

BVUUF CONNECTIONS UPDATE

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JANUARY THEME: BROKENNESS

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NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 20TH: SERVICES AT 9:00AM AND 11:00AM

“Breaking Open”

Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan, Ministerial Intern & Beth Chronister, Worship Leaders; Ilyia Kowalchuk, Worship Associate

Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan is joined by fellow Iliff MDIV students Beth Chronister and singer/songwriter Jennifer Friedman to explore the brokenness of our immigration policies and practices in the U.S. and how restorative justice and spiritual practices can bring communities together, allowing us to walk with struggling families and stand in solidarity on the side of love. A great lead-in to the Building Beloved Community conference! *Jennifer Friedman on piano.*

EVENTS

IMMIGRATION UPDATE & SHORT FILMS, TODAY, 12:30-2:30PM (SANCTUARY)

Please join us to support and welcome a panel of four speakers; Ernesto Pinto-Andrews, local pre-school teacher and activist who is on the path to citizenship; Victor Galvin, a student who is working through Obama's new Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); a representative from Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition who will give a legislative update; and a mother whose oldest child was born in Mexico. As we gather we'll see pictures and short films and the panel will begin around 1:00pm. Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided.

DEEPENING THE CONVERSATION THROUGH POETRY, JAN 16TH 7:00PM

Join our ministerial intern Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan Wednesday, Jan 16th, 7:00-9:00pm at BVUUF (Alcott) to explore this month's theme, "brokenness". We'll take a poem related to the theme and listen for how it informs our lives. This is a drop-in class that meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and registration is not required. We ask that participants contribute to a donation basket at each session. All are welcome!

2013 INTERFAITH CELEBRATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, MON JAN 21ST

This interfaith gathering will be an opportunity for representatives of different congregations to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King together. People of diverse faiths will gather in one large congregation in appreciation of each other. The celebration will be **MON, JAN 21ST, 7:00-9:00PM AT THE NEW CHURCH OF BOULDER VALLEY**. The New Church is just east of 95th and Arapahoe, at 1370 Forest Park Circle. We will be serving light refreshments after the program to promote cross-congregation conversation and fellowship.

BVUUF BOOK CLUB MEETING, THURSDAY, JAN 24TH AT 7:00PM

The room is to be announced. We are reading Christopher Hitchens's "God is not Great" (nonfiction, 2007). Contact Niels Schonbeck (taking over for Bev Seeds) for more information.

3RD ANNUAL "MEETING OF THE MINDS AND MERRIMENT", FEB 2ND

Save the date for the Fellowship's annual potluck and congregational meeting! This is the important time of year when we gather for a shared meal and lively conversation about what is important to us as a community. Come and bring your family (child care provided), a covered dish and tableware. Let your voice be heard as we begin a new year together. Sign up soon! In person or on-line opportunities are on the way.

NEXT PATH TO MEMBERSHIP: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9TH, 8:30AM-12:00PM

The purpose of the session is to provide information on the Fellowship - how we govern ourselves, ways to get involved in the Fellowship & opportunities to meet people and connect. It is also the suggested step to membership. It is designed to be user-friendly and educational. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Sheri Price.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TECH TRAINING SESSIONS: SIGN UP BY MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST

The Communications Committee is offering four tech training sessions for committee chairs and interested others:

1. "Using Google Drive" (using and making Google docs, etc.);
2. "Getting the Most out of the BVUUF Website";
3. "Facebook and Twitter Basics";
4. "Using Yahoo groups and Google groups."

Sign up to be a tech trainer and/or a tech trainee. Contact Marky Lloyd.

THE BVUUF OFFICE IS CLOSED:

Monday, January 21st in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: SET UP/TAKE DOWN TEAM

This group works every Sunday morning to prepare the Fellowship for Sunday services--turning up the lights and heat, starting the coffee and providing the speakers with water or a cup of tea. At the end of the morning, members of the group close up

the Fellowship. This is an important group for the smooth running of services, and it could always use more volunteers. Please contact Millie Montgomery if you can help.

FIRST NOTICE: BVUUF ENTRY DOOR CODES ARE CHANGING!

BVUUF, it is the time of year when the entry door code will be changed to promote ongoing safety. For effective and discreet communication of the entry code, the new code will be chosen and communicated to all staff, ministers, board members and committee chairs the week of January 28. The code will be made available to others upon request to the office. Both the Caria St. and Ceres Drive double door entries will be updated with the new, same door code (though there will be one for renters and one for the rest of us). Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

SUNDAY SERVICES CHANGE

Our New Full Community In-Gathering starts the worship hour with children, youth and adults together. During the 11:00am service, we may experience some crowding. Thank you for helping by encouraging small children to share a seat, by moving forward and together so latecomers may be seated near the aisles, and by indicating, when asked, if there is an extra seat near you.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a helper to assist with packing up household belongings (which are going to a charity). Help is in exchange for wages, groceries and /or grocery cards useful for fuel or groceries). Contact Claudia in Niwot at 720-288-9444 to discuss. Hours very flexible, as you are available. Your help is very much appreciated!

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

9:00 AM - 44 in the Sanctuary, 15 children in RE
11:00 AM - 121 In the Sanctuary, 23 children in RE
2 service participants, 6 adults in children's RE

HALF PLATE recipient, **MEDICINE HORSE PROGRAM**, will receive the **\$421.43** from the Half-Plate collection taken on Sun Jan 6th.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

All Fellowship meetings, groups, and events need to be added to the Fellowship calendar, even if the meeting is off-site. If you don't see your meeting below, it is not on the calendar. To get on the calendar, please fill out a calendar event request form on the BVUUF website. Contact Carol in the office if you have questions.

SUN JAN 13 9:00am & 11:00am - Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00am - Unity Plaza (Sanctuary)
12:00pm - Monthly Chat with the Minister (Meet at Dais)
12:30pm - Immigration Just Task Force Event Sanctuary
1:15pm - Parent-Friendly Covenant Group (Preschool, Barnum
MON JAN 14 5:30pm - Personnel & Administrative Comm. Meeting (Pauling)
7:00pm - Choir Practice (Sanctuary, Alcott)
TUES JAN 15 9:30am - Ministerial Intern Office hours (Thoreau)
6:30pm - 7/8 OWL Course (Pauling)
7:00pm - Immigration & UU Soular Power (Sanctuary)
WED JAN 16 9:00am - "Connections Update" & "Connections" submissions
due to newsletter@bvuuuf.org
7:00pm - Deepening the Conversation Through Poetry (Alcott)
THURS JAN 17 9:30am - Ministerial Intern Office hours (Thoreau)
12:30pm - Maui Covenant Group (Alcott)
6:30pm - Sabbatical Committee Meeting (Pauling)
7:00pm - Committee on Ministry Meeting (Alcott)
FRI JAN 18 9:00am - Ministerial Intern Office hours (Thoreau)
1:30pm - John Holbrook LaserTech (Thoreau)
SAT JAN 19 No Events Scheduled