

THE CHALICE FLAME

October

First Unitarian Society (formerly UUCP)

2012

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Issue X

A Month of Sundays

October 7 - Rita Prangle:

"Income Inequality"

Worship Leader, Kate

Langworthy

Greeters: Shawn & Bev

October 21 - Rev. Claire Zilm:

"Prophecy and Mysticism"

Worship Leader, Ivy Carter

Greeters: Don & Kate

October 14 - Janice Nelson

"Let's Talk Society"

Worship Leader, Midge Birgers

Greeters: Dave & Gennifer

October 28 - Dave Wagner:

"Pueblo Parables - Future, Present,
Past"

Worship Leader, Gennifer Wagner

Greeters: Dan & Kate

Expanded Titles and Descriptions

October 7 - Rita Prangle will discuss income inequality. We hear a lot about income inequality these days, but what does it really mean? And how does it affect us and others?

October 14 - Janice Nelson will facilitate a discussion on "Society", which is defined as "an organized group of people associated together in a religious, behavioral, cultural, scientific, political, patriotic, or other purpose". In this presentation we will explore what our new name means to us individually, and what we value in this special community of which we are a part.

October 21 - Rev. Claire Zilm will present her personal perspective on prophecy and mysticism.

October 28 - Dave Wagner will present another set of original Unitarian Universalist parables - this time based in Pueblo, Colorado.

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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>30</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
10:30a -11:30a Reducing Recidivism Through Education - Rebecca Wasil, PCC 11:30a Ice Cream Sunday				6:30p Sustainable Societies Collective cancelled for October	10:00a Happy Bookers meet at FUS			
<u>7</u>		<u>8</u>		<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
9:15a -10:15a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a "Income Inequality" - Rita Prangle				6:15p -8:30p Board Meeting @ FUS - Members welcome			9:00a Fellowship Breakfast @ B Street Cafe - 121 B St	
<u>14</u>		<u>15</u>		<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
9:15a -10:15a Socrates Cafe 10:30a -11:30a "Let's Talk Society" - Janice Nelson 12:00p Documentary - "Collapse"				6:30p Pueblo Humanist Directions meets at FUS this month. See meetup.com Marvin Straus will speak at PHD meeting - "Atheism Comes to Pueblo"				
<u>21</u>		<u>22</u>		<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
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<u>28</u>		<u>29</u>		<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>2</u>
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Social Action

This month's Second Sunday Social Action Documentary will be shown at the Church on Sunday, October 14 at noon. The film will be *Collapse* (2009, 82 minutes). In an avant-garde soliloquy, investigative journalist Michael Ruppert details his unnerving theories about the inexorable link between energy depletion and the collapse of the economic system that supports the entire industrial world. A discussion will follow the film. Bring a bag lunch. Questions, call Dave at 545-1165.

The Faith leaders group is having a training session on Oct 2 presented by Together Colorado. We will be organizing and defining our local projects. Currently we have been focusing on voter registration and education. Questions, ask Midge and Janice who will represent our Society at the event.

Cooperative Care is accepting in-kind donations of food items and hygiene products (October wish list: instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, canned goods and cash for turkeys). We have a collection box in the vestibule. Questions, contact Ruth.

Buildings and Grounds

Dan & others have started the installation of the gorilla hair mulch in the front yard, and the carpeting in the sanctuary, foyer, lounge and hall have been steam-cleaned by Rita & Don. Our next project is to clean up the kids' rooms.

Some housekeeping notes - Please, if you have an event that includes food, be sure that the trash has been taken out before you leave! We don't want to be inviting critters to visit us! Also, when you leave by the back door and want to lock the door, please don't twist the little button on the door handle, just push it straight in. That will make it easier for the next person entering the building to unlock the door.

Beloved Community (Formerly New Horizons)

Our community is starting the fall programs. This newsletter highlights some of the many programs, activities and projects we are doing. Our society of limited numbers and resources is clearly a 'happening place' in the Pueblo community. We make a difference!

Over the next year we will be offering many ways that members and friends can look at their own beliefs and ideas. This will help us together define if we are on the "right track" to meet our common goals. Let's get going!
Blessed be - Janice

Thoughts to ponder: Society (dictionary.com) an organization or community of people distinguished from others by common interests or activities

"The essence of community, its heart and soul is the non-monetary exchange of value: things we do and share because we care for others, and for good of the place." Dee Hock (CEO organization trainer)

"Without community, there is no liberation, but community must not mean a shredding of our differences, nor the pathetic pretense that those differences do not exist." Audre Lourde (Caribbean-American author, poet, activist)

Spiritual Paths Project

"Noticing that many of us are looking at test-your-beliefs systems that deal with every possible belief on Earth, it occurs to some of us that it would be interesting to see where we fit on a range of beliefs possible within Unitarian Universalism." (James Leonard Park.) Park has identified 8 Spiritual Paths at <http://www.tc.umn.edu/~parkx032/SPP.html>. If you are interested; have a look at the website and let us know if you would like to see a column about these paths in the newsletter, or to have a discussion at the Socrates Café.

Bits from the Board

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 6:15 pm, all are welcome to attend. If you have items to put on the agenda contact Janice or any board member. We also will look at any items placed into the suggestion box.

At the Sep. board meeting the many activities that are in process for the fall were discussed. They are covered elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope that our members and friends will join us in the many activities, and programs.

Fundraising

The Affordable Art & Gift Fair will be held at FUS on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will need everyone who is willing and able to help! In the next few weeks, we'll be checking with you, so please put this event on your calendar, and start thinking about how much time you can give to make this a success, both as a fundraiser and a community outreach event. There are numerous tasks to be done, many in the weeks and days before the day of the Fair. And, be sure to buy some 50-50 raffle tickets - you just might be the lucky winner!

Socrates Cafe

Please join the Sunday morning conversation group, starting on **Oct 7** at 9:15 am. We share our thoughts on a number of areas: spiritual, political and personal. The group will decide on new topics and formats. This is a good way for "early birds" to get to know each other and to have a chance to explore their thoughts. Summer is over; all are welcome to join us as we begin again!

Pueblo Humanist Directions

Pueblo Humanist Directions meets every third Tuesday, usually at FUS. This month we are looking forward to a visit from Marvin Straus, a prominent atheist activist. He is co-founder of the Boulder Atheists and one of the founders of the Colorado Coalition of Reason (COCORE). He is a frequent media spokes-person about atheism. Our meeting on October 16 will start at 6:30 pm, and Marvin's talk will be "Atheism comes to Pueblo". All are welcome to attend. Bring a snack to share if you wish, and a small donation to cover rent and advertising is always appreciated. Please visit our online group at www.meetup.com/pueblo-humanist-directions/ - join the group to receive automatic updates and meeting notices.

Art Bin Sale

The Alzheimer's Association will host an Art Bin Sale on Oct. 5, 6 and 7 at Steel City Artworks, 216 South Union Avenue from 10 am to 5 pm each day. Ivy Carter is participating and will have many works available in different sizes and mediums.

Mountain Desert District

The Mountain Desert District will not have an annual meeting until April of next year. It will coincide with the regional meeting and take place in San Jose CA on April 26, 2013.

Healing Thoughts

Ib Birgers is having hip replacement surgery in Oct. Please keep him and Midge in your thoughts. If you know of any other persons who need our special thoughts, please let Pat Spahr know.

Social Activities

HAPPY BOOKERS

We will meet at FUS on Wed., Oct 3rd at 10 am to discuss Funny in Farsi. On Wed., Oct. 17th at 11:30 am we will have lunch at Mozart's, 1120 N. Main. Funny in Farsi is about growing up Iranian in America. The book describes with humor the intersection and over lapping of two cultures. The author is Firoozeh Dumas.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

On Friday, Oct. 12th, at 9 a.m., we will breakfast at the B Street Café, 121 B St. Come and get to meet with your Unitarian friends informally.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Instead of a movie, we will have a Halloween Potluck and Party on Saturday, Oct. 27th at 5 pm Costumes are encouraged. Face painting will be happening along with miss-matched disguises to try out. The Amazement Committee will be preparing scary skits to comport with the contrarians amongst us! There will be stories and music to amuse.

ICE CREAM SUNDAY

Honor the October Birthdays following the October 28 Service with organic ice cream in yummy flavors.

Children's RE

We are starting our fall programs for the children in our RE programs. The RE Committee, parents, and the children met together and shared ideas and pizza. Our fall programs will be planned around world religions and cultures including Unitarian Universalists. Several people will share the teaching and provide for lots of input from the children. We will use a variety of offerings - art, science, videos, stories, and creative projects. We will use Unitarian resources, as well as our own skills and experience. One identified goal is to include the children in the Sunday morning services on occasion. These RE programs will be reviewed and evaluated after a 3 month period. We hope that any children and their parents will join us and our members will continue to support our programs.

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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 uucop@juno.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.