

HPCUU WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 22, 2012

“Confucianism and the Unitarian Way” – Larry Sargent

Faith Formation is for everyone. This is a lifespan program, so there are opportunities for all ages.

Here's what's happening for Children and Youth in Faith Formation Sunday January 22:

Playschool (Nursery & Preschool): Beginning at 9:45 in the Beatrix Potter room. Your children are welcome in the sanctuary for all or part of the service. Caregivers – Anna & Sue Nemanich

K-2 grade: Free-Play Game Day -- Volunteer Supervisors needed.

3rd - 5th grades: In celebrating our Origins in the Universe, the class will discuss gravity. What happens when something goes up? What holds us all together? Class leads needed.

6th - 8th grades: The class will discuss the Confucius. What makes a "good person"? What are negative qualities? Laura Worley will lead the class.

High School (9th-12th grade): Heather Gannaway will lead a discussion on the Analects of Confucius. The class will create a chart describing what are examples of human "exemplary" qualities and what are human negative qualities.

Sunday Supervisors: Laura Worley, DFF

UPCOMING:

Jan 29: FAITH FORMATION FUN NEW YEAR'S OPEN HOUSE: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
NEW LOCATION:

High Forest Ranch Lodge: 4543 High Forest Rd, Black Forest (just east of Hwy 83, just south of Hodgen Road)

Please RSVP to Laura Worley if you plan to attend (and how many in your party) INVITE FRIENDS! Invite folks you haven't seen in a while! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. A casual fun day to get to know more about FF and What's In Store... Ask questions, eat, play... FOR ALL AGES.

Some items which will occur at the open house: *age-related discussions of Faith Formation: What is different about it? *Creating a mural of hopes and dreams: What are important qualities is one is to live and act out our liberal faith? * movie opportunity: find our UU values or principles in film *craft opportunities: create chalices *coffee, tea, getting to know

you and me: what creative ideas and opportunities for "third-place" settings are available with others in your generation? *Children's Worship planning: are you a singer? crafty person? great storyteller? Find your niche offering a different way to worship for our young folks *Multi-Gen planning: 2012 suggestions and brainstorming *book discussion sign-ups: two books will be offered for reading and discussion *create a Faith Formation Logo for HPCUU *outdoor activities: sherpa walk; finding a spirit place

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

January: 1st and 3rd Thursdays 6-8p, 2nd and 4th Sundays 11:30-1:30 --Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) -- Youth group for all High Schoolers. Held in the High School Classroom. Bring \$5 for lunch/dinner. Contact Laura Worley for more info: dff@hpcuu.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMMING:

Adults: HPCUU Issues of Aging Group, January 21 10:30-12n. Topic: Fear of Dying. PLEASE RSVP so we know how many to provide food for! dff@hpcuu.org

DISTRICT YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

Middle School Conference, Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden REGISTER NOW! Jan 27 & 28. Registration was sent as an attachment with the January HPCUU Newsletter. Talk to Laura Worley to get your registration. dff@hpcuu.org

High School conference, First Unitarian of Albuquerque: Feb 3-5; deadline to sign up: Jan 23. See mdduua.org to register. Laura Worley will be attending as the High Plains Adult.

BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY EVENT

The Mountain Desert District is sponsoring this year's Building Beloved Community Event titled, "The Resilient Power of Stories". It will be held **January 20th – 22nd**, in Denver, Colorado. For more information and registration info, go to <http://mdduua.org/programs/justice-ministries/199-announcing-the-2012-building-beloved-community-event.html>.

HPCUU ISSUES OF AGING GROUP

The meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 21st** (NOT January 15th as stated in the Newsletter) at 10:30am to 12:00pm at the church. The theme of our meeting is "Fear of Dying". If you have personal stories to share, there will be time for that, as well as a spiritual and intellectual discussion and approach to the issue. The Group is for ANY PERSON who is interested in these issues. No age limit or restriction applies! We meet every third Saturday, at HPCUU, in the H.S. room. 10:30-12n. Beverages and breakfast is offered by group members on a rotational basis. Please RSVP to Laura Worley at dff@hpcuu.org or you can call Nicole at the church at (719) 260-1080.

BOOK/MEDIA SALE FUNDRAISER AT HPCUU

Sue Neufeld and some book-lover friends will hold a used book/media sale at HPCUU on **January 22nd and 29th**. All proceeds will be given to the church. Please go through your adult and children's books, CDs, and DVDs and consider donating them to the church for the sale. You may *deliver* them to the church between **January 15th and 21st**, in bags or boxes. We will sort them and have them out for sale on tables before and after the Sunday service on 22 and 29 January. Please don't bring textbooks and older media (audio- and videotapes), as they don't sell well. This will be a great chance for you to purge your bookshelves before you reload them with these great bargains. You may call Sue Neufeld if you have questions (260-9625).

IMBLOC / OIMELC RITUAL

All are welcome to join in the Pagan Rite of Imbloc / Oimelc on **Wednesday, February 1st** at 6pm in the HS room at the High Plains Church. We will have a short ritual and some refreshments after. Please contact Kelly Miller at zanjann@gmail.com or 719-684-3068 for more information.

CAN OF THE WEEK CLUB

Suggested donations to American Charities for January: **January 15th** - pasta and canned sauce (there is always a need for this item), **January 22nd** - jello and pudding mixes, **January 29th** - macaroni and cheese mixes. Please feel free to bring any extra food as any donation is appreciated. Please bring one non-perishable food item to church each week and put these gifts in the gray tub next to the welcome table.

At this time American Charities continues to have a great need for any gently used hat or gloves, they report having families coming in with no hats or gloves. Used coats would also be appreciated and are much needed. Please put them in the grey tub and I will bring them in. Thank you for caring for our less fortunate neighbors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12th: Kathy Kelly, Peace Activist & Nobel Peace Prize Nominee – will be joining the worship service

April 1st: Stewardship Kick-Off, held after service

April 9th: Father John Dear, Peace Activist & Nominated by Archbishop Desmond Tutu for the Nobel Peace Prize – will be at High Plains Church in the evening

Your submissions for our Sunday print announcements are due by noon on Thursdays. Please email to office@hpcuu.org.

~Thank You~