

Greenville
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship

The Weekly Spark

Spark the Memory, Spark the Spirit
September 28, 2008

~~ IMPORTANT ~~
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

NOTE!

There will be a special Board Meeting after service today in the Founders Room to reach a consensus on the Cakes for the Queen of Heaven class that is scheduled to begin on October 4th. Any member who has an interest in the discussion is welcome to attend.

Building & Grounds Work Day – October 4th

Our grounds are beginning to look ragged and need your loving care. Come with your trimming gear to help tame our shrubbery or with your construction gear to help repair holes in the driveway. With your help, we can have prepared our grounds for fall plantings.

Where: Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Grounds

When: Saturday, October 4 (Sometime between 9:00 and 2:00)

Why: To Work With Others Who Care About the Appearance of the Fellowship

What: Contribute a couple of hours to working to trim shrubs and spruce up campus

Who: You

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.

Looking for Events to Attend, Classes to Attend and or What's Happening with Local Organizations?

Please make it a practice to take a look at the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen and stage. This board is a place for posting and finding out information about fellow GUUF community services, events and classes in the greater Greenville community as well as what some other organizations are doing.

Alternative Gift Fair: November 23, 2008



Fall is in the air, and 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 to help with publicity and logistics in advance of the event. We also need lots of folks to sign up to bring food for the bake sale and help during the fair. To volunteer, contact Peggy Roberts at mroberts@nuvox.com or 331-7557.

'Outlook' from the Sunday Services Committee:

The Sunday Services Committee (SSC) wants to thank All Volunteers who helped make the Summer services very successful. There was considerable positive feedback. Thank you!

As we move forward into our new program year, please keep a heads-up for small changes to the Joys & Sorrows process on Sundays. We want to enhance the process, and make it more available to those who may not be comfortable coming forward. We will collaborate closely with Rev. Norm and the Pastoral Care Team to be sure that joys & sorrows have a proper response. More on this change soon.

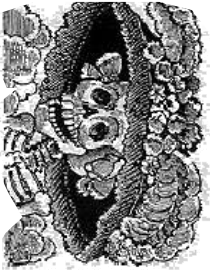
Three long standing SSC members have rolled off the committee in recent weeks. Thank you to Janie Scheer, Judy Potwora, & Patty Davis for your support and good works in our ministry. I will be reaching out by email, phone, or in person to ask folks to join the SSC - joining this important ministry. The commitment of time and work is really minimal, yet very important to planning & conducting the Sunday Services.

Gordon Branson, Co-Chair

Join Yoga Classes

Starting on Oct through Nov Bruce Cable will be offering Yoga classes again. The class will begin at 6:30 and end around 8:15 pm. Questions? Contact Bruce Cable at brucecable@hotmail.com or 906-8067

Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions
9/21/08 Attendance: 180
9/21/08 Contributions: \$4,685



Chrysanthemums and El Día de los Muertes

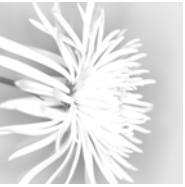
For our service on November 2nd, El Dia de los Muertes, potted chrysanthemums will be used in the decorations. If you would like to contribute a plant in memory of a loved one, please send a check for \$10 each with the memorial information to the Fellowship office by October 27th. A list of donors and memorials will appear in the Order of Service. After the service you may take home any chrysanthemums which you donate.

Contributor: _____

Quantity: _____ X \$10 each Total Due: _____

Make Checks Payable to GUUF

In Memory of: _____



Return form and payment to the Fellowship Office. You can put the check and form together and leave it in the Office Administrator's mailbox or mail it to the office at the following address:

GUUF

1135 State Park Road, Greenville, SC 29609





Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education
From Babies to Sages
 September 28, 2008



Classes and Events Today

9:30	<i>Childcare begins</i>
9:45	<i>Adults — Saving Jesus, Course in Miracles, Discussion Group, Spirit Play, Manipulatives Class</i>
	<i>Children's Chapel (in our new space!) with Kris Beliakoff</i>
10:00	<i>Spirit Play (ages 3 to 4th grade)</i>
	<i>Kingdom of Equals (5th and 6th grade)</i>
11:00	<i>Middle School and Senior High together with Kris and advisors</i>
11:20	<i>Worship with Ms. Kat</i>
12:30	<i>Adult RE Committee Meeting</i>

9th Grade Coming of Age Class
Kickoff Lunch and Opening
October 5th 12:30 to 3 PM

9th grade teens and their parents are invited to the opening of this year's Coming of Age class. If you plan to participate in this year's COA class, it is HIGHLY recommended that you make every effort to attend this very important, wonderful gathering.

10th-12th Grade (Senior) class LEAF trip offering

Bibi Harris has offered to coordinate a trip to the October 17-19 LEAF (Lake Eden Arts Festival). Arts, dancing (contra!), camping and food are available. Please contact her if you would like to join the group. Additional adult chaperones may be needed.

Teens Save these Dates!!!!

- October 25th Halloween House Lock-In -- All teens
- Nov. 1st-2nd -- COA Camping Retreat
- Nov. 14-16 Middle School CON at the Mountain in Highlands, NC
- Dec. 5-7 High School CON at the Mountain in Highlands, NC

Spiritual Cinema

October 15, 7 PM, Founders Room

God Grew Tired of Us.

Mixing things up a bit we offer a different style of film this month. From the jacket, "An award-winning, critically acclaimed documentary, narrated by Nicole Kidman, *God Grew Tired of Us* explores the indomitable spirit of three "Lost Boys" from the Sudan who are forced to leave their homeland due to a tumultuous civil war. The documentary chronicles their triumph over seemingly insurmountable adversities and a relocation to America, where the Lost Boys build active and fulfilling new lives but remain deeply committed to helping friends and family they have left behind. Learn more, take action www.godgrewtiredofus.com." No registration required. Facilitator: Kris Beliakoff.

New Adult Course Offering!

Death and Dying

Four Thursdays October 9, 16, 23 & 30

10:30 am to 12:30 pm Facilitator - Rev. Norm Stewart

This 4 week class will address some of the emotional, legal, medical and spiritual attitudes and issues surrounding death and dying. End-of-life medical realities, legal considerations and planning will be discussed. Plans include one session with an attorney and another with a physician. Our last session will be an opportunity for you to explore and share how you might like to have your own life remembered, honored, and celebrated. You can bring a brown bag lunch and do lunch with friends after the class. Registration required. Please call the front office at 271-4883.

~ ~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 (232-1660)

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)

Yoga (FH) Every Tuesdays starting Oct. 7th – Nov. 18th, 6:30 — 8:15 pm, Contact: Bruce Cable (brucecable@hotmail.com or 906-8067)

Short Story Discussion Group October 19, 9:45 AM, Founders Room

The GUUF Discussion Group selection for its October 19 Short Story Discussion session will be Flannery O'Connor's "The Barber." Contact Herb Reeves at hrbrvs6@yahoo.com for details. Everyone is welcome and this group is designed for dropping in any time.

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