

Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley

July Unifax 2018

*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 will be provided
every Sunday during services.

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Worship Liberally

July 1st- "Soul Collage"

Kathy Vaughn, Deandra Eubanks, & Keila Cason

Soul Collage is a fun and easy way to create a picture that helps you discover your inner wisdom. This is the first of many informal services this summer, children will participate in this Service.
NO R.E.

July 8th- "It's All About You U"

Julie Miller

Informal Interactive and Experiential Worship - We will be examining the different parts of our worship service and in small groups design our own worship service for the morning. Bring a dish to pass as we will share a brunch after the service.

RE: NO R.E. – Multi-Gen Service



July 15th- "Annual Picnic with Namaqua"

Mark your calendars for July 15th. It's the ANNUAL UUCG and NAMAQUA PICNIC. It will

be taking place at UUCG. Please bring a dish to pass. The service will be directed by Reverend Laurel Liefert and our soon to be minister, Reverend Aaron Norris. **After the picnic, there will be a special coffee meet and greet for UUCG members and friends to begin to get to know Reverend Norris who will be taking the pulpit in September.**

R.E.: NO R.E.

July 22nd "UUCG's Gift to the DREAMers Scholarship Fund at UNC"

Brian & Shelly Gaza

Join Shelly and Brian for an overview of the DREAMers Scholarship Fund at UNC and how the Bloom gift will be used to help the students that this fund supports.

RE: NO R.E.

July 29th "Worship With All Your Senses"

Taste, touch, sight, hearing. Kathy Vaughn, Deandra Eubanks, and Keila Cason will facilitate this interactive worship service. Children will participate.

NO R.E

Introducing Rev. Arron Norris

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to notify you that the contract has been signed and we will be welcoming Reverend Aaron Norris to the pulpit in September. During the interview process, Reverend Norris impressed the board with his organizational skills, sincerity, and enthusiasm about UUCG and its future. Of course, you will learn a lot more about Aaron from him when he arrives, but until then, here is a bit about him. Aaron completed his Master of Divinity degree at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver. He completed a clinical pastoral externship at the University of Colorado Hospital where he served primarily the rehabilitation, orthopedic, and burn units. For the last three years he has served the First Universalist Church of Denver, initially as an intern, and later as a ministerial resident and finally as the assistant minister. He is excited to walk in companionship with the congregation at the Unitarian Universalist church of Greeley.

Aaron comes to ministry from a previous career in law, where he served as a deputy district attorney and owned a law firm practicing mainly criminal defense. He served in the Peace Corps in Mali. He holds a law degree and a Master's in International Relations from the University of Denver and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder in Creative Writing.

He was born in Houston, Texas and moved to Littleton, Colorado when he was four years of age. He went to high school in Champaign, Illinois. His interests include exploration of popular culture, the Colorado Buffaloes teams (UNC Bear fans, please do not hold this against him!), and making home movies. For those of you who may be supporting us from afar or for those of you who may not have had the opportunity to attend the Congregational Meeting, you can view one of Aaron's ceremonies here:

<https://vimeo.com/176105318>

Your Board At Work

It's Summer but only 5 months until December (I know I'll get a lot of feedback on that one)!!! No, wait, it could be fall, or maybe it's Spring. I can't really tell by the rain, the sun or the weather, but we did have our Annual Congregational Meeting which is one of the highlights of our year. That typically falls in June, so we must have made it to somewhere in summer. We HAVE made it one more circle around the sun and have already started the New Church Year by the time you read this. The new board has had their first formal meeting on Sunday, June 17th and we are hard at work with maintaining fiscal responsibility and ensuring UUCG for the next generation. One thing we will be watching is our water consumption for our yard. You may notice the grass a little bit less green this year as we are monitoring our water usage very closely. In the summer months it hasn't been unusual to be billed over \$500 for one month alone and we can do much better than that, especially when nature provides moisture to our yard when it rains. We have some familiar faces on the board including myself as President, Kathy Wise - Vice President, Kathy Vaughn, Treasurer, Josette Schaeffer as Secretary. Sharlene Meydell as our Member-at-Large. I do love summer, but the one thing I have noticed is that it goes far too incredibly fast, as I am sure this one will also. Please do plan on joining us for our summer schedule of services and activities and know your board will continue keeping its nose to the grindstone. All the best!

Julie Miller, Board President

Treasurer's Report for June 1st, 2018

Banking as of June 1st 2018

Savings (statements are quarterly)	\$38019.21
Deposits	\$ 2274.50
Expenses	\$ 6923.00
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 4236.28
Total Monies	\$42255.49

Respectfully, Kathy Vaughn, Treasurer

***During the summer we encourage you to keep up with paying your pledges, as our expenses don't go on vacation. * Thank YOU!**

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

Gather in a Caring Community

Volunteers and Ideas Needed

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!

The Book Club

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

Anyone is welcome to drop in!

Grow In Spirit



Youth Religious Education

For the month of July children will be participating in the informal Sunday Services, no curriculum this month. Children will be provided with coloring sheets at the back table.

We do have a few art and picnic Sundays this month. In August we will have a mix of RE and informal Sundays. Enjoy sometime outside, nature renews us all.

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Lead and Manage Mindfully

The standing ministry group meetings are as Follows:

Board of Trustees- **Third Sundays** 11:15am-1:15pm

Happy Birthday!



Jim Shearer – 9

Alice Woodrum – 11

Danelle Beauvais -12

Erika Coan – 14

Donna Brenckle – 16

Miles Holcomb - 27

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

Giving in Gratitude

The Social Justice Group

The Social Justice Group **will not** be meeting in the summer but **will continue The Bare Necessities Project by collecting clothes for the Greeley Clothing Bank.** If you have any questions please contact Hollis Berendt at hollisbeth28@gamil.com Thank you for your donations!

SHOP FIRST AT UUCG



Scrip Card Special Order

We will be making a "**special order**" very soon. If you are interested and would like to place an order you can obtain an order form by:

1. pick one up during ofc. hours Mon, Tues 10am to 12pm, Fri 1pm -2pm
 2. pick one up before or after 10am Sunday service **OR**
 3. have one scanned and emailed to you
- ALL COMPLETED FORMS DUE JULY 15th, 2018.** Thank you for your contributions!

Looking For Inspiration?

The UUA has created Braver/Wiser a weekly message for those who would like to sign up for the Braver/Wiser email. Simply go to their website: www.uua.org/braverwiser and enter your information. From the website: "Life is full of hard edges and complicated choices. Braver/Wiser gives you a weekly message of courage and compassion for life as it is. Every Wednesday we deliver an original written reflection by a contemporary religious leader, and brief prayer, grounded in Unitarian Universalism."

Free Raspberries

Raspberries are ready to be picked. Please come and pick to your hearts content. The whole north side of our home is raspberries. No need to call, just come and pick. Bring your friends, children and grandchildren. Hollis and Tim
* If you have any questions email:
hollisbeth28@gmail.com

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."

Congregants Corner

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! Please recycle your egg cartons by bringing to the church and putting on top of the fridge.



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Mind Body & Soul Coffee

You can now Purchase your Mind Body & Soul Coffee distributed by equal exchange "Together we can create a food system that is

Democratic, Transparent, Sustainable, and Fair." Buy your bag at the UUCG, The cost is \$7.00 a bag. For More info ask Kathy Vaughn at Kathy.jinka@gmail.com.

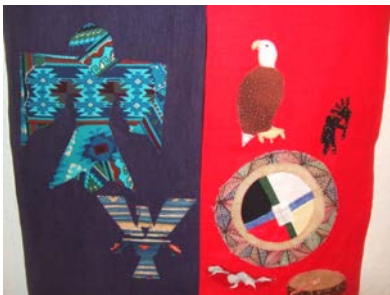
Thank You!

Thanks to Ben Nunez and Iglesia Apostolica for taking the free piano off our hands. He was very thankful and the piano found a new home at their Denver, CO location.

Thank you to Reverend Barry Bloom and Amanda Bloom for their generous Give Away of \$500. The recipient is the DREAMer Scholarship Program at UNC. The program was voted in with a #1 choice by 53.3% of the votes, followed by the Holocaust Memorial Observance Committee, the Trinity Quilters and WILPF. Thank you to all who nominated their favorite Charity and for all your votes!



Thank you to Sharlene Meydell for her organization of the Honoring Ceremony for Reverend Bloom. She also put her amazing sewing talents to good use in completing prayer shawls for Reverend Barry and Amanda Bloom. A thank you also to Howard Bad Hand



for his attendance for helping make this such a special day for Reverend Bloom and the entire UUCG community.

A Special Note from Your BOT President

I wanted to take this time to thank you all for your support of UUCG and the Board of Trustees this past year. I am very proud of our accomplishments as a Board and as a Congregation, but we have a LOT of work ahead of us. I am always reminded of the legacy that we have been given to carry forward to those who will be coming after us. I am hoping that when our 2068 Board of Trustees brings up their futuristic Power point or its equivalent in 50 years, that they, too, will look back on this time and appreciate the dedication and tenacity it takes to continue our presence in the community. We ALL are a part of this process so please never underestimate your value to UUCG and in making the world a better place in which to live. Thank you for your vote of confidence as I take on the position as Board President for another year as we proceed toward 2019 and whatever the future may hold for us. I am excited to see what's in store. How about you?

Julie Miller, BOT President