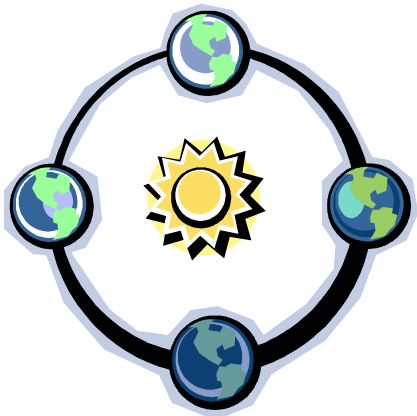
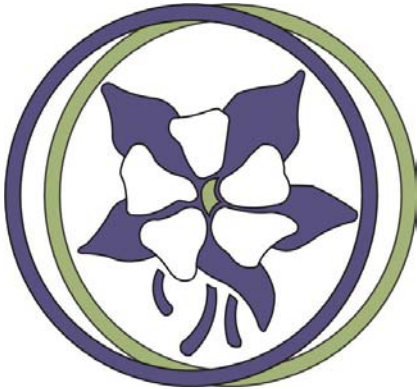


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## Sunday Programs

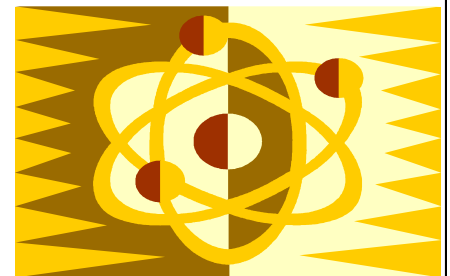


**April 3 "What Happens When We Assume?" Reverend Nori Rost**

Reverend Rost will take on this weighty topic of Assumptions. We all make assumptions. What are the consequences of this and how can we live more consciously regarding our assumptions about others, ourselves and even the UUA? Nori Rost is the Senior Minister at All Souls UU Church of Colorado Springs.

**April 10 "Honoring Spirit of Life" Sarah Freese**

"No other song, no other prayer, no other piece of liturgy is so well known and loved in Unitarian Universalism as *Spirit of Life* by Carolyn McDade," writes Kimberlee French. Like many UU churches, Columbine sings this every Sunday; gather with us to explore and celebrate this hymn in music, musings, and meditation.



**April 17 "Environmental Activism" Eric Belsey**

In anticipation of Earth Day on Friday, April 22nd, Eric Belsey will address environmental activism, not through detailing our numerous, serious, ongoing environmental crises, but instead by introducing what he calls the "überProblem" that ties all of our environmental (and mysteriously, economic and political) issues together. Eric will explain his view that, until we can collectively examine and address the "überProblem", much of our activism energy could be stymied and ineffectual.

**April 24 "Easter — Resurrection and The Transforming Power of Love" Kelly Dignan**

Kelly Dignan will explore the Easter story through the lens of Unitarian Universalist principles and sources of inspiration. She will help us apply it to our lives as individuals and a community of faith. Kelly is a Candidate for UU ministry and second year student at Iliff School of Theology.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's March as I write this, and the stewardship campaign is underway, as are small group discussions to help us discern our future. I am looking forward to setting our course and to making the decisions that will give shape to our immediate future. To that end, I look to April 10<sup>th</sup> and our spring congregational meeting. At that meeting, the board will present a budget that will reflect pledge commitments for next year, committee and program goals, and congregational priorities as articulated during these past few months of conversations and small group discussions. I'm writing this from that place of wonder before a major decision is made. We have so many opportunities as a congregation - which ones will we choose? I hope you will be with us on April 10<sup>th</sup> as we finalize our budget for next year and set our final plans in motion to hire an interim minister. This is an exciting time for CUUC.

As we finalize our budget we will also decide whether to hire a full-time or part-time interim minister. The interim application is due on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The board has been collecting congregational input on priorities for our interim, and once we have the funding level set, we will be able to complete and submit the application. The turnaround will be very quick and we should know if we have a candidate match by mid-May

At the congregational meeting we will also elect new members of leadership to the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Search Committee. We will not have a Committee on Ministry during the time we have an interim minister, but that committee will re-emerge when we hire a settled minister. We will have a transition team to support the interim minister, so we'll be looking to staff that team once we have a candidate.

As we complete our planning for next year and go forward, I want to thank each of you for your pledges of financial support and for your many hours of volunteering in all kinds of capacities. I also want to thank the candidates who have said 'yes' to a term in elected leadership. All of these types of selfless giving are inspiring.

As always, please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions or concerns.

In Service,

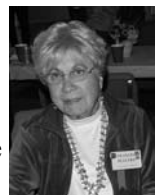
*Amy*

Amy Rowland, President of the Board of Trustees



## *Making a Difference*

by *Frances Blizard*



The best thing about this warm weather (as of March 17, 2011) is that it takes less heat to be comfortable and fewer clothes to stay warm. Other than that, struggling families have to cope with same problems.

The same goes for Inter-Faith Community Services, working to answer the needs of an increasing number of people who desperately need help. Somehow it seems to work out that support for Inter-Faith increases along with the demand for its services. If supply ever exceeds the demand they will be able to create new programs for its clients.

A story - Last week a woman showed up at Inter-Faith begging for help. Her boyfriend had broken her arm, and she had had to take several days off from work. But then she had a fall and broke the other arm! Her company was holding her job, but she didn't have the rent money and was worried about eviction. Fortunately Inter-Faith was able to take care of the rent money and things are looking brighter. There are many ways to support Inter-Faith, and whichever you choose, you make it possible for them to give life-saving help to people who are in desperate need.

Their Food Bank is the heart of the support they offer to the community. Food drives in civic groups, communities, schools, and churches (ours, for instance) help to keep the shelves fairly well stocked, especially around the holidays, but there is never too much.

Food needs right now are any kind of canned beans, canned fruit, and condiments such as salt & pepper, mayo, mustard, ketchup, chili pepper. For the Clothing Bank, any kind of gently worn clothing. The Community Baskets in front await your contributions. Everything is taken to Inter-Faith the next day. As always, thank you very much for your kind and generous support for this program that works wonders right here in our community.

**CoM — Working for You**

Your Committee on Ministry, Susan Stein, Karen Cody-Hopkins, and Bob Pinkham, would like to hear from you. What and how you think and believe as members makes CUUC the great place it is. Share what you think with the CoM. Your comments will be held in strict confidence. Please take a moment and email your comments to [com@columbineuuchurch.org](mailto:com@columbineuuchurch.org).

**News from the Leadership Search Committee**

The Leadership Search Committee (LSC) is beginning the work of finding qualified candidates for our elected positions for the 2011/2012 church year. If you are interested in any of the positions below, please talk with one of the members of the LSC and we can give you more details.

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Trustee
- Leadership Search Committee member

Please note that because we will have an Interim Minister next year, per the UUA guidelines we will not have a Committee on Ministry. Thus we are not filling any slots for that Committee. Your Leadership Search Committee,

*Sue*

Sue Zloth

*Joan*

Joan Bradt

*Dory*

Dory Pinkham

**Spring Congregational Meeting  
Official Notice**

CUUC's Spring Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2011, starting at 12:15 pm.

This is our annual meeting where the congregation votes on the budget for Fiscal Year 2012 and elects officers, trustees and congregational committees. The agenda may also include other business. If you have business that you would like to come before the congregation, you are encouraged to contact board President, Amy Rowland, so that your concern can be presented and coordinated with the rest of the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. Lunch and child care will be provided.

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### CUUC Book Club Meets



The Book Club will meet Wednesday, April 27 to discuss "Breakfast with Buddha" about which one reviewer writes: "You can question this book's success as a novel, its set-up, or some its teachings, but you can't question the beautiful mood it leaves on you and you can't complain about its ultimate message — be good to those around you and try not to make too much of a mess of things." Those present will pick a book for discussion in May.

The Book Club meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at the church. You need not have read the book to participate and visitors are welcome.

### Singers Wanted!



- For the Columbine UU Church Choir.
- Expand your voice and heart.
- Refresh and Recharge with Song.
- Take part in Sunday services and musical events in the larger Denver community. Enjoy new musical experiences. For more info contact David Burrows at 303-455-2110 or email [music@columbineuuchurch.org](mailto:music@columbineuuchurch.org).

### Grocery Scrip & Gift Cards!

• Every time you purchase scrip you are contributing to the financial health of the church. Scrip are redeemable at King Soopers, Starbuck, Barnes and Noble and many other merchants. If you buy **\$50.00** per week in scrip, in 10 years you will have contributed **\$1,300.00** to CUUC! And it did not cost you anything since you receive one dollars worth of merchandise for every dollar of scrip you buy. It is a great way to support CUUC!!!!

The deadline for *The Columbine Connection* for the next 12 months is as follows:  
**May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 14, October 19, November 16, December 14, January 18, February 15, March 14, April 18**  
 These dates are the Wednesday prior to the second to last Sunday of the month. The *Connection* will be available for members and friends at the last Sunday Service of the month at CUUC. Then it will mailed to the remainder of the subscribers. The deadline for the next twelve issues will be at midnight on the above dates. Be prepared to have all submissions to the *Connection* by 12:00AM (midnight) on the deadline date. If it is a problem meeting the deadline, please contact the editor to make arrangements for the submission. No guarantees, explicit or implied are made for any submission which become the property of *The Columbine Connection*.

**The Mountain Desert District Warmly Invites You to**

# Going Deeper:

**A Worship Conference April 8-10, 2011 in Golden, CO**

**Reverend Dr. Kay Northcutt**

Author of

*Kindling Desire for God: Preaching as Spiritual Direction*

**Topic:**

Worship as Spiritual Practice



**Reverend Dr. John Tolley**

Associate Professor of Ministry and the Arts,  
Meadville Lombard Theological School

**Topic:**

Worship Aesthetics

**Reverend Marlin Lavanhar**

Senior Minister All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa

**Topic:** Theme Based Ministry

**Dr. Lawrence Kaptein**

Director of Choral Music Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder

**Topic:** Clinician for Choirs and Musicians

**Program:**

**Friday:**

1:00---4:30p Church Staff Programming with Kay Northcutt

4:30---6:00p Registration

6:00---7:30p Gathering and Banquet (provided)

7:30p Keynote by Kay Northcutt

**Saturday:**

9:00---10:15a Theme Based Ministry with Marlin Lavanhar

10:30a---12:00p Worship Aesthetics with John Tolley

12:00---1:00p Lunch (provided)

1:00---4:30p Worship Associate Training with John Tolley

1:00---3:00p Musicians and Choir with Lawrence Kaptein

o 3:30---4:30p Children’s Choir With Lawrence Kaptein

1:00---3:00p Theme Based Ministry Pragmatics with Marlin Lavanhar

3:00---4:30p Sharing Models of Worship Collaboration

4:30---7:00p Free Time & Dinner on Your Own

7:00p Worship with Front Range Combined Choir, Musicians and Rev. Dr. Kay Northcutt

**Sunday:**

9:00a Worship with Rev. Dr. John Tolley

**Registration Information:**

\$150 Registration Fee per person (includes 2 meals)

\$175 Registration Fee after March 15, 2011

Register online at <http://mdduua.org>

Hotel rooms for \$99/night (booked separately) Up to 4 people per room

Denver West Marriott at 1717 Denver West Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401

Call 303---279---9100 or book rooms online at <http://www.marriott.com> with code [mddmdda](#)






The Western Unitarian Universalist Life Festival (WUULF) is a week long intergenerational retreat for UUs designed to inspire, empower, and encourage your artistic and spiritual well-being in the stunning surroundings of Ghost Ranch, New Mexico. The 2011 program, "Conversations with a Lively Past," will be held the third week of **June (13-19), 2011** and is now open for registration.

Detailed information on program offerings and adventure possibilities are available at [www.wuulf.org](http://www.wuulf.org), where you can download a catalog and registration form and even contact the WUULF Board with your questions or comments. Registration deadline is May 1, 2011, however space is limited and the camp tends to fill up early.

Join UUs from all over the country in the northern New Mexico desert for a unique and uplifting week!

It is the editorial policy of this newsletter to print whatever is sent to us for inclusion, unless we think the item will be offensive or hurtful. It occurred to us that it would be interesting reading to hear how others came to call themselves Unitarian Universalists. This, then, is an invitation to share that part of your faith's journey with our readership. All other topics are open for submission also. Members of CUUC will be given preferential treatment where publishing is concerned. Thank you for understand-



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## **Blue's Clues**

### **CUUC's Religious Education Update**

Welcome to Spring! I have been busy awakening my flower beds and vegetable garden. I had taken up some limited "straw bale gardening," last year in my vegetable garden, with great success. I have decided this year to take it to the next step and go 100% straw bales. I'll keep you posted on my progress.

Speaking of gardening the YRE Committee has elected to help the children plant and tend the garden plot in the back of the building. We will be selling the fresh produce during the harvest and donating excess produce to the Inter-Faith Food Bank. We invite families to join us in this endeavor.

Our Summer Sunday YRE classes are shaping up very nicely. The theme for our summer is "Social Justice – We Can Make a Difference!" Our focus for June will help our children think more about "The Human Face of Immigration." July takes a look at where our food comes from and how our food supply depends on immigrant labor — "Injustice on Our Plates." In August we put our faith in motion with a YRE service project – "Compassion, Action and Change — Helping the Homeless". Look for the posting of classes that you can volunteer to teach this summer.

Columbine Unitarian Universalist Church will hold Chalice Camp 2 on July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>. The day camp works on UU Identity and Justice. We will explore the root causes of systemic racism in the US and develop a religiously grounded approach to countering racism. All the children will be building a just community through energetic worship, games, drama, art, and community building.

Here are some dates you may want to mark on your calendar: Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> YRE classes will be celebrating a Passover Seder meal as a community building activity; Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> is Easter and the YRE Committee is holding its annual Egg Hunt so don't miss it.

In closing, I want to let you know that we now have a volunteer children's choir director. Meg York has offered her time and talents to bring this about, and we are looking at several "Full Community Worship Services" where the children may be able to perform. Thank you Meg! If you are interested in having your child participate please see Meg York.

In Peace,

*Blue*

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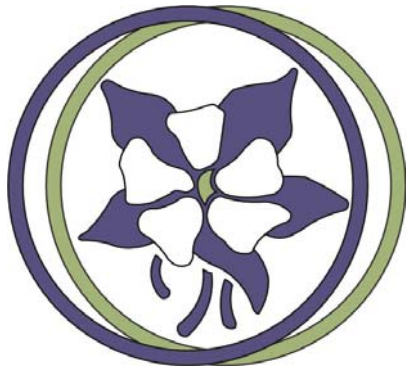


Sunday Morning Worship Begins at 10:30am  
Coffee & Conversation Served After Service



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**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**



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