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## WUULF 2012

Article by Amy Plapp  
Photos by Mark Fesgen

In this week's mail many folks received something that made them smile in anticipation: the brochure announcing this year's Western Unitarian Universalist Life Festival (WUULF), held every summer at Ghost Ranch, New Mexico. What is WUULF? It's a week-long intergenerational summer camp, it's a spiritual retreat for religious liberals, it's a chance to spend a week in a remote section of Northern New Mexico among the orange mesas and box canyons of the desert wilderness. But mostly it's just FUN! If you didn't receive the brochure, look for it online at [www.wuulf.org](http://www.wuulf.org).

WUULF is fun for all ages. As an added incentive for the youngest participants, this year WUULF is waiving registration fees for kids who are elementary-school-aged and younger attending with their families.

About 125 people attend WUULF every year, mostly from around the Southwest but some from as far away as the East Coast. One of the biggest contingents is always from HPCUU.

Imagine a week of being surrounded by people who are open to you and your ideas. Someone else does the cooking. You sleep in rustic motel-like accommodations, or you camp in a campground with hot showers and unlimited FREE ice (now THAT'S luxury!). There's happy hour every afternoon. You can attend lectures, book discussions, poetry workshops. You can swim, make music, craft, and do yoga. You can climb the dramatic Mt. Pedernal, which overlooks Ghost Ranch. You can hole up in the library, which is open 24 hours a day.

You can celebrate the summer solstice in a moving ceremony held at a stunning natural amphitheater. You can hike on spectacular trails uncharted by the US Forest Service. You can take a nap whenever you feel like it. You can tour Georgia O'Keeffe's former home in nearby Abiquiu, and you can take a whitewater rafting trip on a local river. If you brought children, they are off happily being supervised by a WUULF staff member every other day. If you brought a teenager, he or she might be preparing for the landmark coming of age ceremony at week's end. You can make some new friends, or you can make friends with someone you see every week at church but somehow never find the time to talk to. And the best part about this rich and varied list of activities? Everything on it is OPTIONAL! You can do what you feel like doing, or you can do nothing at all!

You don't have to be a UU to go to WUULF. You just have to be open to a week of relaxation, connection, and growth. If you have children, you just have to be prepared to give them a lifetime of happy summer memories. If you have more questions, go to the WUULF website ([www.wuulf.org](http://www.wuulf.org)) or talk to one of the WUULF board members who are a part of High Plains: John Donlin, Meg Evans, Spencer or Chuck Hachmeister, or Amy Plapp. See more photos on page 9.



## Events Calendar March 2012

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday                                   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|--------|---|--|--|---|---|
|  |        |   |  | 1<br>Yoga Class<br>5:30 pm - 6:30 pm<br>Y.E.P. HS Youth Group<br>6:00 pm - 8:00 pm   | 2<br>9th Grade UU Trip<br>8:00 am - 10:00 pm<br>Stitchers/Hands<br>1:00 pm - 3:00 pm<br>HiPS - HPCUU Sisters<br>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | 3   |
| 4<br>9th Grade UU Trip<br>8:00 am - 10:00 pm<br>Sunday Service<br>10:00 am - 11:30 am  | 5      | 6   | 7<br>HiPCUULers<br>7:30 pm - 9:00 pm   | 8<br>Yoga Class<br>5:30 pm - 6:30 pm   | 9   | 10  |
| 11<br>Sunday Service<br>10:00 am - 11:30 am<br>New to UU<br>11:30 am - 12:00 pm<br>Y.E.P. HS Youth Group<br>11:30 am - 1:30 pm<br>Fostering Hope Meeting<br>11:30 am - 1:00 pm | 12     | 13<br>SHSSG - CO-OP<br>10:00 am - 3:00 pm | 14<br>HiPCUULers<br>7:30 pm - 9:00   | 15<br>Yoga Class<br>5:30 pm - 6:30 pm<br>Y.E.P. HS Youth Group<br>6:00 pm - 8:00 pm<br>Potluck Dinner<br>6:30 pm - 8:00 pm | 16<br>Stitchers/Hands<br>1:00 pm - 3:00 pm<br>Parent/Child U&I Group<br>6:00 pm - 8:30 pm   | 17<br>Intro to High Plains<br>9:00 am - 3:00 pm<br>Issues of Aging Group<br>10:30 am - 12:00 pm |
| 18<br>Sunday Service<br>10:00 am - 11:30 am  | 19     | 20  | 21<br>Pastoral Care Team<br>6:00 pm - 8:30 pm<br>Board Meeting<br>6:30 pm - 9:30 pm<br>HiPCUULers<br>7:30 pm - 9:00 pm | 22<br>Yoga Class<br>5:30 pm - 6:30 pm<br>OSTARA<br>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm   | 23  | 24  |
| 25<br>Sunday Servc<br>10:00 am - 11:30 am<br>Y.E.P. HS Youth Group<br>11:30 am - 1:30 pm   | 26     | 27  | 28<br>HiPCUULers<br>7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  | 29   | 30  | 31  |

### Upcoming Services

**March 6: *Music Sunday*** - Exploring the Music of Mumford and Sons, a British band that is highly literary in their approach to music. Their songs are full of meaning and passion.

**March 11: *Purposes and Principles*** - Unitarian Universalism is a faith tradition that gathers around the idea of covenant not creeds. But there are certain purposes and principles that every congregation promotes and affirms. We'll take a look at those on this Sunday.

**March 18: *Youth Sunday*** - Eyes of a child, wisdom of a sage.

**March 25: *Five Smooth Stones*** - Rev. Roger Butts and Rev. Nathan Mesnikoff - James Luther Adams conceived of five smooth stones that define the liberal way in religion. You can read about them on the next page.

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# James Luther Adams' Five Smooth Stones of Religious Liberalism

## Who was James Luther Adams?

James Luther Adams was a Unitarian parish minister, social activist, journal editor, distinguished scholar, translator and editor of major German theologians, prolific author, and divinity school professor for more than forty years. Adams was the most influential theologian among American Unitarian Universalists of the 20th century.

## What are the five smooth stones?

According to Adams, the five smooth stones of religious liberalism are:



- "Religious liberalism depends on the principle that 'revelation' is continuous." Our religious tradition is a living tradition because we are always learning new truths.
- "All relations between persons ought ideally to rest on mutual, free consent and not on coercion." We freely choose to enter into relationship with one another.
- "Religious liberalism affirms the moral obligation to direct one's effort toward the establishment of a just and loving community. It is this which makes the role of the prophet central and indispensable in liberalism." Justice.
- "We deny the immaculate conception of virtue and affirm the necessity of social incarnation." Agency: Good things don't just happen, people make them happen.
- "Liberalism holds that the resources (divine and human) that are available for the achievement of meaningful change justify an attitude of ultimate optimism." Hope.

Adams' five smooth stones are explained in the essay "Guiding Principles for a Free Faith" in *On Being Human Religiously: Selected Essays in Religion and Society*, Max Stackhouse, ed. Beacon Press, 1976, pp. 12-20. While this book is out of print, some congregations may own it and there are also copies available from the Internet.

## Scriptural origins

The idea of "five smooth stones" originates in the Hebrew Scriptures with the story of David and Goliath, as told in 1 Samuel 17.

From: <http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/youth/wholeness/workshop1/workshopplan/leaderresources/167560.shtml>



## Roger's Reflections

by Rev. Roger Butts

As you know by now, my ministry at High Plains Church ends effective May 13, 2012. As I prepare to take my leave from the ministry of this church and from parish ministry generally, I have so much to be grateful for.

All along my ministry, there were folks who helped me along the way, mentors and teachers and friends and colleagues who took up the task of liberal religion with enthusiasm and passion. And there were congregants--in my internship site in Annapolis, in Davenport and in Colorado Springs--who I shall remember for as long as I have breath.

And there were lessons along the way--some positive, some difficult--that will help to shape me as I embrace the future, come what may.

What a wonderful faith tradition--Unitarian Universalism, with a rich past and a promising future. The same is true, of course, of High Plains Church.

There is one thing that will forever be a part of my deepest faith, embedded in my bones and my guts and my heart and my mind. And that is Carl Scovel's affirmation from his 1994 Berry Street Essay. He called it The Great Surmise:

The Great Surmise says simply this: At the heart of all creation lies a good intent, a purposeful goodness, from which we come, by which we live our fullest, to which we shall at last return. And this is the supreme reality of our lives.

If you, like me, love the power and promise of Unitarian Universalism, give generously when asked to support the church this year in its annual budget drive. The future is promising, and, it is, in part, in your hands and up to you. Make it count.

Be well and see you in church,

## Rev. Roger Butts' Office Hours

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Off   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and<br>Pastoral Care in the afternoon.   |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Writing Day, with time in the afternoon<br>at the monastery or some quiet place<br>that will be determined. |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | as it comes   |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Preaching   |

### When is the minister available?

Rev. Roger's scheduled days off are Mondays and Saturdays. He tries to reserve Friday for his Sunday service preparation and writing, but he is available to members and visitors, so he asks that you call him to schedule an appointment.

### How can I meet the minister?

Rev. Roger opens his study to visitors for get-acquainted drop-ins and informal chats after church on the first and third Sundays.

### Contact Information:

719-433-3135

Minister@hpcuu.org

## Are you New to UU?

Do you have questions about Unitarian Universalism? Do you want to know more about us? Join Reverend Roger Butts for a short get together on Sunday, March 11th in the Sr. High Classroom behind the Main Building at 11:30 am. Childcare will be provided. Questions? Contact Reverend Roger or Sue Majors at [jsmajors481@comcast.net](mailto:jsmajors481@comcast.net).



## Faith Formation Focus

by Laura Worley

As part of their social action for the year, the Middle School Youth at HPCUU are collecting the following items for the **Dream Power Animal Rescue of Colorado Springs**:

- Money donations (dollars)
- Dog Food, Cat Food, Treats, etc.
- Used Blankets, sheets, or towels
- Dog and Cat Toys (chew toys, squeaky toys, mice)
- Volunteer Time (help with adoption fairs, etc)
- Loving Homes (people who would like to adopt animals)

Please place your donations in the box located on the table near the front door by March 4, 2012.

Thanks for your help with this project.

### Faith Formation Events at HPCUU in March:

**March 11, 2012** - Deadline for the first HPCUU Book Club book order.

For any High School Youth – Adult. (need not be an HPCUU attendee)

**Acts of Faith** - The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation by Eboo Patel

Patel is founder and executive director of the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), an international, nonprofit, youth service leadership organization. Ten years after 9/11, the book describes the vulnerability of youth to violent, fundamentalist influences and makes a case for all of us, particularly youth, to promote pluralism by engaging in interfaith dialogue and social justice work.

Book Cost: \$15.00. 10% discount for orders of 5-9 books, 20% discount for orders of over ten books.

Please notify Laura Worley at [dff@hpcuu.org](mailto:dff@hpcuu.org) ASAP if you are interested in ordering so we can get the best group rate possible. On April 10, 2012 we will process and respond to this book's call for religious pluralism from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

**March 12, 2012** - Faith Formation Team Meeting

Dream Power rescues all domestic animals except for birds. They really help out animals in need. Their mission is:

*"Envisioning a compassionate world where people value, respect and provide a secure and loving quality of life for companion animals."*

Information about volunteer positions, ways to help, and animals to adopt can be found on their website at [www.dreampower.org](http://www.dreampower.org).

**March 18, 2012** - Multi-generational Service - Seeing through the Eyes of a Child with the Wisdom of a Sage.

What an amazing service this will be. There will be special music by our talented youth, amazing treats for communion together, freedom of expression and movement, and bright refreshing messages to take away from this well-planned and special worship.

**March 4 & 11, 2012** - 11:05 am - 11:20 am - High Schoolers will practice songs and chalice-lightings with the younger children and youth of HPCUU during the last few minutes of class.

**March 1 & 15, 2012** - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm and **March 11 & 25, 2012** - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) -- Youth group for all High Schoolers.

**March 17, 2012** - 10:30 am - 12 noon - Adult Faith Formation Programming at HPCUU Issues of Aging Group. Topic: A Continuation of topics related to: Fear of Dying. Breakfast and Beverages provided by the group. Please RSVP to Laura Worley [dff@hpcuu.org](mailto:dff@hpcuu.org).

### Looking into Spring...

**April 1, 2012** - District Youth Programming - High School Bridging Conference deadline to register. Contact Laura at [dff@hpcuu.org](mailto:dff@hpcuu.org) to register.

**April 8, 2012** - Children's Worship and Egg hunt for the HPCUU Children Preschool - 8th Grade

For more information contact Laura Worley, Director of Faith Formation at [dff@hpcuu.org](mailto:dff@hpcuu.org) or 248-224-2697.

**Spirit Quest** - July 8 - 13, 2012 - A Unitarian Universalist Camp for Middle Schoolers at La Foret Conference & Retreat Center in Colorado Springs, CO. An overnight Camp where the youth stay in the yurts onsite.

**QUUest Camp** - July 8 -14, 2012 - A Unitarian Universalist Camp for high school youth at La Foret Conference & Retreat Center in Colorado Springs, CO.

You can download the complete brochures with applications for each camp at [www.hpcuu.org](http://www.hpcuu.org)

UUism is a faith based in values. Many of our principles are rooted in the spirit of justice and equality. As UUs, we know that we should be working for a just and equitable world, at Sprit Quest we will explore why those values are so important to our spirituality. Camp themes and activities will echo Quuest Camp (see below), with more action, craft and teambuilding focus.

I have the honor of being Spirit Quest Camp Director this year, and am really looking forward to spending almost a full week with a whole bunch of great UU middle schoolers, getting to know them, watching them share and get to know one another, developing our theme of Justice, and enhancing our growing UU community and youth identity.

Laura Worley

Note: There is some scholarship funding available from High Plains, for either camp, so ask Laura Worley about it if you need to at [dff@hpcuu.org](mailto:dff@hpcuu.org), 248-224-2697.

**Spirit Quest**  
Middle School Camp  
at La Foret in Colorado Springs, CO  
July 8-13, 2012

Labyrinth  
worship  
FUN  
Spirit  
UU Sources



coffee house  
Campfires  
Swimming  
Friendship Circles  
Hiking



**UU Spirit of Justice**

We are so fortunate to be in a time  
responsibly to all who are affected  
toward our communities. We have  
many examples, famous and not so  
famous, of UU's who have worked  
to create justice in the world.



"All who wander are not lost."

**QUUEST  
CAMP**  
JULY 8TH-14TH



*Due to popular demand, camp  
has been extended a day!*

ALL WHO WANDER ARE NOT LOST

QUUest Camp is a Unitarian  
Universalist camp for high  
school youth at La Foret  
Conference & Retreat Center in  
Colorado Springs, CO



## The President's Post

by Danielle Heimer

High Plains is again in a transitional time, as Reverend Roger is resigning after 2.5 years of settled ministry with us. Periods of transition can be complex, with emotions of fear, hope, relief, sadness, anger and optimism, often co-mingled. I'd like to use this month's column to highlight some of the possibilities of this transitional period. The Board believes the best option for High Plains is to seek out and hire an accredited interim minister for a 2 year period. Interim ministry is an important way of helping the congregation prepare for our next settled ministry. Interim ministers ideally bring a slightly different set of skills than those of settled ministers to the congregations they work with, helping congregations to deal with emotions around the previous ministry, review the strengths and weakness of the systems in place in the congregation, and clarify the congregation's goals. There is a wealth of resources about transitions available to everyone at the UUA website. The web address is <http://uua.org/careers/ministers/transitions/index.shtml>. I have shared the "Transitional Ministry Handbook" PDF which is linked on that page with team leads and the Board, but would encourage everyone to read it as it contains a lot of useful information about the interim process.

The process of hiring an interim minister will begin soon. The Board and team leads will be participating in a "Transition Interview" conducted by our district

executive, the Rev. Nancy Bowen. Information from this interview will be helpful to the Interim Task Force, who will be appointed by the Board, to complete the application for an interim minister, which is due 4/15. The Task Force will work with the staff from the district to complete the process of hiring an interim minister, who would then start working with High Plains in August.

The Board believes that hiring an accredited full-time interim minister would be the best thing for High Plains' future success and growth. We are hopeful that High Plains will generously commit financially during the upcoming stewardship drive in order to support the goal of having an interim minister. We also hope that High Plains will commit to the head and heart work which can be done with an interim minister to better understand ourselves, to clarify roles and boundaries within the congregation, to prepare ourselves for new growth and new professional leadership. Change can be difficult, but it can also present an opportunity to start anew, with renewed purpose and vigor.

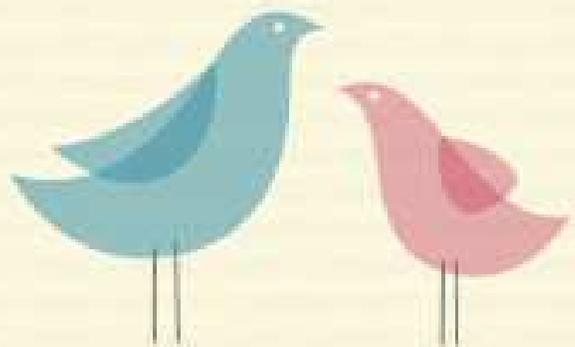
Board members are available after the service on Sundays and via email ([board@hpcuu.org](mailto:board@hpcuu.org)) to answer your questions and hear your suggestions and ideas.

Danielle Heimer,  
President of the Board of Trustees

### High Plains Stickers/Hands

All members and friend are invited for a casual hour or two of conversation, craft and coffeehouse beverages. Seriously, you don't have to knit or crochet to hang out (but be prepared for many of us to be playing with yarn or something similar). We meet at the Coffee and Tea Zone in the shopping center on the SW corner of Rockrimmon and Delmonico from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

Contact Carol Peterson - [ccpetersonco@gmail.com](mailto:ccpetersonco@gmail.com) or 687-4508





## Dollars & Sense

by Jack W. McElroy

*"Money has everything to do with religion, with the choices that we make about how to be in relationship with ourselves, our neighbors, and with the divine. Religion is about life, and life, it seems, has a whole lot to do with money."*

Lynn Ungar

### Items of Interest:

A special thank you to Carol Peterson for all the work she has done as HPCUU Treasurer, beginning in July 2010. Not only has Carol contributed many, many volunteer hours, but she has driven many miles to do so since her move to Divide. Carol has decided to step down as Treasurer, pending training of replacements.

There are still a number of contribution statements for 2011 that have not been picked up. If you have not received your statement of contribution for the 2011 calendar year and you need documentation for your tax return, please contact either Carol or me and we will arrange to mail it to you.

Efforts are underway to develop a "preliminary" budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. The final budget that will be presented for congregational approval can only be prepared after the Stewardship Campaign.

### Highlights of First Seven Months Financial Performance

At January 31, 2012, High Plains had a cash balance of \$50,980, a decrease of \$21,560 from June 30, 2011. The January 31, 2012 cash balance consisted of \$8,136 in unrestricted cash and \$42,844 of temporarily restricted cash.

Temporarily Restricted Cash at January 31, 2011 includes the following:

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Capital Fund Drive | 37,237       |
| Playground         | 118          |
| Aesthetics         | 3,169        |
| Music Director     | <u>3,320</u> |
| Total Restricted   | 42,844       |
|                    | =====        |

Donations and contributions for the seven months ended January 31, 2012, excluding Temporarily Restricted Funds and Designated Collections, totaled \$127,488 and were \$3,753 more than budget. Total Church Operations Revenue of \$144,307 for the same period was above budget by \$9,489.

All questions regarding HPCUU financial issues may be directed to [cfo@hpcuu.org](mailto:cfo@hpcuu.org)

### Make your Monthly Payments Electronically

If you don't already participate in the electronic funds transfer program for monthly pledge payments at church, please consider doing so. Under this program, you authorize the church to transfer funds for your pledge payment each month from your bank account to the church's account. High Plains has offered this payment option for seven years, and about a third of church members take advantage of it. The program is great for the church because it helps to make revenues constant and predictable, like many of our expenses. It's great for you because you don't have to remember to write a check every month—you just fill out a form one time, and the treasurer does the rest.

If you are interested in participating, or if you have questions, please talk to the church treasurer, Carol Peterson, or to Amy Plapp, the finance team member who oversees the program. Or, just look in the "finance procedures" binder on the church secretary's desk and find a blank form, fill it out, and give it to Carol or Amy or leave it in the treasurer's mailbox at church. The forms are entitled "Direct Answers to Questions about Electronic Contribution" and are located in one of the inside cover pockets of the notebook. Any time that you wish to change an existing payment amount or discontinue payments, use the same form.

## High Plains Church—Unitarian Universalist Board of Trustees Minutes February 15, 2012

In attendance: Danielle Heimer, Gloria Carpenter, Jack McElroy, Al Sly, Joe Nerad, Michelle Bull, Roger Butts, Laura Worley, Sue Neufeld, Amanda Udis-Kessler

1. Check-in
2. Opening words / Chalice lighting
3. Reading of the Board covenant
4. Team on Ministry (TOM) interviews:  
Sue Neufeld and Amanda Udis-Kessler attended the meeting to discuss their proposal for a church climate survey. The Board reviewed the proposed process and interview questions, suggested minor changes, and approved the proposed survey.
5. Minister's report (full report will be on the website):
  - a. Meetings with various individuals and teams to prepare for the transition
  - b. Making best use of Nicole's skills and talents
6. DFF report (full report will be on the website):
  - a. Faith Formation team is reduced in size and there is still no FF team lead; therefore some tasks may need to be rearranged. However the team is doing a great job.
  - b. The FF team held a retreat on Saturday February 11. There was good discussion about how Faith Formation is different from Religious Education. The group also discussed what a period of interim ministry might mean to the FF program. They talked about the possible need for change due to the lack of members and friends engaging in the work of FF ministry.
  - c. Laura is working on a possible High School CON in June.
  - d. Laura is encouraging High School youth to go to GA this summer and is trying to find funding help.
  - e. Young Adult membership and programming are growing.
7. Finance Team report:
  - a. The Stewardship Campaign kicks off April 1.
  - b. The combined Church Council Teams were \$10,251 below budget in spending for the seven month period. Fundraiser income is favorable compared to budget.
  - c. So far this fiscal year approximately \$39,000 has been used to reduce preexisting liabilities, and over \$8,500 has been used to increase Scrip inventory.
  - d. Two members have expressed some interest in assuming some or all of the duties currently performed by our Treasurer, Carol Peterson.
  - e. On February 6, \$5,000 was transferred from the Savings Account to the Checking Account. This was the first such transfer in the current fiscal. The remaining Savings Account balance is essentially all restricted.
8. Library project  
The board discussed a proposal for a congregational library. The high school group has generously offered space in their classroom. Joe moved that we go ahead with the establishment of a library, and review again in six months. Al seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
9. TOM membership:  
Michelle moved to approve Larry Sargent as the third member of the team. Jack seconded. The Board unanimously approved.
10. Transition steps
  - a. Accomplished so far: Termination negotiated, letters sent to the congregation, announcement made at Sunday service, meeting with Church Council and other team leads
  - b. Next steps: March 14 transition interview with Nancy Bowen, Board and Church Council.
  - c. Roger suggested a bulletin board with a timeline of transition steps.
  - d. The Board discussed possible composition of the interim search team.
11. Closing words

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Bull, Board secretary

## Thank You, Book Lovers!

Sue Neufeld reports that her three-Sunday Book Sale earned HPCUU a total of \$843. Thank you for your book donations and for purchasing so many books. On the final day we sold 40 bags of books at \$5 per bag! The remaining books were taken to PPLD for their next Friends Book Sale. A special thank you goes to a crew of reader-volunteers for assisting Sue.

Thank You, Book Lovers!  
Sue Neufeld

## 2012 Stewardship Kick-off Event

Come to the April 1<sup>st</sup> Community Fun Day, after church. Connect with your HPCUU community through fellowship, arts, crafts, music and put-put golf. We invite you to commune with your community through an inspirational art piece, a community puzzle, lively music, and a potluck. Later in our drive we will be asking you to commit to contribute: but not on this day. We want to spend some time Building OUR CommUnity together.

Thank you,

The Stewardship Team:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Kelly Miller       | Amy Plapp       |
| Christian Malacara | Julia Mesnikoff |
| Meighan Powell     | Kyle Heimer     |
| Bobbi Forster      |                 |



## More WUULF Photos

### Introduction to High Plains Class

Have you thought about making "this church, your church"? If you would like to know more about Unitarian Universalism and High Plains, we have a class for you! The next Introduction to High Plains class will be held Saturday March 17th from 9:30am to 2pm. It's a way to learn more about the history and tenets of Unitarian Universalism, and the history and workings of High Plains church. It's also a great way to meet some other newcomers. This class is a prerequisite for membership, unless you have been a UU before. Taking the class, however, does not obligate you to join the church.

Childcare and lunch will be provided so RSVPs are necessary. You can send your questions or RSVPs to Tim Oliver at [tim@oliver-co.us](mailto:tim@oliver-co.us)

## St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser

by Dakota Malacara

Montage Salon is hosting a fundraising event for the St. Baldrick's foundation on Sunday, March 11th, from 2-5 p.m. downtown at Jack Quinn's Irish Pub and Restaurant.

Christian and I are organizing this event for our first time, and we want to spread the word out to as many people as we can and invite everyone we know to join us for this fun and meaningful day. Here is an excerpt from the St. Baldrick's web page, [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org);

"Be a hero for kids with cancer!"

Join this St. Baldrick's event, and whether you decide to shave your head, volunteer, or donate, we hope you'll be a part of the excitement.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity that funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government.

Get involved and you'll be giving hope to infants, children, teens and young adults fighting childhood cancers."

## Fourth Sunday Donations

by Alcira Estevez



## Fourth Sunday Donations

January - **Interfaith Hospitality Network of Colorado Springs**

February - **Dream Power Animal Rescue**

**Our Mission:** To create a better world for animals through considerate adoption practices, a lifelong commitment to our foster animals, the promotion of spay/neuter practices, and ongoing [community education](#)

**Our Vision:** Dream Power Animal Rescue Foundation envisions a compassionate world, where people value, respect, and provide a secure and loving quality of life for companion animals.

To accomplish our mission, we will...

- Rescue adoptable companion animals, offering suitable foster homes until permanent homes can be found.

- Give our animals as many chances as needed, taking them back if an adoption does not work out.
- Provide interim medical care as necessary.
- Require and encourage the [spaying and neutering](#) of companion animals.
- Have staff available for [behavioral](#) questions and training problems to assist the adopters.
- Educate the public to secure higher ideals of humanity toward all animals and increase awareness of the pet overpopulation tragedy.
- Cooperate and network with other animal welfare organizations and individuals world-wide.

March - **Planned Parenthood of Colorado Springs**

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains has been helping women, men and teens make responsible choices for 90 years.

Since 1916, we have been committed to delivering the highest quality reproductive health care, teaching responsible and age-appropriate sexuality education and have been working diligently to protect a woman's right to choose.

Please consider making a Fourth Sunday donation by check or bank transfer if you will not be in church on Sunday.

## BEYOND BORDERS: BREAKING BARRIERS OF RACE AND IMMIGRATION

The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office  
Annual Intergenerational Spring Seminar



April 12-14, 2011  
(Youth arrival on April 11)  
New York City

We invite you to join our intergenerational, interfaith dialogue on the global themes of race and immigration. Our discussions will encourage participants to explore the interwoven nature of race, immigration, and social justice, as well as how we are all called to take action.

## REGISTER NOW

Print and distribute the **SEMINAR FLYER**

## DONATE TO THE SEMINAR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Topics Include:

- [Barriers and Bridges to Educational Success](#)
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- [Religious Views on Racism and Immigration](#)
- [Trafficking and the Vulnerable](#)
- [Women and Migration – Herstory](#)

Speakers Include:

[Gregory Acevedo](#), *Fordham School of Social Work*

[May Chen](#), *Board President of New York State Immigrant Action Fund*

[Carl Murrel](#), *Baha'i Representative to the United Nations*

[Christopher Sims](#), *Acclaimed Poet*

Email questions to [springseminar@uu-uno.org](mailto:springseminar@uu-uno.org)

More information at <http://www.uu-uno.org/events/spring-seminar/2012-spring-seminar/>

## HPCUU Caring

Please keep in your hearts ...

- Denise and Kelly Kafayan - They both tore their ACL and Denise also tore her MCL. Kelly also celebrated his Birthday.
- Plapp Family - Shirley continues to decline

The Caring Team is here for you ...

Whether you need a helping hand, an ear to listen, a ride to the doctor, meals delivered to your home, or other assistance, the Caring Team is here to help. Please let us be there for you, and please notify us of any of our members and friends who may need help. Contact team lead Candy Birgers [candy2631@yahoo.com](mailto:candy2631@yahoo.com), or 287-6630, or other members of the Caring Team: Phyllis Dunn, Michelle Bull, or Meighan Powell.



## Fellowship Forget-Me-Nots

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming Fellowship events



- Wed, Apr 4 **Fellowship Team Meeting** - 6:30 pm at Pikes Perk (5965 N. Academy) - Do you enjoy planning parties and social events? The Fellowship Team is always looking for new ideas to make our social times more fun, warm and welcoming. Grab a cup of coffee and help us plan upcoming fellowship activities for High Plains Church. All welcome! Contact: Heather Ashbee ([heatherashbee@comcast.net](mailto:heatherashbee@comcast.net)) or Ann Harris ([aharris0407@comcast.net](mailto:aharris0407@comcast.net))
- Thu, Mar 15 **The Pastoral Care Team** - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - invites you to join or continue the discussion of how UU's deal with disappointment and grief. Please join us for the next potluck dinner. We will eat and have a round table discussion of how we comfort ourselves in times of loss. This supports our third principle of encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.

## Coffee Hour at High Plains

: Can you take a turn bringing treats for everyone to enjoy during our Sunday morning coffee hour? We're looking for HiP Hosts for the month of March and beyond. Sign up on the HiP Host calendar at the coffee counter or email Heather Ashbee ([heatherashbee@comcast.net](mailto:heatherashbee@comcast.net)) or Ann Harris ([aharris0407@comcast.net](mailto:aharris0407@comcast.net)) to reserve a date.

## Fellowship Hour: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of HiP Hosting at High Plains!



It was a year ago this month that we launched the HiP (High Plains) Host initiative, where Members and Friends take turns bringing snacks for our Sunday morning Fellowship Hour. We're now booking HiP Hosts for 2012. Being a HiP Host is fun and easy ... and it's a great way to celebrate special occasions (birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, etc) and meet new people at church. If you can take a turn bringing coffee hour treats, please sign up on the big board at the coffee counter or email [heatherashbee@comcast.net](mailto:heatherashbee@comcast.net) or [aharris0407@comcast.net](mailto:aharris0407@comcast.net) to reserve a date on the HiP Host calendar!

Wondering what to bring? How about some fresh fruit or veggies, cheese and crackers, cookies, bagels, muffins, or a coffee cake? And you don't have to be a great baker to be a HiP Host - ready-made treats from the grocery store or Costco in any quantity are just fine!

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AMG '12 parties come in two formats: social (includes school field trips); and fund-raising. The enclosed brochure will give you some of the details. If you have questions after reading it, we're ready to answer them for you, and then to help you give the best party you've ever had.

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