

September 21st 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
Topic is Budget for remainder of
2008-2009 FY

~ ~ **IMPORTANT** ~ ~
**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETINGS**

October 26th 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
Election of the President-elect &
consideration of by-laws changes

Ingathering / Water Ceremony

Our Ingathering / Water Ceremony Service will be on Sunday, September 7th. This is a reminder to bring a small container of water from somewhere you visited during the summer to add to our community water which we will use for child dedications and other ceremonies throughout the year. Your water can be actual water from the place you visited or it could be symbolic or even virtual water. You will have an opportunity share where your water is from during the gathering of the waters ritual in the service.

Knoxville Relief Fund Outreach Offering...

At our September 7th *Ingathering / Water Ceremony Service* we will have an outreach offering for the Knoxville Relief Fund.

The UUA in collaboration with the Thomas Jefferson District has established the Knoxville Relief Fund to bring ministry, spiritual care, and practical financial assistance to those affected by the July 27th tragedy in Knoxville, TN. Your gifts will assist the Tennessee Valley UU Church and the Westside Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and their members, and will show them that they are not alone during this period of shock and grief.

All contributions on September 7th not specifically designated as pledge payments will go toward this outreach offering for the Knoxville Relief Fund.

Short Story Discussion Group Forming

The GUUF Discussion Group, which meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., will initiate a series of monthly short story discussions beginning September 21. Please contact Herb Reeves at hbrvs6@yahoo.com, or at the next discussion group for information if you wish to participate.

The first selection is "The Whore's Child" by Richard Russo, Pulitzer Prize winning author of "Empire Falls."

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and good conversation after the service. We have a special newcomer's table with coffee mugs and information about Unitarian Universalism. Our greeters will be there to speak with you and help you feel at home.

Meeting Reminder

B&G Committee will have its next meeting on Monday - September 15th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Be There or Be Square on September 13th!

This is the "be there" event of the year. We still have room left for this event.

What awaits you? An eight course meal and wine too for only \$75 per person! There will be spa services, hot tub and a pool. **Contact:** Candy Kern-Fuller, co-Host (Past President Greenville UU Fellowship) at 864-905-3610 or Candy@PowdersvilleLaw.com

~ Congregational Care Items ~

We extend our loving support to:

*Pat Edwards and family
Annie Pal and daughter Amanda
Caroline Gilbert -- surgery & recovery
Suzy Hart -- surgery & recovery
Hilda & Glen Howerton -- hospitalization for Glen*

We celebrate with:

*The Hausers -- daughters' successes
Susan Hiers -- new job
Joan & Dave Baker's eldest son's wedding*

The UU Women's Book Group

Our first meeting this fall will be on Sunday, September 14th at 9:45am in the Women's Room located beside the Fellowship Hall. Our book will be, Garden Spells, by Sarah Addison Allen. Discussion led by Susan Cooper. Newcomers are most welcome!! Questions? Call Susan at: 288-4912.



Alternative Gift Fair: November 23, 2008 alternative gift fair

Who needs another bathrobe? Candle holder? Talking Elmo doll? No one you know! The **Alternative Gift Fair** is returning for a sixth year to both eliminate holiday stress and support worthy charities on Sunday, November 23 from noon until 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Since 2003, GUUF has raised over \$35,000 for local and international nonprofits through this annual event, where you have the opportunity to honor friends and family with donations to worthy causes, instead of buying more "stuff" to clutter up their closets.

Volunteers are needed now to help with the publicity poster, web site, and press releases; plan logistics; and schedule fair helpers. We can also use many of you on the day of the event to set up, bake food for the bake sale, and staff the event. Please contact Nancy Fitzer at scfizers@yahoo.com or 370-3493 to volunteer.

The Rowland McFerrin House Needs a Helping Hand

On Saturday September 20, 2008, 9 am till noon, the Social Responsibility team needs a few good helpers to come and give a spruce-up to the Rowland McFerrin House. There will be jobs for all levels of ability from people who

like to use power tools, to people who feel most competent with less techno-savvy tools such as a yard rake or window cleaner.

One of our gifts to the Greater Greenville Community is this house, which right now looks a little less like a gift than we'd like it to. The fine folks at the Buildings and Grounds crew have given us a good push forward, now with your help; we can wrap this gift up and make it shine a little.

Please e-mail edwardproulx@mac.com and let me know that you can come and if you have any skills that you'd like to put to use.

First Guest Conductor: Miriam Davidson

You are invited to participate in a special program with our first guest conductor for the coming year, Miriam Davidson. She will be working with our choir and all those interested in singing. **All rehearsals begin at 9:30 a.m.**

August 31 - Labor Day Weekend - NO REHEARSAL

September 7 - Jenni Thompson, Assistant Conductor will lead rehearsal

September 14 - Jenni Thompson, Assistant Conductor will lead rehearsal

September 21 - Rehearsal w/ Miriam

September 27 - Saturday – A **special choir retreat** at the Mountain Home of Jeannette and Marshall Winn along with Miriam and all those who want to sing

September 28 – Rehearsal w/ Miriam and the choir sings for Sunday Services

This is going to be an exciting year for the choir. Bring your voices and your spirits! See you there!

Dinner and a Movie

Movie: *Persepolis*

When: September 14th, 2008

Time: Potluck Dinner 6pm, Film 7pm

Place: Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Movie: Marjane (voiced by [Chiara Mastroianni](#)) just wants to be an ordinary kid, but that isn't easy in 1978 Iran. This profound animated film follows Marjane's childhood in a repressive society, her adolescence in France and return to Tehran as an adult. Based on [Marjane Satrapi's](#) autobiographical graphic novel, this Oscar nominee for Best Animated Feature Film also features the vocal talents of [Catherineeneuve](#) and [Simon Abkarian](#). Rated PG-13 (Recommended 14 Plus), time 95 minutes.

The Food: We will have a potluck at 6PM before the movie. Please bring an French dish or an Iranian dish to share with 4-6 people. I like both fooddownunder.com and www.recipesource.com. If you plan to drink, please bring beer or wine. The fellowship has a stove, refrigerator and microwaves.

Please Contact Bo Boghani at 458-8332 or boghanibs@bellsouth.net with questions.



Are you new to the Greenville UU Fellowship?

Introduction to New UU Orienteering Class – A 7-week class for New Members, Friends and Newcomers

1. Learn about UUism and our Fellowship
2. Discover what we offer individuals in the Fellowship and the community
3. Get to know a small group of people in our Fellowship
4. Learn how you can participate in our GUUF community

The Class is 7 weeks long beginning Sunday September 21 at 9:45 AM. The Children's nursery and class start at the same time. Classes will be held in the Right Sanctuary Overflow Room across from the ladies rest room. For details see or contact Glen Rowley 859-9992, or glenrowley@charter.net

The classes

Sept 21 - Meet the Class and their Spiritual Journey

Sept 28 - What do UUs Believe? What does the Class Believe?

Oct 5 - GUUF Past, Present, Future, & UU History
GUUF History, GUUF Future, UUism History, Building & Grounds, Work Days, Aesthetics, Landscaping, Memorial Garden.

Oct 12 - Religious Education (Adult & Children) & Staff Functions ARE, Build Your own Theology, Course in Miracles, Covenant Course, Mentors, Spiritual Cinema, YRE, & more.

Oct 19 – **Part A - Sunday Services 9:50 a.m.** - Choir, Sanctuary Aesthetics, Chalice Lighter, Infant Care, Joys & Sorrows, Lay Speakers, Music Instruments. **Part B - Social Justice & Programs 10:15 a.m.** - GLBT, Thrift Shop, Knitting Min, Letters, Pat's Pantry, Rowland/McFerrin House, Safe Harbor, Southern Side, GAIHN, UUA Chalice Lighters, Pastoral Care, Welcoming Congregation, Green Sanctuary

Oct 28 – **Part A - GUUF's Structure & how it relates regionally & Nationally 9:50 a.m.** - Board, Program Council, Denominational Affairs, The Mountain, Interfaith Issues, UU Service Comm., Budget, Office Gov. **Part B - GUUF Social Activities, Fund Raisers, and Website 10:15 a.m.** - Wm. Book Club, A Drums, Hikes, Dinner Groups, River trips, Auction, Greenville. Drive, Sound System & More

Nov 2 - Time, Talent, Treasure Commitment of GUUF Members Review Time & Talent Survey, Volunteer Pool, Operational Costs, Pledging & Canvas and Q & A

Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions

8/24/08 Attendance: 134

8/24/08 Contributions: \$3,902

Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education
From Babies to Sages
August 31, 2008

Classes and Events Today

9:30	<i>Childcare begins</i>
9:45	<i>Adults — Course in Miracles, Discussion Group</i>
11:20	<i>Children – P.T. Barnum</i>

RE Parent Orientation
September 7, 10 AM

for families with children and teens participating in any part of GUUF's religious education program

Please join us for coffee/tea and light breakfast items in the Fellowship Hall. We will share the plans for the upcoming year for all ages. Games and crafts will be planned for the children during this time. What courses will be offered? How is the content taught and by whom? What trips, social action, activities during the service are planned? Our time together is relaxed but very informative. Newcomers to long time members, there is important information for everyone.

Youth Group News

September in RE is always a busy time, and this month is no exception. The first weekend on the month we ask that the youth join their families in service for the annual water service. Let's share with the congregation where we've been during the summer months.

Sunday the 14th, we kick off the school year for our middle school group with pizza here at the fellowship and bowling at Wade Hampton Bowl nearby. Last time I bowled, I bowled a 33, so I expect to be obliterated by this sporty and talented group.

The following week, the 20th is the day for the Messy Game night lock-in for the Senior High group. I have done large amounts of research and assure you that the weekend will live up to its name. We will start in the evening on Saturday the 20th at 6pm.

I look forward to this year and getting off to a great start. ~ Anna

Fall Volunteer Needs in Lifespan RE

Help us ground our children, youth, and adults in a peaceful faith that embraces diversity and welcomes questions and individual interpretation. Show the children how to reach out to the community, raise their voices in song, care for the environment, turn inside for deep reflection, and search for their own truth. We are looking for a many talented or just plain dedicated folks to join us in our mission to make the world more compassionate, with lots of bridges and knowledgeable world citizens.

Where can you fit in?

Play with the youngest — Nursery volunteer (any time between 9:30 and 12:30)

Teach or assist with an adult class of your design or offered through the adult RE committee (9:45 AM or time of your choice)

Assist with the very young — Spirit Play 3 years old to 4th grade. (10 AM)

Learn and teach a liberal interpretation of the words of Jesus to 5th and 6th grade, or assist the teachers. (10 AM)

Learn and teach about world religions with the 6th-8th graders, or assist the teacher. (11 AM)

Be a mentor to 9th grader in their Coming of Age class (11 AM, occasionally)

Be guest speaker on diversity or leadership with the 10th-12th grades (11 AM occasionally)

Assist with the activities such as children's choir and social action during the service.

Advise an RE Committee (one Sunday a month)

Chaperone a trip, assist a fundraiser or party.

We value you and we welcome you!

Upcoming Courses

Saving Jesus

Begins September 7

9:30 AM, (note time change)

Adult Course in Youth Lounge downstairs

Facilitator Jackie Weddington

Wow! Class is almost full already! Please contact Jackie or Kris if you would like to register.

Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right or the Secular Left? Saving Jesus is a revolutionary DVD-based small group exploration of Jesus Christ for the third millennium. Featuring leading religious voices of our day, the 12-week program includes historical, theological, spiritual and social justice themes. For more information, please see your August *Flame*.

Spiritual Cinema

September 17th

7 PM, Founders Room

One

(Note: Due to a glitch in delivery, we are showing something else in August and will see this previously advertised film this month). From the Spiritual Cinema Club — "We are thrilled to finally bring you one of the most member-requested films in SCC history, a feature length documentary that asks the ultimate questions of life to world renowned masters and ordinary people alike. First time filmmaker Ward Powers didn't realize that he'd start a worldwide conversation and an important spiritual movement by making this film, but he did. ONE reminds us of our similarities while celebrating our differences, leaving us with a message of hope about our true destiny." Facilitator: Kris Beliakoff

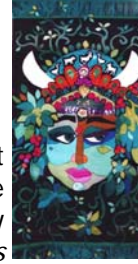
<http://www.onethedocumentary.com/story.html>

Have you read Eckhart Tolle's *A New Earth, Awakening to Your Life's Purpose*? Are you interested in a group that meets to discuss and follow the teachings? If so, newcomer Estelle Craig invites you to join her. Call Kris Beliakoff and she will connect you. Note: The group will decide where and how often they will meet.

**Cakes for the Queen of Heaven
IN ANCIENT TIMES**

October 5 – November 2 (Sundays)
1:00-3:30 PM (bring a lunch if you wish)
Facilitators Suzanne Case and Susan Cooper

A five-session religious education curriculum in feminist theology for adults and older youth *In Ancient Times* is the long-awaited update of the popular feminist theology curriculum, *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven*. *In Ancient Times* introduces participants to ancient Goddesses, weaving their stories together with major concerns of women today. For more information, please see your August *Flame*. Registration required. Please sign up or contact Kris Beliakoff at 271-4883 or kris.beliakoff@gmail.com



~ ~On Going Meetings and Classes~ ~

Childcare begins at 9:30 am each Sunday

- A Course in Miracles** (LOR) Sundays, 9:45 — 10:45 am, Contact: Jean Blank (239-0110)
African Drum Classes (FH) 1st Thursdays, 6:30 — 7:30 pm, Contact: Joan Baker (292-6054)
Community Drum Circle (FH) Last Sundays of each month, 1:00 — 2:00 pm, Contact: Joan Baker (292-6054)
Discussion Group (FR) Every Sunday, 9:45 — 10:45 am, Contact: Cliff Beck (848-9734)
Women's Book Group (WR) 2nd Sunday each month, 9:45 — 10:45 am, Contact: Susan Cooper (288-4912)
Zen Meditation (LOR) Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, Contact: Carole McAfee (236-8484)
Senior Fellowship (FH) A potluck and program, 2nd Thursday monthly, noon, Contact: Suzy Hart (235-1714) or Mary Foley (232-6003)
Dinner & A Movie (FH) Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm, Contact: Bo Boghani (458-8332)
The ManKind Project (WR) Every Wednesdays of each month, 7:00 — 9:00 pm, Contact: John Szczesniak (901-6068)

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