

UU LARAMIE NEWS

July 2014

Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Laramie

UUFL meets Sundays at 10:00 am at 1402 E. Gibbon. Any changes will be noted in the description below. On most Sundays, except for the summer months, there are Religious Education classes for children 3-14 and care for younger children.



July 6: There will be an informal morning which we call "**Coffee and Conversation**". We meet in the coffee room for casual conversation with discussion evolving from what those attending find important. It maybe political, maybe religious, maybe local, maybe national, but it is guaranteed to be interesting and stimulating. Facilitated by the Program Committee.

Also! The Membership Committee is sponsoring this year's Family Summer Picnic on Sunday, July 6, at 2pm at Ken and Robin Chestek's home. The address is 4317 Cliff Street in Laramie, and the best way to get there is to take Grand going east, past the Walmart, and turn right at the light (Vista Drive), then turn right onto Bobolink, then an immediate left onto Forest, down two streets to Cliff Street, turn right and we're the second house on the right. Can't miss the teardrop trailer in the driveway.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and veggie burgers and soft drinks will be provided by the Membership Committee. Please bring a dish to share and feel free to BYOB. Please RSVP to 460-9139. Kids welcome!



July 13: "Book Swap" Reading is traditionally a summer pleasure. What's on your shelf for this summer? Have you read something lately that you would like to pass along to someone else? On Sunday, July 13, bring a book or two (or more) to swap with other members of the Fellowship. Or just bring a recommendation or two to share. Facilitated by UUFL member and former bookseller Barbara Bogart

July 20: Turtle Rock Hike and Picnic The trail around Turtle Rock at Vedauwoo is approximately 3 miles and easy enough for families. We'll meet at the Fellowship at **9:30AM** and carpool up to the parking lot at the foot of Box Canyon. A moose was seen browsing near the beaver ponds in the area earlier this year. For those who wish to drive their own vehicles, there is a \$5 charge for parking if you do not have an annual US Forest Service permit. After our hike, we'll arrive back at our starting point by noon, just in time for sharing a potluck picnic lunch at one of the many picnic sites in the area. David Perry will be leading this hike. He can be reached at 721-9881 if you have any questions. Bring sunscreen and bug repellent and note the early starting time.

July 27.10 a.m. former member of UUFL, Andi Noakes, will be back in Laramie this weekend and will share some of her insights into a recent **research trip** she took to **Kenya**. With this country in the news lately, this will be a wonderful opportunity to hear what she learned about the wildlife, the people and the politics of this African country. We will have a potluck after the service, for those wishing to visit more with Andi or just to share a meal with other Fellowship members. Please bring a generous brunch/lunch dish to share and your own tableware. *(This morning will also include an opportunity to say goodbye to our wonderful friend and hard working board member Nancy Fox, who is leaving Laramie.)*

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Thanks

Many Thank Yous



Thanks to Robin Chestek, Barbara Bogart and Marian Erdelyi who cleaned the building and got the office organized. Let's all work hard to keep it neat and tidy!

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Thanks to all the UUFLers who came out to the house to paint and stain for Nancy Fox. Thanks to Leann Naughton, Kian and Evan Naughton, Linda Goldman, Richard Barrans, Claire Fairley Maloney, Claudia Thompoon, and Nancy Lockwood. Thanks Kathy Mead for the real estate selling tips. We worked hard and took time for some meaningful conversations and food. Thankx to Sue Wedel for the beer donation for the BBQ. A big thanks to this wonderful congregation for your support.



We appreciate our June presenters— Wes Hog, the Program Committee, Catie Ballard, and Nancy Lockwood.

Kudos to David Perry for administrating our web site.

Thanks Andi (in advance) for sharing your trip to Kenya with your fellow UUs.



A BIG thank you to two young men who took on mowing the Fellowship lawn in June... Ansel and Ezra Visser, sons of Nick and Michelle, worked hard on longer than usual grass . Thanks boys! Thanks also to Rich Barrans, and Bob Kelly who mowed, and to Michelle Visser & David Perry who helped with watering. *We could use a few more souls to help out with our summer landscaping needs....Please contact Rich (R_barrans@uwyo.edu)*

We have a new butterfly garden! Thank you Laura Miller for the vision to replant the garden begun last summer so that butterflies have a special place. She even let Clarine Dunder help.

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Hugs to those who have joined the 2014-15 Board, Membership Committee, Endowment Trust Board, Program Committee, Social Action Committee, Caring Committee, and Committee on Ministry. There are a few vacancies needed to be filled on committees. Please contact Linda Goldman at: lindgold@Hotmail.com

Welcome to our new visitors: Celia Castro, Kelsey Kazmar, along with Scott and Sharon Staudt and their children.

UUFL Community

Committees

During the summer most of the committees take a break. Program committee, meditation groups and our Board continue to meet.

Board Meeting 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6 p.m.

Membership Committee third Thurs 6 p.m.

Yoga Classes every Sunday 4-4:50

Meditation every Sunday at 5 pm

Program Committee second Tuesday at 5 pm

Contemplative Yarns every Tuesday 6:30-8 pm

Social Action Committee As needed

Change for Change resumes in the Fall.

Caring Committee please notify Ralph Garrett, Sue Wedel, Mary Beth Baptiste, David Perry or Claudia Edwards. If any one in our congregation is in need or needs celebration these can be attended to also.

Committee on Ministry as needed

Care of Building

Lights Out Please double check doors are locked, lights are out and coffee is unplugged when you are the last the last to leave the fellowship building.

Building Use send committee meeting dates and other building times to UU Laramie News@hotmail.com so that we can include them in the newsletter calendar.

"The Ants Come Marching In"....

This is what happens when dirty dishes and crumbs are left in the all purpose room. We don't want that. So please clean up after your group, or even if you are a single person getting food. The ants have invaded before. We don't want them in our food area again. They are too difficult to get rid of.

Save the Date: Saturday August 16 11:30-2:30/3 (times still a bit fluid)

Do you want to help coordinate this event? If you are interested in helping make this event happen, please let me know when you e-mail me to RSVP. uufminister@gmail.com

This has been planned by part of the task force asked to follow up on our Leadership Retreat in March, including: Bren Lieske, Michelle Visser, Catie Ballard and Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan. celebrating Our CommUnity Garden: Harvest Picnic

Hello friends...we are planning a time to re-group for the next year, and want to invite you to a special event at UUFL:

11:30 Opening Celebration/Worship

12:00 picnic (potluck) and conversation (guided by questions/topics offered related to Fellowship activities and practices for the upcoming year); we will collect ideas and feedback to some key questions as we go.

1:00- 3:00 Member With Hats: Planning for the year

We will create time for committees to meet, people interested in a committee to "check it out," and large group sharing and discussion. The set up will allow people wearing multiple hats to move from one area to another to brainstorm and plan in a fluid way, as well as for others to offer input into areas/activities outside the hats they normally wear. We will each take a "balcony view" of the Fellowship and think about how each of our committees/ministries/activities contribute to the growth of our community. New ideas, calendar planning and more!



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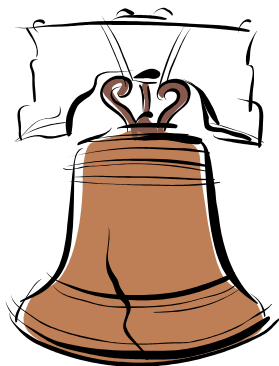
Did you know?

In Portugal Hans Detusch, an Austrian artist met the Reverend Charles Joy, executive director of the newly developed Unitarian Service Committee (USC). The USC was founded in Boston to assist Eastern Europeans among them, Unitarians as well as Jews, who needed to escape Nazi persecution. From his Lisbon headquarters, Joy oversaw a secret network of couriers and agents. Deutsch had his own escape, having drawn cartoons critical of Adolf Hitler. In 1941, he made a pen and ink drawing combining the flame and chalice. This became the Unitarian Symbol and logo for papers, badges, and for the service workers. Deutsch was most impressed with the way the USC served, soon working for and with the workers. When this artist designed the flaming chalice, "he had never seen a Unitarian or Universalist church or heard a sermon. What he had seen was faith in action—people who were willing to risk all for others in a time of urgent need."

From UUA Pamphlet: *The Flaming Chalice* by Don Hotchkiss



Note: Our Minister will be back in Laramie mid July. At this moment, we are unsure of the dates.



"In this refulgent summer, it has been a luxury to draw the breath of life."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Invitation to our Youth and Families

We would like to invite anyone interested from your church youth group to attend this event with our youth group.

Thank you,
Jennifer Heater
UUCC Middle School Youth Adviser
307-421-8092

Saturday, Aug. 16 - Family Hike to Hidden Falls in Curt Gowdy State Park
All family members are welcome. Youth entering grades 6-12 can attend alone, but a permission slip must be filled out. We will meet at the church at 8:30 AM and be back by 2:00 PM. Please wear closed toed shoes, bring a sack lunch, water, swimming suit, snacks, and sunscreen.

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 9:30 am Booth at Wash- ington Park, Social Justice with the Sierra Club | 5 |
| 6 10:00 am Coffee and Conversa- tion 2:00 Picnic BYOB, plate to share for fami- lies 4-4:50 pm Yoga 5:00 pm Meditation | 7 | 8 5 pm Program Committee 6:30 pm Contemplative Yarns | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
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| | | <p>The fellowship will be celebrating Water Communion upon our return in the fall. Remember to save water from your summer journeys! Also save rocks throughout the year that speak to you for placing on the Cairn.</p> | | | | |



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