

Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley

June Unifax 2017

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Worship Liberally

This Months 'Theme is "Frolic"

The UU theme for the month is frolic. I'm sure that this theme, chosen last year around this time, was meant to lighten us up and give us a chance to have some fun. But, life doesn't feel real light and funny right now. So, I am taking a major divergence from it and am heading for some positive, but not frolicy, services in June.



June 4th- "What Will You Do With Your One Wild And Precious Summer?"

Rev. Barry Bloom

Memorial Day weekend has come and gone. The shift in energy can already be felt. Summer is an up and down beautiful experience in Colorado. What will you do this summer that both enriches

your soul, and is fun?? Remember that the word recreation means to recreate one's self. What now???

June 11th- "TBD"

June 18th- "A Journey into the Future"

Rev. Barry Bloom

What is the state of our future at UUCG?? New faces, new momentum, old forgiveness. The ability to be flexible. Love in action. These are some of the themes that carry and beckon us into the future. We are not alone, of course. There have been many, many groups from churches to wagon trains that have had conflict derail their forward motion, then recovered and were better for the process. We are heading into the summer with high hopes.

June 25th "TBD"

Rev. Barry Bloom's Reflections

June is often a month of transition. From wet and cold to the searing heat for which the West is famous. For me, and us, it is also a time to prepare for changes. I undergo knee replacement surgery on my right knee on June 27, the payoff for being a runner for 25+ years, and will be out of commission for several weeks, I am told. Fortunately it coincides with the two months that I am off as your minister. When I was hired last summer the understanding was that I would come for less money than others might be able to pay and, in return, I would take both July and August off. That does not mean, however, that I am not your minister for those two months. It simply means I will not be making the trip to Greeley during that time. I will be available via electronic means. And I will meet with the board to help keep our new momentum going. And may show up for other good stuff. In the meantime, I want you to know how optimistic and pleased I am about UUCG. We are on a good track. Our new lay leaders are supportive of where we are headed, and I hope you all will be as plans are made and carried out. Julie, Kathy W., Jean, Kathy V., and Sharlene will lead well and I look forward to working with them. And speaking of lay leadership, I want to acknowledge someone who has been working incredibly hard for us. Danelle Beauvais has been the Chair of the Worship Committee for some time. It is one of the toughest jobs in the church responsible, as it is, for the scheduling and quality of all the services at the church not led by me. She got pretty tired by the end of this church year and is, coincidentally having major surgery done soon on her upper back and neck. She needs our thanks for good work done, and our support while she is incapacitated. She tells me this will require 10-15 days in the hospital after the surgery. Here is a great opportunity to put love into action for us all. She will not continue as chair of the committee in the fall but, she will continue on the committee itself. THANKS DANELLE. May you return in the best of health. And to all the rest of you, us. May we all get the re-birth life is driving us to.

Be well and blessed be.

Rev. Barry Bloom



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Board News

Board Blurb

The Congregational Meeting was held on May 21st. The heads of committees and employees were recognized. A new board was voted in. The President is Julie Miller. The Vice President is Kathy Vaughn, The treasurer is Sharlene Meydell, Jean Thomas is Secretary and Kathy Wise is Member at Large. The budget for 2017-2018 fiscal year was approved as well. A big thank you to Julie Miller, Kathy Vaughn, Eulice Kogovsek and Kathy Wise for providing the food to help us think clearly!

Happy Birthday!

Scott Clugston – 1
Sally Peterson – 2
Ashley Oxton – 3
Clyde Edmiston – 4
Andy Culver – 23
Shelly Gaza – 25
John Clark – 28



If we forgot your June Birthday, please let us know- we would love to add yours to the list! Send an email to office_manager@greeleyuuuc.org. Birthdays are celebrated every first Sunday with cake.

Lead and Manage Mindfully

The standing ministry group meetings are as Follows:

Worship Ministry- **First Tuesdays** 5:30-6:45pm
Fourth Tuesday Meditation- Meets at Noon every 4th Tuesday of the Month
Spiritual Stimulation & Support Group- **2nd & 4th Tuesday @ 7pm**
Board of Trustees- **Third Sundays** 1:15-3:15pm
Religious Education Ministry- **To Be Announced**

Gather in a Caring Community

LATE SPRING-EARLY SUMMER CLEAN UP

We need your help **on Saturday, June 3rd at 9:00am** for a show of love and care for our church home. **Come with your gloves, rags, garden tools, and smiles.** All ages will be put to work, according to abilities. We look forward to another opportunity for a shared experience.

Sunday Service for July & August

We are looking for people interested in helping put together a Sunday Service in July and August. Rev. Barry will be away those months. Sign-up on the Clip-board in the Foyer or email Julie Miller jmilleruucg@gmail.com or call Kathy Vaughn [970 371-1522](tel:970-371-1522). A Worship Associate will be in touch with you.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on **the third Thursday of the month at 1pm at Your Place Coffee**. The selection for **June 15** will be Ken Buck's Drain the Swamp (or any other work dealing with corruption in modern American politics). Anyone is welcome to drop in.

UU Pool Party at Hillside Pool!

Saturday, June 17, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and get to know your fellow UU members while enjoying summer! The Hillside Pool has been in Greeley since 1959 and is located at 1414 27th St. Hosted by Mike & Denise Pearson and Adam & Sarah Gostenik. If planning to attend, please let Sarah know by June 15th at sarah.gostenik@yahoo.com 508-988-0845.

You are welcome to bring food and drinks (no glassware). Lawn games will be provided. If planning to swim please pay the front desk \$3 per swimmer, otherwise it is free. The Hillside Pool also has a grill, baby pool and diving board, for anyone interested. Hope to see you there!

SSS (Spiritual Stimulation and Support) Group Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm in sanctuary:

Our SSS Group continues to be a lively group of spiritual seekers with stimulating discussions over the last 5 months. We continue to meet in the sanctuary on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at 7pm (no childcare is provided). **ALL** are welcome to join (even if you've never attended before). People come and go as they are able. Each session is a stand-alone, and no preparation is needed. Over the summer months, we are discussing articles from a book called "Humanist Voices in Unitarian Universalism." We read 1-2 short articles, and then discuss. Are you curious about Humanism? Please join us for this Adult Religious Exploration group! Every voice adds depth and varied perspective to the discussions!! Yours would be appreciated. Contact facilitator Marcia Free for questions (Marcia.mae.free@gmail.com).

Something New at UUCG 4th Tuesday Meditation

Come to UUCG on the **4th Tuesday at noon** for a lunchtime meditation. For the summer at least we will meet **1 time a month**. In the fall we may choose to meet more often. Put these dates on your calendar if you would like to meditate or learn to meditate. **June 27, July 25 and August 22**. Led by Hollis Berendt

LGBTQ+ Family Matters: There will be an **adult support group for LGBTQ+ Community**, Significant Others, parents, family members, and allies. This group will be held on the **First and Third Mondays** from **6:30-8:30pm** at UUCG! Facilitated by Julie Miller.

*****Attention UUCG, on July 4th, the UUCG, along with PFLAG Greeley, will be hosting the 1st Annual PFLAG Greeley PRIDE Family Picnic after the Stampede Parade.*** Parking will not be available at the church from 7AM-2:30 PM*** In order to accommodate the event, with the exception of organizers. Please plan accordingly. Please join us to view the parade and afterwards for a BBQ/Chips/Cookie/Drink lunch. Thank you!! **If you have questions, please refer them to Julie Miller.****

Grow In Spirit

Youth Religious Education-
Jill Koenig, RE Coordinator
Alondra Vera, RE Assistant

This summer we will be having Fun Shops and Play Sundays. We need people to sign up to offer a story and a craft, or a special interest of yours that could appeal to the children. See the Clip-board in the foyer. Jill Koenig will be gone for the summer. Alondra Vera and one of her sister, Sandra or Jessica, will be handling Childcare.

June 4th- Fun Shop
June 11th- Play/Centers Sunday
June 18th- Fun Shop.
June 25th- Play/Centers Sunday

Giving in Gratitude

Taking Nominations for Share the Plate
The Social Justice Committee would like your recommendations for Share the Plate. We wish to share our generosity with organizations that promote social justice, health or welfare of the people of Greeley. If you have suggestions, you may contact

either Ana Schultz, Adele Delsavio, Karen Clugston or Hollis Berendt.

Grocery Certificate Volunteers Needed!

The grocery certificate service provides added revenue for the church, and works closely with the UUCG Treasurer and Board. Volunteers need to contact Margaret in the Church Office.

SHOP FIRST AT UUCG Scrip and Grocery cards are an easy way to support UUCG by purchasing cards for items you **already plan to buy**. You buy the card and receive the full face value and the church receives a rebate directly from the merchant. The rebates range from 2% to 16% and they all add up. King Soopers cards can be refilled at the store which means you can use your credit card for your purchase and get those mileage points we know you love! How can you help make this program a success?



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- Use your grocery card to fill your gas tank and your prescriptions!
- Buy scrip cards for merchants you always frequent.
- Use scrip cards for **teacher gifts** or for school supplies.
- Special order cards for large purchases, appliances, or computers.
- Scrip Cards fit nicely in a birthday or anniversary card.

Don't forget to refill your King Soopers Cards. The church receives 5% of your purchase. Buy grocery cards for on Sunday's for Sprouts 5% and Safeway 4%.

Ask Hollis about all of the other gift cards available that are purchased about every 6 weeks but orders can be taken at any time.

Reviving the UUCG Birthday Fund

Our first UU Principle affirms "the inherent worth and dignity of every person." This means that, "It's a blessing you were born," as the catchy song we sing says! Blessings lead to gratitude, and the privilege of "paying it forward." We say in our service each week, "we are blessed, and so we are called to be a blessing."

Have you recently been blessed with another year of life? Have you been blessed by someone else's life? Either way, the tradition of the UUCG Birthday Fund offers an opportunity to bless UUCG with an

amount of money equal to the number of years of life (your own, or that of a person who has blessed you with their presence).

Our seventh UU Principle affirms “respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.” Maybe you would like to contribute in honor of another year in the life of your beloved pet, a beloved tree/river/garden, or some other way to honor the interdependent web of life?

Maybe you would like to honor the loss of a life you held dear (person, animal or nature)?

Maybe you would like to begin teaching your children about honoring the gift of life, UU principles, generosity, paying it forward, etc. by helping them contribute on their birthdays, or that of a pet or another part of the interdependent web when you are out in nature?

Simply write a check with “birthday fund” in the memo, or place cash in an envelope with “birthday fund” written on the outside. Each month as we report in the Unifax how much money we’ve taken in with pledges and offerings in the plate, we will also report how much we’ve taken in for our Birthday Fund.

Please help us revive this UUCG tradition which reminds us of the quote by Albert Schweitzer, “What we call love is in its essence reverence for life.

A Note from Sarah Gostenik:

I felt good about what my team and I were able to accomplish in a short week in Greece, from bringing aid and distributing to many sites, helping the Greek economy by purchasing much needed items, like food, clothes, towels, shoes, toothpaste and toothbrushes, socializing with children through a Vakna art project and taking them to the Athens planetarium, purchasing a kitchenette at Ikea for a new women’s center (thanks Centennial Rotary Club of Greeley for the \$500!), sorting donations, and cleaning up an empty lot, turning it into a garden space. Working with and volunteering with refugees helps me not take anything for granted. Refugees have gone through so much, yet I’ve never seen them cry, they stay strong and resilient and are quick to offer their smiles and space, along with food, tea or Coca-cola. Simple pleasures that can bring people together from all walks of life. Thanks again to everyone who gave support towards this trip, it's greatly appreciated!

Sarah also provided pictures of her trip to Greece.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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