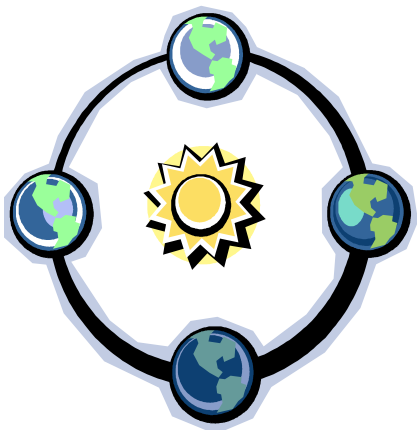
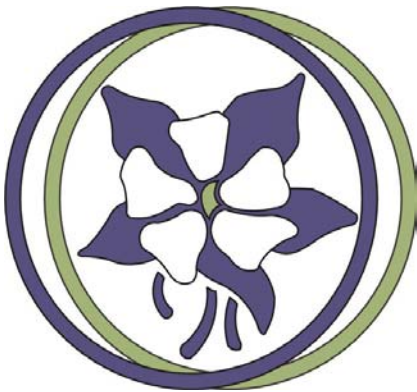


The Columbine Connection

Sunday Programs



The CUUC Theme of the Month is "Truth"

November 7

"Seeking Truth"

Christy Baker

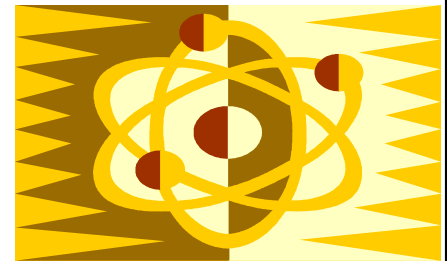
Christy Baker is a Ministerial Intern at First Unitarian Society of Denver. Christy will address this month's theme, Truth. Where do we look for truth and how can we be sure that what we find is "true"? Does truth change over time? Is there an ultimate truth or different truths for different people? What is involved in upholding the UU principle of a free and responsible search for truth? We will open up this month's theme with some reflections on how we might support one another in our seeking.

November 14

"Truth as Power: Truth as Process"

Reverend Coeyman

In a ministers study group last summer, our conclusion after an entire week of study was that there are no absolute meanings for truth. Yet, the concept of "truth" is everywhere in religious literature and ritual, and truth is integral to an authentic religious life. The theological approach of "process theology" can help us understand truth as an ongoing process. The process of truth grants power - in the sense of positive energy - to our lives.



November 21

"Guest at Your Table: Celebrating UUSC at 70"

Reverend Coeyman and Martin Blue-Norton

2010 marks the seventieth anniversary of UUSC - the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee - and its work for human rights around the world. In this service in which we recognize UUSC we also begin the annual Guest At Your Table program here at CUUC. The Stories of Hope that we share in this multi-generational service remind us that by filling our GAYT boxes with our contributions, we do make a difference in justice work around the world, for humanitarian aid, civil liberties, and environmental and economic justice. There are no religious education classes, but nursery care will be provided.

November 28

"A UU Thanksgiving Celebration"

Sandra McKenzie

With readings and hymns, this unique service tells the story of Thanksgiving and our nation's many pilgrims through the ages. The story continues after the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock to others who were persecuted and sought, and still seek, freedom living in the U. S. There are many parts for readers; they range from a single phrase to paragraph-length. Volunteers can contact the service coordinator, Sandra McKenzie, at smckenizat@yahoo.com, by November 14.

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FROM THE MINISTER



“Beyond Belief”

For the title of my column this month, I’m not cribbing from religion scholar Elaine Pagels, who wrote a book by the same name. Instead, I’m referencing an article by Reverend Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association. This article appears in the October 2010 issue of *Quest*, the newsletter of the Church of the Larger Fellowship. I hope some of you are members of CLF, our “congregation” for UUs-at-large around the world. CLF offers wonderful classes, conversations, and materials, and anyone may be a member of CLF while enjoying membership in a parish congregation at the same time.

Reverend Morales has written the lead article in the October *Quest*. You’ve heard his theme before, from me and others, but it is worth repeating, because his theme is core to our identity as a free religion. Reverend Morales states emphatically that religion is not about belief. He goes so far as to suggest that belief can be the enemy of religion.

But isn’t ‘belief’ the topic that often comes up first when we talk about religion, and especially when we are asked by others to explain Unitarian Universalism? To the question, “what do UUs believe?” we often hear one of two responses. We often hear, incorrectly, that one does not need to believe in anything to join this religious movement. Wrong! In free faith, we encourage each person to have some religious guidance, some spiritual path to follow, although this path is of our own choosing. Or we hear that you can believe anything you want. Wrong again! Those individual paths we choose must be in keeping with the values of Unitarian Universalism as expressed, for instance, in the Seven Principles. The curriculum *Building Your Own Theology* not only helps one formulate personal spiritual direction but includes options that match UU values.

So what does Reverend Morales mean when he says that belief is the enemy of religion? For one, he reminds us that the original sense of “belief” meant “what one gives one’s heart to.” This kind of belief he can accept. It is rather the sense of belief as it came to mean a “theological proposition” that he refutes, because theological propositions easily merge into creeds — enforced statements of belief that one must agree to in order to become an insider in any particular religious tradition. A creedal approach to belief tends to create categories, which can lead to staunch attitudes toward which categories are right and which are wrong. Such categories begin to define whose belief is the “true” belief. Such categorical thinking creates prejudice, discrimination, and outright conflict, as Americans recently experienced in the days before September 11 when a minister in Florida threatened to burn a Koran because his arch categorical thinking keeps him from regarding Islam as an acceptable theological path.

Reverend Morales also urges us to recall history, reminding us that our early Christian and Hebrew foremothers and forefathers were united not by creed but by covenant. At least up through the fourth century, when the Roman Empire applied Christianity to its own political purposes, our religious ancestors were connected by agreements about how to live together, not what to believe together. In Morales’ words, “true religion is about what we love, not about what we think.” Yes, we should each develop our personal spiritual paths, but arching over those spiritual and theological paths is our act of loving together, that connects us one to the other.

So how shall we live? We Unitarian Universalists are called to respect the diversity that we are: diversity in spiritual orientation, and also diversity in gender, race, class, able-ism, age, and more. In promoting diversity through deeds, not creeds, we are reminded how much we need one another. Not only us humans, but all living creatures on this planet need one another, and we need this planet just as this planet needs us humans to take care of her. Cooperation is essential, if this free faith is to survive and thrive into the future, and if this planet is to survive. A “process” approach (that I’ve talked about often) says reality is all about relations, not substances. The holy is in relationships. As individuals, as this congregation of Columbine UU, as citizens of this planet Earth, we can come all the closer to the holy as we practice compassionate communication with one another and as we live in trust and honesty and right relations together.

Committed to living for what we love, we can make a difference in this world. As Reverend Morales reminds us, Unitarian Universalism is not a club. It is a religion for our time, for this time when the world so desperately needs what we have to offer. Let us live this beloved free faith in all we do together as a congregation and as we work in the world.

See you at church!

Barbara

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I've always looked at the church in two ways; as my worship community, and as an enduring institution that reflects a religious tradition I believe in and support. One of the privileges of sitting on the board is that the board serves both of these visions, although it's often the local concerns that are the most demanding of our attention. Nonetheless, it remains true that whatever we do as a church, we do in the name of Unitarian Universalism. Therefore, when we are faced with significant decisions, we aim to serve both the needs of the congregation and the needs of the larger church. Additionally, we make decisions based not only on what we believe is best for Columbine UU Church at the moment, but what is best for the Columbine that is our legacy to the larger movement.

I bring all of this up for several reasons. The first is our upcoming auction. In recent years, we have relied on the full amount of our auction proceeds in order to meet our budget. This year, however, we are sharing our proceeds with two of the elementary schools where CUUC members serve as tutors. I am thrilled about this. We could have, of course, planned the auction proceeds just for ourselves; there are many needs here at CUUC that could be met with those dollars. But we are serving other needs instead, and in doing so we are serving the larger vision of the church. We are a church not just for ourselves, but for our community, and for our faith tradition that calls us out into the world.

I also have on my mind the upcoming sale of the Bowles property. As we look at how to continue to be good stewards of our relative wealth, we are again asking ourselves how best to balance and serve the interdependencies that make us relevant as a church. We have both the immediate and long-term needs of the church to consider, and these call us to address not only the world within our doors, but also the world beyond our doors. Shepherding our financial assets means, in part, asking how we see ourselves in our geographic community, and also in the larger UU faith community, including the Mountain Desert District (MDD) and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), toady and over the next few decades.

In 1887, William Channing Gannett compiled a list of our common beliefs. What he wrote then still resonates today, "We believe that we ought to join hands and work to make the good things better and the worst good, counting nothing good for self that is not good for all..." It's a great aspiration, one we aim to serve as we attend to the needs of our church and find our place in the larger church.

In Service,

Amy

Amy Rowland, President of the Board of Trustees



Making a Difference

by Frances Blizzard

On Taking Thanksgiving For Granted....Do we? Should we? How Can We? Most of us have always taken it for granted and looked forward to a big dinner with friends and family.

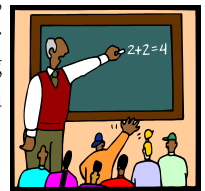
Because of our close contact with Inter-Faith Community Services we have become more and more aware of the misery and suffering of people only a few miles away. They struggle daily to keep a roof over their heads; there is no money for special meals. Inter-Faith is well aware of this, and for many years has provided food baskets. They will supply over 400 this year because of the poor economy. Each basket has a \$6.00 certificate added to it, allowing every family to have a turkey.

The best year was in 2008 with a total of \$1,025.00 (You can check your '08 calendars on that). This year, the Food Bank is desperate for packages of turkey gravy. Please help out.



CUUC Needs Your Help

Volunteer Teachers for Sunday RE classes are needed. If you volunteer, you only need to commit to one Sunday per month which is only twelve Sundays per year. The curriculum will be provided to you. You will be helping the next generation of Unitarian Universalists learn, grow and be. The sacrifice is well worth the reward. Currently we have positions for teachers of children in grades 2 through 7. If you are interested in working with our children one Sunday per month, please contact our Director of Religious Education (DRE) Martin Blue-Norton through an email at dre@columbineuuchurch.org with any question or concerns you may have. We look forward to working with you this church year as our children continue to be nurtured and educated in the UU way!



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Then I start to think of blaming god for all the atrocities on the planet. Why should I blame god? Aren't I responsible? Aren't people responsible? If god created the universe, gave us a planet to live on in the Milky Way galaxy, and gave us all the knowledge and kindness we need to share everything with everyone, why would I blame god if we don't do it? It doesn't make sense to me to blame god for our planet's ills when we have the ability to make them all better.

My seven hundred words are about up. So let me conclude by saying I do believe in god. I just don't blame god for all the things that go wrong in my life. I take responsibility for everything in my life, the good, the bad and the ugly. What I am thankful for is the opportunity to have a life.

Call it nature; call it the big-bang; call it what you like. I'll call it god. And what I call god doesn't want to be worshipped, obeyed or idolized. The god I know doesn't want us to have faith, to believe or not to believe. The god I know would like us to treat each other a little better....I take that back....a lot better. We have been given everything we need to make this planet an incredible living experience for every person born. Someday we may even make the experience a reality. And if we do, I think god will smile at us and think, "I knew you could do it!"

Peace & Love,

Carmen

Carmen J. Corica, Editor of The Columbine Connection



Musings

Musings is a tradition I am carrying on from the last editor of the Connection. Musings is meant to be the baring of the honest thoughts of one Unitarian Universalist, namely the editor of this newsletter, to the members, friends and visitors of the newsletter. I have a lot of fun with Musings and the editorial freedom is great.

Good, bad or indifferent, Musings has been my outlet to write about what I want to write. I have tried to make it entertaining, serious and fun. I thank both of my faithful readers, and all of my occasional readers, for indulging me. Also, I won't deny that a lot of Musings are simply because I like it.

With an intro like that you may be asking, "What's on his mind this month?" One of my favorite things to think about – after the ballgame is over – is god. Is there a god? If so, what is god like? Does god like baseball or maybe god is a soccer fan? Is there no god and so this whole universe is just some happy coincidence of whatever the nature of nature is? I've got an entire encyclopedia of questions that we'll never be able to cover in a 1000 word Musings.

First, I guess I have to answer the simple question of whether or not there is a god. Honestly, I'm not smart enough to give a definitive answer. There are times that I question the existence of a god. How could this planet be the place that it is, with the misery and crime and cruel things that happen every minute of every day if anywhere in the universe there exists a god? How could there be homeless and destitute people living in desolate places, even right here in the greatest country on earth, if god has any consciousness, or a conscience? How could there be the multitude of illnesses that we suffer, not to mention the pains and agonies most humans inflict on each other? In short, was this the best that a god of love and compassion could come up with for living in a physical world? Sheesh! I'm disappointed!

When I'm thinking those thoughts, I quickly get up to pour myself my favorite cocktail, and read a book or watch TV. I get enough negative thoughts from politics to fill every cavity of my life. I don't need more.

It is in those times that I also need a break from thinking about god because I'm almost convinced that the concept is impossible. I spent about a decade believing the impossibility wholeheartedly. I call it my lost decade, my twenties, when I lived for today only, and maybe not even for today but for this hour. If it seemed like fun, I was going to do it. I had no cares. I had no responsibilities. I was living in a place where if you wanted something and couldn't get it, then they must not be making it anymore. And for all that I should have been thankful and grateful for in my life, I was still lonely, unfulfilled and basically miserable.

Then, around the third cocktail, sometimes the fourth, I come around to another line of thinking. Maybe there is a god. When I look around, nature is an amazing and beautiful thing. Sunrises and sunsets are incredibly beautiful. Planet Earth, the sun, the solar system, the Milky Way galaxy, the universe....whoa; what a concept! The planets all orbit around this sun of ours and there are billions of other suns just in our galaxy and there are billions, maybe trillions of other galaxies out there. Really? And they have existed for about fifteen billion years when there was this big bang – that's putting it mildly - that caused our universe to come into existence. Wow; when I think about that, the concept of god doesn't really sound that crazy.

Then I think about the things just on this planet. Nature just came into existence? There are millions and millions of different living things, all of which have their own biology which heals itself. That's a mind boggling concept. Our bodies heal themselves. All bodies heal themselves. The thought that a body that can heal itself, and it just developed out of water and hydrogen because of some spark that happened some four billion years ago that we can't explain nor replicate, makes me have faith even in Santa.

This is a planet that could be a pretty decent place to live. There are natural formations like Mount Everest – very beautiful – and the Grand Canyon – awe inspiring. While we like to propagate the myth of scarcity, the only thing that is really scarce on this planet is human kindness and generosity. There is no reason we can't feed all seven billion people on earth other than the "What's in it for me" mentality. We can clothe everyone too. But then we might have to sacrifice some billionaires because we probably can't have both, billionaires and enough food and clothes for everyone.

I'm going to say something really crazy now, but I believe that everyone on this planet can have all the things we like to think are modern conveniences. Ipods, televisions, access to the internet....why not? What is preventing these things from happening? Billionaires. We can't have both billionaires and a planet where everyone is taken care of with at least the bare necessities of life.

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**You are invited to the CUUC
Dinner Party and Fundraising
Auction!**

Saturday November 13, 2010

Doors open at 5:30

A buffet dinner will be served between 6:00 and 7:00

Adults \$10

Children (3-12 years old) - \$5

Children 2 and under are free

Beer and wine will be available

Childcare will be provided for those who call the church office by November 6th.

Questions? Please call 303-972-1716.

The CUUC Tutoring Team supports students at Ft. Logan Elementary School and Dutch Creek Elementary School. CUUC will share 50% of all proceeds over \$5000 with these schools.

The deadline for *The Columbine Connection* for the next 12 months is as follows:

November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 13, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 14, October 19

These dates are the Wednesday prior to the second to last Sunday of the month. The *Connection* will be available for members and friends at the last Sunday Service of the month at CUUC. Then it will be mailed to the remainder of the subscribers. The deadline for the next twelve issues will be at midnight on the above dates. Be prepared to have all submissions to the *Connection* by 12:00AM (midnight) on the deadline date. If it is a problem meeting the deadline, please contact the editor to make arrangements for the submission. No guarantees, explicit or implied are made for any submission which become the property of *The Columbine Connection*.

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CUUC Book Club Meets



The Book Club will meet December 8 at 7:30 pm for its combined November/December meeting to discuss "Love and Summer" by William Trevor. (The club normally meets the fourth Wednesday of the month).



A review of the book in The Guardian begins: "The sleepy rural town of Rathmoye is a place where nothing much seems to happen. It is summer and the matriarch of the area's most important family (owners of a boarding house) has died, leaving her daughter, Miss Connulty, and son, Joseph, to run the little empire. The two live together, but they hate each other nearly as much as the daughter hated the mother for ostracizing her and her father after she got pregnant and her dad took her to Dublin for the day to get it dealt with."

"One day, from behind the twitched net at the boarding house window, Miss Connulty spots the young woman who delivers the eggs in what looks like an overly familiar conversation with a man other than her husband." And so it goes.

Members present will select a book for discussion in January. You need not have read the book to participate and visitors are welcome.

Win-Win-Win Holiday with a FREE Gift

Around the world, a warm pot of coffee is often the centerpiece of fellowship, celebration and social gatherings. Yet small farmers who grow our coffee often struggle just to make a simple living in some of the poorest countries in the world. Many lack access to adequate housing, healthcare, education or even running water and electricity.

Through the UUSC Coffee Project our church can make a difference in the lives of our global neighbors while enjoying delicious, fairly traded coffee, cocoa and chocolate. When farmers earn a fair price for their coffee, something as simple as the cup of coffee we drink becomes an opportunity to put into practice the UU principles "to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person" and "to respect the interdependent web of all existence".

Coffee, hot cocoa mix, and chocolate bars are available for purchase each Sunday after church. NEW – Organic Caramel Crunch with Sea Salt Chocolate bars! Stop by the sales table in our lobby, check out our products and consider buying something for your own use or as terrific, affordable gifts. When you buy Equal Exchange products at church you receive an excellent product while helping the church, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, and small farmers around the world. The farmers "win", CUUC "wins" and you or the person you are giving a gift to "wins" as well.

As a BONUS you will receive a FREE Gift-With-Purchase holiday bag (while they last) when you purchase 2 bags of coffee in November and December.

Singers Wanted!

- For the Columbine UU Church Choir.
- Expand your voice and heart.
- Refresh and Recharge with Song.
- Take part in Sunday services and musical events in the larger Denver community. Enjoy new musical experiences. For more info contact David Burrows at 303-455-2110 or email music@columbineuuchurch.org.



Grocery Scrip & Gift Cards!

Every time you purchase scrip you are contributing to the financial health of the church. Scrip are redeemable at King Soopers, Starbuck, Barnes and Noble and many other merchants. If you buy \$50.00 per week in scrip, in 10 years you will have contributed \$1,300.00 to CUUC! And it did not cost you anything since you receive one dollars worth of merchandise for every dollar of scrip you buy. It is a great way to support CUUC!!!!



Special! Just for November! Special!

CUUC accepts MasterCard and Visa for Holiday Gift Cards!

During November only, you can use your credit card to purchase gift cards from CUUC. Plan ahead and order those specific cards you'll want to use for your holiday shopping. Got your eye on a wonderful present for your spouse at Eddie Bauer, or Pottery Barn, or Cabela's? Shopping at Claire's or Sports Authority for the kids? Order gift cards on November 7th, 14th, 21st or 28th and you'll receive them the following Sunday in plenty of time for shopping, and wrapping, and hiding. Remember that CUUC receives a percentage of every gift card you buy from us, so you're actually giving CUUC a little present, too!

We can order gift cards for many stores and restaurants including:

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| REI | Wal-Mart | Dress Barn | Macy's | Lands' End | Kmart |
| Footlocker | T.J. Maxx | Banana Republic | Best Buy | American Eagle | Amazon |
| Build-a-Bear | Sears | AMC Theaters | Men's Wearhouse | | |

If you don't see the card that you're interested in, ask Sarah Manning or Loraine Kreznar for the complete list of cards available.

Planning a trip? We can order gift cards for many hotel chains, too!

Order in November so you can shop early.



Welcoming Congregation Committee



We are all saddened by the recent rash of suicides by students who have been bullied. It was particularly shocking when Tyler Clementi, an 18 year old student at Rutgers jumped off the George Washington Bridge after a video of him was publicized on the web.

We urge you to visit the following website, and be encouraged by those who are trying to help young people who struggle with bullying and their own sexuality. As they say, "It does get better".

<http://www.youtube.com/user/itgetsbetterproject>

We urge you get involved with our youth at church, through schools, etc.

Please vote this year!



Notes from Reverend Barbara

Adult Education Classes:

“UU History and Heritage”

For a few months I want to focus on history, the history of the UU denomination, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2011, and the history of CUUC. To support that focus, I will offer an adult education class on UU History and Heritage on four Tuesday evenings in November — November 2, 16, 23, and 30 (note: no class on November 9 because of Boulder/Denver cluster meeting) — from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. No prior experience in history required: bring an inquiring mind and a pen or computer to take notes.

“Articulating Your UU Faith”

The membership committee and I are using this UUA curriculum as a follow-up to the Pathways to Membership class. This class helps new members explain the principles of Unitarian Universalism, to themselves and others, but anyone in the congregation is welcome to attend. The class meets two Monday evenings — November 1 and 8 — from 6:30 - 9:00pm. Membership chair Jamie Daniels is a co-facilitator.

Thanksgiving Brunch: Let us hold our annual Thanksgiving meal together here at CUUC on Thanksgiving morning, starting at 10:30am until you go. Bring friends and relatives who may be visiting for the holidays. Also, bring a dish to share with others, as well as a food contribution for our Interfaith food basket....you will be helping someone else enjoy a future holiday meal.

Child and Youth Dedication: Dedications of children and youth in our tradition represent the commitment from the free religious community to its children before they reach the age to declare membership themselves. The dedication ceremony, held during worship service, is a covenant between the community and their children, to nurture the children in the values of this free faith. If you are interested in having your children dedicated, or if you would like more information, please contact Reverend Barbara.

Minister’s Weekly Schedule: I am trying a new routine of scheduling my 3/4-time weekly schedule. Without going into the details, please note that my days off will vary from week to week, depending on when I am leading worship services. I will post my days off on the door of my office each week. Please be reminded that my regular office hours each week are Monday 5:15 - 6:30 pm and Tuesday 11:00 am - noon.



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CUUC Accepts MasterCard and Visa during November

From November 1st to November 30th, you can use your credit card or debit card for all your coffee and gift card purchases at CUUC. You can also pay your monthly pledge, or even your entire pledge for the year, with your MasterCard or Visa. Remember, November is the only month in which CUUC can accept credit and debit cards, so if you want to earn those rewards points this is your opportunity!



What's a Cluster?

The Mountain Desert District of UU congregations is geographically huge; it reaches from Canada to Mexico and includes Montana, part of Idaho, Wyoming, part of Nebraska, Utah, part of Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado. To help the MDD's 44 congregations grow, thrive, and interact they're grouped into smaller, geographically cohesive groupings called clusters. Thus the Border Cluster is made up of congregations in southern New Mexico and Texas, the Rio Grande Cluster of congregations in central and northern New Mexico, and the Four Corner Cluster of congregations in the Four Corners area.

Columbine belongs to the Boulder-Denver Cluster – along with UUC Boulder, Boulder Valley UU Fellowship, First Unitarian and First Universalist in Denver, Jefferson Unitarian in Golden and Prairie UU in Parker. Like most UU organizations it has a mission:

“The Boulder Denver Cluster will support Unitarian Universalist congregations and organizations to foster their excellence, increase the visibility of Unitarian Universalism, grow our Unitarian Universalist faith, and transform the wider community through social justice and interfaith partnerships.”

The Boulder Denver Cluster has been quite active in the past three years developing and coordinating our participation in PrideFest, creating the Public Radio Project, and establishing the Legislative Advocacy Network; all projects designed to help individuals and their churches participate as UUs in public life. There are also four separate clusters for Youth Religious UUs and Columbine is part of the Central Cluster of congregations in the Denver and Colorado Springs areas. For more information please go to the MDD website www.mdduua.org or speak with Sarah Manning, sarahmanning@sprynet.com, our current representative to the Boulder Denver Cluster.



It is the editorial policy of this newsletter to print whatever is sent to us for inclusion, unless we think the item will be offensive or hurtful. It occurred to us that it would be interesting reading to hear how others came to call themselves Unitarian Universalists. This, then, is an invitation to share that part of your faith's journey with our readership. All other topics are open for submission also. Members of CUUC will be given preferential treatment where publishing is concerned. Thank you for understanding.



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Blue's Clues

CUUC's Religious Education Update

I hope everyone enjoyed the "Indian Summer" days that we had in October and has settled in for the busy season that lies ahead. During October the children visited the B'nai Chaim Jewish Temple, near C-470 and Quincy, and had a great experience. All the children and adults got to see a Torah and even assisted in un-

sheathing then rolling it open. When it came time to sheath and put the Torah back into the Ark the children helped in a very respectful manner. Back in the classroom, the children looked at how Jewish beliefs and values can inform us as Unitarian Universalists. In the month of November the children will be exploring the Orthodox faiths and will pay a visit to an Eastern Orthodox Church on November 14th. Our road trip will take us to the Transfiguration of Christ Cathedral in the Globeville neighborhood of Denver. It was founded in 1898 by eastern Europeans who settled and worked around the Globe Smelter in what is now the northernmost neighborhood of Denver. These folks from Serbian, Carpatho-Russian, Slovak, and other backgrounds, all shared a common need to "Worship God after the custom of our fathers." Located on the corner of 47th and Logan Street it is the oldest Eastern Orthodox Church in Colorado still in active service. Please consider bringing your children to YRE this month for a great adventure.

On November 21st, we'll open our Guest at Your Table program with a multigenerational worship celebration. When we bring home our Guest at Your Table boxes and place them prominently where we regularly gather, our families and friends have the chance to delve into several real struggles for justice and how UUSC advances human rights in the United States and around the world.

With each box comes a copy of *Stories of Hope*, which helps children, youth, and adults learn more about how UUSC works to change our world for the better. Consider making it part of a mealtime ritual to read through one of the stories and discuss its meaning and how we can help. When we share our blessings with our "guests," we ensure that UUSC and people around the world can continue their important work.

And, thanks to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y., gifts of \$100 or more are eligible to be matched, dollar for dollar, doubling the impact of your support!

If you miss picking up your Guest at Your Table box and Stories of Hope, you can do so in the foyer or by talking with Pauline Hopkins, YRE Chair, or me.

I'll see you in Church.

With Love and Respect,

Blue

Martin J. Blue-Norton, Director of Lifespan Religious Education for Columbine Unitarian Universalist Church

Columbine Unitarian Universalist Church Staff

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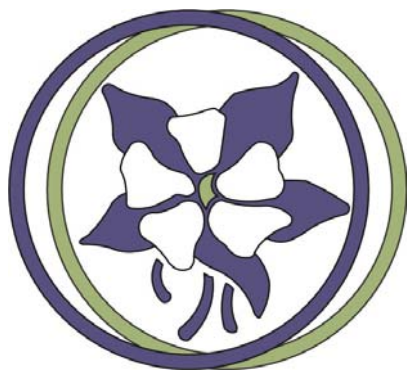
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