



The Free Spirit

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

April 2008

UU Happenings This Month ...

Tuesday, April 1 – Grand Opening, Global Art Project for Peace, Staggering Ox, Lundy Center, 7-9 p.m. Contact Magalie Belanger, 202-0629

Wednesday, April 2 – Newcomers' Orientation, 6-8:30 p.m. 720 Hauser Blvd. RSVP to Joyce Kronholm, 457-8246, by April 1 if attending.

Thursday, April 3 - Knitting for Peace, 7 p.m., 301 S. Rodney. Contact Ruth Luke, 442-4045

Saturday-Sunday April 5-6 – Montana Area UU Association Spring Meeting, Boulder Hot Springs

Sunday, April 6 - NO SERVICE IN HELENA. Service at Boulder Hot Springs at 10 a.m., led by the Rev. Wanda Daniel of Missoula

Monday, April 7 – Board meeting, 6-8:30 p.m., CSC downstairs. Use north door. All are welcome.

Friday, April 11 – Men's Night Out, 6 p.m., 720 Hauser Blvd. Contact Bill Kronholm, 457-8246

Sunday, April 13 -- Planting the Garden. Led by Becky Warren

Thursday, April 17 -- Knitting for Peace, 7 p.m., 301 S. Rodney. Contact Ruth Luke, 442-4045

Sunday, April 20 – Flower communion service. Led by Cynthia Overturf

Thursday, April 24 - bUUk cIUUb, 7 p.m. Contact Donna Davis, 449-7766

Saturday, April 26 – Habitat for Humanity work day, 8 a.m. Corner of Billings Ave. and Oregon St. Contact Magalie Belanger, 202-0629

Sunday, April 27 – Atheism. Led by Carl Junkerman and Peg Hunter

Monday, April 28 – Cleanup with Prickly Pear Land Trust, 5:30 p.m. Meet at Grant and LeGrande Cannon. Contact Magalie Belanger, 202-0629.

No service in Helena April 6 Because of Boulder meeting

There will be no service in Helena on April 6, as members of the Big Sky UU fellowship join with other UU folks from around Montana for the spring meeting of the Montana Area UU Association.

The gathering, Saturday and Sunday April 5-6 at Boulder Hot Springs, is a chance to meet with UU folks from the other fellowships of Montana to share thoughts and insights about making your congregation the best it can be. There also will be free time for hiking, conversation, and enjoying the hot springs pools. Bring your swimsuit and towel. Check the website for detailed information: www.glacieruu.org/mauuu.

The Sunday 10 a.m. service will be led by the Rev. Wanda Daniel, UU minister in Missoula and Billings. To carpool to Wanda's service on Sunday, meet at 9 a.m. in the CSC parking lot.

BSUU's Global Art for Peace Opens April 1 at Staggering Ox, Lundy Center

Big Sky UU's contribution to the 8th Global Art Project for Peace debuts at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at the Staggering Ox in the Lundy Center. Social Justice Committee chair Magalie Belanger was putting on final touches over the weekend.

Please by come by for dessert and conversation while you view artwork depicting peace and promoting non-violence and tolerance.

Schools and organizations from around the world are participating, expressing their vision of global unity. Participants then exchange art projects, sent as a gift of global friendship and exhibited in the receiving community.

UU 101: Newcomer Orientation, April 2

This is for those who are new to Unitarian Universalism and/or are considering membership in our Fellowship. It is Wednesday evening at the home of Joyce Kronholm, 720 Hauser Blvd., and will begin with a simple meal at 6 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m.

It is led by Cynthia Overturf, former president of our Fellowship, and Joyce, who is currently serving as president. Call Joyce, 457-8246, or Cynthia, 431-8955, by April 1, if you will be attending. The next Newcomer Orientation will be in September.

Come Help Build a House for "Habitat"

Come one, come all, to help the Helena Area Habitat for Humanity as it continues work on Unit 2 of a four-unit townhouse project!

Wear work clothes and hard shoes and bring gloves. We'll meet
(continued on next page)

We unite in this fellowship to seek truth, deepen our awareness of religious values, strengthen one another in our free search, maintain the sanctity of the individual conscience bound by no dogmas or creed, and uphold freedom, community, and equal rights for all.

Board of Directors

Joyce Kronholm - President (457-8246)
Jeanne Powell – Treasurer
Carol Barnes – Secretary
Magalie Belanger
Jan Ellen Siemers

Committees

Membership
Cynthia Overturf
Religious Education
Becky Warren (449-6908)
Social Justice
Magalie Belanger (202-0629)
Welcoming
Rebecca Hargis (459-0380)
Worship
Pad McCracken (443-8208)

Mailing Address

Big Sky UU Fellowship
PO Box 816
Helena, MT 59624
Message Phone: (406) 449-3096

Services

Christian Science Church
1800 Highland
Helena, MT 59601
11:30 a.m. - Everyone Welcome!

Sign up to receive email updates and our newsletter. Write to w.kronholm@bresnan.net

Webmaster:
Blake Gardiner at:
blake@helena-mont.us

More information at
www.bigskyuu.org

Big Sky UU Fellowship founded 1983
Helena Unitarian Society founded 1891

Habitat ... continued

at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 26,
corner of Billings Ave. and Oregon
St. (This is the area behind Motel 6,
next to I-15)

This will probably be inside
work, given the current progress on
the townhome.

This is a Social Justice
Committee project. Contact
Magalie for questions, 202-0629.

Clean Up with Prickly Pear Land Trust

On Monday evening, April 28, we'll take part in a clean up project with the Prickly Pear Land Trust for a couple of hours beginning at 5:30 p. m.

Meet at the corner of Grant and LeGrande Cannon Blvd. This is also a Social Justice Committee Project.

Knitting for Peace --Come Knit with Us

Our Knitting for Peace has changed nights. We'll now be knitting on the first and third Thursday of each month at our usual 7 p.m. time. Normally we meet at the home of Ruth Luke, 301 S. Rodney.

We continue to knit rectangles for what will be our second and third afghans that we'll donate to a local charities. One will go to the Thomas Cruse House for Veterans. We welcome your suggestions for who should receive the third afghan.

We've also knitted baby caps for premature newborns at St. Peter's Hospital and shawls for nursing home residents.

Come as you can. No experience necessary. We'll teach you! Or bring your own handwork to work on.

UU bUUK cIUUb Open to All

We've scheduled books for the next five months. We welcome all to join us as you can. We meet the fourth Thursday evening of every month at 7 p.m. in the home of friends or members. The only requirement is that you've read the book prior to our book discussion.

April 24 – Reader's choice: Select and read a book of poetry by one author and bring two or three poems to share at our April meeting

May 22 - "The Mistress of the Art of Death" by Ariana Franklin

June 26 - "The Peabody Sisters" by Megan Marshall, first half

July 24 - "The Peabody Sisters" second half

Aug. 28 - "The Whistling Season" by Ivan Doig

You can buy either of the first two books at local book stores, Costco, or www.amazon.com or check them out from the Lewis and Clark Library. We will get the Ivan Doig book from the library through their "books in a bag" program. Contact Donna Davis, 449-7766, or Jan Ellen Siemers, 459-0102.

In the Library ...

Among the books in the fellowship library is a thin volume called "**100 Questions That Non-Members Ask About Unitarian Universalism.**" It is a compilation of 100 questions drawn from those asked of present and former church members and ministers, and their answers.

It covers UU beliefs, customs, history, statistics and more.

The library has recently moved downstairs to the area where we hold our potlucks and coffee. Take a look at the selection, and feel free to check something out!

There also are copies of our UU World magazine and Quest newsletter. No need to check them out; just take what you'd like to read and return when finished for others to enjoy.

With Gratitude ...

... to Dorothy Johnson, organist and president of the Christian Scientist Church, for gifting us with her music these Sunday mornings. She immediately stepped up and offered to stay after their service and play for us. Dorothy, you are indeed a blessing.

... to the members of the Social Justice Committee for the projects they have planned this year for our participation. You have reminded us of the joy there is in giving of our time and talents and the great needs there are in our community. May it always be that we give of ourselves. It's the UU way.