



Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley

929 15th St., Greeley, co 80631

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October 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.

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

Worship Liberally

October 1st- *"May The Circle Be Unbroken"* Rev. Barry Bloom

How does love "bind" a circle? When each of us "comes and steps inside" that circle, we agree to care for and be compassionate to our fellow human beings with whom we have agreed to be connected. A form of spiritual "family." A beloved community made authentic and loving not through being told we must, but because we choose to include and share with all those who are called to our sides.

RE: Class Sukkot

October 8th- *"Why We Marched"*

Ana Schultz and Hollis Berendt

Following the Unitarian Universal tradition of involvement in Social Justice, a group of women from our Greeley UU Church participated in the historic Women's March that took place not only in our country but around the world. Hollis Berendt, Josette Schaffer, Karen Clugston, Marcia Free and Ana Schultz will share their individual story of what motivated them to participate and their profound experience. We are living not just in "changing times" but a time that demands we participate in the changes that are happening around us. RE: Class Rosh Hashanah #5

October 15th- *"Where do we find the courage to go on if we don't have God?"*

Rev. Barry Bloom

The closing scene from Puccini's opera "La Boheme" delivers a gut punch. With a typical passionate Italian ending, we experience death and grief. And are reminded we need courage to go on. When we are living our daily lives, at times, we must go on in the face of crippling grief and fear. Where do we find the courage to go on if we don't have God? Are we enough by ourselves?

RE: Chapel – Prep Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls

October 22nd- *"White Privilege"*

Jessy Hennesy

RE: Class All Saints Day #7

October 29th- *"Dia De Los Muertos: A Ritual of Remembrance"* Kathy Vaughn

One of our annual UU Services. This is a Multi-gen Service to remember loved ones from the past. Please bring a photo or object of remembrance to put on the altar.

RE: Multi-gen Day of The Dead

Rev. Barry Blooms Reflections

Fall is, indeed, coming. I woke up this morning feeling cold. It felt uncomfortable and invigorating at the same instant. As I woke fully I thought of the coming cold, my cold season long runny nose, and the slow arrival of the dark. The winds of autumn, the dropping of the beautiful leaves, the dry edge of cold soon to be an everyday experience. And for a minute I grieved the loss of the warm high activity months (for us non skiers at least) especially the loss of all that light. Time is coming to go bravely inside, literally and figuratively. Embracing the dark. So we begin this new cycle of our church year poised between the two, the dark and the light. The theme for our services in October is courage. Whenever I hear that word, I think of the scene from the Puccini opera "La Boheme" (the Bohemians). In the last act the heroine, Mimi, is dying. Her lover Rudolpho is bereft. Their old friend, Colline, described as a philosopher approaches Rodolpho, having seen that Mimi has little time left, and quietly says, "corragio", courage. The music then swells as Mimi breathes her last accompanied by Rodolpho's screams of loss and grief. The curtain drops. Those are the moments when we most need courage in our everyday lives aren't they? Accepting loss and pushing our way through our lives on the other side. Whether the death of a loved one, or the reality of a devastating diagnosis, these are the "borders of our lives." And as we continue to explore, one of the primary reasons we find safe places, spiritual communities, to be a part of. To be reminded we are not alone. To be loved through the frightening, empty time to come. It takes corragio!

Rev Barry Bloom

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Board News

Your Board at Work

It's been a busy summer and now I am ready to start mine, yet once again it's already September and the temperatures have started to drop. I must admit, though, I love our Colorado Aspens in the Fall. Aspens teach us about community, as they grow as a unit, feeding each other through their root structures. I believe at UUCG we function much in the very same way. Often times, hidden from the stage, lots of people are at work to keep our church functioning and moving along, even if we never see them. They are our roots and we benefit from their resources. It was a joyful start to our New Church Year - a time to reconnect with each other and with Barry. We spent time celebrating each other but also celebrating the roots and seeds that have helped plant this church, and, we do have a very rich history, one that the board continues to nurture. In the year ahead, we will be focusing on the search for a new minister. The new projector is beautiful and allows us to offer documentaries, movie nights, and a plethora of other activities for ourselves and groups that will be renting our space. It is a joyous addition to our church home. It has been well worth the time and energy to install it. Please do grab a few UUCG business cards by the bulletins as you enter. They are ours! Take them with you and scatter them as you would seeds - leave them at your lunch table, give them to friends and family, give them to business associates and groups, let them know who we are and that they are welcome at UUCG. We need to continue building our presence in Northern Colorado and this is one way in which we can reach out to many in our communities. Then, report back to me where you have seen them. You are our best marketing strategy. If you have access to a Facebook account, please like us on Facebook. I hope to see you soon. As I close, I would like to leave you with this. It's something I like to keep close at hand. I don't know the source. In all our joys and in all our concerns, may we be ever mindful of the present-ness of the sacred among us and to see the new possibilities of the now.

Julie Miller
President

Treasures Report for July 2017

Banking as of August 31, 2017	
Savings (Statements are quarterly)	\$44,942.48
Checking as of August 31, 2017	\$ 2,963.68
Deposits	\$ 4,426.67
Expenses	\$ 6,032.23
Total Monies	\$ 47,906.16

Sharlene Meydell, Treasurer

Lead and Manage Mindfully

The standing ministry group meetings are as follows:

Spirituality, Religion and Conversation

This group is currently discussing Humanism. There are copies of the article we will be discussing on the credenza in the foyer. Please pick up a copy and join us for some thought-provoking discussions. We continue to meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00pm @ the UUCG.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Meets every 3rd Thursday of the Month. We will be meeting on October 19th at 1pm at Your Place Coffee, 2308 W 17th St, Greeley, CO 80631. Our Book Selection is: Henry James, The Ambassadors.

MDD Gathering and Annual Meeting

Will be hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder on October 13th (7:00 PM - 8:30 PM) and October 14th (8 AM - 4 PM). For more information, please check the MDD Annual Meeting website [here](#). We are hoping to offer a car pool, if you would like to go. Rev. Barry Bloom, Kathy Vaughn and Julie Miller are planning on attending and Kathy and Julie have space available in their vehicles.

Happy Birthday!



Violet Marie Noftsker – 4
Antony Noftsker – 10
Jon Erickson – 10
Eulice Kogovsek – 12
Emerson Myers – 14
Kim Womantree - 15
Brenden Quesenberry -19
Debbie Conley – 20

If we forgot your October 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.

Gather in a Caring Community

Colorado Energy Freedom Tour

Many citizens, both conservatives and progressives, are seeking solutions to manage climate change and energy risk that do not grow government or overly-burden the economy. Citizens' Climate Lobby backs a legislative proposal that is bipartisan, creates jobs, market based and revenue neutral. CCL supports citizens to work with their members of Congress and within their communities to build the political will needed to support pragmatic solutions.

Presented by: Bill Barron - Regional Coordinator for CCL's seven state "Wild West" region covering MT, WY, UT, CO, NM, AZ, and NV. Dedicated to finding a non-partisan approach for taking action to keep climate change within livable limits.

Hosted By: Greeley, CO Citizen's Climate Lobby Volunteers **Tuesday October, 24 6:30-8:00pm at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley (UUCG) 929 15th St., Greeley, CO 80634 970-351-6751**. Come with your questions and learn about this legislative proposal that is bipartisan, creates jobs, cleans the air, and mitigates the effects of climate change. **CONTACT: Hollis Berendt, Citizen's Climate Lobby Volunteer 970-590-3289 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/cotour>**.

A note from Bill: "The Greeley visit is one stop of a 5-city eastern Colorado tour, dubbed the "Colorado Energy Freedom Tour," which is intended to engage citizens and leaders around Colorado in a productive discussion with their communities and members of Congress." Citizens' Climate Lobby is a grassroots advocacy

organization with over 340 chapters across the U.S. that is generating political will to manage climate change risk. The group is working with both political parties to create a carbon fee that returns all of the revenue to households, thereby not growing government while allowing the market to find the most cost-effective ways to reduce emissions. The link to this site is tiny.cc/cotour or RSVP at tiny.cc/cotour-rsvp

Grow In Spirit



Youth Religious Education.

Miles Holcomb is the new Religious Education Coordinator at UUCG. Miles is a UU from Atlanta, Georgia who uses they/them pronouns. In their spare time, they enjoy gardening, crocheting, and

baking. They are very excited for the opportunity to work with this community and meet new people!

Our curriculum this Fall will be from the Jewish and Christian Pillar. We will learn about Fall Holidays. Sandra Vera and Jessica Vera are the Childcare assistants. **Thanks to Sarah Gostenik for leading a Fun Shop.**

October 1 – Chapel

October 8- Class – Rosh Hashanah #5

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October 29 –Multi-Gen Day of the Dead

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 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.

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.

Volunteers Needed: Each Sunday, we are fortunate to have 1-2 volunteers bring/serve treats for coffee hour after the service. We are in dire need of volunteers to help us staff this time. Even one Sunday per quarter (every 3 months) is a major contribution. Training is provided and you will get to use our new coffee maker!!! It's a great opportunity to meet congregants and interact with the UUCG community. Contact Diane Culver at 970-371-6864.

Be a Greeter on Sunday Morning

Please share your smiling faces to greet on Sunday mornings. All you need to do is arrive at 9:40 am and:

1. Say, "Good morning. Here is an order of service"
2. Hand out an order of service.
3. Remind the person to put on their name tag. (Another volunteer will be at the Newcomers Cafe to talk with visitors.)
4. About 10 minutes after the service begins, do a head-count and give the number to the worship associate.

Please contact Hollis at hollisbeth28@gmail.com, if you'd like to help. Thank You!

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

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:

We have received additional monies toward our projector fund from Sharlene Meydell, Kathy Wise and Eulice Kogovsek. Ron Chiniquy has graciously donated a new computer for the office. And, we shared the plate with the Houston Food Bank at our last service, hoping to help out victims of the hurricane devastation that continues in the area.