



# Unitarian Universalist Church of Greeley September Unifx 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](http://www.greeleyuuc.org).

970-351-6751 or Find us on Facebook.

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

Worship Liberally

## September 2nd- *“Unitarian Universalist, The Head & Heart Of Our Religion”* - Kathy Vaughn

A discussion of our history and a look at which part of UU you feel more drawn to.

RE: Last Summer Sunday

## September 9<sup>th</sup> - *“Watersheds and Riverbeds”*

Rev. Aaron Norris

In hydrologic terms, a watershed is the place where water begins to gather across the landscape and begin its great migration to the sea. In sociological terms, a watershed is a turning point in a historical moment. Join us for our annual water communion and ingathering. This will be Rev. Aaron Norris' first time in the pulpit, as we bring waters from our lives to share and celebrate being together again in the new church year. **\*\*\*Welcome Party for Reverend Aaron, following the service\*\*\***

Multi Gen Service NO R.E

## September 16th- *“UUCG’s Gift to the DREAMers Scholarship Fund at UNC”* – Brian & Shelly Gaza

Join Shelly & 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: Chapel on Dreamers

## September 23rd- *“Hush! Somebody’s Callin’ My Name!”* - Rev. Aaron Norris

A call is a difficult ask made by something greater than ourselves that compels us to live beyond who we originally thought we were. Rev. Norris explores why calls are unpleasant, easy to ignore, and yet vital to hear and answer, again and again. He'll ask the questions: What are you called to? What are we called together to?

RE: Welcome Back to the Rainbow Path

## September 30<sup>th</sup> – *“Tempting Fates: Siren Songs and Calls of Cthulhu”*

Rev. Aaron Norris

After a month of exploring how we are called and to what we are called, Rev. Norris will explore with us those things in life which mimic callings but come up short in the final analysis. With references to mythologies both ancient and modern, we will look at the shadow side of a greater-than-ourselves calling that leads us not to a greater self, but a diminishment. Rev. Norris will give his thoughts on where the difference might lie and how a responsible search for truth and meaning might help us to make a conscious choice.

RE: Class 1 – “The Tree With Animal Fruit

## Ministerial Musings

A confession to make: I'm not sure this is the best way to start out a new ministry at a church, but I wanted to tell you what I was doing for two weeks week after I got news I was the minister in Greeley this coming year. I would wake up, go to wash my face, look in the bathroom mirror, smile a particularly goofy smile, and, with Julie Andrews full throated in my ear, sing:

"Getting to know you

Getting to know all about you...

Getting to like you

Getting to hope you like me"

Sorry to put that in your ear for the rest of the day; you can bring it up with me later this month when you find yourself in the checkout line humming *The King and I*. I put that silly little story out there to explain how genuinely excited I am to be with you this year. Rest assured, this summer I have been doing my homework as well: reading past Unifaxes, pouring over the directory, and starting to monitor the Greeley Tribune. All the while, anxious to get to the real work of ministry which is to greet and walk with the people. All of the work is purely intellectual until we meet this month.

I know you have read a bit of my biography, but I'll share a bit more. I went to high school in Champaign, IL where the University of Illinois is located, so I know a bit about how the townie-college dynamic in a community works, and what a remarkable time of year this is, with students coming back taking up the good parking spots and freshmen coming in wide eyed and hyperactive, this being their first time away from home. Perhaps a little more: I have spent most of my life in Colorado, in Littleton as a child, in Boulder as an undergrad, Denver as a young adult and on the Western Slope in Grand Junction in my thirties - the urban, suburban and small-town parts of Colorado. I think this gives me an appreciation for the unique character of every community here and an understanding that Unitarian Universalism, with its congregational nature, looks different, is practiced differently and serves different needs depending on where a congregation is. This is true not only in the West versus the rest of the country, not only in Colorado versus the rest of the Pacific Western Region, but in every Colorado town. While I will continue to live in Boulder due to family commitments I have, I am excited to be focused on life here in Northern Colorado and excited for

you to show me the flavor of Unitarian Universalism here in Greeley. As we begin a new year, I'm excited to help working on the projects to grow the church and stabilize the finances, but I'm also hoping to build on our educational and social justice programing and expand our church's voice in the community. I'm excited to hear the plans of our church leaders and learn of the efforts and experiences of our staff. Finally, I am looking forward to creating some really great Sunday services that are both comforting and challenging to current members of the church, welcoming and intriguing to newcomers, and energizing and inspiring to all before the week of work and life that follows every service. Although I am part time, I want to make myself available to members of the congregation as much as I can. I will be at church every week, but my office hours will be flexible so I spend more time with congregants and partner organizations than sitting alone at a desk. To that end, I am using an online calendaring service that you can schedule as you need:

<https://calendly.com/revaaron>. If there is a church group or partner organization that has a monthly meeting you want me to be aware of you can email me at [minister@greeleyuuc.org](mailto:minister@greeleyuuc.org). My first official service will be the ingathering and water communion on September 9th. I hope you can make it. Water communion is a beautiful metaphor and a wonderfully endearing ritual for coming back together and pledging ourselves to our joint work. It isn't a bad moment to bring that friend you've thought about inviting either.

Yours in Faith and Fellowship,

Reverend Aaron Norris

## Your Board at Work

On Saturday, August 18th, your BOT met at UUCG for the 2018-2019 Board Retreat. It was exciting to revisit our goals from the 2017-2018 Board Retreat, just a little bit over a year later and see our accomplishments from the plan we developed at that time. One big accomplishment that we have achieved thus far for this summer, is the reduction in our water bill. This is due in part to Ron Chiniquy's reworking of our sprinklers last year, as well as efficient monitoring of our sprinklers when it is

and is not necessary. Margaret Chiniquy and Kathy Vaughn have kept a watchful eye on the rain and have helped us eliminate wasteful run off, something we hope to continue. In August of last year, the BOT also set our sights on the following issues that we are proud to say have been successfully addressed: retaining an RE Coordinator, hiring a new part-time minister, revamping our rental agreement, making sure we have our tenants aware of our recycling information (both Spanish and English), including adding our recycle efforts to our weekly bulletin announcements and Unifax, upgrade our office equipment (new computer and migration of information), complete the projector installation, increase our social media and publicity efforts, develop BOT liaison positions to keep current on information and actions by our committees and working groups, and complete a Congregational Social Action Project (Foodbank/clothing drive, as well as current initiatives by the Social Justice Committee. Wow! We did a lot and it's important not only for the Board to recognize the rewards from their efforts, but the congregation, as well. Thank you to all the Board Members, Reverend Barry Bloom, Margaret Chiniquy, all of our donors, and to all of you for helping us to make this happen. So, where do we go from here? I am glad you asked! We have already begun work on our new list of tasks that lay ahead for us as a Board for the upcoming year. We certainly aren't a lazy group by any means so we have already started work on items we hope will be taken to task this next year in the 2018-2019. You will see more about these as the year goes on. We do look forward to formally welcoming Reverend Aaron Norris to the pulpit on September 9, 2018. Please plan on joining us for coffee, cake, and conversation as we welcome him to his UUCG home.

**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.



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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 will head the team.

- September 2 – Last Summer Sunday**
- September 9- Multi – Gen Water Service**
- September 16- Chapel on The Dreamers**
- September 23- Welcome Back to the Rainbow Path**
- September 30 – Class #1 The Tree with Animal Fruit**

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**Treasures Report for July 2017**

July 2018  
 Income: \$ 6,156.94 Total  
 Expenses: \$ 5,917.37 Total  
 Checkbook balance August 1...\$3,216.90  
 Savings \$38,027.33  
 respectfully submitted,

Kathy Vaughn, Treasurer

## 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  
Kristina Bain – 26

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.

## Lead and Manage Mindfully

The Standing Group Meetings are as follows:

**Board of Trustees – Third Sunday 11:15am – 1:15pm**

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

## Gather in a Caring Community

### 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 970-378-7544

### Coffee Hour Changes

We are very fortunate to have had a great number of volunteers in the past who have offered their time and support to our coffee hour. Unfortunately, going forward due to the lack of volunteers, we will be limiting the coffee hour to

the Sundays that Reverend Norris is speaking. We can fill more volunteer spots on coffee days as the demand increases. Thank you all for your donations of food and time.

### Be a Greeter on Sunday Morning

Do you want to smile and welcome people to our welcoming church? If so, we need greeters. Your commitment would be three Sundays through December. Please contact Josette at 970-381-7891, or [josetteschaffer@msn.com](mailto:josetteschaffer@msn.com).

### BOOK CLUB

Book club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 1:30 pm @ Your Place Coffee, **2308 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Greeley, CO 80634**. Anyone is welcome to drop in. Our selection for Sept 20th will be Sherry Thomas' A Conspiracy in Belgravia. Anyone is welcome to drop in.

### Choir Pizza Party – After Church!



**Attention all choir members, and any who are curious about singing in choir at some point this year. In lieu of choir rehearsal, we will have a choir meet-and-greet**

**Pizza Social in the sanctuary after church on Sunday, September 2.** The Greeley UU choir strives to be a very open and respectful space where singers of all levels and abilities can get in touch with the joy that only comes from singing together in love. On this first Sunday of September, we will have a chance to meet potential singers, catch up on our summer vacations, and talk about the musical ideas for the upcoming year. We will then have our first choir rehearsals on the second and third Sunday after church, and perform on the 4th Sunday of September 23rd. The rest of the year we will try to revert to performing on the 3rd Sunday, but may vary depending on holidays. In Joy,  
Sam Henline, your Choir Director

### Worship Committee

Regular Worship Committee meetings will begin again September 9<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to add some new members to the group! If you're interested in

getting involved with worship planning, we'd love to have you join us! Just email Brian or Shelly Gaza and we'll keep you informed about future committee meeting days and times.  
[briangaza@mac.com](mailto:briangaza@mac.com) or [shelly.gaza@unco.edu](mailto:shelly.gaza@unco.edu)

### Giving in Gratitude



#### **Scrip Announcement**

Do you have \$5 in cash or check? You can take that \$5 and buy a King Soopers card on Sunday morning at church. Then take it to the store and load it up with any amount you want...\$25...\$31..\$74..etc (whatever amount), and the

Church will receive 5% back every time you reload. Reload before you purchase your items, simply hand your card with cash, check, debit or credit card to the cashier and tell them how much you would like on your card. There are no strings attached. You can still get the specials and can use coupons. UUCG gets 5% of what you buy! ITS THAT EASY!

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

**\$10 will get you a refillable Safeway Card!!**

#### **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.

#### **UUCG Service to Refugees and Asylees**

We are happy to announce that UUCG will be once again providing space to the Lutheran Family Services Refugee and Asylee Programs' Services Work Club once a week, as they will be utilizing space in our building for job skills and technology education.

### **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."

#### **Donation Needed**

The RE program needs construction paper, glue sticks, and markers. We also will begin research on retaining a new copier for the church office, as our old one just isn't able to be repaired anymore. It's done a fine job, but we are beginning to have some problems, as the serviceable parts have become obsolete.

## Echoes of Gratitude

Thank you to Carol Brickley, and Steve Waechter for their informative service.

Thank you to ALL who attended Jean Flemings' Memorial Service, and donated your time and services to make it as special as it was!

Thank you to Steve Brooks for providing an entertaining service! If you missed that service we are hopeful that he will be back in the future.

Thank you to Kristina Bain and Sharlene Meydell for Making Judith Meyers Art Show a reality! Thank you to ALL who donated their personal pieces of Judith's work to make this show happen!

Thank you to all who helped pick weeds, trim hedges and help make OUR Spiritual home as beautiful on the outside as it is on the inside!

Thank you to YOU for being part of UUCG!