

THE CHALICE FLAME

Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo
110 S. La Crosse Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81001

May

2012

Issue V

A Month of Sundays

May 6 - Rev. Claire Zilm
"Blessing of the Animals"
Lay Leader: Irene Stone
Greeters: Christiana & Dan

May 13 - Janice Nelson
"Mothers for Peace,
Sanitation, and Tolerance"
Lay Leader: Midge Birgers
Greeters: Ib & Don

May 20 - Dave Wagner
"Wanting, Getting & Giving"
Lay Leader: Louise Burg
Greeters: Shawn & Bev

May 27 - Gennifer Wagner
"To Bury Grief, Plant a Seed"
Lay Leader: Dave Wagner
Greeters: Don & Christiana

Expanded Titles and Descriptions

May 6 - Rev. Claire Zilm will bless our pets and all animals. The service will be in our church yard. Please leash or cage your pets. We will have an informal service to celebrate the animals with readings and harp music by Myrna Steele.

May 13 - We will explore the origin of Mother's Day and its relevance today. Stay for brunch after the program as well as the documentary film, "No Impact Man", brought to you by the Social Action Committee.

May 20 - "Wanting, Getting and Giving" is a stewardship sermon by Bonnie McClish Dlott that will be delivered by Dave. Whether we like it or not, most of us struggle with consumerism. In fact, the greatest impediment to giving generously may well be our fear of not having enough. In order to give joyfully from our limited resources, we need to confront that fear and realize what a seductive demon it is. A catered lunch will be served immediately following the program.

May 27 - Humans have created memorials for the dead for thousands of years - sometimes to show respect, sometimes for political gain, and sometimes simply out of love. Why do we need to remember those that have passed in a tangible, public way and how do we express that in a modern, fast-paced culture?

Our Annual Rummage Sale - Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th

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| Sunday | | Monday | Tuesday | | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <u>29</u> | <u>Apr</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>May</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| 10:30a -11:30a James Lujan - "Truth vs. Magic Part 2" | | | 6:30p Sustainable Societies Collective | | 11:30a Happy Bookers meet @ Mr. Tandoori/Urban Bar & Grill, 310 S. Victoria Ave. 1:00p -5:00p UUCP open for Rummage Sale dropoff | | 9:00a -5:00p UUCP open for Rummage Sale dropoff | |
| 11:30a Ice Cream Sunday | | | | | | | 8:00a -3:00p Rummage Sale @ UUCP | |
| 11:45a UUCP name change discussion | | | | | | | | 8:00a -2:00p Rummage Sale @ UUCP |
| 12:00p Cleaning day, Rummage Sale prep | | | | | | | | |
| <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> | | |
| 10:30a -11:30a Rev. Claire Zilm - Blessing of the Animals | | | 6:30p -8:30p Board Meeting @ UUCP - postponed due to Wendell Potter event @ Wesley United Methodist Church | | | 6:15p -8:15p UUCP Board meeting - all members welcome | | 9:00a Fellowship Breakfast - Mi Ranchito II, 525 Pueblo Blvd |
| 11:45a Join us to discuss programs for coming year | | | | | | | | |
| <u>13</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>19</u> | | |
| 10:30a -11:30a Janice Nelson - "Mothers for Peace, Sanitation and Tolerance" Brunch after service | | | 6:00p Pueblo Humanist Directions meets @ UUCP | | 11:00a -11:30a Happy Bookers meet @ UUCP | | | |
| 12:00p Documentary and Discussion - | | | | | | | | |
| <u>20</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>26</u> | | |
| 10:30a -11:30a Dave Wagner - "Wanting, Getting and Giving" | | | | | | | | 5:00p Potluck @ 5:00, Movie @ 6:30 - "Terri" |
| 11:45a Catered lunch and stewardship discussion. | | | | | | | | |
| <u>27</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>31</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Jun</u> | <u>2</u> | |
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Wendell Potter speaks May 8

Wendell Potter will speak at **Wesley United Methodist Church**, 85 Stanford Ave., **May 8th at 7:00 p.m.** A former executive for Cigna, he is an outspoken critic of the health care industry. Potter is the author of [Deadly Spin: An Insurance Company Insider Speaks Out on How Corporate PR Is Killing Health](#)

[Care and Deceiving Americans](#). He is sponsored by Together Colorado! (coordinated by Metro Organizations for People and its national organization, PICO) and the local Faith Leaders in Action. Janice Nelson and Midge Birgers are representing UUCP in the latter organization.

Social Activities

Happy Bookers - Wednesday, May 2 - 11:30 am - We will meet at Mr. Tandoori/Urban Bar & Grill, 310 S. Victoria Ave., Suite C for lunch and conversation. The restaurant serves delicious Indian food, which you can order mild, medium, or hot. The lunch buffet provides a wide array of tasty choices for only \$10.

Fellowship Breakfast - Friday, May 11 - 9:00 am - We'll meet at Mi Ranchito II Restaurant, 525 Pueblo Blvd., which is just south of Thatcher on the west side of the street (Pueblo Blvd.), across from the golf course. The food is tasty, and the atmosphere is friendly and quiet. Come and join us.

Mother's Day Brunch - Sunday, May 13 - There will be a light brunch after the Sunday program. Stick around for the engaging movie, "No Impact Man". In this documentary, a family goes green...on a yearlong crusade to generate no trash and otherwise make no impact on the environment. A perfect complement to our Sustainability commitment.

Happy Bookers - Wednesday, May 16 - 10:00 am at UUCP - The book selection for

May is [The Last Romanov](#) by Dora Levy Mossanen. Midge Birgers will facilitate the discussion. For those who want to read ahead, the June selection will be [The Language of Flowers, a Novel](#) by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, with discussion facilitated by Janice Nelson.

Potluck & Movie Night - Saturday, May 26 5:00 pm - Potluck is at 5:00 pm, followed by the 6:30 pm movie. "Terri", directed by Azazel Jacobs, is a 2011 independent comedy-drama film released at the Sundance Film Festival about "the relationship between Terri (Jacob Wysocki), an oversized teen misfit, and the garrulous but well-meaning assistant school principal Mr. Fitzgerald (John C. Reilly) who takes an interest" in the shy, bullied boy. Roger Ebert gave it 4 out of 4 stars.

Ice Cream Sunday, May 27 - After the morning service, we will have organic ice cream cones in various flavors to celebrate the birthdays of those born in May.

Dorie Silverman
Social Activities Committee Chair
566.8604

"**Never doubt** that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
- **Margaret Mead**

Social Action

Sustainable Societies Collective meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm.

Second Sunday Social Action

Documentary and Discussion

Sunday, May 13, 12:30 pm

"No Impact Man" (2009, 90 minutes)

at UUCP:

In this engaging documentary, a Fifth Avenue family goes green when writer Colin Beaven leads his wife, Michelle Conlin and their baby daughter on a yearlong crusade to generate

no trash and otherwise make no impact on the environment. An open discussion will follow the film. Questions? Contact Dave Wagner 545-1165

Cooperative Care is asking for **cereals** as this month's focus. Please leave your donations in the box near the front door. Thanks to Ruth Mahaney who has agreed to deliver the donations to Cooperative Care.

New Horizons - by Janice Nelson

"WE BELIEVE in the importance of a religious community. The validation of experience requires the confirmation of peers, who provide a critical platform along with a network of mutual support."

-from "What do Unitarian Universalists believe?"
by David O. Rankin

We are continuing to increase the UUCP presence in our community. The excellent and diverse workshops from the Mayan elder to the Juvenile Justice workshop have brought many new people to our building. The Sunday morning services continue to be stimulating and diverse with more new faces. More of our members are looking at expanding our social action activities, and the monthly documentaries are attracting more people. We have joined with other Faith leaders in Pueblo who, as a group, are looking into needs in our community.

Our publicity has been excellent and also has increased our image! Our website is

being updated, in order to clarify who we are and attract more people. We are looking at ways to spruce up our building and grounds to make them more appealing. The Sustainability and Humanist groups continue to attract more new faces. We hope that all members and friends will participate in all these activities and help us to continue to expand and grow.

Are we meeting your needs? This is the time of year when we evaluate our programs and look at next year's vision and budget. It is time to consider our contributions and involvements. Because of the limited time available at the annual meeting, we will set up times after Sunday programs in May (except for Mother's Day) to have conversations with members and friends about our programs and activities and get your ideas and input. These meetings will be facilitated by myself and other board members. Please join us.

Blessed be, Janice UUCP President

Healing Thoughts to Margaret Miller, Ethyl Kelham, and Kate Langworthy

Fund Raising

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held **Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th** outdoors (weather permitting), so please bring all those things that are in good condition, but you no longer use. The church will be open to drop off donations on May 2nd and 3rd, but you can bring smaller items ahead of time if that's easier - just put your sale items in the old nursery room between

Malawi Youth Fund - by Pat Spahr

LET'S NOT FORGET our outreach project because it needs our continuing financial support until it is phased out in 2014. New members and newcomers need to know that the Malawi Youth fund was started in 2005 to provide high school tuition (fees) for up to 10 students at a time in Malawi (Central Africa). This Fund was adopted by our church Trustees in support of our member Melva Steen, who served more than two years (2003-05) there in the Peace Corps. As a result of that experience, Melva believes that education is the major factor in saving the African continent.

Students in Malawi cannot attend a college or university unless they have passed a comprehensive exam called the MSCE. The exam is taken near the conclusion of four forms (grades) in a secondary school, which is **not free** in Malawi. Most families cannot afford the fees, since most are subsistence farmers, and many have added some of the more than 600,000 orphans to their families. Why so many orphans? Their parents have succumbed to AIDS or malaria.

Melva continues to support some of the young people she came to know who are working on

now and sale time. We must have your help the evening before the sale to sort and price the donations; to set up early morning the days of the sale; to assist customers during the sale; and to clean up after the sale. To sign up, please contact Rita at 542.0273 or rprangle@q.com.

college degrees. And, she continues to contribute the lion's share of the quarterly school fees for our ten students. She needs help! Melva is still giving PowerPoint presentations about Malawi and her time in the Peace Corps and tries to make money for the Fund while now living in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Can you put a minimum of \$10 into the Malawi Fund each quarter? Even that amount from each of our pledging units would be a great help. Currently the money from the sale of used books, the UUCP cookbook, and the loose coins in our collection plate go into the Fund. Every little bit helps!

Rest assured that every penny goes for the purpose intended, and not a cent goes to salaries, administration, or fund raising. This is truly a person-to-person endeavor and can be a major first step forward for a future doctor, nurse, teacher, or other professional for that small, democratic republic in central Africa. Questions regarding the Malawi Youth Fund should be directed to Pat Spahr (543.5249), who has and will continue to assist Melva with this activity until completion.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 24

Members will meet after the Sunday program, June 24 to vote on several items.

There are three seats on the Board to be filled: president, treasurer, and an at-large seat.

Dan Stone, Nominating Committee chair, requests that your suggestions be relayed to him.

There are also two proposals to be voted on: a name change for the church as well as a mission statement.

If you wish to vote, you must be a member in good standing at least 30 days prior to the election. See Pat Spahr if you wish to become a member. Read on for details about the proposals.

Mission Statement Proposal

The Board is proposing a new mission statement to be submitted to the congregation for approval at the upcoming congregational meeting June 24. Here are the current and proposed mission statements for you to ponder:

Current: We are a Welcoming Congregation supporting a free, open search for spiritual truth and meaning and promoting the ideals of peace and justice.

Proposed: We are a diverse, Welcoming community that celebrates spiritual and religious freedom; nurtures growth and learning; and works toward a more compassionate, tolerant and sustainable world.

Name Change

We will also vote on a possible name change for our organization. (The current name is Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo.) Don Bruestle, co-chair of the Vision & Growth Committee, facilitated discussions about the topic at four Sunday meetings during April. For those who attended, there was a consensus to drop the word Universalist and to find a different descriptor other than the word church. (We will, of course, remain an affiliate of the Unitarian Universalist Association.) There were several suggestions, one of which was to resume our previous name Unitarian Fellowship; others include First Unitarian Society, Congregation or Community. Some ideas included a nod to our location: Pueblo, Southern Colorado, Arkansas Valley. Suffice it to say there was a variety of appellations offered. A vote will be taken at the congregational meeting on June 24.

Featured Artist

Throughout our assembly area, we are fortunate to have featured artists that change about every 6-8 weeks on average. Ivy Carter, a locally recognized artist herself, coordinates this program. **Cheryl Scott** is our featured artist beginning May 5.

"I live on Earth at present, and I don't know what I am. I know that I am not a category. I am not a thing—a noun. I seem to be a verb, an evolutionary process—an integral function of the universe."

- R. Buckminster Fuller

Stewardship Sunday, May 20

You'll be receiving an invitation to the annual pledge drive catered luncheon, which will follow the program Sunday, May 20. You'll have the opportunity to share what this community means to you and why you continue to generously sustain its efforts. Remember when you first visited? Remember the programs you thought most inspiring or provactive? Remember sharing joys, concerns, and milestones? Remember the feeling of satisfaction when we've pulled together to support our pet charities, our social causes, our fund raisers? Share your memories as well as your ideas and dreams for our future. Financial support is necessary to realize our dreams. (Friends as well as members comprise our pledging households.) Ponder what is most important to you from our community and what you believe will take us there. If you don't receive your invitation, please contact Louise at burgmedia@yahoo.com. We look forward to sharing sustenance with you, material as well as intellectual on Sunday, May 20.

Pueblo Humanist Directions

Pueblo Humanist Directions will meet at **6:00 pm Tuesday, May 15** at UUCP.

RSVP: <http://www.meetup.com/Pueblo-Humanist-Directions>.

"...being a Humanist means trying to behave decently without expectation of rewards or punishment after you are dead." - Kurt Vonnegut

Goodsearch

We are accumulating money for UUCP at Goodsearch.com. Participating does not cost you anything! After you have downloaded the Goodsearch toolbar (powered by Yahoo) and designated UUCP as the recipient, you will be earning money for UUCP every time you search or shop online. It's easy to sign up at www.goodsearch.com, and there is an instruction book in the UUCP office that you can check out & take home to help with the process. If you need further assistance, contact Rita.

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About the UU Church of Pueblo

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo is affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association. The religious organization is non-creedal and encourages free inquiry and exploration of ideas; therefore, 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 Pueblo UU Church welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons. For more information, see www.uupueblo.org and www.uua.org. If you would like to subscribe or unsubscribe to this newsletter, please contact burgmedia@yahoo.com 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.