



# Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley

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November Unifax 2017

*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](http://www.greeleyuuc.org).

970-351-6751 or Find us on Facebook.

Office Hours: M, W, TH 10a-12p /Tue 9a-11a and  
Fridays 1p-3p

Worship Liberally

## November 5th- *"Being Happy"*

**Rev. Barry Bloom**

When asked in surveys about life values and priorities the consistent number one answer is "to be happy." In recent years, the focus of research has changed. Instead of studying what makes us depressed, researchers are studying what makes us happy? In this service we will explore together what works, and what doesn't seem to work, for us to "be happy" despite the many challenges of life. (Our Universalist ancestors knew this too!)

**RE: Class Yom Kippur #6**

## November 12th- *"I Have My Doubts About Thanksgiving, But Not About Giving Thanks!"*

**Julie Miller**

Examining questions about the history of the holiday and importance of finding thanks in our everyday lives.

**RE: Chapel On Abundance**

## November 19th- *"How Much Is Enough?"*

**Rev. Barry Bloom**

What IS abundant versus what FEELS abundant? How much is enough for us to feel safe? Satisfied? Successful? Most importantly, do you feel grateful? Thankful? We will piggyback a little from Nov 5's sermon on being happy and bring it into the context of Thanksgiving. With more challenges for what is truly being asked of us as religious people.

**RE: Class Advent #3**

## November 26th- *"Creator's Gifts"* – Danelle Beauvais

Please join us in a Native American spiritually themed service filled with special music and interaction.

**RE: Chapel on UUSC**

## Rev. Barry Blooms Reflections

And now there is that nip in the air that warns us of what is coming. Many branches are bare. The colorful excitement offered by golds and reds and yellows on the hills has passed. Except down here on the plains, some colorful relatives still stand proud.

I enjoy the changing seasons. I find it stimulating, even exciting at times. I don't know what it would be like to live in a one season area. I don't especially want to find out!

I hope you are following the information and invitations that President Julie Miller is sending out. Right now it is about gathering your input about who/what you want your next minister to be. At their best. Talk of cottage meetings and surveys fill the air. Please participate as best you can. The more that your wishes are known, the closer the reality of landing the person who most embodies those values.

It was good to see many of you at Scott Clugston's Memorial Service at the Congregational Church on Oct 23. I am sure Karen and family appreciated your presence. The choir and I certainly did.

The services this month are primarily about happiness. What do we need in order to be happy? How much is enough for us to be happy? What role does gratitude/thankfulness have in our happiness? All to help us mirror this month's UU theme of "Abundance." And as a warm up to Thanksgiving.

I hope you are all feeling hopeful and optimistic in spite of whatever ailments and darkness comes. May we be grateful just as long as we have life!

Peace,  
Rev Barry Bloom

## Contacting UUCG Staff and Board

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## Your Board At Work

Fall reminds me of so very many things. We have warmth, coolness, sun, fog, rain, wind, and any kind of weather at any moment. Each year, we anticipate changes, just as the life of a church is never stagnant. At the Mountain Desert District gathering in Boulder, I was reminded that many of our challenges and continued changes - staffing, volunteers, membership - that small churches regularly face. I attended a workshop called "**Skills for Smalls**" and it was invigorating to hear what other congregations throughout our District are doing to meet with the many challenges our future may hold. I think that is important to note, that in my conversations with other Board Presidents that we have been doing a good job and are very fortunate to have our own building. I also believe it is important to have high expectations not to survive, but to thrive. One way in which you can help us thrive, is to distribute our UUCG business cards. These were discussed at the Church Celebration and we've had contacts already from the process. The cards are located on the credenza under the "Be the Change You Want to Be" sign. They are just that - UUCG business cards. You are a part of our "business", if you will, and they let people know who we are, what we believe, and how to find us. I had them with me at the conference. Take 5 of them with you and leave them at restaurants. Share them with friends or at events. You are an important part of our church community and it's something you can do easily that can return big results.

Another way is to attend our upcoming **Cottage Meetings taking place through November 12th**. I and the board, will be administering a survey with questions to help us identify who we are and who we like to see arrive at the pulpit in 2018. I also encourage you to volunteer in any number of positions we have within our church. We always need Worship Associates, Sound Team members, Coffee and Treat volunteers, and many other places in which you can help. We currently do have an opening on the Board of Trustees, as our Secretary, Jean Thomas has had to resign for personal reasons. Jean will still be continuing on with the Committee on Shared Ministry, so we are blessed to be able to have her continue on in that capacity. If you or anyone you know of might be interested in the position, please let me know and we can get started on filling that role. We meet

the 3rd Sunday each month right after the service. In closing, I need to say I feel so very fortunate to be a part of this amazing community we know as UUCG. My time has been very short in church years, but I still consider this "home". I know that with change, there always comes adjustment, but that really isn't anything new. Our dog, Boo, has always been an influence for me in embracing change. With the arrival of each new snowfall, she readies at the front door and charges out into a lawn of fresh fallen snow. She races all over the yard, flying over flower beds, the occasional bush or two, and even our other dog Luci, only to return to the front door with steaming breath just as content to race in the front door as she was to race out. I look at our life as a congregation that way, as well. We have a very rich UUCG history which has been exciting and an amazing and I look forward to our future. So let's go!

**Your Opinion Matters - Cottage Meetings Ministerial Search:**

Please plan on attending one of the following Cottage Meetings to discuss what attributes you might be looking for in our new minister and how we can describe our congregation to potential candidates. If you are unable to attend, printed surveys will be made available in the foyer beginning Sunday, October 29th through Sunday, November 12th. **All surveys should be completed by 4 PM on 12Nov2017.**

Sun – 29 Oct 2017 - 11:30 AM - UUCG Sanctuary  
 Mon – 30 Oct 2017 - 6:30 PM - UUCG Sanctuary  
 Wed – 01 Nov 2017 - 6:30 PM - UUCG Sanctuary  
 Sun – 12 Nov 2017 - 11:30 AM - UUCG Sanctuary  
 Thank you and your board looks forward to your input.

**Next Board Meeting Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Following the Service.**

**Treasures Report for 2017**

Banking as of	October 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	
Savings (Statements are quarterly)		\$44930.97
Checking as of		\$ 1700.50
Deposits		\$ 3393.00
Expenses		\$ 4656.63
Total Monies		\$46631.02

Sharlene Meydell, Treasurer

**Grow In Spirit**



**Youth Religious Education**

**Miles Holcomb - Religious Education Coordinator**

**Maggie Bryant is the Childcare assistant.**

We are so proud to have Miles Holcomb as our Religious Education Coordinator & Maggie Bryant as their assistant. Upcoming events in R.E.:  
**Our curriculum this fall is the Jewish and Christian Heritage Pillar. We are learning about Fall Holy Days.**

- November 5- Class Yom Kippur #6**
- November 12- Chapel on Abundance**
- November 19- Chapel – Class Advent #3**
- November 26- Chapel on UUSC**

Sugar Skulls Made in RE for “Dia De Los Muertos” 10/22/17. ▼



**Lead and Manage Mindfully**

**The standing ministry group meetings are as follows:**

**Spirituality, Religion and Conversation**

**Will resume the second and fourth Tuesday at 7PM schedule on November 14<sup>th</sup>**

Come and discuss “The Religion of Identity Politics”. Listen to a short podcast by Sam Harris prior to discussion. What is Identity Politics? Is it good or bad? How is it affecting our society? How is it affecting our church? How is it affecting Unitarian Universalism as a denomination?

## Choir Blurb

Choir rehearsal schedule change: We are no longer rehearsing Wednesday nights! We will now be practicing after church on the first and second Sundays of each month.

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month. We will be meeting on November 16th at 1pm at Your Place Coffee, 2308 W 17th St, Greeley, CO 80631

## Worship Committee –

After a few little fits and starts, we are excited to officially begin our worship committee meetings for this year on Sunday, November 5th at 11:30am! Brian and I are really looking forward to working with you all as co-chairs of the committee, and very grateful for all the support and encouragement we've been receiving from so many of you. Thank you for making us feel welcome at UUCG, and for sharing your experience and expertise as we learn the ins and outs of worship planning. We're looking forward to meeting with you on November 5<sup>th</sup> after the service, and the first Sunday of each month after that. Also, if any of your friends or family members are interested in being involved as a Worship Associate as well, bring them along! Finally, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us:

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See you on November 5th!

Warmest Regards,

Shelly and Brian Gaza

Gather in a Caring Community

## (IRCNOCO.org)

### Help Us Make a Warm Welcome

#### Here's how it works:

If you have any Jackets, Beanies, Gloves/Mittens, New Socks, or scarves that are in good condition come by our main campus—at 917 10th Ave, Greeley, CO 80631—and drop it off with us! We will sort through the items, create an inventory of what we have received, and then allow students to browse through for which items they or their family members may need. We will be accepting donations at our home campus Monday–

Thursday, 8:00am–4:00pm until November 21st. Nonetheless, the sooner you get the donations in the better! Bus passes are another essential item during winter weather. For these passes, the duration of greatest use to us are the month-long passes. These passes can be purchased at the Greeley Evans Transit main office—101 11th Ave Greeley, CO 80631. If you would like to make a donation to IRCNOCO today, click the link below. Funds can be utilized at our discretion or to a program of your choosing. If you would like to make an online financial donation to our Winter Wear Drive, please write "winter wear drive" in the "specific instructions for organization" box. Thank you!

## Theatre News

Shelly Gaza is directing the play *Legacy of Light* that will run November 2 – 12 in the Norton Theatre on UNC's campus. This dramatic comedy by Karen Zacarias explores themes of parenthood, science, and love – right up our UU alley! Performance dates, times, and ticket information can be found at [www.arts.unco.edu/events](http://www.arts.unco.edu/events) (click on Theatre).

## Chalice Arts

**The Chalice Arts Working Group invites you to share some art work from your collection. We will hang the pieces the week of November 26-Dec 1st.** For the December show. Please contact Kristian Bain at [jeff.kristina@centurylink.net](mailto:jeff.kristina@centurylink.net) or talk with Kathy Vaughn or leave a message on the Church voice mail. **In Other News:** A new tree designed by Judith Meyers will be installed on the Southside of Glenmere Park at the roundabout on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Details will be announced in the weekly announcements as we get closer to the date.

Giving in Gratitude

## Grocery Certificates

**Are you ready to do some easy shopping and support our church at the same time?** How does 8% back to the church sound? Available in October are some order forms which include a variety of retail, restaurant and hotel establishments that will donate a percentage back to our church. Please come by the gift card table

in the foyer or **contact Josette at 381-7891** or [josetteschaffer@msn.com](mailto:josetteschaffer@msn.com) to find out more. We will be placing the order in the beginning of November.

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



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### **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!

### **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.

### **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.

### **Happy Birthday!**



Ana Schultz – 4  
Sam Henline – 7  
Maggie Bryant – 10  
Edain Coan - 11  
Tandie Mitchell – 12  
Harper Gostenik 16  
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](mailto:office_manager@greeleyuuc.org). Birthdays are celebrated every first Sunday with cake

### **Echoes of Gratitude**

As a small but mighty congregation, we give often of our time, talents, and finances. However, we may often be unaware of certain gifts that keep UUCG running and functioning successfully. As a congregation, please take time to thank or acknowledge your fellow congregants for their recent contributions, including: Ron Chiniquy for the donation of our new computer that is up and running so fast Margaret needs a helmet. Kathy Wise and Eulice Kogovsek for their donation to the projector fund.

**To all of our lay volunteers who keep the church in running order... We Thank YOU!!!**