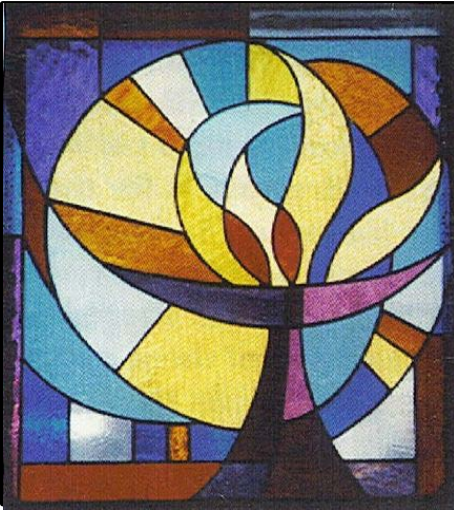


Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley

April Unifax 2018

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



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Worship Liberally

This Month's Theme is "Emergence"

April 1st - "Two Easters in One"

Rev. Barry Bloom

Many of us celebrate two Easters each year. Given our Christian roots, celebrating the "Risen Christ" seems natural. And given our Unitarian Universalist roots it seems natural to celebrate the budding spring. And the new greening energy of the Earth. This Easter Day we will celebrate both. Either one serves as a wakeup call. Let's pay attention.

RE: Chapel / Easter Story For All Ages / Egg Hunt

April 8- "A New Beginning is Waiting" –

Rev. Wendy Williams

One poet has said that in our hearts, there are new beginnings waiting to emerge. It turns out, the emergence is waiting on us. How do we invite new beginnings? RE:

Principal 3 Growing in Many Ways



"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 8th, 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. Sign up on the clipboard in the Foyer or by calling Margaret at the Office [970-351-6751](tel:970-351-6751).

April 15- "Earth Day A Week Early"

Rev. Barry Bloom

Not a graceful title, but exactly descriptive. As I am "in the pulpit" this Sunday and not the next, let us celebrate Earth Day together. Then you get to do it all over again a week later. Earth Day is a powerful reminder that we are all related. Indigenous peoples the world over work to communicate the depth and richness of this beautiful understanding of Mother Earth and the Cosmos and our relationships with it all. We gather this day in the spirit of mitakuye oyasin. "We are all related."
RE: Play Practice for Earth Day

April 22- "Earth Day" Jeffrey Lockwood

This Sunday (Earth Day!), Jeff Lockwood will offer a sermon on how UUs might think about climate change—not just the phenomenon but what it means in terms of our principles. He raises the question of whether cleverly adapting human enterprises to the changes imposed by global warming means that we fail to confront the moral and spiritual meaning of our (in)actions. Does technology allow us to avoid coming to terms with our relationship to the natural world? What could we learn if we'd pay attention to the dying forests, rather than scrambling to develop "solutions" that allow us to avoid the depths of the problem? And as a bonus, Jeff has an original children's story written just for this Sunday. RE: **Earth Day Play**

April 29- "May Day & Beltane Celebration"

Danelle Beauvais & Kathy Vaughn

Join us to celebrate the return of the warm, light part of the year, to be renewed and rejoice as the earth produces once again.

RE: Principal #4 – Horton Hears a Who

Rev. Barry Bloom's Reflections

Spring draws us out of our dark hiding places into the light. Protected against the winter winds and, usually, bitter temps, we feel the warm breezes now pulling us out into the sun. And if you cup your ear and listen hard you can almost hear the crack of a baseball coming from Coors Field as the "boys of summer" once again circle the bases. It is a time of awakening the spirit. Depressions lift, eyes lose their glazed look, life surges anew. The focal point of the new spring is always.... Easter. Known for various reasons it is the holiday that both heralds the spring and celebrates the emergence of Jesus from the tomb. One is celebrated because it simply IS. That is the snow melts, the birds sing, green shoots spurt out of the earth, and a new softness fills the air. The other is joyously celebrated by Christians around the world based on their faith that Jesus was crucified and then rose from the dead three days later. Whether true story or deeply held myth, it can bring hope to all who let in its lessons. How are you doing? Has the winter been kind to you? Are you ready to revel in the sunshine? Do remember that there are kind, loving people who make up the membership of UUCG. If you need support or just need to talk or create opportunities to support others, reach out. Stepping through our introverted nature and reaching out can feel great, both for you and the other person. You can see it as part of your personal Spring coming out party. I am also always available to talk with you about whatever is on your mind or your heart. My contact info is on the order of service each Sunday, and through the web site, or by calling Margaret at the UUCG number. Look forward to seeing you Easter Sunday, and beyond!

Peace, Barry

Board News

We do hope you will have joined us and enjoyed the Burnin' Biscuit Jubilee as a thanks for your contributions. We hope to have a successful pledge drive this year, as it will determine the potential package we may be able to offer a part-time or potentially less than part-time minister. We have had to tap into savings this year and that is always a concern. As your President, I know it is for me. Thus far, we have managed to get through most of winter, although April can offer up some unusual surprises and snow removal is not cheap - a necessity, but not cheap. Costs for labor, electricity, heat, and the many, many things that our church requires to function never seem to decrease in costs. All this being said, many of you will have heard my demand for greatness this

year, and I believe we should have high expectations for our future. Since our last Unifax, we have been fortunate to have had Margaret and Ron Chiniquy use their plumbing talents in dealing with one of our restrooms, although the toilet will probably need replacing one of these days. Andy Culver also spied a loose shingle that Margaret and I were able to tar and put back in place - all signs of the wear and tear on our building - a building that is very good to us and so many others. It provides or has provided space for a number of activities including: fellowship, social justice activities, musical events, family gatherings, weddings and funerals. It gives space or has given space to renters including, AA, NA, Iglesia Apostolica, and others. Renters also play an important part of our budget. Our building serves as a space for community events, movies, discussion groups, educational sessions, conferences, poetry readings, book clubs. We are an employer - we affect the economy. Those boxes or little wicker baskets you see out there during our many drives, including those placed by the Social Justice Committee, provide food, clothing, toiletries, and snacks to the underprivileged and homeless. We serve Latino, Black, White, Native American, Gay, Straight - and Humanists, Buddhists (and many other "ists"), Christians, Jewish, Catholic, Mormons, Pagans, and many others, whom you may not even realize. It's important to remember that we remember we aren't just Unitarian Universalists on Sundays. We are UUCG all week. We aren't just about a pulpit. We are about community. We are about unity. Our 7 Principles aren't about taking, but rather I believe they are about giving - what we give to ourselves, others, and our community. In order run this little brick building, keep our employees, and pay for our overhead, we do need to replenish our coffers. We just do. UU's are an independent lot, but we also have to remember we are INTERdependent, as well. In order to function we need each other and as your President I need to tell you that yes, we also need your financial support. Plain and simple, we just do. You are the UU in UUCG. I won't sugar coat the financial challenges we may be facing in the upcoming year or the decisions, but I do believe we can achieve greatness. I hope you do, too. When you pledge this year, please consider giving a bit more than you think you can. Consider greatness. Do please remember we are also so very grateful for all your time and talents that you so graciously and unselfishly give to our community and congregation, as well. They are ALWAYS greatly appreciated. Always!

Your BOT will continue working hard for you as we head toward the beginning of our next Church Year. Please do plan on attending the Congregational Meeting in May, which will be taking place the 3rd Sunday, as it has traditionally in the past. All the best!

Next Board Meeting May 12th 2018 11am

Treasurer's Report for March 1st, 2018

Banking as of March 1st 2018

Savings (statements are quarterly)	\$37995.26
Checking as of Feb 1, 2018	\$ 4006.27
Deposits (Feb. 1 st)	\$ 4263.27
Expenses (Feb 2018)	\$ 4105.35
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 4538.29
Total Monies (March 2018)	\$42533.55

Sharlene Meydell, Treasurer

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Contact Julie Miller at jmilleruucg@gmail.com or Margaret Chiniquy with any care or concerns at 970-351-6751.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 20th at 11:00 am

Gather in a Caring Community

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: **Shelly & Brian Gaza, Dianne Culver, & Rosemary Edmiston.** for Donating your time as a "Coffee Helper" in March 2018! You are VERY Appreciated!!

Chalice Arts

The Chalice Arts Working Group will be displaying new art from Deandra Eubanks & Kiela Cason. We are excited to share their art work!

Grow In Spirit



Youth Religious Education- Miles Holcomb is our RE Coordinator.

We continue learning our seven Unitarian Universalist Principles. We are discovering ways to express Principles in our own words.

This month we will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the Service April 1st. Miles will also be offering a Story for All Ages in the Service. This Month's Story is:

April 1- Easter - Story for all ages - Egg Hunt (assemble in foyer after service)

April 8- Principal #3 - Growing in Many Way

April 15- Earth Day- Play Practice with Shelly Gaza

April 22- Earth Day Play and Principle #7

April 29- Principle #4 Horton Hears a Who

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:

Social Justice Group- Second Tuesdays @ 930a

Choir – Practice following the service on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month & Perform on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Worship Associates Meeting – Meet on the 1st Sunday following the service in the Office.

Board of Trustees- Third Sundays 11:15a

Worship Committee: Volunteers Needed

Meets on the first Sunday of each month (**EXCEPT April 1st**) immediately following the service. The Worship Committee is busy making plans for summer services and we need **YOU!** If you are able to lend a hand this summer (either in planning services or leading them), please email the committee co-chairs and let us know: Brian Gaza (briangaza@mac.com) and Shelly Gaza (shelly.gaza@unco.edu). We're looking forward to hearing your ideas!

Choir

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

The Social Justice Circle

Social Justice circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am. The Bare Necessities Project continues, we are collecting easy to carry, non-perishable healthy food for the Homeless. Thank you for your contributions!

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1pm at Your Place Coffee.

Anyone is welcome to drop in!

Pathways to Membership Class

All interested in joining UUCG or being reminded why you joined in the first place, attend the Pathways class on April 22nd after church in the sanctuary. You will be fed soon after the church service. The class will last from noon to 3pm. If you have not already done so, this is another opportunity to “sign the book” and become a pledging member or friend of UUCG. The class will be fun and give you a chance to become more connected to your fellow joiners, staff and minister, and give you a history of Unitarian Universalism. It will be led by Rev Barry Bloom. Come join us. Please RSVP to Margaret at the church.

Sam Henline's Klezmer group "Shmuel and the Mentshn"

Sam Henline's Klezmer group "Shmuel and the Mentshn" will be performing a lecture and concert about Jewish musicians, discrimination, and the Holocaust featuring an arrangement of Mahler's symphonic music for Klezmer band April 29th @ 12pm

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?

- 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 & Safeway Cards. The church receives a percentage of your purchase!

Happy Birthday!



- Fedelina Mendez - 7
- Margaret Chiniquy – 9
- Jim Vaughn – 19
- Kelia Cason – 25
- Ruth Zachary – 27
- Michelle Noftsker - 27

If we forgot your April Birthday, please let us know- we would love to add yours to the list! Send an email to 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

Guest At Your Table

Please Return your “Guest at Your Table” Box that you received during the March 25th Service. The boxes are **due April 29th**. Please call Margaret in the office or Kathy Vaughn with any questions. Thank you!

Spring Clean Up

In Colorado its hard to tell when Spring has Sprung! We are planning on having our annual Spring Clean up, May 5th from 9am to Noon, Coffee and doughnuts supplied by UUCG!

Garage Sale

Speaking of Spring cleanup... Now is your time to go through your things and make a donation of your unwanted **treasures** to the UUCG for our Garage Sale! 3rd Week in May, Look for announcement!

Congregant’s CORNER

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Estate Sale

Judith Meyers daughter Liza, would like to announce an Estate Sale on April 19th, 20th and 21st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Address - 1925 28th Ave #38 Greeley

FREE Piano

The UUCG Is giving away a piano, If you know someone who is interested and can pick up and move out, please have them contact Margaret in the office!

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!

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!



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!

Burnin' Biscuit Jubilee

