



Mount Helena

# The Free Spirit

News from the Big Sky Unitarian Universalist Fellowship – Helena, Montana

April 2010

## UU Happenings This Month...

### April 4<sup>th</sup> Service – Potluck Sunday & Easter-egg Hunt

Easter and the Sound of Music  
Led by Ginny Niccolucci with UU Choir

### April 11<sup>th</sup> Service – Sunday

"Building a Mental Health System in Helena"  
Led by Mignon Waterman  
Followed by a quick Membership Vote

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Knitting for Peace, 7-9pm,  
Contact Ruth Luke at 461-7435

### April 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday

"Earth Day; It's More Than Recycling"  
Led by Jan Ellen Siemers

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - bUUk cIUUb, 7-9pm,  
Poetry Month ~ & actual Earth Day  
Contact Ruth Piccone at 459-5740

### April 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday

"Wow! Oops! Thanks! Gimme!"  
Led by Carolyn Lackey

April 26<sup>th</sup> - Knitting for Peace, 7-9pm,  
Contact Ruth Luke at 461-7435



### May 2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Potluck Sunday & Maypole Dance

### May 15<sup>th</sup> - Second Annual UU Garage Sale

Dig out all that stuff in the basement, garage, and attic. The sale will take place out in the field north of the Plymouth Church.

## Hymn #196, "Singer of Life"

*Singer of Life, all flowers are songs, with petals do you write.  
Singer of Life, you color the earth, dazzling the eye with birds red and bright.*

*Joy is for us! The flowers are spread! Singing is our delight!*

Words: from Texcoco Nahuatl poem  
Music: Native American melody  
Lacquiparle



For many of us in the congregation, music is a ministry. We sing of and about life together, our multiple diverse voices melding into one. That union provides a spiritual, emotional and physical experience - a worship experience, without the barriers of creed or language. Singing is our delight!

It is my delight to be your Music Director and to be expanding the fellowship's music ministry. This year saw the creation of a Music Committee, whose purpose is to strengthen the role of music in our congregation. Members of that committee are Tempie Daigle, Barb Harris, Christine Bates, Dave Highness and myself, Ginny Niccolucci.

These trailblazers also are the founding members of the Big Sky Unitarian Universalist Choir, the first choir this fellowship has ever had. Not only does this choir provide another vehicle for music worship, but they look pretty dazzling, too. Our thanks go to Dave Bunes from the St. Paul's Methodist church for the donations of the choir robes and music binders. The beautiful stoles worn over the choir robes were made by fabric artist, Andrea Atwood, who also made our banner.

Continue to look forward, to seeing outside musicians provide special music during our services on a monthly basis. And from time to time, we'll have a guest speaker from the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network, as was Mimi Stephenson who spoke on our UU hymnal. We will also continue to expand our repertoire by learning new hymns, so we are familiar with songs sung in UU churches throughout the nation.

As our BSUUF history has already shown us, the music program will grow and change as the congregation grows and changes. For now, join us

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