



# Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley

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September 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

**\*\*\* Church Celebration / Potluck moved  
to Sept. 17th Due to Rev. Barry having  
unexpected eye surgery.\*\*\***

**September 3rd- "A Joyful Singing Service" Kathy  
Wise**

Join us as we share through singing several of our favorite songs from our "Singing the Living Tradition" hymnal. Music is said to be the universal language and it often brings a smile to our face. We look forward to seeing your bright and smiling faces on Sunday morning, September 3rd.

**RE: Last of the Summer Play Sunday**

**September 10th- "Resilience"**

**Julie Miller**

Knowing how to adjust our sail. We will examine resiliency, not only as a personal strength, but also how it can come from being in community with others.

**RE: Water Communion Sunday**

**September 17th- "Welcome" Rev. Barry Bloom**

"Welcome" is often followed by "home." As we re-energize our church life together on Sept 10 may we welcome each other with that phrase. Welcome home. Home is a place of safety, of shared love. A place to which we can always return no matter how many bumps and bruises life has given out in the world. Come, be welcomed home, and welcome others. It is time to continue our spiritual life together in blessed community.

**OURS!**

**RE: Welcome Back Sunday**

**September 24th- "TBD"**

**RE: Class- Sukkot, a Jewish Celebration**

## Rev. Barry Blooms Reflections

Here we go again! The new church year begins on the 17th of Sept. I will return to the pulpit on a regular basis (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, except for Sept). The new cycle of Religious Education programs begins this day for our younger ones. And the music program comes back to full life with Sam Henline at the helm. The theme for that day is, of course, WELCOME. It is also the UU theme for the month. We get to have the service, a shared pot luck, and a Julie led program about some good stuff happening in our beloved community. "A good time will be had by all." Really!

As many of you know, this is also the beginning of my 2nd, and last, year as your minister. When I met with the then existing board in the summer of 2016, I committed to a two year agreement. With your having been through the previous three years of one and done ministers, I knew that my minimum commitment to you had to be two years. So that you and I could experience enough time together to, hopefully change UUCG's one and out karma, and to do some deeper work that would bring present healing and future prosperity to the church.

Good changes have happened. And many more are coming. Getting organized for this New Year, and looking ahead to the future by beginning the search, now, for the right person to be in the minister's role by Sept 2018. I have pledged my support to the board, and to all of you, to remain in a support role after my June 2018 paid time is over. I have offered to volunteer in whatever capacity would be helpful for a time, until you are ready to fly into the next definition of UUCG.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 10th. May we fly into an amazing future together.

Peace,  
Rev Barry Bloom

## Contacting UUCG Staff and Board

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**Contact Julie Miller with any care or concerns at [Jmilleruucg@gmail.com](mailto:Jmilleruucg@gmail.com) or Margaret Chiniquy at [office\\_manager@greeleyuuc.org](mailto:office_manager@greeleyuuc.org) or 970-351-6751.**

## Board News

### Your Board at Work

I am often reminded of how fortunate we are to have so many amazing and talented members in our church community. I spent part of Friday and Saturday, working with Bill Thomas on the installation of our new projector. I certainly thought it would take us a lot less time, but as it goes with most projects, especially in dealing with equipment that is outdated, it takes time and patience - about 8+ hours of it. Bill, as you may or may not know, is a skilled AV professional, who travels globally in dealing with communication equipment. We are so very fortunate to have Bill and Jean, his wife, as members of our congregation.

Of course, there are a plethora of talented people in each pew Sunday and I am thankful for each one - musicians, carpenters, cooks, plumbers, organizers, cleaners, cheerleaders, bookkeepers, lawyers, artists, speakers - and a host of so many others. We are fortunate, indeed. Some of those talented members are also your board representatives, who spent Saturday, August 12th in a retreat focusing on the upcoming church year and what we are hoping to achieve as your charges. Many of these tasks are a regular part of the day-to-day operation of UUCG, but some are also from the Discernment/Cottage Meetings that took place in the spring of 2016. It was the formulation of a map that I feel is so very important to revisit, as we move forward into 2018, as many of the desires of the congregation

are still echoed today. Please take a look at the Discernment List section to see some of our/your UUCG accomplishments in 2017. DO join us to celebrate some of the payoffs for your contributions to our community at our September 17th Congregational Kickoff section of the Unifax.

Julie Miller  
President

### Discernment List

In the spring of 2016, a congregation wide discernment process took place. Over a series of several months, information was gathered about the UUCG vision for the future. A report compiled a list of issues related to many areas that affect our congregational community. You were heard and it is important to note that you are seeing the results of those suggestions in 2017 including: opportunities to connect as a community (August breakfast, upcoming Congregational Meeting / potluck), new equipment (August installation of projector), talk backs (discussions after the sermon - several were offered over the summer), opportunities to build community connections (website upgrade and more active presence on social media, as well as sharing of information with MDD regionally and locally about PFLAG Pride Picnic at UUCG this summer. There has been a lot of positive publicity to share our light). We are your board, and we want to know we are listening and yes, we still have a LOT to do!

***"The past is your lesson. The present, your gift. The future, your motivation."*** Unknown

### Library Update

As you may have noticed Eulice Kogovsek and Kathy Vaughn cleaned up the Library. Please check out a book! We have many good ones! If you are looking for the Board minutes they now are in the left bottom drawer of the credenza. Questions? Just ask one of us.

### Treasures Report for July 2017

July 2017 Income	\$ 5,136.26
Expenses	\$ 5,107.39
Bank Statements 7-31-2017	
Savings	\$ 44934.78
Checking	\$ 4569.24

Sharlene Meydell, Treasurer

**Lead and Manage Mindfully**

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

### Spiritual Stimulation & Support Group-

Our 2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings Spiritual Stimulation and Support Group will meet from 7:00 to 8:00pm in the church sanctuary for sharing and caring. Each night is a stand-alone event where anyone is welcome to join, even if you are only available for the one single evening. Each group is different depending on who shows up, and their needs for stimulation and/or support. We strive to honor one another's life path, experiences, and perspectives. We share from the heart, and open ourselves to listen fully to one another with compassion. What is shared in the group, stays in the group. This Month's Theme is Humanism. Please contact facilitator Josette Schaffer at [josetteschaffer@msn.com](mailto:josetteschaffer@msn.com) or Kathy Vaughn at 970-371-1522 for more information.

### BOOK CLUB

The Book Club **meets on the third Thursday of the month at 1pm at Your Place Coffee, 2308 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Greeley, CO 80634.** Anyone is welcome to drop in. This Week's Selection is: "How Green Was My Valley?" by Richard Llewellyn.

### 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). Cost for registration is \$68 prior to September 10th, 2017. 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. Both Kathy Vaughn and Julie Miller are planning on attending and have space available in their vehicles.

## Happy Birthday!



Kathy Vaughn – 4  
Amanda Bloom - 6  
Mike Pearson – 8  
Miles Hanselman – 10  
William O’Keefe – 17  
Charles Noftsker – 19  
Deandra Eubanks - 19  
Dennis Francen – 20

Shauna Yanke-Hofmann – 22  
Herb Conley – 24  
Savannah Alfaro - 25  
Kristina Bain – 2

If we forgot your September 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.

## Gather in a Caring Community

### **CONGREGATIONAL KICKOFF AND CELEBRATION - September 17, 2017**

Question: What do sequoias have in common with UUCG? You'll have to join us on September 17th to find out! Please mark your calendars and join us for a potluck and informational meeting following the September 17th return of Reverend Barry Bloom. The meeting and celebration will follow the regular church service from 11:30 AM until about 1:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a "big reveal" of the new projector, including an amazing slide show that Julie Miller has been developing that includes some UUCG history and we will take a look at our new website. You won't want to miss a wonderful opportunity to connect, commune, and collaborate. See you there!

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## Grow In Spirit



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### **Youth Religious Education.**

Our curriculum this Fall will be from the Jewish and Christian Pillar and we will also have a

Welcome Back and a Water Sunday. We are hiring a new RE Coordinator. Until then Alondra and Jessica Vera will be running our program.

**Alondra Vera, Childcare Coordinator Jessica and Sandra Vera, Childcare assistants.**

**September 3 – Play Sunday**

**September 10- Water Service**

**September 17– Welcome Back**

**September 24- Sukkot – A Jewish Celebration**

### **\*\* Help Wanted – RE Coordinator**

This is a part time position with flexible scheduling 1 ¼ hours prep work and be present Sunday's 9:30am to 11:15am. If you have interest in this position please send your resume to

[Office\\_manager@greeleyuuc.org](mailto:Office_manager@greeleyuuc.org) or email Kathy Vaughn at [kathyjinka@gmail.com](mailto:kathyjinka@gmail.com) Thank you!

## Giving in Gratitude

### **Grocery Certificates**

Did you know that we sell King Soopers cards that are pre-loaded with \$5? This card can also be re-loaded with more money for any amount you like. It's true Every Sunday after service we sell Safeway, and Sprouts cards too. You don't have to wait till Sunday to buy them either. Our Office Manager Margaret is in the church office daily. Stop by say "hi", and buy your scrip cards today. Our church gets 5% of what is sold!

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

### **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 1 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 970-378-7544.

### **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 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](mailto: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:

- \* To Ron Chiniquy and Margaret Chiniquy for their time on our sprinkler system and replacement of ailing parts. Ron and Margaret completed an inventory on the system and we now have updated information about our liquid gold (water).
- \* To Karen and Scott Clugston for their donation of trimming our Pagoda trees. Our roof and our landscape are much happier. You may visit the trees on the south side of the church entrance.
- \* Kathy and Jim Vaughn for their funding the replacement of our vacuum. It's the reason our floors may look cleaner.
- \* Julie Miller, Rev. Barry and Amanda Bloom for their donations to the projector fund.
- \* Bill Thomas for his priceless time and efforts on installation of the new projector.