

# THE CHALICE FLAME

First Unitarian Society (formerly UUCP)

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March

2013

Issue III

## A Month of Sundays

March 3 - Prof. Janice Gould

"Doubting and Dreaming" Poetry  
Worship Leader, Sarah Johnson  
Greeters: Shawn & Ibsen

March 10 - Raven Smith

"True Respect"  
Worship Leader, Midge Birgers  
Greeters: Don & Kate

March 17 - Gennifer Wagner

"St. Patrick, Man & Myth"  
Worship leader, Dave Wagner  
Greeters: Steve & Midge

March 24 - Steve Acker

"Synchronicity and the Art of  
Letting Go"

Worship Leader, Don Bruestle  
Greeters: Dave and Gennifer

March 31 - Program Committee

"Celebration of Easter and  
Renewal"

9 a.m. Potluck Easter Brunch

10:30 a.m. Easter Service

Greeters: Don & Ibsen

## Expanded Titles and Descriptions

March 3 - Professor Janice Gould will read her poetry, drawing from her last book, "Doubters and Dreamers".

March 10 - Raven Smith will explore how roles and hierarchy in our own view of spirituality keep us from dropping into a trusting relationship with our own experience of spirit. He has spent 15 years exploring reality, oneness, and unity with other people, the earth, and transparency in spiritual teaching.

# March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>24</u> Feb	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1</u> Mar	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
9-10a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a "Doubting & Dreaming" Prof. Janice Gould		6:30p Sustainable Societies Collective @ FUS	11:30aBookers lunch at MoMo Japanese Restaurant 716 N. Santa Fe	4:00p Philosophy at Four @ FUS	9:00Fellowship Breakfast – Hen House Cafe, 53 E. Palmer Lake Dr. Pueblo West	
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
9-10a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a "True Respect" – Raven Smith		6:15p Board Meeting @ FUS - Members welcome		4:00p Philosophy at Four @ FUS		
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
9-10a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a "St. Patrick" – Gennifer Wagner 12p-1:30p Documentary		6:30p Pueblo Humanist Directions @ FUS	12:30pHappy Bookers meet @ FUS	4:00p Philosophy at Four @ FUS		5p Potluck 6:30p Movie @FUS
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9-10a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a "Synchronicity and the Art of Letting Go" – Steve Acker 11:30 Ice Cream Sunday				4:00p Philosophy at Four @ FUS	5:30p-Passover Seder @FUS	
<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Apr	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
9:00a- Potluck Easter Brunch 10:30a-11:30a "Easter" - Program Committee						

## Expanded Titles and Descriptions (Cont.)

March 17 - Gennifer Wagner will examine the history and legend of Ireland's patron saint on his feast day.

March 24 - Steve Acker. Do we have control over our own lives or is control an illusion?

March 31 - A celebration of Easter and renewal presented by the program committee.

## Western UU Life Festival, Ghost Ranch NM June 17-23

The annual gathering by UUs to this oasis in the high desert mountains of northern N.M. attracts UUs from the Mountain Desert District as well as from the West and East Coasts and in-between. The Program Theme, "**Earth Song**" will be led by Carole Eagleheart. Read more about her in the catalog posted in the hallway. There are a variety of programs for adults and kids. Two members from our congregation are on the agenda: Bonnie Gallegos will lead a gentle Yoga practice for early risers at 6:30 and she will instruct a one-time massage class. Ib Birgers will offer a class in contour portrait sketching that kids and adults have enjoyed. Each day different activities are offered. There is opportunity for hiking in the surrounding National Forest. Camp or bring your trailer, should you choose not to book a room. You may opt for a drive to Santa Fe, or Taos, or for a hot-springs soak & swim in Ojo Caliente. Registration deadline is May 1 or until 125 are registered.

## Unitarian Passover Seder

Be sure to sign up for the Unitarian Passover Seder to be held at 5:30 pm Friday, March 29. The Seder is a celebration of freedom and consists of a short ritual meal followed by a delicious dinner. We will supply an excellent (meat-based) main dish and matzo ball soup with other side dishes provided by you. The price for adults is \$3 with a side dish or \$5 without. Children pay \$1 and will have a part in the service. Please see Rita to sign up.

## Social Action

This month's Social Action Documentary will be shown at FUS on Sunday, March 17 at noon. The film will be *Ethos* (2011, 68 minutes). Woody Harrelson hosts Michael Moore's exploration of the systemic ways in which modern society is self-destructing, from the disproportionate power of corporations, media and the military to the failure of government and democratic ideals. Questions, call Dave at 545-1165.

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

## Beloved Community

This month we celebrate Women's history month and Internal Women's Day. There is, of course much to be done so that all women receive fair, humane, and equal treatment in our country and across the world. Unitarian women throughout history have always been in the forefront in these struggles.

Following is a quote which can get us in touch with our spiritual and feminine side. Also, don't forget to celebrate St Patrick's Day! Blessed be, Janice

Earth mother, star mother  
You who are called by  
a thousand names  
May all remember  
we are cells in your body  
and dance together  
You are the grain  
and the loaf  
That maintains us each day  
And as you are patient  
with our struggle to learn  
So shall we be patient  
with ourselves and each other

We are radiant light  
and sacred dark  
--the balance  
You are the embrace that heartens  
And the freedom beyond fear  
Within you we are born  
we grow, live and die  
You bring us around the circle  
to rebirth  
Within us you dance  
Forever

--Starhawk

## Loving Thoughts

Please keep Pat Spahr in your thoughts.

## Splinters from the Board

The next Board meeting will be on March 12 at 6:15p All are invited.

- We are still looking for members to join us in planning programs, maintaining our building, helping us with financial planning.
- Reminder to all friends and members our email address is [pueblounitarian@earthlink.net](mailto:pueblounitarian@earthlink.net).
- Sarah Johnson has resigned her Board position. Don Bruestle has agreed to serve until our next election.

## Social Activities

POTLUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT - March 23 we will share a potluck dinner at 5 pm followed by a movie, (title TBA), at 6:30 pm.

ICE CREAM SUNDAY - We will honor March birthdays on Sunday, March 24 with organic ice cream cones following the service.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST- Friday, 9 am March 8. We will meet at the Hen House Café, 53 E. Palmer Lake Dr. in Pueblo West.

HAPPY BOOKERS - On March 20, The Happy Bookers will meet at FUS at 12:30 to review Justice Sonia Sotomayor's new biography, "My Beloved World."

HAPPY BOOKERS- On Wednesday, March 6, 11:30 am, we will have lunch at MoMo's Japanese Restaurant, 716 N. Santa Fe Avenue.

EASTER BRUNCH & EASTER EGG HUNT - At 9am, March 31, before the Easter service, we will have a potluck brunch. Please bring foods, such as breads, quiche, fruit and juice to share. Donations for the children's Easter Egg Hunt will be appreciated.

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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.