

THE CHALICE FLAME

First Unitarian Society (formerly UUCP)

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Issue IX

A Month of Sundays

September 2 - Dorie Silverman:
"Labor Day Celebration"
Worship Leader, Sarah Johnson
Greeters: Don & Kate

September 9 - Prof. Jackie
Stroud: "Social Responsibility in
the 21st Century: Taking Care of
the Artifacts We Touch"
Worship Leader, Sarah Johnson
Greeters: Dan & Bev

September 16 - Prof. Ray
Sisson: "The Bible, the Koran
and Islam"

Worship Leader, Pat Spahr
Greeters: Dan & Kate

September 23 - Dave Wagner:
"The Tradition of the Dalai
Lamas"
Worship Leader, Gennifer
Wagner
Greeters: Shawn & Ib

September 30 - Rebecca Wasil:
"Reducing Recidivism Through
Education"
Worship Leader, Janice Nelson
Greeters: Don & Kate

Expanded Titles and Descriptions

September 2 - Dorie Silverman will facilitate an interactive discussion about labor and work. A potluck picnic and games will follow the service. Please bring your favorite picnic food to share.

September 9 - Prof. Jackie Stroud, who teaches at CSU-Pueblo, will discuss the importance of caring for valuable and historic artifacts.

September 16 - Prof Ray Sisson, will continue his Saturday presentation of the Bible, the Koran and Islam. (See following page for description).

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<u>26</u>	Aug	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	Sep
10:30a -11:30a Rev. Claire Zilm - "What is Truth?"								
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10:30a -11:30a Labor Day Celebration - Dorie Silverman 11:30a Potluck picnic/ games			6:30p Sustainable Societies Collective meets @ FUS	11:30a Happy Bookers meet for lunch @Mr. Tandoori's				
<u>9</u>		<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	
10:30a -11:30a Social Responsibility in the 21st Century - Prof. Jackie Stroud 12:00p Documentary - American Teacher			6:15p -8:30p Board Meeting @ FUS - Members welcome			9:00a Fellowship Breakfast @ B Street Cafe - 121 B St	2:00p Lecture - Dr. Ray Sisson presents "The Bible, the Koran and Islam"	
<u>16</u>		<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	
10:30a -11:30a The Bible, the Koran and Islam - Prof. Ray Sisson			6:30p Pueblo Humanist Directions meets at FUS this month. See meetup.com	10:00a Happy Bookers meet @FUS - book discussion, "Funny in Farsi"	5:00p Colo. Criminal Justice Reform Coalition fundraiser in Denver			
<u>23</u>		<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	
10:30a -11:30a The Tradition of the Dalai Lamas - Dave Wagner							5:00p Potluck and Movie night @ FUS - Potluck@5, movie@ 6:30	
<u>30</u>	Oct	<u>1</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 meets @ FUS					

Expanded Titles and Descriptions (Cont.)

September 23 - According to Tibetan Buddhism, the Dalai Lama is the 13th reincarnation of the First Dalai Lama born in a nomadic hut in 1391. Dave Wagner will explore the origins and evolution of the Dalai Lama tradition.

September 30 - Rebecca Wasil is Director of the Hope Bridge Program at PCC. As part of our focus on criminal justice issues, Rebecca will speak about juvenile justice and alternative programs to transition offenders.

Special Saturday Program

DR. RAY SISSON, "THE BIBLE, KORAN AND ISLAM": SATURDAY, SEPT. 15, 2:00 PM, FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY (UUCP)

Dr. Ray Sisson, who is Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus at CSU-Pueblo, was involved in a project which developed plans for a community college system in Yemen. He also traveled to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to work on college accreditation efforts by their Ministries of Education. He became interested in Islam and the Koran. He will examine the time line of the development of Islam and Christianity, their similarities, differences in texts and culture.

Dr. Sisson's presentation will surely be very interesting. Invite your friends and students who are curious about Islam and the history of Christianity and Islam.

Sharing Box

At the suggestion of one of our members, a locked box will be available on the back sharing table for members, friends, visitors to put ideas, suggestions, complaints, requests into. The board will review them regularly, and act, answer, refer as needed. This is an opportunity for all of us to participate, get our ideas and concerns heard, and help us in providing

programs, activities, support that meet the needs of our community. We can sign suggestions or remain anonymous -all ideas will be considered.

Social Action

This month's Second Sunday Social Action Documentary will be shown at the Church on Sunday, September 9 at noon. The film will be *American Teacher* (2011, 81 minutes). This documentary profiles four extraordinary teachers from diverse parts of the country. Educators weigh in on how the American school system might be radically transformed. A discussion will follow the film. Bring a bag lunch. There will also be a survey to help determine what additional documentaries we will view this year. Questions, call Dave at 545-1165.

Some of our members will be attending the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition annual fundraiser in Denver on Thursday, September 20 at 5:00 p.m. We are a *Justice Sponsor* for this event. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$75. Questions, call Dave at 545-1165.

Cooperative Care is accepting in-kind donations of food items and hygiene products (September wish list: flour, sugar, peanut butter and jelly). We have a collection box in the vestibule. Questions, contact Ruth.

Fundraising - Save the Date!

Our second annual Affordable Art & Gift Fair will be held Saturday, November 10. This is a big event for us and will need all of us to help. There will be something for everyone to do, so watch out for more announcements. Please, mark your calendars, and if you're not working at the Fair that day, do come & shop!

The Goodsearch.com year ends September 30, and our earnings for this year are currently \$89.04 - our earnings balance as of September 30 will be sent to us in early December. So, if you ever search or shop online, please go to goodsearch.com, designate Unitarian Universalist Church of Pueblo (we have not recorded our new name with them yet) as the charity you support, and

download the goodsearch toolbar. See Rita if you have questions about this. It's a great way to earn money for our church without costing you extra.

Beloved Community (Formerly New Horizons)

As we move into a new year with a new name, a new Board, and a newly revised Mission Statement, we are going to focus on building our community. We want to involve all our members and friends in defining who we are and the directions we want to go as individuals and together. We encourage everyone to participate and share their ideas. We are over the horizon, and beginning our new journey! Blessed be - Janice

First Unitarian Society (FUS) Mission Statement

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.

"A proper community, we should remember also, is a commonwealth, a place, a resource, an economy. It answers the needs, practical as well as social and spiritual, of its members--among them the need to need each other"

Wendell Berry - Poet, writer, activist, Unitarian

Splinters from the Board

The Board met on Aug 14. Following are projected Dates and Highlights:

- The necessary steps for the formal name change will be completed by Sept. 1. All other transitions will occur over the next several months.
- Marc Pratarelli, Treasurer will be using our new software program to maintain records. Rita Prangle is installing the program, and will work with Marc as a bookkeeper.
- Dan Stone is planning to install the gorilla hair in the front in September (dates and needs to be announced).
- A retreat for the Board and Committee Chairs is scheduled for Oct 29. We still need chairmen for Membership, and Communications committees. We also would like to have more members and friends involved and contributing to all our committees and programs.

- Next year, Jan. or Feb., we are going to offer a workshop for members and friends. The focus will be on Community building and support.
- Next Board meeting will be Tues, Sept 11 at 6:15 p.m. Your input or attendance is welcome.

Humanist News

This item was found in the Greeley UU newsletter:

Dear UUA congregation-

We are pleased to announce the formation of the UU Humanist Symposium, a think tank aimed at realizing the generations-old promise of Unitarian Universalist Humanism. Recent changes in the UUA have resulted in Humanists, who formed the backbone of Unitarian growth in the fifties and sixties, being made to feel pushed aside in the very churches they helped to found and support with their time and money. There are almost certainly those in your congregation who agree with our point of view. If so check out: <http://uuhumanistsymposium.com/>

Cleanup/Painting

Our building is really looking good! The painting work days went well, but took longer than anticipated. Rita supervised and oversaw the project. Church/society members who painted, prepped and cleaned deserve our special thanks. These include Rita, Janice, Midge, Ivy, Doug, Don, Dan, Dave, Shawn, Greg, Dorie, Jim and new friend Steve. We will continue to have opportunities, for those who can, to help with future projects including outside clean up.

Sustainable Societies Collective

After a summer hiatus, the Sustainable Society Collective will be meeting at the Church on Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. Topic: Catching up and looking forward to the next year. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a healthy snack or dish. Questions, contact Marc Pratarelli.

New Chalice Flame Editors

Dave and Gennifer Wagner are the new Chalice Flame editors. Please bear with us as we get familiar with the process. Call 545-1165 or email items to davconwag1@aol.com by the 22nd of each month.

Social Activities

POTLUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT - September 29 at 5:00 p.m. *Bernie* is a factual story about a most congenial mortician, in a small east Texas town. Played by Jack Black. Forget everything you ever thought about Jack Black's past roles, his acting is superb, not one goofy or absurd acting moment, proving that an actor can be a miraculous thing in the right role. Shirley MacLaine, Michael McConaughey and his mother give outstanding performances also. The director grew up in a small Texas town; he captures that life-style and the people. You'll laugh; you'll cry; and you'll be amazed. It is one independent film you should not miss! It is going to be fun!

ICE CREAM SUNDAY - We will honor September birthdays on Sunday, September 30th with organic ice cream cones following the service.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST- Friday, 9:00 a.m., September 14. We will meet again at B Street Café (121 B St.) where the food is very good and we can eat outside. It's a good place to come and meet with your fellow Unitarians this fall.

HAPPY BOOKERS - On September 5, The Happy Bookers will meet at 11:30 a.m., at Mr. Tandoori's Urban Bar and Grill (310 S. Victoria Ave.) for lunch and conversation.

HAPPY BOOKERS - On September 19, we will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the First Unitarian Society to discuss *Funny in Farsi*, by Iranian American Firoozeh Dumas. The book describes Kuma's move with her family in 1972, at age seven, from Iran to Whittier, Calif., and will follow her life for the several decades. Besides being a bestseller in the US, it became a bestseller in Iran. Dumas followed up with a second memoir, *Laughing Without An Accent*.

LABOR DAY POTLUCK PICNIC - On September 2, after the service, we will share a meal and talk about our jobs, careers, and adventures in the work-a-day world! Sign up at the Church.

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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.