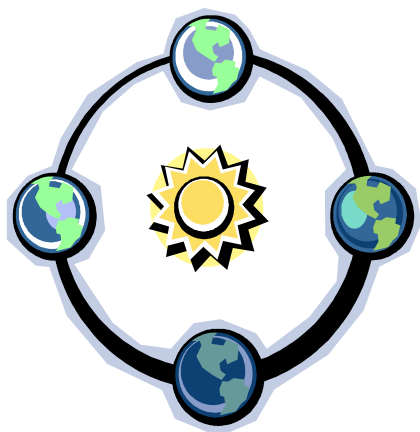


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Sunday Programs



June 5 Welcoming Congregation Committee/RE Recognition

As the annual PrideFest Parade approaches, members of the Welcoming Congregation Committee will speak to affirming and celebrating Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender rights. Pride...Not Prejudice. On this morning we will also be recognizing the accomplishments of the Religious Education students and dedication of the teaching staff.

June 12 "Up to the Mountain"

Gretchen Haley

What in your life are you most compelled to do? What is calling you to do it? Join us for this service exploring the concept of call and vocation, and how it might apply in your life and in your religious community. Gretchen Haley received her Master of Divinity from the Iliff School of Theology and currently serves as co-minister for Two Rivers Unitarian Universalist, a growing congregation that includes the communities from Aspen to Rifle, and everything in between.

June 19 "Fatherhood"

Eric Belsey

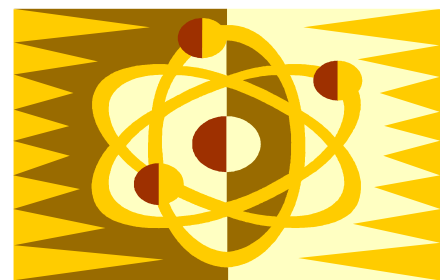
Our Father's Day service this morning will honor fathers with special music and personal anecdotes from the congregation. Please submit your personal anecdotes on the theme of fatherhood, no longer than five minutes, that you are willing to read in church this morning. Email your anecdotes to cuuc@columbineuuchurch.org. Eric will select 5-6 that represent a range of voices and experiences. Note that this coincides with PrideFest, an important date on our church calendar.

June 26 "Putting UU Principles into Action at CUUC" Just Act Committee

Our worship service will focus on the various volunteer projects supported by CUUC's Justice Action Coordinating Team (JustACT). Guided by the premise of JustACT's mission, putting our Unitarian Universalist principles into action, members of our programs will share information about the programs we support and the value they derive from being a part of them. Please join us on June 26th!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It's June, the end of the school year and the end of the church year. What a year it's been. I want to extend my thanks to each of you for your support and trust in all of the many people in leadership positions throughout the year. I join in giving thanks. It takes many people and many more volunteer hours to sustain and create the rich worship, learning, and fellowship opportunities we enjoy at Columbine. It takes all of us to make a community, and I am grateful I had the opportunity to serve this community as board president this past year.

On behalf of the board of trustees, I am very pleased to announce that Rev. Mary Wellemeyer will serve as our full-time interim minister for the upcoming church year, beginning August 1st. You can learn more about Mary by visiting her web site: www.mwellemeyer.com. Thank you to the search committee: Sue Fraley, George Eger, Mardi Stone, Loraine Kreznar, and Sarah Manning!

Finally, as some of you may know, our newsletter editor, Carmen Corica, is resigning his post after so many years of faithful service. Thank you Carmen for your many hours of generous service to the church and wider community with your newsletter work. Newsletter readers can look for a new volunteer editor to take the reigns for the July issue. (Thank you to the people who have expressed interest in editing the newsletter!) In the meantime, please join me in extending gratitude to Carmen for his years as editor.

With a new board and new committee chairs coming on in July and a new minister arriving in August, it promises to be an exciting summer at Columbine!

See you in church!

Amy

Amy Rowland, President of the Board of Trustees



Making a Difference

by Frances Blizzard



Inter-Faith Community Services offers a hand up to struggling people in many different ways. Most of the time it involves helping people with their rent or utility bills, but the stories are all different.

Teresa came to Inter-Faith asking for help to pay her utility bill of \$782.63. She was sick from gastric bypass surgery which had resulted in malnutrition, and also from lung cancer (chemotherapy will start soon). She has some disability income which should be going up, but will it be enough? Her two children are in high school, but they will drop out of school to work if Teresa can't balance their budget. Given her health issues and the difficult position she's in, Inter-Faith paid her entire utility bills.

How will Teresa fare? No one knows, but Inter-Faith has helped her over this one hurdle and given her hope to go on and cope with her very difficult life. The support you give to Inter-Faith makes it possible for them to help people in frightening circumstances.

The Community Basket Awaits - Keeping shelves full in the Food Bank at Inter-Faith is an absolute necessity. Clients depend on receiving enough food for one week four times a year. As unemployment goes up so does the number of unemployed workers, which means more food is needed. So please help out by bringing non-perishables such as canned meat, beans, canned fruit and condiments (mayo, mustard, etc.) to the basket on Sundays.

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.

CUUC Service Day

Mark your calendar for Saturday morning, June 4th. Roll up your sleeves and get to work helping the folks in your community. Check out the opportunities to volunteer at the Jeffco Action Center food bank, the Adopt-A-Highway program and other activities to be announced. For information call or email Maureen Flanigan (303-972-9453 buckner-flanigan@juno.com) or see the sign-up sheets on the church bulletin board. Keep in mind the affirmation of our congregation that "Service in love is our prayer" and that other affirmation from your dad, "Hard work never killed anyone."

Call for Father's Day Submissions!

Sunday, June 19th is Father's Day and our service that morning will honor all fathers with special music, personal anecdotes and stories. We are requesting personal anecdotes, no longer than five minutes, that you would be willing to read in church that morning. These anecdotes should be on the theme of fatherhood: having a father, being a father, losing a father seem likely directions. Please submit your stories before June 5th to cuuc@columbineuuchurch.org and Eric Belsey, the service leader, will select 5-6 that represent a range of voices and experiences.

The Water Ceremony — Sunday, September 11

We will begin our church year with a special service of Ingathering, which will include the Unitarian Universalist tradition of the Water Ceremony. Everyone is invited to collect a small sample of water during the summer, either from places you visit in your travels, or from favorite ponds or lakes, the ocean, a swimming pool, garden hose or even the kitchen sink.

During the service each person brings their water forward and pours it into a large glass bowl, which represents our church community.

Where will *YOU* bring water from?



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 topic are open for submission also. Members of CUUC will be given preferential treatment where publishing is concerned. Thank you for understanding.

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CUUC Book Club Meets

June's book is "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese.

From Publishers Weekly:



"Lauded for his sensitive memoir (My Own Country) about his time as a doctor in eastern Tennessee at the onset of the AIDS epidemic in the 80s, Verghese turns his formidable talents to fiction, mining his own life and experiences in a magnificent, sweeping novel that moves from India to Ethiopia to an inner-city hospital in New York City over decades and generations. Sister Mary Joseph Praise, a devout young nun, leaves the south Indian state of Kerala in 1947 for a missionary post in Yemen. During the arduous sea voyage, she saves the life of an English doctor bound for Ethiopia, Thomas Stone, who becomes a key player in her destiny when they meet up again at Missing Hospital in Addis Ababa. Seven years later, Sister Praise dies birthing twin boys: Shiva and Marion, the latter narrating his own and his brothers long, dramatic, biblical story set against the backdrop of political turmoil in Ethiopia, the life of the hospital compound in which they grow up and the love story of their adopted parents, both doctors at Missing. The boys become doctors as well and Verghese's weaving of the practice of medicine into the narrative is fascinating even as the story bobs and weaves with the power and coincidences of the best 19th-century novel."

We'll be discussing **Cutting for Stone** Wednesday, June 22 at 7:30 at CUUC.

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 information contact Matt Frisk by email at music@columbineuuchurch.org.

Grocery & 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!!!!

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Blue's Clues

CUUC's Religious Education Update

This summer the YRE Committee has chosen Social Justice to build our summer program around. Below you will find the listing of Sundays and what will be taught on each day. We have included Family Worship Sundays so the whole family can be together in the Worship Service. On a Family Worship Sunday, NO YRE classes will be offered. We will continue to have the Nursery Staff here for infants through toddlers. On a table at the back of the Sanctuary will be coloring sheet and activities. If it is hard for your child to be focused try bringing some of their favorite books from home or a quiet activity. It is my hope that the CUUC families take this opportunity to share a special time in worship.

June 5th – Multigenerational worship followed by Children's Chapel

June 12th – Quilting Our Diverse – Learning the historical significance of quilting for enslaved African-Americans.

Topic: Equality by Design

Activities: The children will create quilt pieces that will tell the world something important about themselves and develop a new camaraderie among each other.

June 19st – PrideFest Weekend – Families worship together this Sunday — No YRE Classes — Nursery will be provided.

June 26th - Discrimination on the Menu - Reflect on themes of fairness, perception, and discrimination.

Topic: Behind the Kitchen Door

Activities: The *Sneetches*, in this activity, students learn about unfair practices in a simulation exercise and then create plans to stand up against discrimination.

July 3rd – Families worship together – No YRE Classes - Nursery will be provided.

July 10th – What is Fair? – exploring the concept of fairness and reflect upon fairness in their own lives and communities.

Topic: F is for Fair!

Activities: Using games the children will distinguish between what is fair and what is unfair, reflecting upon unfair situations from history and in their own lives, and offer solutions as to how to remedy a seemingly unfair situation.

July 17th – Children's Chapel – *with Community Building*.

July 24th – Poetry for Home: Homelessness – making what is invisible - or taken for granted or ignored - visible for our children.

Topic: Wants Versus Needs

Activities: Using poetry and art, the children express their gratitude we feel about home as well as empathize with those who are less secure about their living situation.

July 31st – Families worship together — No YRE Classes — Nursery will be provided.

August 7th – Treating People With Dignity – to drive home the idea that people—and their diverse interests — are what make our communities special.

Topic: The Gift of Community

Activities: the children will identify people and places that make their own neighborhoods special. In grades 3-5, students will interview adults and peers who are part of their school community and identify “gifts” that make the community special.

August 14th - Children’s Chapel – *with Community Building*

August 21st - Compassion, Action and Change — using “Service-Learning,” to help the children debunk stereotypes and stigma of homelessness.

Topic: Beyond the Canned Food Drive

Activities: plan and research a “Service-learning Project” that combines community service with Unitarian Universalist values, to the benefit of both the community and CUUC. First, the children will choose a social issue and investigate its causes. Then, the children devise a community service project designed to address the issue.

August 28th – Everyone’s a Helper – Service work in our community, we will be helping in out at a Family Homeless shelter.

September 4th – Families worship — No YRE Classes — Nursery will be provided.

September 11th – Multigenerational Start-up Sunday and Water Communion – followed by a Congregational Picnic at Clement Park. Remember to bring home a little water sample from where ever to visit this summer!

Please consider volunteering to teach one of the six Sundays this summer!! Have a great summer and stay safe!

With Love and Respect,



Martin J. Blue-Norton, Director of Lifespan Religious Education for Columbine Unitarian Universalist Church

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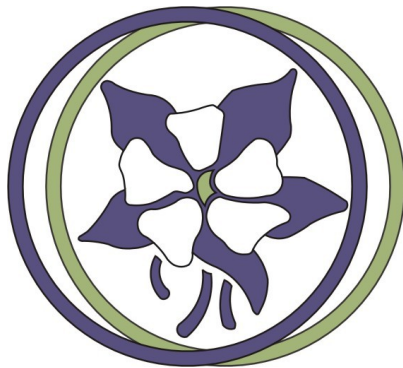


Sunday Morning Worship Begins at 10:30am
Coffee & Conversation Served After Service



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ALL ARE WELCOME!!



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