



Greenville  
Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship

The Weekly Spark  
*Spark the Memory, Spark the Spirit*  
September 7, 2008

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

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

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

### Alternative Gift Fair: November 23, 2008



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 scfitzers@yahoo.com or 370-3493 to volunteer.

### ~ Congregational Care Items ~

*We extend our loving support to:*

*Glen Howerton -- as treatment is decided for him  
Mary Margaret Dragoun -- as she continues with chemo treatment  
Rinehart Baron -- as he continues to be cared for at home  
Nona Beeson -- as she continues to be cared for at home*

### 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

## **Bon Fire and Hay Ride in Pumpkintown**

At the home of Lori Morton and her son Case, Saturday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - \$20 donation to GUUF

We have a few slots open so come and join friends and fellow UU's at the quasi-annual Pumpkintown Bonfire complete with veggie chili, adult beverages and weather permitting – a hay ride. Good conversation, good fun. Bring a chair, blanket, an instrument, or a story to share around the fire. No charge for children. "5:00 pm ish" until ...

## **Celebration of the Fall Equinox**

Thursday, September 25  
Women's Room, 7:00 pm.

All women from 18 to ... are invited. You do not have to be a member or guest of the Fellowship to attend. Please bring a dish to share. Questions? 609-6058 (Jackie)



## **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.

## **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](mailto: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.

*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.



**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.**

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!*

**Meeting Reminder**

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

**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](mailto: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

8/31/08 Attendance: 83

8/31/08 Contributions: \$1,672

## *Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education*

*From Babies to Sages*

September 7, 2008

### Classes and Events Today

9:30	<i>Childcare begins</i>
9:45	<i>Adults — Saving Jesus, Course in Miracles, Discussion Group</i>
10:00	<i>Parent Orientation to Children and Youth RE</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.

### Upcoming Youth Group Events

Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> – Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Pizza and Bowling.

Saturday, September 20 – High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) Messy Game Night and Lock-In. 6 PM

Stay tuned for more information coming via email for both events!

### **New Books IN!**

The Book Nook has a wide selection of new Skinner House and Beacon Press books available for purchase during coffee hour. Buy from the Book Nook and you save on both tax and shipping charges. Best of all, you can preview the book before you buy it. Service provided by the Adult Religious Education Committee.

## 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 full. A waiting list is being generated. Please contact Jackie or Kris if you would like to register.

### ***Spiritual Cinema***

***September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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>

### **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 [hrbrvs6@yahoo.com](mailto:hrbrvs6@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."

<p>Have you read Eckhart Tolle's <i>A New Earth, Awakening to Your Life's Purpose</i>? 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.</p>
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**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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