



Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley November 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 every Sunday during services. Find out more at www.greeleyuuc.org,

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Office Hours: M, 10a-12p /Tue 1p – 3p and Fridays
1p-2p

Worship Liberally

November 4th- “Day of the Dead – All Souls Day”

Rev. Aaron Norris

Throughout history, humankind has taken time to remember those who have passed beyond the veil, offering thanks and acknowledging their profound contribution to the lives of the living. Join Rev. Norris and Miles Holcomb as we lead our churches tradition service on this day in all its complex facets.

RE: Chapel- UU Creation Story / Day of the Dead

November 11th - “TBD”

Karl Krebs

Our service will be lead by the guest preacher, Karl Krebs, who is a seminarian at Iliff School of Theology and a candidate for ministry in the Unitarian Universalist tradition. Karl will be introducing us in this month to the theme of Justice.

RE: Class #5 Yang & Yin and the Dwarf P’an Ku

November 18th- “TBD”

Danelle Beauvais

RE: Chapel – Prep for Pageant

November 25th – “Stone Soup”

Rev. Aaron Norris

We kick off the rush into the holiday season with a tale of magic hidden the mundane. The Sunday following Thanksgiving, all ages are invited to participate in a worship performance of the traditional story of the Stone Soup: a story about having just a bit more than you thought and the miracle of sharing.

RE: Multi Gen – Thanksgiving Pageant

Day of the Dead

Nov.2nd, 2018 @ 430p – 630p. Brought to you by UNC at the Garden Theatre. If there is inclement weather, the venue will be at the Rec Center in Butler Hall. For more info, please contact Kathy Vaughn at kathyjinka@gmail.com.

Chalice Arts

We are proud to announce this months’ Chalice Arts show will be the Writing and Art of Ruth Zachary. Her art will be presented in the sanctuary. Thank you, Ruth, for lending us your art works!

Ministerial Musings

Friends,

Well, fall was late and came in in a hurry, didn't it? I was glad to see from our attendance tally taken by our wonderful host volunteers that it hasn't dampened our enthusiasm or attendance. Folks even came out in the snow, which was inspiring. Our commitment to gather each week as a community is a really important aspect of keeping our sense of identity and, quite honestly, it is one of the really wonderful gifts that we bring to one another. Knowing that we are there for each other really gets us through, especially those who are struggling with other aspects of their lives. It is good to be together.

We've had quite a few visitors over the month and I am glad that they are being warmly welcomed. I have had the pleasure of speaking to some. They come in often from invitation and out of curiosity when they hear about us. Getting people to step in the door is an act of courage on their part; making a space for them at the table is an act of generosity on ours; maintaining the relationship is an act of love on everyone's part. May our faith community's life be filled with acts of courage, generosity, and love.

Our Living Generously program has already done some great work. Weston Edmunds who came to speak to us from the Weld Food Bank related how the bank is able to provide four meals for every dollar contributed and so, between our two services, our church was able to help with over eight hundred meals for folks this year. If you are interested in deepening your commitment, Weston encouraged me to remind you that he has volunteer opportunities to offer at the food bank. Our impact in the community has been even broader as the second half of the month, we were giving our plate to the Refugee and Asylum program at Lutheran Family Services. At the time of this writing, I can only imagine the impact we might have, but I will say that this is one of the programs that means a great deal to me. As many of you know, I worked on several cases as a law student trying to get asylum status for folks who fled really monstrous situations to a land they new very little about. Helping those individuals to acclimate to their new surroundings, as LFS does (and as our church has helped to do), is part of those amazing acts of courage, generosity, and love.

We've also been deepening our spirituality this month. Our first sessions of the Build Your Own Theology classes have begun and they will continue through November and early December. Folks have come with very open minds and hearts and the sharing has been tremendous. One thing that has been affirmed for me once again is the creativity of members of our congregation, which I am really impressed with. We'll continue to find new ways to deepen and expand our programing. I am going to host a Pub Theology drop-in discussion group; the location is yet to be determined, but it will be on the second Monday nights of the month at 6:30 p.m. I'll bring some discussion prompts on the monthly themes which will follow our worship themes and send reminders to those who indicate they want them. Finally, I want to acknowledge this month that the elections are here. As a nation we are going to make some decisions about who we want to be as a nation, as a state and as a community. I realize that for many in our congregation that this will be the culmination of years of work and for others it will be simply decisions of the day. I hope that everyone does make it to the polls to vote; it is, literally, the least we can do to make our world a better place (and yet I cannot help but acknowledge the hardships our society chooses to put in the way of this small act for many of the most vulnerable). Whether we are disappointed or elated, let us make sure to temper our feelings with the knowledge that the next day, we will be called again to remake our world as it is, less than it ought to be, but with a promise much greater than we have ever been - a world to come through acts of courage, generosity and love.

Yours in Faith and Fellowship,
Rev. Aaron Norris

Your Board at Work

Thank you for all who attended the Congregational Meeting. It is necessary for us to tap the savings for the \$5,000 deductible to replace the roof and this required Congregational approval. For those who were unable to attend, the motion to do so was approved. We have had an inspection done, based on the recommendation of our insurance company and we do have damage. And, we also had noticeable previous damage, to which we had applied a band aid. I know I've learned more

about shingles than I probably ever wanted to this year, but it's just another part of the journey. These repairs should not come as a surprise, especially considering the millions of dollars of damage that impacted Greeley and the surrounding areas pounded with golf ball size stones and larger. We have gotten estimates and have been very careful to solicit them from local and reliable roofing companies. All this being said, the roof will probably not be able to be replaced until Spring as the roofing companies have their hands full right now due to the community wide damage. Still our building and its inhabitants continue to impact the community both locally and globally through the utilization of our building and our services, even in the short time we've covered in this Church Year. We're so fortunate to have such a legacy to help us continue the many things we do for the community - provide space for renters, non-profit groups, dedications and memorials - just to mention a few. And, we keep dreaming, too, of growth, expansion, and the future entrusted to us as a Board and congregation. I hope you continue to dream, too. Meet and greet the old and new faces you see and invite them to sit down and chat. Ask them who they are, how they are, of just chat away and lose track of time. Ask them how they found us and then, let them know they are welcome to join us - always. In your own way, let them know how we as UU's plant sequoias.

Humbly, your BOT President, Julie Miller

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Treasurers Report

2018

Income:	\$ 6,240.90
Expenses:	\$ 4,734.44
checkbook balance	..\$ 3,816.44
Savings	\$50,734.11*

*After 12,706.68 deposit from Insurance for roof.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Kathy Vaughn, Treasure

Grow In Spirit



Youth Religious Education.

Welcome to the new church year. This Fall we will use the World Religion Pillar with Creation Stories from all around the

world. How did the world begin? Where do I come from? What is God? Creation myths deal freely with the big question of life and death. This year we will use a Team approach to teaching, Kathy Vaughn, & Miles Holcomb and Claire Metusalim are the teachers.

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Happy Birthday!



November

Ana Schultz – 4
 Sam Henliine – 7
 Maggie Chiniquy – 10
 Tandie Mitchell – 12
 Harper Gostenik 16
 Sharlene Meydell - 28
 Bonnie White – 29

If we forgot your November 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

Choir -Rehearsals Nov. 4 & 11 @ 11am
Performance: Nov 18 @ 9:15am

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

Gather in a Caring Community

BOOK CLUB

Book club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 1:30 pm @ Your Place Coffee, **2308 W. 17th Street, Greeley, CO 80634**. Anyone is welcome to drop in. Our selection for November 15th will be Amor Towles' A Gentleman in Moscow. **We will then take a break for the holidays and come back in January.**



Clean Up Day

Come help with our clean up day November 3rd @ 10am until 1pm, we hope you can come out and take part in keeping our church clean and ready for winter! For more info

please call the office, contact a board member or Rev. Aaron Norris.

Fermenting Spirituality

Putting the apocryphal Ben Franklin quote to the test, that beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy, Rev. Norris will be hosting monthly meetings of a Pub Theology discussion group. We will be talking about the spiritual and religious as it relates to monthly themes at 6:30 on the second Mondays of the month at an offsite location to be determined. Each session is stand alone and informal, but guided, and drop in. Those over twenty-one and over are welcome (and welcome to bring a friend). Email Rev. Norris for more details.

Social Justice

We will continue the Bare Necessities Project, first by collecting clothing all year for the Clothing Bank. After people have finished working on the election however and if they chose, we will as usual collect food for the food bank in November. Then in December we will collect socks, mittens, gloves, and scarves to donate.

We will post events happening in the community pertaining to immigration, environment and other Social Justice Issues. We are also looking forward to a new project, hosting "Help with Health Care Forums" where we will invite members and the community to learn about accessing health care.

Worship Committee

If you are interested in being involved in worship planning, or have ideas you'd like to share about upcoming services. Anyone interested in getting involved with the Worship Committee, is welcome and encouraged to email the committee Co-Chairs, Brian and Shelly Gaza brian.gaza@gmail.com or shelly.gaza@uncoe.edu

Giving in Gratitude



Scrip Announcement

I'll be placing a special order for Scrip gift cards for the holiday season. If you would like to purchase some as gifts or to use for your shopping, please let

me know. The order forms will be on the bulletin board. I will be placing the order on November 11th! Also, I have some information about placing your own orders! It's so easy, here's the link <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Login/Enroll>. Our enrollment code is **L4FL5B2532434** Let me know if you have questions. Josette 381-7891 or josetteschaffer@msn.com

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!!

Building Our Generosity Through Our Weekly Plate (And Helping Heal the World)

We are trying something audacious this year with our plate. Every service, rather than collect for ourselves, we will use the service to highlight outside charitable organizations and collect for their good work with our plate on Sunday. The plate funds contributed by the congregation over two weeks will by agreement be donated to organizations prioritized by local charitable organizations, UU, or disaster relief. This program will need members and friends to nominate possible recipients. The Board will ensure eligibility of the charitable organizations at the monthly meeting making sure they have non-profit status and meet one of the three criteria. Qualified organizations will then be eligible for selection. For October, the recipients will be Weld Food Bank and Lutheran Family Services. Afterward, qualified organizations will be chosen at random. To nominate a group, send an email to the office manager and include your name, their name, a contact person and the website of the organization.



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.

Echoes of Gratitude

The UU church would like to Thank the Following

Thank you to Atulya Johnson for her service on the Indian Ashram, and the food provided for the service. It was a wonderful treat!

Thank you to Joe Cox for his help with the Ashram Presentation on Oct. 14th, 2018, and help shoveling the walks for the service.

Thank you to Karen Clugston, Kathy Vaughn, Brian Gaza, and Hollis Berendt for your services as Worship Associate!

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Thank you to Ana Schultz, and Rosemary Edmiston for your help with Coffee and treats! You both Rock!

Thank you to Kristina Bain, Josette Schaffer, Michelle Noftsker, and Karen Clugston. For your help with Greeting, your welcoming spirits are appreciated!

Thank you to Kathy Vaughn and Miles Holcomb for your services in Religious Education!