



Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley February Unifax 2019

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

**Join us for Sunday Services at 10:00am
929 15th Street, Greeley, CO 80631**

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Office Hours: M, 10a-12p /Tue & Fridays 1p – 3p

Theme: Love

Worship Liberally

Sunday, Feb. 3rd- "Life Calls Us On"

Rev. Dana Lightsey

Sometimes it is easier to identify broken trust and more elusive to put our finger on what we truly can trust. Change is something we can trust will come. Can we trust that the "Arc of the moral universe bends towards justice" as the famous quote from Theodore Parker asserts? It only bends if we make it so. This service is a story of the Czech Unitarians and how they continue to bend that arc as they build a new religious movement after decades under communist rule. This story also features one of your former ministers, Rev. Dr. Petr (Dolak) Samojsky.

RE: Class #1 – Worship

Sunday, Feb. 10th - "All You Need"

Rev. Aaron Norris

The Psalmists John, Paul, George and Ringo once famously sang "All you need is Love!" In our month of Love, Rev. Norris will have us put that idea to the test in this exploration service. We will explore various ideas and aspects of Love and ask whether, if we agree that Love is the answer, exactly what kind of love are we talking about.

RE: Chapel Valentines for Refugees

Sunday Feb. 17th – "For The Love Of"

Rev. Aaron Norris

Keeping with our theme of Love, Rev. Norris will be in the pulpit for the second time in two weeks asking us to consider how difficult it is to maintain a loving outlook and disposition at times and, quite frankly, whether on occasion it is really worth it. One of the questions he'll dare to ask is: Is Love worth it?

RE: Class #2 – Our Chalice

Sunday, Feb. 24th – "Buddhism"- Janelle Helling

Happy Losar! Translation from Tibetan (lo = new + year = sar) Losar, the beginning of the new year celebrated in Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan and India, February 5-7, 2019. Losar is a three-day celebration, with special pujas and temple rituals taking place on each day. People celebrate with feasting, dancing, singing and participating in sporting events.

RE: Chapel Standing on the Side of Love

Sam Henline Memorial Reception

We will be accepting donations through the month of February to go toward funding the reception following Sam's Memorial. A basket will be available at Sunday Services or please contact Margaret in the office.

Ministerial Musings

What an interesting time of the year! So many calendars coming together and bringing so many perspectives. Are we running behind? Didn't the year just start? Or are we only in the middle of things? Are we talking school year, or tax year, church year, or calendar year? Is this the end of the winter season? Shouldn't we talk about springtime yet? It's all crazy enough to make one start talking weather patterns with hibernating rodents.

The really good news is, even in this confusing mixed up time, with lots of questions than answers, there is some real movement. Our congregation has begun to wake into an early spring. More folks are coming to services; we are participating in more varied events and with sincere participation; new faces are appearing and old friends are showing up. We have been growing in our generosity too. We have what the physicists describe as *momentum*: that universal physical principle— an object in motion tends to stay in motion — which I am happy to say describes our church well right now.

Traditionally, February has been a high-water mark for us in terms of attendance at church. Historically speaking, we have shown up in the greatest numbers in February and I am expecting that trend to continue. What I hope we buck a bit this year, is the habit we then have during the year of falling off a bit as the spring pushes away the winter and then relents to summer, not fully picking up again until the Fall. I understand fully those times are busier than other times, and I wouldn't ask anyone to give up travel or some other tradition, but I am hoping we can remain an engaged community longer during the year.

And even if you do find yourself traveling, I hope you'll take time to attend services at another UU church or fellowship. Deepening your appreciation for our sibling communities and wider faith movement is a service to *this* community. As they used to say when one was departing in my African village: "Go and Greet the People!" If your going out in the New England area, let me know, so I can hook you up with some of the folks at the UUA headquarters in Boston and see if I can get somebody to sit and talk with you a bit. And if your headed out west, you might enjoy attending something put on by the UUA's Pacific Western Region (not as the purpose of your trip, but a tag on). Finally, if you're interested, the yearly gathering of UU's, General Assembly (GA), is occurring in Spokane, WA this year on June 19-23. If your thinking of going, let me know: you can potentially carry our banner and represent our voice at the gathering. All this to say that there are more ways to deepen your Unitarian Universalist identity even away.

I also want to point out another way that momentum is building. Our Living Generously program has been extremely successful. Through the three months of 2018

we had it in place we were able to raise *over twelve hundred dollars* for causes that were recognized by members of our congregation as worthy of our support. We were able to do this without harming our own needs when payments of pledges and other funds kicked in. As a consequence, we generated a lot of good will, but we also did a lot of good in this world (and I think we can be proud of ourselves for that).

Continuing on the theme of momentum. As I mentioned, some pledges now are being paid faster and this is a good thing for a couple of reasons. One is that we have a anonymous donor who has agreed to match the funds that come in over the amount collected in 2017-2018. As we draw closer to that number now in 2019, the excess funds that we collect will be doubled and that fundraising will accelerate. I am looking forward in the next few months to us approaching that point when we really begin to take off. Ask me if you have questions.

In the meantime, I want to thank everyone for the personal time and commitment they have made. We have some exciting interest expressed in the Social Justice ministry. By the time you read this, I am sure we will have had a great women's march and MLK parade. I hope you have contacted our co-chairs Ana and Hollis and expressed your interest in participation. We also have had great turn out at the Fermenting Spirituality discussion group. I expect a wonderful service from the Build Your Own Theology Class - a new one of those starts up this month that I hope you'll consider joining. I also want to thank Ruth Zachary for taking the initiative to start a writer's group, adding her passion to our programing is really wonderful.

I am excited about our shared ministry and where we are headed. I hope you are too.

Yours in Faith and Fellowship,
Rev. Aaron Norris

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Your Board at Work

At our January Board meeting I read a meditation about the church of the spirit being “a forever building”. It was a meditation on intent, focus, and energy recognizing that all things follow intent. We want to be sure we have positive intent as we move forward in our search for a Music Director, as it’s not just about filling a position, but a mission, as well – our mission as UUCG and Universal Unitarians to our community and to the world. And, although the BOT tended to our usual tasks, the process of finding someone else to master our lovely Kimball piano in the sanctuary and lead our choir had to be our primary focus. We have a job description, timelines, as well as contacts at the ready. Please also keep in mind this will take time. We lost Sam only on December 16th, so have barely seen the 1-month mark since his loss. As I write this, there have only been 15 business days during the remaining time outside of the holidays and UNC returned on January 7th. The BOT started work on December 17th to replace him, but this will take time, patience, and positive intent and energy on the part of us all. The job description will be circulated throughout the Greeley community, including UNC, contacts within the music and chorale communities, as well as through our regional contacts. You are welcome to contact Margaret and get a copy and help us, as it is “our job” as a congregation to find someone to fill our mission. The BOT cannot do this alone. If you know of someone you think might be a good contact, please check with your contact first, supply them with a job description, and then let Margaret know. The Board will take it from there. The goal is to have interviews to be taking place later in the month of February and we do intend to have some choir member involvement in the process, as well. Fate has brought us to this place, so let our intent be to find a Music Director to help us determine our direction forward.

Julie Miller – Board President

Roof Replacement

Our roof replacement will be taking place sometime this year, as all the roofers in town have had to halt work due to the weather. Supplies, due to the number of natural disasters in the country will be in heavy demand, as well, so it may be even summer before the roof gets done. Fortunately, we have no major leaks, but this is definitely a reality as our natural world and we deal with the ever-present concern of global warming. UUCG will continue to help make our community aware of the importance of environmental conservation.

Humbly, your BOT President, Julie Miller

Grow In Spirit



Youth Religious Education.

This Spring Semester we will talk about the Rainbow Path and about some of our UU traditions. We will learn to express our principles in our own words, and how to act on them.

RE team: Claire Metusalem and Kathy Vaughn

Feb 3- Class #1 Worship

Feb 10- Chapel- Valentines for Refugees

Feb 17- Class #2 Our Chalice

Feb 24- Chapel-Standing on the Side of Love

Treasurers Report

December 2018

Income:	\$ 5438.67
Expenses:	\$ 5863.36
checkbook balance	\$ 5158.34
Savings	\$48762.03

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Vaughn, Treasurer

Happy Birthday!



February

Woody Meyers – 4

Jane Wheeler – 5

Griffin Meyers – 7

Sarah Gostenik - 7

Maceo Mendez – 14

Anna Nadas – 21

Eleanor Gaza – 26

If we forgot your February 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.

Lead and Manage Mindfully

The Standing Group Meetings are as follows:

Social Justice Group – 2nd Tues. @ 10am

Board of Trustees – 3rd Monday @ 6pm

Build Your Own Theology Tues. @ 6pm

Contact Julie Miller with any care or concerns at jmilleruucg@gmail.com or Magaret Chiniquy at office_manager@greeleyuuc.org or 970-351-6751.

Gather in a Caring Community

Chalice Arts

The display of Tibetan Buddhist artwork in the sanctuary is provided by Janelle Helling, (aka Konchog Pema Khandro.) Pieces seen here have been collected over many years, from Tibet, India, Bhutan and Thailand. Framed prints are reproduced from Asian originals and from the Lama's posts on Facebook.

Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee is recruiting new members. Anyone interested in joining our church's commitment to social justice and working with other members and the ministry is encouraged to contact co-chairs: Hollis Berendt (hollisbeth28@gmail.com) and Ana Schultz (ana.schultz@yahoo.com)



Fermenting Spirituality

Last month, nine people participated in our conversation at St. Patrick's Pub. We discussed Community. Please join us this month on February 11th, at 6:00pm, as we discuss the theme of Love. Your viewpoint and participation would be valued.

BOOK CLUB

The book club meeting **CHANGES** for February will **NOW be the 4th Thursday of the month**, at **1:30 pm** @ Your Place Coffee. Anyone is welcome to drop in. Our selection for **Feb 28th** will be any current or past National Book Award winner.

KLEZMER CONCERT

The Holocaust Memorial Observances are dedicating the events of 2019 to Sam Henline, a young musician who recently died and who added greatly to many past Holocaust Memorial Observances. His love for music was partially expressed in the yearly concert that he and his Klezmer band presented at the culmination of each year's events. He prepared the group with heartfelt music and researched and presented it with historical relevance to our Observances. His full obituary listing many of his accomplishments is listed on theAdamsSwanson.com Funeral Home website and is quite impressive.

Please plan to attend the Klezmer Concert on Sunday, April 14th to help honor his memory.

Build Your Own Theology I (a UU way to do Adult Education)

Rev. Norris will be again teaching the third Tuesdays for nine sessions **starting February 19 at 6:00pm**. Everyone over 16 and over is welcome. Please sign up by sending an email to Rev. Norris at minister@greeleyuuc.org to save your spot. "Based on the assumption that everyone is their own theologian, this classic UU adult education program invites participants to develop their own personal credos, the fundamental religious beliefs, values, and convictions that inform and direct of their lives. [The sessions] pose five developmental tasks in which participants come to terms with human nature, ultimate reality, history, ethics and religious meaning. Begins with an introduction to our seven UU principles." -Rev. Dr. Richard S. Gilbert, Course Author".

PSWD 2019 District Assembly

Save the weekend of April 26-28, 2019, for the next **Pacific Southwest District Assembly** at the UU Church of Long Beach, California! Our theme will be, "From the Ground Up: The Power of Our PSWD Communities." The congregation is the foundation of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Everything we do as an expression of our faith is grounded in the local communities from which we all take comfort and strength. Some of our greatest joys sprout from the spiritual communities and the congregations of the Pacific Southwest District – both large and small. How does the theme apply to your congregation or your life?

Living Generously

Our February designated organizations for are:

- 1) **The UNC Collaborative Music Program** which has established the Sam Henline Memorial Scholarship. Besides donating to our plate, you may also choose to give to the scholarship by visiting: – <https://unco.everydayhero.com/us/sam-henline-memorial>
- 2) **The Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado.** The Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado provides English as a Second Language training, Community Navigation services, and advocacy for immigrants and refugees living in the area.

Looking for way to contribute to UUCG on Sundays?

You don't have to speak in public or have the best voice in the world, as there are a number of ways in which you can help UUCG on Sundays.

- **Bring a snack for coffee/volunteer** - Our volunteers not only make the coffee but they often donate their own dollars for snacks for coffee. Your \$\$ donation for coffee time or snack donation can help offset those costs for our Coffee Hour volunteers. You can also volunteer to make coffee and help with clean-up. Talk to Margaret and she will get you connected.
- **Offer to shovel the sidewalks when it snows** - Just contact Julie Miller to help with the task. The more, the merrier and it will get done quickly. Shovels and snow remover are readily available at the church.
- **Greet** - A warm smile and a "hello" are a wonderful start to any Sunday morning. Bulletins are printed and waiting. You help us take a tally on attendance and make sure our guests are contacted by board members or our minister.
- **Help with our AV team** - We can always use some extra hands running our AV equipment - microphones, slideshows, videos & training is provided. Volunteers often are scheduled 1 time or less per month, based on availability.
- **Special Music** - Do you have some musical talent you would like to share? Please consider sharing it with us.



Scrip Announcement

There will be an order going out on March 3rd. Please fill out an order form (on the bulletin board) to order for Walgreens, Sprouts, and a number of local retailers and

restaurants. King Soopers and Safeway refillable cards, with 5% of your groceries and gas returning to our church. How about a lunch after church one day at Chili's? If you purchase a \$25.00 gift card on the March 3 Scrip order, 11% will return to our church! What a fun way to get together for a meal and support our church at the same time!

King Soopers and Safeway cards can also be purchased at UUCG during Office hours or at your home online using our enrollment code:

L4FL5B2532434 Let me know if you have questions. Josette 381-7891 or josetteschaffer@msn.com

OR Buy your rechargeable King Sooper and Safeway cards on the first Sunday of each month in the foyer!

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

\$10 will get you a refillable Safeway Card!!



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.



Dear Friends,
The date, time and location of the memorial for our late music director has now been agreed to by all the communities that Sam Henline’s life touched. As you already know, Sam

had a remarkably deep and diverse connection with many organizations in the Northern Colorado area. We were all blessed to “share” Sam’s life and talents and we now will come together to celebrate his remarkable life.

The memorial will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church on February 10 at 2 p.m. The church’s address is 3800 West 20th Street in Greeley. Members of Sam’s family are coming

down from North Platte Nebraska And with the UNC music community, the Loveland Opera, our UU congregation and others Sam has touched will gather to memorialize him. I will lead the memorial service, which will include tributes from all those groups. Two of the professional musicians that Sam worked closely with at the opera are going to preform tributes in his honor. Also, a choir of Sam’s former students will perform a couple of pieces which were played at Sam’s North Platte memorial: Take My Hand, Precious Lord and The Lord Bless You and Keep You. There will be a reception at Gourmet Grub following the service where folks can gather to share stories about Sam.

Juliana Hoch the director of the Loveland Opera Theatre is organizing the combined choir and Sam Eschliman, Sam’s best friend, is directing the choir. There will be a single choir rehearsal at 12:45 on Sunday February 10 at Trinity Episcopal.

A Few Final Thoughts About Sam’s Memorial

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Sam’s memorial service. It is a difficult thing to say goodbye to such a talented and sweet soul that had such a remarkable effect on our church. It will be good for us to gather with so many others who, in ways we may not have yet come to realize, were also touched by his talents and kindness. I know that some will be disappointed that we could not host such a large gathering in

our sanctuary, but our gathering with the greater community will be a precious boon to his family to see how his life impacted not only the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley, but the wider Northern Colorado community as well.

In Continuing Shared Grief,
Reverend Aaron Norris



Echoes of Gratitude

The UU church would like to Thank the Following

Guest Speakers: Shelly Gaza, Josette Schaffer, Kathy Vaughn, Sharlene Meydell, Janelle Helling, and Danelle Beauvais for your speaking services.

Worship Associates: Shelly Gaza, Danelle Beauvais, and Kathy Vaughn – Thank you!

Greeters: Kristina Bain, Michelle Noftsker, Josette Schaffer, and Ana Schultz. Thank you for being kind and welcoming to our visitors!

Coffee / Snacks: Dianne Culver, Romy Miller, Ana Schultz, Rosemary Edmiston, Fedelina Mendez, Hollis Berendt, and Atulya Johnson. Thank you for bringing snacks / refreshments and or helping to make the Coffee for everyone!

A/V: Brian Gaza, Bill Thomas, Julie Miller, and Margaret Chiniquy. For your help with the Audio and Visual portions of the Sunday Service!

R.E.: Thank you to Claire Metusalem, Margaret Chiniquy, and Kathy Vaughn for your work with the children in Religious Education!



