

Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



What Is A Covenant Group

November 28, 2010



Reverend Pat Jobe
Minister
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GREENVILLE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 28, 2010

Order of Service

Welcome		Richard Kelly
Sharing the Hand of Fellowship		Old Friends & New
Prelude		John Robertson
Chalice Lighting		Eric Anderson
Opening Words		Reverend Pat Jobe
* Opening Song	<i>'Tis a Gift to Be Simple – # 16</i>	All sing
A Story for All Ages		Reverend Pat Jobe
Community Caring	<i>Please share your joys & sorrows in our Community Memory Book before or after the service.</i>	
Candles of Joys & Sorrows		Reverend Pat Jobe
Words for Reflection		Eric Anderson
Silence for Reflection & Musical Response		John Robertson
Offertory		John Robertson
Sermon	<i>What Is A Covenant Group?</i>	Reverend Pat Jobe
* Closing Song	<i>We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table – # 407</i>	All sing
Closing Words		Reverend Pat Jobe
Postlude		John Robertson
Benediction		Reverend Pat Jobe

Hymn Hotline"



Feeling despaired in a way that only your favorite tune can cure? Never fear, the Hymn Hotline is here! Let us know what you'd like to hear and we will get it in the service, and with a nod your way to boot! Email music@greenvilleuu.org today!

“Joys and Sorrows” -- You may write your Joys or Sorrows in the Memory Book on the table in the front of the Sanctuary. The worship associate will then craft a short prayer lifting up those Joys and Sorrows. If you are not inclined to write in the book, you may also simply light a candle in silence.



Thanks to Our Service Associates ~

Worship Associate Eric Anderson
Accompanist /guitar John Robertson
Sound Crew Chevar Ray Brown, Richard Fuller & Reed Humphrey
Flowers Floral Ministry

**Please rise in body or in spirit as you are willing and able.*

Please turn off cell phones, pagers, etc. before our service begins.

- *Welcome Newcomers!* After the service, you are warmly welcome to join us in the Right Over Flow Room, under the Welcome Banner, for coffee and conversation. Welcoming members will be there to meet and talk with you.
- Recordings of Sunday Services may be ordered and picked up opposite the wooden entrance doors to the sanctuary where the Audio Stand is located or by email to recorded4uu@gmail.com.

Sunday, December 5th, 2010, 11 a.m.
Being A Quaker: What Friends Believe.

Jason Jolley

For more information visit www.greenvilleuu.org

*Spare change in the offering basket goes to
help those in need.*

Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions
11/21/2010 Attendance: 159
11/21/2010-11/24/2010 Contributions: \$1,767

Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education



From Babies to Sages

November 28, 2010

Classes and Events Today

Happy Thanksgiving!



9:30 AM

Childcare Opens

9:45 to 10:45

Course in Miracles, Discussion Group, The Work of Byron Katie

There are no children or youth religious education classes or activities today.

.From your CYRE Committee: All children and teen classes take a collection at the beginning of class. The change collected will be donated to the Humane Society. Collections have begun. Please support our efforts to create a culture of generosity at GUUF.

FALL/WINTER CYRE SCHEDULE

Date	10 AM Activities	Children's	Other Sunday Events
11-28	No RE		No RE
12-5	Children's Chapel		Senior High CON, Children's Social Dec. 4th
12-12	Costumes for next week		
12-19	Choir practice		Hanging of Greens, teen event after
12-26	No RE		No RE
1-9-11			Parent OWL meeting

Additional

December 4th – Children's Winter Social: Downtown Christmas Parade

December 3-5th – Senior High Fall Con (9th-12th Grade)

December 19th – Teen Wrapping and Holiday Party, 6th-12th grade

January 23 – Snow Tubing, 6th-12th grade

February 13th – Special Friends luncheon



Winter Children's Social December 4th

We will gather Saturday, December 4th with hot chocolate to watch the downtown Christmas parade together. We will first meet under the Liberty Bridge starting at 4 PM. We will have footballs, Frisbees, and soccer balls to play with while we wait for you to arrive. Our coordinator (Jennifer Cowden) will stake out a spot for us to watch the parade at that point (we suspect near Spill the Beans). The parade starts at 6 PM. If you are arriving late, call Kris at 906-5368 and we will let you know where we landed. We hope to see any and all children and their families Saturday, December 4th!



Hanging of the Green, Intergenerational Service December 19th – We're recruiting for parts now!

Our December Intergenerational Service will be a return of the Hanging of the Greens. CYRE will assist with costuming, choir practice and providing young people to participate. We will need children in

Renaissance Faire (ish) attire for choir, teen maidens and teen gents in period costume to perform, and adults to participate (read and hang the greens) in the service. If you would like to read a part, please contact dre@greenvilleuu.org and we will reserve a part for you.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) begins in February

Parent Orientation January 9th

We will once again offer Our Whole Lives sexuality education for teens in 7th-9th grade. Over the course of three weekends in February and March, the teens participate in an inclusive and developmentally appropriate program that models and teaches caring, compassion, respect and justice for sexual health. The program is holistic moving beyond the intellect to address attitudes, values, and feelings that youth have about themselves and the world. Developed jointly by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministry, United Church of Christ, the underlying values of the program reflect the justice-oriented traditions of both denominations. Parents of teens in this age bracket have received a letter in the mail with more information and inviting their family to participate. If you have not received this letter and would like more information, please contact Kris Beliakoff at dre@greenvilleuu.org. Reminder that there is no cost for the program but families will be required to provide the food and assist with chaperoning. Due to the sensitivity of the material, parents are required to attend an orientation in order for their teen to participate. The one-hour orientation is after the service on January 9th.

Sunday Adult Religious Education

For more information on these classes, please see your November *Flame*.

9:15 AM The Work of Byron Katie

Facilitator: The Reverend Pat Jobe

Ongoing. All are welcome

Downstairs classroom, next to the women's room.

9:45 AM Spiritual Economics, November 28th

Facilitated by the Discussion Group

One morning. All are welcome. Founders Room

In its Nov. 28 meeting, the Discussion Group will further explore the topic of the Nov. 14 sermon, Spiritual Economics. For links to a transcript of the sermon and related material, contact Herb Reeves at hrbrvs6@yahoo.com.

9:45 AM New UU Orienteering Classes

Facilitator: Glen Rowley

Eight weeks, All are welcome, Annex

Are you new to the Greenville UU Fellowship?

If you are new to our Fellowship and want to learn more about UUism and our UU Fellowship, or if you are already a UU and want to know more then you are invited to attend the New UU Orienteering Classes.

Introduction to New UU Orienteering Class is an 8-week class for New Members, Friends and Newcomers. If you missed the first couple classes, please do join in. Glen will repeat those classes at the end of this series.

9: 45 AM The UU Women's Book Group, December 12th

Facilitator: Diane Lawrence

One morning. All are welcome. Women's classroom downstairs



The UU Women's Book Group will meet again on December 12 at 9:45am in the women's classroom room located downstairs. Our book is called, *A Celibate Season* by Carole Shields. Discussion will be led by Diane Lawrence. Questions? Please call Susan Cooper at: 288-4912.

9:45 AM Too Much Information? December 12th

Facilitated by the Discussion Group

Ongoing for awhile. All are welcome. Founders Room

In the first of several sessions that may be scheduled over the next few months, the Discussion Group will focus on both individual and social effects of the Internet, good and bad, intended and unintended. The first session will be on Sunday, December 12. We will consider, to the extent that our time allows, what recent research has revealed about how we receive and process information. For information and links to source material, contact Herb Reeves at hrbrvs6@yahoo.com.

9:45 AM Dickens and the Resurrection of Christmas, December 19th

Facilitated by Herb Reeves

One morning. All are welcome. Founders Room

After more than a century of both good and bad adaptations of "A Christmas Carol," the Short Story Session on December 19 will examine the state of Christmas celebrations at the time Dickens wrote his work by attempting to take a fresh look at an all-too-familiar classic. Our operating assumption is that anyone wanting to attend has access to a copy of the work and is able to read it again in time for the discussion. Again, for more information, contact Herb at the above e-mail address.

Earth Spirit Group Celebrates Yule

We will hold an indoor/outdoor gathering on December 18th, at 6:00 PM, at the GUUF annex for the coming Yule. Following a covered dish dinner we will gather by the fire. Join us to explore the ways we can bring the spirit and joy of the winter traditions into our hearts and homes. And the wheel turns again.

Relaxed Writing: Discover the Writer Within

New Adult RE class now taking registrations - only 4 spots left!

Sundays starting January 9th, 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM, place TBD

Facilitator: Nan Lundeen

The purpose of this class is to renew, inspire, delight yourself, free your creativity, and connect with fellow writers at GUUF. The workshops focus on the creative process, not where to place commas or the importance of strong verbs. The premise of the class is that relaxation,

free writing, and affirmations free the talent that lies within each of us and allows us to discover the creative writer within. Like the cow chewing her cud, writers are ruminants. We'll learn how to milk our potential. We can accept up to 12 adults. Registration is required. Please email: adultregistration@greenvilleuu.org
Nan Lundeen is a published poet. She is the author of the book *The Pantyhose Declarations* and numerous poems published in small literary magazines. A journalist for 30 years, she has taught relaxed writing continuing education workshops at Furman University and elsewhere. For more information, please contact Nan at nlundeen@bellsouth.net.

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For photos from children and youth events, join Facebook and “befriend” GUUF DLREA. Only members and long-time friends will be “befriended.” Parents, make sure your children are registered to stay in the information loop!

~ ~On Going Meetings and Classes~ ~

Childcare begins at 9:30 am each Sunday

A Course in Miracles (RE Classroom) Sundays, 9:45 — 10:45 am, Contact: Jean Blank (239-0110)

Beginner African Drumming (ANX) 4th Thursday 6:30 – 7:30 pm beginner practice, Contact: Joan Baker (232-1660)

Discussion Group (FR) Sundays, 9:45 — 10:45 am, Contact: Herb Reeves (297-4929, hbrvs6@yahoo.com)

Women's Book Group (WR) 2nd Sunday each month, Contact: Susan Cooper (288-4912)

Old GUUFers (ROR) 2nd Thursday each month, 12:30 - ? contact: Suzanne Hart (235-1714)

Zen Meditation (CC) Tuesdays, 7:30 pm promptly, if you need some guidance then show up at 7:15 pm, website: meditation.meetup.com/216 Contact: Carole McAfee (834-7390)

GUUF Singers (CR) Sundays, 9:30 – 10:45 am, Contact: Miriam Davidson (285-0994 or miriam@wishingchair.com)

Hiking Group (Off Site) on going with dates and locations to be determined, Contact: Karen Csizmadia (322-6441)

Earth Spirit Group (TBA) 2nd Saturday each month, will support all fire ceremonies, interested persons should contact: Dana Couillard at (423-4221 or earthspiritquuf@yahoo.com)



**~~NOTICE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING~~
NOTICE TO ALL GUUF MEMBERS**

There will be a **Congregational Meeting Sunday Dec. 12** in the Sanctuary, after the Service. The purpose will be to vote to call our new minister, per our bylaws. Please note the date and plan to come.

Donations to Help

Martha Baron's daughter Melanie Baron-Alpert is dealing with a very serious form of cancer. This is causing costly expenses for treatment. To assist Melanie, an account has been opened at First Citizens Bank. Donations to this account may be made to: Benefit of Melanie Baron-Alpert. You may use the business reply envelopes placed in GUUF's lobby, or deposit a check at any branch of First Citizens Bank. If you have questions, direct them to Rev. Pat Jobe. Either Melanie or Martha will acknowledge your contribution but will not know the amount. These donations are not tax deductible.

Adopt-A-Family



If you don't know what the Adopt-A-Family project is, it is a way that each of us can send Holiday/Christmas gifts to the current guests of our own Rowland McFerrin House. Please visit the bulletin board in the coffee room where you will find envelopes with index cards for each family member. Please choose your index card and bring the gift to the Fellowship by December 19th and the youth will even wrap the gifts for you. There will be a wrapped collection box in the

RE area that will be locked up after each Sunday so feel free to bring your gifts early! Instructions on what to do will be on the back of your index card. This is a great way to participate directly in the kind of charity that can change lives. Please direct questions to Francine Proulx at 704-3263 or theproulxfamily@mac.com.

Coupons

Please clip and save your coupons and bring them to the Fellowship and place them in the top rack of the back wire rack in the lobby. Good things are done with these coupons.

Welcoming Congregation Welcomes You!

Welcoming Congregation is a designation approved by the congregation stating that the Greenville UU Fellowship welcomes, supports and honors the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community among ourselves and in the greater community.

The WC committee is showing a special movie in honor of World AIDS Day. The musical "Rent" will be shown in the sanctuary at 7 pm Dec. 1st. It is and open to the public. Light snacks will be provided; beverages are not. "Rent": Is a [rock opera](#) with music and lyrics by [Jonathan Larson](#) based on [Giacomo Puccini's opera La bohème](#). It tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's [Lower East Side](#), under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. It won both the [Pulitzer Prize](#) and a Tony Award. The movie version features most of the original cast members.

Also on December 1st, the WC committee will place 200 Red Ribbons in the front yard of GUUF as a memorial to those who have lost their lives in the AIDS epidemic. We encourage you to view the exhibit and reflect on the meaning of the day. The ribbons should be up until Sunday Dec. 5th.

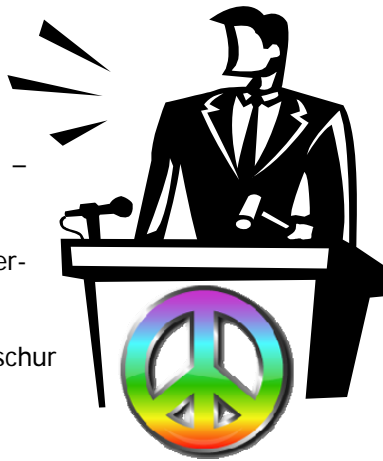
Auction Dinners & Hike Still Available!!!!

Indian Dinner by the Boghani's -- \$40/ea. --
Sat., March 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Afternoon Spa/Dinner by Kern & Fuller-
\$75/ea. or \$125/2 -- Sat., May 21

Geological Hike at Ceasers Head by Jim Buschur
-- \$25/each -- April

Sign up now in the GUUF coffee room, or
call Corry or Marion (354-8582) & send check to
Corry. Hearty thanks from Ways and Means!



Social Events needs the following items for craft classes we are planning to hold during winter and spring:

1. Orphan socks (like those with no mates you find in your dryer). They must be in very clean excellent condition.
2. Small baby food jars (or other jars of similar size).
3. Beads...most any kind and size. Can be from broken jewelry or leftovers from other craft projects.

If you have any of the above you wish to donate, bag and tag for Donna Goethe or Carole Lavash. Any crafting ideas are welcome.

IRISH PUB DROP-IN

Friday, December 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

In appreciation of Marty Flynn's volunteer services as a fabulous, witty auctioneer at the recent GUUF Auction:

Please stop by the IRISH PUB at 214 N. Pleasantburg Rd. (near Phoenix Inn and Krispy Kreme) on Friday, Dec. 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Buy a beverage of choice, and give a hearty thanks to Marty!



Food is not served in Marty's pub, but he invites you to order food for delivery or even bring food from home if you'd like. Feel free to bring your guitar, too!

Hope to see you there!
Ways and Means

alternative
 gift fair

*Want to do all your holiday shopping
in one place on the same day???*
Ever been to a "Charity Mall"???
Want to give more meaningful gifts?
*Well Here's your Chance - Coming
Soon - **The Annual Alternative
Gift Fair***

Honor your friends and family with donations to worthy causes, instead of buying more "stuff" to clutter up their closets. For those on your list who require actual "stuff," 10,000 Villages will have a display of fair trade gifts from artisans around the world.

This year, give a gift that truly keeps on giving by supporting the following organizations at the fair: GAIHN, Heifer International, AID Upstate, Safe Harbor, Ready for Reading, United Ministries Learning Center, Not for Sale SC, Palmetto Conservation Foundation, Triune Mercy Center Art Program, Southernside Community Center, Speak for Animals, and UU World of Children. Alternative gifts range from \$5 to \$100 and are all tax deductible.

Tuesday November 30, 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Where: The Hyatt Hotel in Downtown Greenville

Volunteers Needed For: Logistics, Food, Publicity, Cashiers, and Card Inscribers. Tell all your friends, family and co-workers, before their holiday calendars are full. To volunteer or for more information, call Nancy Fitzer at 864-370-3493 or Peggy Roberts 864-322-9278.

TRY OUR NEW CHOCOLATES

~ And Stock Up on Coffee ~

New Chocolates!

The Coffee Cart now offers three new flavors of Free Trade Chocolate bars:

Orange Dark Chocolate

Dark Chocolate Caramel Crunch, and

Panama Extra Dark Chocolate (darker than the Very Dark!)

All flavors, including the standards, remain at \$3.50 per bar. A package of "Mini" Dark Chocolates is \$7.00 (for those who find it easier to control intake one mini bar at a time ☺).

Coffee Price Increase

Equal Exchange has had to raise their prices on their Fair Trade coffees, and we will be passing on the increase effective November 16. Stock up now on your favorite coffees before the new prices go into effect! The Coffee Cart is "open" after each Sunday Service.

~ Your Friendly Coffee Cart Sellers

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Hanging Of The Greens Service Help Needed

December 13th – From noon till 5 pm come join Corry Clark as she shows all volunteers where to cut down pine bows on the GUUF property. We will listen to music and have some drink and snacks while we make ropes of greenery to be hung in the sanctuary the next day. All you need to bring is yourself, good garden clippers and we will provide plastic gloves so you won't get covered in pine pitch!



December 14th – 1pm – 5pm come join us on hanging the greenery in the sanctuary and putting up the Christmas tree and other holiday decorations in preparation for the December 19th Hanging of the Greens Service.

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 10 am – 4 pm

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