, Rita, or Louise. We will orient you with a training session.

# March 2012

Check website calendar for updates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>26</u> Feb	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1</u> Mar	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
10:30a -11:30a Dave Wagner - "Nearly Identical Twins" 11:30a Ice Cream Sunday						
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
10:30a -11:30a Music Sunday - Leviticus Houston performs		Sustainable Societies re- scheduled to Mar 8		6:30p Sustainable Societies Collective @ UUCP	9:00a Fellowship Breakfast - Mi Ranchito II, 525 Pueblo Blvd	
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
10:30a -11:30a Ib & Midge - Justice 12:00p Documentary and Discussion - BYO Lunch		6:30p -8:30p Board Meeting @ UUCP - all members welcome	12:15a Happy Bookers meet for lunch & movie in CO Springs 12:30p <a href="#">Happy Bookers meet for lunch &amp; Movie</a>			
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
10:30a -11:30a Sarah Johnson- Pratarelli - Thoreau & Living Simply		6:30p Pueblo Humanist Directions meets @ UUCP	10:30a Happy Bookers meet @ UUCP			Potluck @ 5:00 pm, movie @ 6:30
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>
10:30a -11:30a Helena Atlas- Acuna - Jewish Holidays 11:30a Ice Cream & Cake - Liz Moulder send-off						

## Social Activities

**Happy Bookers - Wednesday, March 14 - 11:30 am** - We will lunch at the **Olive Branch** and see a movie at **(Kimball's) Peak Theaters** in Colorado Springs. We'll carpool as we did last time. Please meet at the northeast corner of the Kmart parking lot on Hwy 50 & Elizabeth at 11:30 am to meet at the restaurant at 12:30 pm. (We cannot be certain which movies will be showing but you will receive the movie title, directions and more by phone and/or email.)

**Fellowship Breakfast - Friday, March 9 - 9:00 am** - We'll return to **Mi Ranchito II Restaurant**, 525 Pueblo Blvd., which is just south of Thatcher on the west side of the street, across from the golf course. It's an accommodating, friendly place with private parking.

**Happy Bookers - Wednesday, March 21 - 10:00 am** at UUCP - We will be reviewing books on remarkable women.

**Potluck & Movie Night - Saturday, March 24, 5:00 pm** - Potluck is at 5:00 pm, followed by the 6:30 pm movie "Powwow Highway" (1989), a Native American cult classic, Buddy and Philbert leave the reservation to take a road trip

across the American Midwest to save Buddy's sister from an unjust imprisonment. On the way, they encounter truth, love, magic, and healing. The movie is hilarious and it is also tragic, sometimes showing glimpses of life among Native Americans who have lost touch with their past. Most of the film simply ambles along at a genial pace awaiting the insights that arise out of Buddy and Philbert's adventures.

Our potluck will be a time to wish Liz Moulder "Farewell". She will be moving to Mexico. Her time and devotion to this church has been so precious and we will always be grateful for her wit, her charm, her friendship, and wee - just her inimitable self.

**Ice Cream Sunday, March 25** - after the service, we will have ice cream and chocolate cake and time to give Liz Moulder a loving send-off and FYI: Liz loves silly cards.

Dorie Silverman, Social Activities  
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### Unitarian Universalist Principle #2

We affirm and promote justice, equality and compassion in human relations.

Children's version: Be kind in all you do.

"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use."  
- Galileo Galilei (1564-1642)

## Social Action

**Second Sunday Social Action  
Documentary & Discussion, Sunday,  
March 11, Noon**

**"Pray the Devil Back to Hell" (2008, 72 minutes), at UUCP:**

March is Women's History Month. This film chronicles the courageous Liberian women who came together to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country. 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 **pinto beans & rice** as this month's focus. Please leave your donations in the box near the front door. Thanks!

**Sustainable Societies Collective March meeting has been changed to Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 pm** for this month only. (Meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of the month. Next month the meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3.)

**Earth Day at the Park - by Rita Prangle**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day**, and we're co-sponsoring a 5K Run/Walk to help raise funds for the Mountain Park Environmental Center, and for UUCP as well - we'll receive 25% of the net profit from this event. Marc Pratarelli is spearheading this effort, and we ALL need to get behind this. If you can't walk or run, you can still show up! We'll need some helpers at the UUCP booth as well. 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!

**Help wanted:** We need a volunteer to take our donations to Cooperative Care. (Sometimes we also donate to other charities such as Posada, YWCA crisis shelter, Wayside Cross Mission, Bargain Box etc. depending on their needs or solicitations for assistance.) Liz Moulder has been our devoted volunteer, and we need someone to continue her commitment to this important endeavor.

## New Horizons - by Janice Nelson

"May you have the hindsight to know where you have been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone to far"  
- Irish Blessing

We continue to have a very busy calendar with many interesting programs and

events. We are looking at and evaluating our programs and looking to the future. We need everyone to be involved in these so we can meet the needs of our members and continue to grow. March is Women's History month, and don't forget St. Patrick's Day!

Blessed be. Janice

## Children's Religious Education Changes

After changing the curriculum, training and changing the teachers, attempting to meet UU safety rules, clearing and painting the room, we, the Religious Education Committee, at our last committee meeting, decided to look at and evaluate the current Children's RE program.

We think that the changes that were attempted needed to be tried and we applaud the exceptional contributions to this experiment made by Janice Nelson and the previous minister, board members, Children's RE Committee members, teachers, assistants and volunteers. We started out with a lot of enthusiasm, more volunteers, interested parents, and more children.

Now we have four teachers for the older children and Ethyl and an assistant (whoever we can get) for the toddlers. We have lost volunteers and children. Usually we have two teachers with two children in a room. So the committee

submitted to the UUCP Board of Trustees the following proposal at the last board meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

1. We will continue with a structured program, just as we have been doing, through the month of February.
2. Starting in March, we will offer only babysitting services which will include activities and stories, but no formal curriculum.
3. One possibly paid babysitter plus one RE committee member will be with the children.
4. Each RE committee member has offered to baby-sit one Sunday morning a month.
5. Beginning June 1 until after Labor Day, September 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be no childcare services offered.

Perhaps a demand for a formal program will exist in the future. That demand does not exist now. For questions, please contact [uucop@juno.com](mailto:uucop@juno.com).

## Healing Thoughts to Sherry Rogers

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