

# Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley

## March 2018 Unifax

*Helping you grow spiritually, live meaningfully, and have  
the courage to help heal the world.*



**Join us for Sunday Services at 10:00am**  
Childcare for babies and toddlers every Sunday during  
services. **Find out more at 970-351-6751 or**  
[www.greeleyuuc.org](http://www.greeleyuuc.org) or find us on Facebook.  
**Office Hours: M,W,Th 10a – 12p / Tue 9a-11a and**  
**Fridays 1p-3p**

**Worship Liberally**

### **March 4<sup>th</sup>- “Taoism and the I Ching”**

**Rev. Barry Bloom**

Wisdom and insight about the world around us  
has been shared since humans could talk. One of  
the earliest expressions that has come down to us  
is contained within Taoism and the I

Ching. Dating to at least 26 centuries ago these  
writings/practices of Confucius, Lao Tze, and  
others have deepened our understanding of how  
we fit in nature as much as indigenous spiritual  
practices. As a matter of fact, it formed the basis  
for the spirituality of the Lakota and many other  
native tribes. What they did left us a guide for a  
balance life.

**RE: Chapel on balance**

### **March 11<sup>th</sup>- “Video and Small Group Discussion”**

**Brian & Shelly Gaza**

**RE: Sneetches Principle #1**

### **March 18<sup>th</sup>- “The Sermon on the Amount” - Rev. Barry Bloom**

It is difficult to talk about money. Especially in  
church. This is where we come to hide from the  
yucky stuff of life, like money, isn't it? Yes. Yet  
we must. Without our pledges of financial support,  
UUCG would not exist. Period. And those  
pledges, if they come from a place of loving  
commitment, warm our own hearts. It feels good  
to give for a good cause. And it helps us to feel a  
real part of our spiritual community.

NOTE: This service, and the pot luck that follows  
the service, marks the beginning of our pledge  
campaign for 2018

**RE: Chapel**

### **March 25<sup>th</sup> – “Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Guest At Your Table”**

**UUSC / Kathy V.**

The UUSC is a nonsectarian human rights  
organization powered by grassroots collaboration.  
UUSC works all over the world. You'll receive a  
“Guest At Your Table” box to put a coin in every  
time you eat a meal. We will collect the boxes-  
money at the end of April. Questions? Ask Kathy  
Vaughn, or call Margaret in the Office – 970-351-  
6751.

**RE: Class- People are Similar & Different**

## Rev. Barry Bloom's Reflections

Warm, warm wind, more wind, cold, snow, more snow, COLD, then warm again. Interesting cycle. Enough to give earthly support to the flu epidemic flooding us here in Colorado. We are always off balance this winter. We prepare ourselves for one weather system, then the other hits us from behind. Sickness follows. Think they're related? How are you doing? Have you escaped this uncomfortable cycle? Are you well? Or have you been challenged to stay in balance? Balance, as you might guessed from the intro, is the theme for this month. It's what we seek in life isn't it have? The golden mean, the middle way. Living out the promises of life in a balanced way. It's something we are all learning from womb to tomb. And it is always changing. What we lived as a balanced life in our 20's is not the same as a balanced life in our 40's and beyond. Our values and needs change from decade to decade. Staying in balance is part of the work of the church of course. That is, helping each other to do so within the context of spiritual community is a core value. Then there is the challenge of being in balance within systems. The big pictures. That takes the same love and honesty that our own individual efforts take. This month we will look at balance from a couple of different directions. One as current as this moment, the other a study of ancient ways aimed at this holy grail of human behavior. "Come, come, whoever you are" and join us.

**Next Board Meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am**

### **Treasurer's Report for February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

Banking as of February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

Savings ( <b>statements are quarterly</b> )	\$39,987.62
Checking as of Feb. 11, 2018	\$ 3,899.00
Deposits	\$ 5,496.13
Expenses	\$ 7,388.86
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 4,006.27
Total Monies	\$43,993.89

**Sharlene Meydell, Treasurer**

## Board News

"The most powerful moral influence is example," is a quote from Huston Smith, a renowned religious scholar and mentor to Reverend Bloom. Our church is a moral example for our community. UUCG continues to be a moral influence through the examples of its congregants, many of whom play a dynamic role throughout Greeley and the country in any number of Social Justice events. I do encourage you to join the Social Justice Committee on Saturday, February 24th for their potluck and packaging for the "Bare Necessities Project" which will be assembling survival packets for homeless teens in Weld School District 6. It will take place in our building that you help fund through your donations. You help provide the space, heat, lights, water, tables, chairs, publicity, plumbing, and the many, many other things that help make this possible. That's what keeps me going as a lay leader. I do wish we had more attendance, more money, more.... well, you get the picture, but I don't have a magic wand (I do remember putting it somewhere safe, but now I just can't find it!). In all seriousness, what I do have is the belief that we are a shining example of what it truly means to love - each other and those whom we may not even know. Finances and membership are a continued challenge, but we are no different than many other UUCG churches. I communicate regularly with other UU leaders of small congregations and they struggle, just as we do with the very same issues. So, in facing these challenges, your board has been at work finalizing plans for an upcoming Pledge Dinner, offering a UUCG Congregational Workshop, and fundraising events that will be happening in the next few weeks and months ahead. We will be organizing a work day for the play area this Spring, along with the hope of having some Greeley artists bringing in their work for the Sanctuary. If you have any artists you think might be appropriate, please let Kathy Vaughn know. As we move toward the potential recruitment of a minister, keep in mind that most UU ministers do work on a part-time basis. They may have the passion for the ministry, but the cost of living does not necessarily allow for a full-time career in the church. That being said, we go forward with the belief that what we do is an example to others as we continue as a moral influence to Greeley and our fellow inhabitants of our universe.

## Contacting UUCG Staff and Board

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## Gather in a Caring Community

### Ministerial Search Committee

So far, we have received 3 applications for the potential position of part-time minister with UUCG. The search committee will be meeting in March to review the applications and finalizing the interview process. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Miller at [jmilleruucg@gmail.com](mailto:jmilleruucg@gmail.com).



### UUCG Burnin' Biscuit Jubilee

Join us for a Family Friendly BBQ dinner with LIVE Entertainment! To help kick off



the Pledge Drive. **UUCG Will provide the BBQ and you bring the side dishes!** Music by Christopher Watkins Lamb & Amber Lamb **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 5:30pm Dinner at 6pm.** Please RSVP on the clip board at church or by calling Margaret at the office. 351-6751

### Sunday Coffee Volunteers Needed!

**PLEASE HELP!** If you have one or two Sundays available between now and the end of April, and are willing and able, give Dianne Culver a call at [970-378-7544](tel:970-378-7544). **The UUCG Board of Trustees & Rev. Barry Bloom would like to Thank:**

**Josette Schaffer, Ana Schultz, Diane & Andy Culver, Jean and Bill Thomas, Rosemary Edmiston, Julie Miller, & Brian & Shelly Gaza.** For Donating your time as a "Coffee Helper" in Jan and Feb 2018! You are VERY Appreciated!!



### Coffee

We use Equal Exchange Fairly Traded coffee and most teas. A portion of our purchase helps fund the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, our UU outreach service organization. Equal Exchange trades fairly and directly with 40 small-scale farmer cooperatives worldwide. In The future look for our donation jar and help us support those who support others!

## Grow In Spirit



### Youth Religious Education-

Miles Holcomb is our RE Coordinator and Maggie Bryant the RE Assistant.

We Continue on the "Rainbow Path: Our Unitarian Universalist Principles", discovering ways to express the Principles in our own words. Miles will be offering a Story for All Ages in the Service on the first Sunday of the month.

**March 4** – Chapel on Balance

**March 11-** Class: Horton Hatches the Egg /Principal #2

**March 18-** Chapel

**March 25** – Class – People are Similar & Different

### Rainbow Principals:

- #1 Red – Respect everyone
- #2 Orange – Offer fair and kind treatment to all
- #3 Yellow – Yearn to learn throughout your life
- #4 Green – Grow in spirit and in mind
- #5 Blue – Believe in my ideas and act on them
- #6 Indigo – Insist on a fair and peaceful world
- #7 Violet – Value our connection to all life

## Lead and Manage Mindfully

The standing ministry group meetings are as follow:

### Choir

Choir practices the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of Every Month, after service, and perform on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. If you enjoy singing please feel free to join. Thank you, Sam Henline, UUCG Accompanist.

### Worship Committee

Meet on the first Sunday of each month immediately following the service. We'd love to see you there! Do you have an idea for a guest speaker that you'd like to invite to our church? Have a knack for public speaking and would like to help lead a service? Or, just looking for a way to get more involved in the church? Then join the UUCG Worship Committee! Questions? Email Shelly or Brian Gaza at:

[shellygaza@mac.com](mailto:shellygaza@mac.com) or [briangaza@mac.com](mailto:briangaza@mac.com).

### BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting on March 29th (note this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday instead of the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) at 1pm at Your Place Coffee. The selection for March will be Scott Turow's 'Testimony'. Anyone is welcome to drop in.

### Chalice Arts

The Chalice Arts Working Group would like to thank you for sharing your art: Kathy Wise, Eulice Kogovsek, Dennis Francen, Jim Shearer, Ana Schultz, Ron Chiniqy, Kathy Vaughn, Sarah Vaughn, Kristina Bain! We will be displaying new art from Deandra Eubanks & Kiela Cason this month, we are excited to share their art work!

### The Social Justice Circle

The Social Justice Circle Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month. Our first Bare Necessities Project was very successful!! Thank You to: Hollis Berendt, Ana Schultz, Atulya Wood, and Jean Thomas!

### **Giving in Gratitude**

**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.

King Soopers & Safeway 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? Use your grocery card to

buy your groceries, fill your gas tank and buy your prescriptions!

### **Special Orders Available for:**

- Merchants you always frequent.
- **teacher gifts** or for school supplies.
- Scrip Cards fit nicely in a birthday or anniversary card.

Don't forget to refill your King Soopers and Safeway Cards. The church receives 5% of your purchase.

Ask Josette about all of the other gift cards available for "Special Order".

### **Happy Birthday!**



Kathy Wise -7  
John Coan -7  
Hollis Berendt -9  
Tim Berendt - 14  
Bill Thomas -22  
Sandy Meyers - 27  
Jonathan Hofmann - 31

If we forgot your March Birthday, please let us know- we would love to add yours to the list! Send an email to [office\\_manager@greeleyuuc.org](mailto:office_manager@greeleyuuc.org). Birthdays are celebrated every first Sunday with cake.

### **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."

## UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

### Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, come join us for the Easter Egg Hunt. **(Weather Permitting)** More info to come!

### UUCG Garage Sale

We will be having our Garage Sale **Mid May this year. We will keep you posted for a date and when we would like for you to bring us your "sale items"**. Thank you! Questions? Call Margaret in the office 970-351-6751.

### Pathways To Membership

Is it time to step forward and join us? There will be a Pathway to Membership class in April (date to be announced) for all those who are interested in becoming members of UUCG. It will be a three-hour gathering, lunch provided, after church. Together, we can support each other in our life journeys and bring healing to a hurting world. Come join us. Questions? Please ask Rev Barry or one of our UUCG board members!

### "Making Our Lives Worth While" – Workshop

How can we live more closely to what is of real worth in our lives? This workshop identifies the unique approach to worth each of us has, and helps us value one another's approaches. Great for individuals and teams. **Facilitated by Doug Stewart from Namaqua UU. Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Lunch will be provided at 11:15 am, and Workshop from 11:45am – 2:45 pm in the sanctuary.** Questions? Ask Kathy Vaughn or contact Doug at [dougstewart@gmail.com](mailto:dougstewart@gmail.com). Sign up on the clipboard in the Foyer or by calling Margaret at the Office 970-351-6751.

## CONGREGANTS CORNER

**Disclaimer:** The information provided in the Congregants Corner are for general information purposes only and do not constitute any endorsements by UUCG".

### Please Recycle

Have you Noticed Our (2) Blue Recycling Bins in the Church? One is located by the North Entrance under our information station. The other is located in the Barbara Bowles Room by the East entrance.

### Fresh Farm Eggs For Sale

Kathy Vaughn owns "Happy Chickens" Laying Fresh Farm Eggs! Those eggs can be found in the Fridge at the UUCG for \$3.00 a carton. There is an envelope provided for your convenience!

### Apartment for Rent

\$765 for 800 sq. ft. in Basement. Kitchenette, King Bed, Quiet Neighborhood. No Separate entrance. Prefer Woman middle aged or older to share with another woman. No Smoking, Short Lease OK. If interested please call Atulya.

### Donation Needed

Our Sand box is in need of some TLC! We could also use some sand and a sandbox cover. If you think you can help with this please talk to Kathy Vaughn, Margaret in the office or Julie Miller. Thank You!