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Minister's Message

Mahatma Gandhi said that those who think religion has nothing to

Dear Member,

Don't forget to join us Saturday night, 5:00 p.m., at [Columbine UU Church](#) for the social event of the year - Prairie's annual auction!

Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends. Dinner included. Items in the auction are available at all price levels, but you don't need to buy or bid to enjoy the evening!

Sunday Services

All services are at 10:30 a.m.

**October's Theme is:
Renewal of the Spirit**

October 3

"Celebrating 50 Years and the Future of Our Faith"

Come help us celebrate the first 50 years of Unitarian Universalism. Fifty years ago, the Unitarians and the Universalists agreed they needed one another and that they should become a combined faith, which they did in 1961. This year Association Sunday, recognized in more than 500 of our congregations, is designed to prepare for the celebration and to continue programming to build our churches. The Rev. Jann Halloran will preach on the future of our faith. Our offertory this Sunday will go to the Unitarian Universalist Association.

October 10

"The Christ Myth"

Prairie member Dave Lavinder will speak on the developing theory of the origin of Christianity around a

do with politics understand neither religion nor politics. For that reason, and our longstanding Unitarian Universalist history of working for the common good and civil rights, I am actively involved in the upcoming election and want to share with you my stand on the state ballot amendments.

The easiest way to say it is, vote "No"- on 60, 61, 62, 63 and 101.

I encourage you to go to the Colorado Council of Churches website, www.COchurches.org, especially for information on 60, 61 and 101, the "Bad Three," and to the No on 62 campaign, [Protect Families Protect Choices](#), to learn more about the "personhood" amendment, which is the same concept that was soundly defeated by Colorado voters only two years ago.

Amendment 63 would put into our state constitution that Colorado would not be part of federal health care reform. All of these amendments would change our state constitution.

If the Bad Three pass, the state education budget would be cut in half and funding for higher education would be decimated. 73,000 public and private jobs would be lost. Amendment 60 cuts property taxes and mill levies in half, overturning voter decisions to fund schools. Amendment 61 would keep the state from seeking bonds or borrowing to finance projects for buildings or infrastructure and cut cities and school districts by 60 percent in what they could finance and require all financing to be paid off in 10 years. This would make new schools and public buildings almost impossible to build. Among other reductions, 101 would reduce vehicle registrations to

mythical Christ figure. This sermon is an introduction to the class, "The Christ Myth - The God Who Wasn't There," which will begin Sunday, October 17.

A Coffee Conversation on today's sermon with Dave will follow the service in the conference room.

October 17 "Renewal of the Spirit"

The Rev. Jann Halloran will speak on the spiritual disciplines and practices needed to renew our spirit, as individuals and as a community. The Prairie Band, led by Mollie Martin, will provide special music.

A Coffee Conversation on today's sermon with Jann will follow the service in the conference room.

October 24 "Peacemaking"

The Multigenerational Peacemaking class will lead a Full Community service on Peacemaking. Class participants built a "tool-box" of skills and capacities necessary for building peace in all of our relationships. The class practiced skills that can be used in our families, with work colleagues, in our church, and even in our most difficult relationships. This service will share some of these skills with you.

A Coffee Conversation on today's sermon with will follow the service in the conference room.

October 31 "The Wisdom of The Ancestors"

Come celebrate a special Halloween Service at Prairie led by The Rev. Jann Halloran and Spring Lea Henry.

As is our tradition, everyone (youth AND adults) is invited to come in costume. A Fall Festival will follow the service.

\$1 for used cars and \$2 for new cars, 1919 rates.

Some of this might sound good, but taxpayers would only save an average of \$1,800 in taxes and fees per family a year, which, as a colleague of mine says, would quickly evaporate with childcare expenses alone if schools were forced to a November to March schedule, perhaps with no busing, very real possibilities.

I deeply believe that the government's job is to provide for the common good through public education, higher education, transportation, mental health services and health and human services. I can't imagine a society without libraries, road maintenance and traffic lights which work. Yet, already, in Aurora and Colorado Springs, these basic services are being lost or no longer funded.

I also am on the steering committee to defeat Amendment 62 and hope that our state, the first state in the country to allow abortions, will not back down from its position of favoring individual choice and religious freedom.

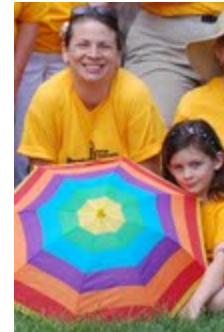
Amendment 62 would define a fertilized egg as a person (from the beginning of biological development, as the amendment says). The word "person" is used 20,000 times in the state constitution and laws, so the ramifications of this amendment would be legally staggering, which is why the Colorado State Bar, which rarely weighs in on political matters, has come out against it.

Amendment 62 would outlaw abortion in all instances, including rape, incest and when the mother's life and health is at risk. It also would jeopardize the use of many forms of birth

Full Community Education

THIS MONTH'S THEME IS: RENEWAL OF THE SPIRIT

This year we are using our Unitarian Universalist SOURCES as guiding themes for the year. Our six sources help us explore how we relate and learn from the wider world, including the world's religions and wisdom, and what they mean to us as Unitarian Universalists.



Jennifer Campbell

This year children, youth, and adults will learn about these themes in various ways: through our worship services, small groups, and classes. Children in 5th grade and younger will be building on the "passports" that they created last year-adding to the principles pages, new learnings about our sources. Our middle school and high school groups will continue journaling about these themes, and our adults will explore these themes in classes, small groups, and discussions.

September, October, November

Source: Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life

Children's version: The sense of wonder we all share

SAVE THESE DATES!

October 3

Youth Choir practice - 9:30 a.m.

Fire Drill for children and youth during the service

Coming of Age kickoff - 1:00-2:00 p.m.; Panera Bread

October 10

Religious Education Council meeting - 8:30 a.m.

control and emergency contraception, and make even treating life threatening ectopic pregnancies (those outside the uterus) problematic.

I have been a counselor for many years to women in crisis for many reasons with unexpected pregnancies. My religion teaches me compassion and my reason tells me that women can be trusted to make the best, most loving decisions for themselves and their families.

I deeply appreciate our church's support for "freedom of the pulpit" and our tradition's historical activism which allow me to share with you my beliefs on these important issues.

In Peace,
Jann

How to reach the minister:
303-840-5928
(church number)

Jann's day off is Monday, so please only contact her on this day if it is an emergency or critical. Her sermon writing and study day is Friday.

The Board's Message Board

It is with a full heart and a lot of pride that I reflect on the past weekend of social justice in this congregation! I am so proud to stand with all of you as a spiritual community. Special thanks to our Social Justice Committee and the Green Team for all of their work on the

October 17

Dave Lavinder starts new Adult/Teen Sunday School class - 9:15 a.m.

October 24

Peacemaking Full Community Service

October 31

Costume Parade and Fall Festival

MEET JENNIFER CAMPBELL

Member of the 1st-2nd grade teaching team

What are your Hobbies? What do you do when you aren't at church?

I love to spend time with my family and friends. I am blessed to have a lot of great people in my life who can make just about any activity fun. My favorite hobby is reading-all sorts of things from my geeky websites to fantasy fiction to scholarly articles for work. I love to hike and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us in Colorado, and I recently started jogging. I'm also a bit of a foodie; I enjoy cooking and trying new restaurants when we can.

Why did you decide to teach Religious Education?

One of the reasons I joined Prairie is because I want Cate to grow up in a supportive and open religious community. The values we teach young people are so important, and it's a big job that we can all help with. I spend most of my time teaching college students, so I thought it would be a fun challenge to work with younger kids.

What is your favorite Religious Education experience so far?

During Summer of ServUUs, I led a discussion, with props, about making smarter choices about how we eat to help the environment. I was quite impressed with how much the kids already know about these issues. The 1st and second graders also shared a lot of great ideas during our RE kick-off when we came up with our covenant. It's great to have a chance to work with such thoughtful young people.

What do you want parents and the congregation to

"Awakening the Dreamer" conference as well as the "Standing on the Side of Love" service at the Capitol.

When I first agreed to serve as President of the Board, I was worried that the time involved would be too much. Like most of us, I got flashes of my job stress, my obligations as a mother, and my other commitments all being juggled to the point of letting things drop. It was at this moment that I took a breath (after talking with Jann) and simply thought about what I hoped I could bring to the table.

I have had the pleasure of being able to serve as President of the Board of Trustees during a time where the leadership on our committees is tremendous! This Church is at such a point of growth and health. The synergy I have felt since beginning my term has eased my mind considerably that all I have to do is join in the well-choreographed dance already in progress. I am so proud to be able to be a part of this community!

Mollie Martin

know about RE?

I'd like for parents to ask their children about what we are doing in RE and look for ways to reinforce those lessons and concepts at home and in the community. Parents can learn from their kids, too!

FALL FESTIVAL

Don't forget! We encourage children AND adults to wear your costume to church on October 31st! We will hold our annual costume parade during the service. After church, join us for the Fall Festival-hosted by our High School Youth Group.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir will practice at 9:30 a.m. on October 3 and October 24. All are invited.

COMING OF AGE

Our 8th graders (and older youth who may have missed out on the COA program) are invited to join us at Panera Bread on Sunday, October 3rd to kick-off our Coming of Age program. The Coming of Age program is a guide for our youth to work on his or her own spiritual development. Throughout the year, our youth will explore what they believe, with the support of the entire Prairie Church. At the end of the year, youth will share these beliefs with our community without judgment.

Parents, please remember, if you come to church BEFORE 10:30, please bring your children to the cafeteria to our adult child care provider. After church, children are your responsibility. No children are allowed in the classrooms after RE programming is over.



Caring Circle

Congratulations to **Wilson Abney**, who has been selected to be a Senior Staff Member for the new financial committee being formed in Washington, D.C., and to **Susan Rogers**, for her new job on the Colorado Workforce Development Council.

Quick Links

[Our Website](#)

[Unitarian Universalist
Association](#)

[UUA Bookstore](#)

[Mountain Desert District](#)

Congratulations to **Amy Phillips**, who just finished her first year of a 3-year doctoral program.

Happy Birthday to **Christof Demont-Heinrich**, **Tristan Magers** (13), **Cate Campbell** (7), Kira (4)

Congratulations to **Cate Campbell**, who received a blue ribbon at the Kick, Punt and Pass event and is moving to the next level of competition.

Happy Anniversary to **Paul and Susan Ermisch** (15).

Board Members 2010-2011

Mollie Martin,
President
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Vice President
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Secretary
Molly Peterson,
Treasurer
Emi Duke
Kristen Gentala
Norm McQueen
Rick Reid
Jan Spooner
Trustees-at-Large

Our year runs from
July 1 - June 30.

Our thoughts are also with other Prairie members and friends who are dealing with the death or illness of family and friends.

In this space every month, we want to remember and think about Prairie members and their families who are going through some particular difficulty. Please contact Pam Olmsted, head of the Caring Circle, or Jann Halloran. Needs and concerns of the Prairie community are coordinated through Prairie's Caring Circle, chaired by Pam Olmsted. If you would like to write cards, visit people in the hospital, make telephone calls or bring dinner to families and persons as they go through life changes, please contact Pam to join the Circle. Also, if you know anyone with an illness, a death in the family or other loss, or if there is a significant anniversary or celebration, please contact Pam.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Prairie's Covenant

We covenant to be a welcoming and loving community,
Offering each other fellowship, sanctuary, and a joyful spirit.
We seek justice and peace in all our deeds and

All of Prairie's committees are open to members and friends and new members are always welcome!

Most of Prairie's committee meetings and classes will be canceled if there is inclement weather conditions. Please double check with the committee chair, the minister or your facilitator when in doubt. When possible, cancellations also will be noted on our church phone and by email.

relationships,
And we respect and honor
both the individual and
the collective search
For sacred meaning and
truth.
We revere and celebrate
the diversity of our Earth
And are guided by the
Spirit that connects all
life
As we reach out to offer
our best to ourselves,
Our community and our
world.
(adopted April 15, 2007)

Snack, Setup, Takedown Schedule

We ask all members to
help with setup and
takedown of the church,
and bring goodies on
Sundays.
Individuals/couples
/families are asked to
provide one Sunday of
service each month,
based on your last name.
Setup and takedown
leaders are available at
each service to let you
know how you can help,
and there are tasks for all
abilities. Please plan to
arrive by 9:45 a.m.
or stay till 12:30 p.m.
*Please try to avoid
bringing goodies with
peanuts, as we have
members and visitors who
are allergic.*
Our schedule is:

Adult Sunday School: Sundays through October 10, 9:15 a.m., Prairie Crossing conference room. *Articulating Your UU Faith* with Diane Long. Sundays, October 10-October 31, *The God Who Wasn't There*, led by Dave Lavinder.

Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m., [Pine Dr. Fire Station](#) (Third Tuesdays)

Book Group: Thursday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. (Second Thursdays). *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster Alice . Contact Chris Zanoni or Carole Furnish.

Circle of Trust: Saturday, October 16 , 8:30 a.m.-noon, Jann Halloran's home

Circle Suppers: Saturday, October 9. (Second Saturdays) Contact Diane McMahan.

Coffee Conversation: Sunday, October 17 after the service. Led by Jann Halloran.

Committee on Ministry: Tuesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m., home of Marilyn Scherer

Finance Council: No meeting in October. Wednesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m., [Jordan Rd. Fire Station](#)

Game Night: Saturday, September 18 at the home of Jenny Rodman (Third Saturdays)

Leadership Council: Sunday, November 7, 12:45 p.m., Panera Bread

Lunch Bunch: Sunday, October 3, 12:15 p.m. (First Sundays) Contact Lew Dunlap

Membership Team: Sunday, October 17, 9:30 a.m., Prairie Crossing

New Member Recognition Service: Sunday, October 3

Path to Membership Class: Saturday, October 2, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Scherer/Green home

A-D, 1st Sunday of the month

E-K, 2nd Sunday

L-R, 3rd Sunday

S-Z, 4th Sunday

Everyone on 5th Sundays

PR/Communications Team: Sunday, October 17, 12:45 p.m., [TeaLeaves](#)

Prairie Stitchers: Sunday, October 24 (Fourth Sundays)
Contact Emi Duke

Pumpkin Patch: Wednesday, October 20 and Tuesday, October 26

Youth Choir Practice: Sunday, October 3 and Sunday, October 24, 9:30 a.m.

Our Meeting Space and Mailing Address:

Sunday morning services are held at Prairie Crossing Elementary School, 11605 S. Bradbury Ranch Dr., Parker (west of Jordan Rd. and south of Mainstreet)

[Map](#)

Many of our meetings and classes are held at: Parker Fire Station #45, 11605 Northgate Dr., Parker (just west of Jordan Rd., north of Lincoln and south of E-470.)

[Map](#)

OR
Parker Fire Station #41, 10795 N. Pine Dr., Parker (On Pine Dr., a block north of Main Street)

[Map](#)

Please contact Diane Long to reserve rooms.

Our mailing address is: 17011 Lincoln Ave., #205, Parker, CO, 80134

Becoming a Member of Prairie

You can join our church at any time by signing our

Path to Membership Class

We will have a Path to Membership Class for new members and those considering joining Prairie this Saturday, October 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Marilynn Scherer and Judy Green will host this class at their home in Parker, which is very near Prairie Crossing.

This is a fun and conversational class designed to get to know one another and to answer any questions you have about Prairie or our Unitarian Universalist religion. A light lunch is served, so please RSVP to Jann or sign up during Fellowship Hour so we can plan.

A New Member Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, October 3. Please also contact Jann if you would like to join the church.

October is Habitat for Humanity Month

The PUU Social Justice Council has decided to make the four weeks starting October 10th a special Habitat for Humanity pledge event. Eric Jorgensen will be kicking it off that day with a short speech on Prairie's involvement in Habitat Interfaith Alliance. The remaining Sunday collections will be going to Habitat Interfaith Alliance, with a \$200 anonymous matching grant already given!



Membership Book. We are a non-creedal religion, so our membership does not hinge upon declaring a particular belief. Instead, signing our book means that you agree to walk in a covenanted relationship with the Prairie Church.

Participation in our community is the primary duty of membership, especially attending church on Sunday mornings. There are many social and volunteer opportunities, as well, which will allow you the opportunity to make friends and to find your place in our spiritual home.

We also ask for a financial pledge, and we have a service pledge option available for those who cannot make a financial commitment.

Next up is the dedication of the Kibar-Mohammed home at the Bails townhome project. If you have helped with the soup cookoff, the book drive, volunteered at the build, this is your chance for us to say "thank you." Otherwise, you can just come and see the end result of all the hard work we do, and see what a difference we make. It is Sunday, October 10th at 3:00 p.m. at 4350 E. Bails Pl, Denver, near I-25 and Colorado Blvd.

[Map to Bails project](#)

Finally, it is time again for the annual Pumpkin Patch fundraiser! It is being held from Saturday, October 16th through Sunday, October 31st at Central Christian Church. It's a great place to get your pumpkins and support Habitat. Prairie is also staffing the Patch on the 20th and the 26th. We already have several volunteers for those days - why don't you join them selling pumpkins, getting to know your fellow Prairie members, and helping with a worthy cause!

[Map to Pumpkin Patch at Central Christian](#)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Eric Jorgensen.

Awakening the Dreamer

Newsletter & Other Deadlines

Send info for announcements and newsletter to:
prairieuu@gmail.com

Weekly Update Deadline:
Wednesday nights
by 8:00 p.m.

Announcements for Sunday's Order of Service:
Wednesday nights



Jann at Awakening the Dreamer



Ann and Ellen

We did it! Awakening the Dreamer was a big success, and a great way to kick off our Green Sanctuary Team.

by 8:00 p.m.

Monthly Newsletter
Deadline:
Saturday,
October 30

The 30th of each month by 8:00
p.m.

47 people attended from Prairie, First Universalist, Jefferson UU, and local organizations. Our presenters said this was the biggest one yet that they had attended!

Thank you to Jann for having the vision to encourage us to do this, to Marlene Waite and Harriett and Dick Lubchenco for delivering a very green food service with so many tasty treats - even homemade muffins! Thanks to Christof Demont-Heinrich and Clark Huff for promoting the event inside and outside our church, and to Rick Reid and Diane Long for promoting this to the Denver-area media. Thanks also to Laura Hoepfner for serving as our liaison to First Universalist, making sure we had the support we needed there to put on an amazing event.

And thanks to each and every one of you, the people who came early to set up, who staffed the registration table, or contributed to our Sunday plate collections. Everyone contributed in some important way to make this possible.

Very soon we will schedule a meeting to begin talking about the steps to do our Green Sanctuary assessment of where we are as a congregation.

Pete Dignan and Kevin Singel, Co-Leaders

You can still learn more here:

<http://awakeningthedreamer.org>



Standing on the Side of Love

Members and friends of Prairie joined First Unitarian on Sunday, September 26 at their fifth annual "Standing on the Side of Love" public worship service, filling the steps on the west side of the Capitol. This service affirmed inclusive family values and celebrated Love and inclusive families - including Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, and Transgender families.

A repeal of Amendment 43, passed in 2006, is necessary. This amendment made it illegal for any elected official to introduce legislation that might create marriage equality. This amendment can ONLY be repealed through the action of citizens. This service was planned as a kick-off for organized UU and like-minded partner efforts to get Amendment 43 repealed.

This collaborative community witness service was a visible and powerful opportunity to [Stand on the Side of Love](#).

The Christ Myth -The God Who Wasn't There

This Adult Sunday School class will focus on the theory that Christianity began as a pagan salvation cult, with the figure of Jesus Christ starting out as a mythological divine being, who was later given "flesh and blood" by early Christian believers, becoming the Jesus of the Gospels.

We will watch the movie, "The God Who Wasn't There" in three segments and discuss the implications of the material presented. There will also be supplemental reading material to enhance class discussions.

The class will be led by Dave Lavinder and will be held on October 17, 24, and 31, from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. There is no cost.

Go Green With Vanco Electronic Giving

Please take this opportunity to consider the convenience of electronic giving - an easier, more secure way to make

your regular contributions to our church. By signing up for Vanco electronic giving, your pledge is automatically withdrawn from your bank account each month. No need to write or mail checks, contribution dates and amounts are automatically recorded on your bank statements, and it costs you nothing. Electronic giving is also the green choice - paperless, with no trips to the mailbox or the bank.

Currently 44% of Prairie's pledges are made through Vanco, and our goal is to increase that to at least 50% by the end of this year. We encourage you to consider electronic giving, and be assured that Prairie receives the benefits of your support - automatically.

Vanco forms are available at the announcements table at church on Sunday. Completed forms may be returned to Molly Peterson (Treasurer) or to any Finance Council member.

Unitarian Universalism as a Spiritual Path

Join The Rev Jann Halloran for adult religious education classes on Sundays at 9:15 a.m., starting November 7. Young learners also are welcome!

Over the next several months, Jann will explore religious practices and spiritual and faith questions. Jann will examine prayer, meditation, sacred reading, altars and other forms of practices with the class and cover spiritual issues such as meaning, renewal, transformation, compassion and forgiveness.

New members will be welcome to join at any time.

Focus on Learning: Stages of Faith

The Rev. Jann Halloran and Kristin Famula will offer three in-depth learning opportunities especially for teachers in our adult and youth programming, and also for parents.

The first class will be Sunday, November 14, at 12:45

p.m. at the [Pine Drive Fire Station](#) meeting room.

The class will explore faith development from infancy through later adulthood based upon the book *Stages of Faith* by James W. Fowler. Based upon a psychological development model, Fowler talks about faith development as a process that changes through life experiences.

Public Radio Project Into Its Second Year

If you like hearing those UU messages on public radio stations, and you were one of the people who helped make it happen by donating to the Public Radio (PR) Project last fall, now would be a great time to "re-up" your support. That way we can keep those great underwriting messages going through the holiday season. We've had thousands of hits on the Project web site, which shows that people are hearing about us on the air.

If you didn't know about the PR Project last year, and your membership in a public radio station will be up for renewal this fall, consider donating through the Mountain Desert District's PR Project so your charity dollars can do double duty - supporting public radio and helping to get better name recognition for Unitarian Universalism. You can do that instead of, or in addition to, your personal membership. If you don't generally listen or donate to public radio, you can still help get the UU word out.

Thank you to all the UUs who have donated to the PR Project this last year, raising over \$18,000 from the seven Boulder Denver congregations. Members of the Ft. Collins, Grand Junction, and Loveland congregations will be joining us this year. With persistence and sustained effort, we can, once again, be acknowledged as a voice that counts in the public discussion of religious and social values. Think of all the people who have come to us saying "Wow, I wish I'd known about UUism twenty years ago." We owe it to them, and the many others like them who still don't know about us, to let our light shine in a public forum.

To donate, simply write a check to PUUC with "public radio" in the memo line and drop it in the collection plate

during Sunday services. For more information, contact Rick Reid.

Coffee Drinkers

Coffee drinkers, please note that cash donations are needed to maintain a consistent supply of coffee for Fellowship Hour each Sunday.



Currently, hospitality also needs donations of paper napkins, creamer, and small, light weight, dishwasher safe plastic or Corell snack plates.

Questions? Call or email Marge Thury.

Joke of the Month

On her way to church one Sunday morning, the UU minister noticed a young child in the parking lot of the nearby Catholic church, with a box and a sign: "Free kittens, from a good Catholic family!" She smiled to herself, mentally wished the child good luck, and went on her way.

About the middle of the week, she saw the same child, with the same box, outside the Methodist church, this time with a sign that said, "Good Methodist kittens! Absolutely free!" Impressed with the child's tenacity, she went on into her board meeting.

Finally, the next Sunday, the child was in her church's parking lot, with a new sign reading: "Unitarian Universalist kittens! Free to a good home!" This time she stopped to chat.

"Weren't you outside the Catholic church last Sunday?"

"Yes."

"And on Wednesday, weren't these Methodist kittens?"

"They sure were."

"Well, how come they're Unitarian Universalist kittens now?"

"Cause today their eyes are open!"

Parker Chorale

Hello everyone!

I want to invite you to Parker Chorale's inaugural concert series on October 8 & 9, 7:00 p.m. at Parker's Mainstreet Center. Several Prairie members are part of this Chorale.

Tickets are only \$7.00 and I promise you will enjoy the lineup of our songs.

The group started rehearsals in April of this year and I joined them for that very first rehearsal. I love this group!

In addition, this first concert will feature the Legend High School Cantores on Friday night only, October 8.

Here is information about Parker Chorale and the link to purchase tickets. [Parker Chorale Website](#)

PARKER CHORALE

Parker, Colorado's new adult choral group!

"Sharing the Gift of Song" through music performance.
We are a community group dedicated to fostering the arts and supporting music education in the Town of Parker and Douglas County.

We are proud to present our debut concert performance:

"Choral Americana!"
A Celebration of American Composers
Featuring the Legend High School Cantores

Friday, October 8 & Saturday, October 9
7:00 p.m.

Mainstreet Center, Parker

For more information or to purchase tickets online:
[go here.](#)

Presented by The Parker Cultural and Scientific
Commission

If anyone is interested in joining me in singing in the Parker Chorale, just let me know! The first rehearsal after the concert will be October 19 at 7:00 p.m. We practice Tuesday nights at Parker United Methodist Church and will start rehearsals for our Holiday performance, slated for Friday, December 10.

Hope to see you all there! Hurry - seats are limited!

Margaux Jones

Mental Health and People of Faith

Friday October 29, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Church Staff/Seminarians

Saturday October 30, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Congregational Teams

Hosted by Jefferson Unitarian Church

People with mental disorders and their loved ones fill our pews, our streets and our jails. To help address this reality, Mountain Desert District Justice Ministries is offering a fall program that helps congregations in supporting those with mental disorders and their families. Increasingly, mental health practitioners are coming to recognize the value and importance of religious community in coping with the real anxieties that come from living in a chaotic and sometimes de-humanizing world.

Mental Health and People of Faith is an opportunity to not only become educated but also a time to *engage with other lay and professional religious leaders on an important topic that too often remains closeted in our*

congregations. For example, 10-25% of women and 5-12% of men develop depression sometime in their life. It takes a toll on the person, family members, the workplace and all of the person's associations, including the church. It keeps one from becoming what one wants to be, and doing what one wants to do with one's life. In suicide, depression is often an underlying condition.

Informed and equipped congregations can literally help save lives.

Topics to be covered in this workshop include mental disorders and myths, understanding and care of mental disorders including depression, anxiety, mood, and personality disorders along with the opportunity to share congregational stories. All congregational care-givers and particularly those of you involved in Religious Education programming will want to learn about children's mental health and the healing process.

Unlike in the past, today there is increased awareness of the beneficial relationship between spirituality, organized religion, and mental health.

Congregations offer a structure for reducing existential anxiety in a chaotic world offering a sense of hope, meaning, and purpose and thus emotional well-being. This compelling, interactive, and affordable program offers church staff, seminarians, and leadership teams a day filled with inspirational expertise and practical training.

For more information or to register, [go here](#).

Registration Deadline: October 15

Abundance - Young Adult Worship

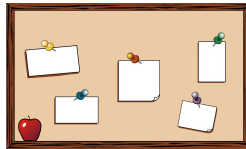
October 15
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
First Universalist Church

This is the second of our monthly YA focused worship services for the Boulder-Denver area. Get ready for some amazing music from talented Young Adults, relevant, brief spoken words, and some experiential moments to build community during the service. Think high-energy with plenty of opportunities to connect with other YAs.

Beverages and snacks will be provided. YAs, their spouses/partners/good friends, those who are young at heart, and their children are welcome. Childcare will be provided! Come with an open heart, open mind, and ready to participate.

Important Note: All are invited to attend Stone Soup Potluck and collaborative art project at First Universalist starting at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Abundance! worship. Come at 5:30 for a potluck dinner and collaborative project. Stay for Abundance! worship that will begin at 7:30!

For more information, contact Jeannie Hufstedler, MDD Boulder-Denver Young Adult Ministries Coordinator:
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Multi-talented Prairie UU member Rick Reid has recently released an experimental electronic music album called "Boulder Suite - Improvisations for Theremin, Drums & Devices." You can hear sound samples and purchase MP3 downloads at:
<http://www.rickreidtheremin.com/>

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