



Columbine Connection

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Blessing

*“To bless
is to put a bit of yourself into something.”
~ Macrina Wiederkehr & Joyce Rupp*

Worship for June

Monthly Theme: Blessing

June 3, 10am — “You are a Blessing!”

June is the month when many UU congregations celebrate Flower Communion. At its core, this ritual is a celebration of diversity. There is something in the human spirit that hungers to live in the midst of diversity, to be surrounded by the sacred joy of otherness. While we will not be naming each person who devoted time to the church this year, we will acknowledge and honor the diversity of volunteers that gave their heart and soul at Columbine Church! Choir Sings. We will also be celebrating the graduation of Anya Strauss and bridging her into young adulthood.

NOTE: Please remember to bring a flower for each person in your family to put into the common vase.

June 10, 10am — “A Drink of Love”

The poet Hafiz writes: “I know the way you can get when you have not had a drink of Love.” In the month of “blessing,” let's discover all the sources of love we can find. SUUpremos will Sing! Rev Julia speaks.

June 17, 9:30am — Sanctuary-on-the-Street! Pride Parade starts at 9:30am.

Come worship-with-your-feet as we march for radical inclusion and celebrating our LGBTQI members and friends. Meet at Cheesman Park between 9 and 9:30am. Carpools leaving Columbine parking lot at 8am. UU meeting spot is traditionally near Race and 11th Ave entrance by the Pavilion and Pools.

Accessibility: Historically, Columbine has provided a flatbed for those who cannot walk the parade. If you would like to provide this for the UU's in the parade this year, please contact revjuliamckay@gmail.com **Note: There will be no worship in the sanctuary at Columbine this Sunday, please come join us at Cheesman!**

June 24, 10am — “Universalism: Past, Present and Powerful”

Our Guest speaker, Rev. Kalen Fristad, will be speaking on the history and significance of the teachings of Universalism. Kalen has written a book on universalism, entitled; *DESTINED FOR SALVATION: God's Promise to Save Everyone*, and a Study Book with the same title. His books, CDs and DVDs will be available for purchase after the service.

Rev. Kalen Fristad has been a United Methodist minister for more than 40 years, and is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship. He traveled the country full time with his wife, Darlene, from 2003 to 2006 accepting invitations to speak at churches, countering the teaching that many people will suffer for eternity in hell and proclaiming instead the hopeful message of Universalism. Over the years he has spoken at more than 200 UU churches.

Worship for July/August

Monthly Theme: Six Sources of Unitarian Universalism

July 1, 10am “That Great Strong Land of Love”

Have these trying times left you feeling allergic to “patriotism?” If so, you are not alone! As we approach Independence Day, let us turn our hearts toward the work of redeeming America. Guest Speaker: Dr. Scott Mulder, Iliff Seminarian

July 8, 10am Source #1: “Direct Experience of Transcending Mystery and Wonder”

This affirmed in all cultures, moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life; Rev J speaks.

July 15, 10am Source #2: “Words and Deeds of Prophetic Men and Women”

...that challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love; Rev J speaks.

This Sunday we will experience some **“Whole Church Worship”** which means that we will worship as one community. There will be a regular sermon and children are invited to stay for the whole service to experience full UU worship with their family. There will be no faith development classes. Nursery will be provided.

July 22, 10am Source #3: “Wisdom from the World's Religions”

...which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life; Guest Speaker, Jen Ward

July 29, 10am Source #4: “Jewish and Christian Heritage”

Explore these teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves; Guest Speaker, Matt Frisk

August 5, 10am, Source #5: “Humanist Teachings”

...which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit; Guest speaker from the Secular Hub

August 12, 10am, Source #6 “Spiritual Teachings of Earth-centered Traditions”

...which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature; Guest Speakers: Tio Sanchez and Beth Leyba

August 19, 10am, “Religious Pluralism”

This summer we have explored moving to the rhythms of mystery and wonder; prophecy; wisdom; teachings from ancient and modern sources; and nature herself. What does it mean to have all these different facets that form our pluralistic faith? Rev J speaks. **Whole Church Worship.**

August 26, 10am, “The Living Tradition”

Why has Unitarian Universalism come to be known “The Living Tradition?” What new movement in our tradition is Today's speakers are Matt Frisk and Rev J

September 2, 10am, “Water Service: Whole Church Worship”

This annual ritual for all ages brings us back together after the summer pleasures! Please join in the FUN by bringing a sample of water from a place that holds a special memory from your summer to mingle together in the common bowl. The water can be from somewhere that you have traveled or simply your own back yard. There will be MANY of us to share, so we invite you to decide ahead of time on *the highlight from your summer and why it holds the most meaning for you.* Nursery Care will be available.



Treasurer's Note

Pauline Hopkins

This is the last letter I will write to you as Treasurer; it has been quite a learning experience for

me! I have enjoyed every minute, some days of course were better than others, but what a great experience and working with wonderful people on the Board couldn't have been better.

There are two things I would like to talk about in this last letter:

First, I would like to encourage you to think about becoming Treasurer, as you know, no one has stepped up to be Treasurer for our new church year starting July 1st. There is so much to learn about the church and the processes, and procedures. I found being on the Board and involved in decisions to be extremely interesting!

Second, I'd like to remind you of "AmazonSmile" for your shopping where a percentage of your purchase will be donated to our church and goes to the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Amazon pays us quarterly and looking at my contributions, I have contributed \$108.20 since February 2018.

"AmazonSmile" is a simple and automatic way for you to support our church every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast se-

lection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization!

Tens of millions of products on "AmazonSmile" are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. **Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals** are not currently eligible.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. Please let me know if you have any questions about this great opportunity.

It has been both a tight budget year and a good year for us with many challenges and positive experiences. I'm looking forward to our new year, with **YOU** in it!

See you in church!

Pauline



GARDEN NOTES

Kat Dunbar, Erin Howell, and Brian Pendleton were our Wednesday workers this month, with the resulting beauty in our garden that we've come to expect. New plants adorn this small plot. The columbines are in memory of Rev. Julia's mother, Kat Dunbar's mother, and for those who lost their lives in the Columbine shooting on April 20, 1999. Our garden is called the Memorial Garden for just such a purpose and if you are one who has someone special you want to remember, talk with Kat (or to Erin) about what plant (or money for one) would make a perfect donation. Lisa Dudek will be the "Sargent at Arms" for the watering detail, so if you have the time, and the soil in the garden appears dry, ask Lisa for details.



—Sylvia Burnside

A Bit of History

From the July, 1993 Newsletter (Joel Miller, pastor):

"...we human beings are reasoning animals as well as spiritual beings. Our religion, deeply desiring to be a force for good in our living, celebrates who we are, and demands that both reason and spirit be used with respect for what is humanly possible."

JustACT News



Family Volunteer Opportunity

June 2

Jeffco Action Center Warehouse

We need a fantastic team of 8 to 15 adults and kids over 10, to help out from 9 am to noon.

When: Saturday, June 2nd

Where: 8035 W. Colfax Ave., Lakewood, 80214

Sign up on Sign Up Genius Action Center Signup, or at the ledge in the Columbine Sanctuary. (Please include the name and age of children participating. All volunteers are required to wear closed toe shoes.) For more information contact David Banning at: 720-530-9124 or killipania@gmail.com



Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence (CFCU)

Paige Curry, a student at the Santa Fe, Texas school, said the tragedy was unsurprising. "I was thinking it was going to happen eventually, it's been happening everywhere" - Columbine, Virginia Tech, Aurora, Sandy Hook, Charleston, San Bernardino, Orlando, Las Vegas, Sutherland Springs, Parkland, Santa Fe, Texas. **Who's Next?**

It is up to everybody who cares about gun violence to stay engaged, and to heed the words of a sixteen-year-old Parkland survivor, "We have to use our rights as voters to make things change." A vast majority of Colorado residents want common-sense gun-safety measures like those provided for in the recently defeated red-flag bill. They want universal background checks and an end to bump stocks and military weapons in the hands of civilians. What do you want to tell your representatives? Call them today. (See the list of representatives on the ledge in the sanctuary.) Contact Tanya Coulter for information on CFCU at john-cpilter@comcast.net.



If you can believe it, **Ready, Set, School! 2018** is right around the corner. While most of us are preparing for the end of the school year, Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) is getting ready for the new school year.

We will sponsor 15 children again this year and should have our information by June 29. Just Act is looking forward to working with everyone again this year to help these children have a great beginning to their school year!

JustACT News

Share The Plate: Rainbow Alley

June 24

**Our Share the Plate collection will be on the fourth Sunday in June because of PrideFest.*

Rainbow Alley is a safe and brave space supporting an especially vulnerable population, LGBTQ youth and their allies ages 11 to 21. They provide a drop-in space, youth-led events and activities, counseling and support groups, health services and life skills—all in a warm, welcoming, and supportive environment. They exemplify our first UU principle that affirms the worth and dignity of every person. Rainbow Alley is a program of The Center (a sponsor of this year's PrideFest.) Two drop-in centers include a medical clinic, counseling and referral services as well as social activities. These programs continue to grow with its more recent establishment of Stepping Out, a program connecting youth and professionals in a variety work settings through quarterly mixers and an intensive summer academy.



Please give generously to this month's Share the Plate. If you are unable to attend the service and would like to contribute, please make your check to Columbine UU then mail or deliver your check or cash to the church with the notation, "STP" in the memo line." Pledge payments will not be shared.

Four Women

Have claimed sanctuary in Colorado churches.
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