



Adopt-a-Family is Back This Holiday Season

We, yet again this year, have the opportunity to spread a little holiday cheer with families who may be temporarily a little less fortunate. You are free to adopt a child or adult and help make their holiday season brighter with the gift of new materials that they hoped to receive. This year, the families include one of our guest families at the Rowland/ McFerrin House and another local family.

Look for the table set up in the Fellowship Hall with information and individual cards for each family member. Stop by the table, grab a card, tell us what you'll get and bring it back by December 7th and we'll handle the rest. You don't even have to wrap the presents. The teen group has agreed to do that for you. Just leave your unwrapped gift in the large boxes in the RE area.



Michael is 5. He is hoping for a coat (size 6), shirts (size 5/6), jeans (size 5/6), underwear (size 6), shoes (size 13), a remote control airplane, a bike without training wheels, books, a Playstation and Playstation games.

Dennis is 11. He is hoping for school clothes, (must be school colors: white, khaki, navy blue, black or royal blue: shirts size 12/14, pants size 12 husky, coat size 12/14, socks and shoes size 5), underwear (size 14) jeans (size 12 husky), a remote control car, play station original game or TV games, soccer ball, Star Wars miniature put-together droids (not action figures) and walkie talkies.

Sarah is 13. She is hoping for school clothes, (must be school colors: white, khaki, navy blue, pink, black or royal blue: shirts size 12, pants size 14, coat size 12/14, socks and shoes size 5), jeans (size 14), underwear (size 14), electric monopoly, make up, hair clips for thick hair, football, jewelry, purse, mini digital camera at Walgreens.

Allyson is an adult. She is hoping for shoes (size 7½), a digital camera, household cleaning supplies, laundry soap, holiday wrapping paper and bows.

Barry is an adult. He is hoping for jeans (size 32/34) and steel toed boots size 9.5

Another family also needs general help. They need a helping hand with day-to-day purchases such as groceries, household goods and gasoline. The best way to get that to them would be through gift cards. They live in the Greer. The family is expecting some large household expenses and would gladly accept cash donations. Please feel free to talk to Laura Christenbury for more details.

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.

Tree Decorators Needed December 14th!

A Christmas tree will be placed in the sanctuary for our holiday celebrations. We are requesting 6-8 volunteers of all ages to remain after the service on December 14th to help decorate it the tree. If you are interested please contact Martha Baron (675-9863) or the office (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) No class in December, January 2009 class will be 2nd Thursday, 6:30 — 7:30 pm, February 2009 will be back on schedule to 1st Thursdays again, Contact: Joan Baker (232-1660)

Community Drum Circle (FH) **No Open Drum Circle in November**, 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) **Cancelled until further notice.**

Dinner & A Movie (FH) Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm, Contact: Bo Boghani (458-8332)

The ManKind Project (WR) **No meeting Christmas Eve**, Every Wednesdays of each month, 7:00 — 9:00 pm, Contact: John Szczesniak (901-6068)

alternative gift fair

The **Alternative Gift Fair** on November 23 was a HUGE success, generating over **\$9,600** in direct donations to our ten recipient charities! This beats our previous high by more than \$1,500, demonstrating that, even in the middle of an economic downturn, we have an incredible capacity for generosity. Thank you to ALL who participated, and to all our volunteers for making this great day possible. More details and final totals will be printed in the January *Flame*.

Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions
11/23/08 Attendance: 153
11/23/08 Contributions: \$2,500

Entrances and Exits to GUUF

In an effort to reduce the unwanted after-hours visitation by non-members to the upper parking areas on the north side of the sanctuary, B & G committee will keep the back gate locked except for Sundays. This means that only the primary entrance off State Park Road will be available during the week. If you are planning a special meeting or event and wish to use the upper parking areas, please see Corry Clark or a member of the B & G committee for the lock combination.

Ware Lecture Video Showing December 7 Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

At the June General Assembly the Ware Lecturer Environmental Justice advocate, Van Jones, electrified the auditorium when he outlined his vision for a new America, one where governance is based on optimism and compassion, instead of fear and competition. During the lecture, Mr. Jones briefly outlined his vision for how two of the greatest challenges facing us can be addressed at the same time - global climate change and economic injustice. Van proposes that instead of an economy based on death (fossil fuels), we switch to an economy based on life (solar, wind, and water). He outlines retraining our workforce to green jobs that cannot be outsourced. Come join us to hear for yourself and join in the discussion.

Can't join us but still want to see the lecture? View it on the Internet at: <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/2008/commonthreads/115749.shtml>

Dinner and a Movie

Movie: *Les Visiteurs* (The Visitors) (1993)

When: Sunday, December 14th, 2008

Time: Potluck Dinner 6pm, Film 7pm

Place: Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Movie: A senile sorcerer accidentally transports a medieval nobleman (*Jean Reno*) and his squire (*Christian Clavier*) to contemporary times. Afraid of getting stuck in the future for good, the nobleman enlists the aid of his descendant to find a way to send him back to the 12th century; meanwhile, he tries to cope with the technological and cultural changes of the 20th century. An all-out assault on his former castle -- now a luxury hotel -- soon follows. This movie rated R by the MPAA and is about 107 minutes.

The Food: We will have a potluck at 6PM before the movie. Please bring an French 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.***



Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education
From Babies to Sages
November 30, 2008

Classes and Events Today

9:30 *Childcare begins*
9:45 *Adults — Saving Jesus, Course in Miracles,*
10:00 *No RE classes for children and teens today*
11:20 *After the story the children may go to the game room*

SAVE THESE DATES!

Dec. 5-7 High School CON at the Mountain in Highlands, NC
Dec. 14th: Teens (MS and HS) – wrap the presents from our adopt-a-family initiative after the service.
All ages: Carriage rides
Dec. 21st: 10 AM Service Practice

Food Drive Steps into High Gear



Southern Side has reported that their need for canned food is greater than ever. If you can help, please bring in items and put them in the red wagon or the boxes in the RE lobby. The children and teens are combining forces to assist and deliver the food.



ALL AGES - Dec. 21st is our Holiday Intergenerational Service. The theme is Winter Celebration and we will be calling for singers and dancers of all ages. Start warming up your singing voice and get out those dancing shoes. There is a place for all abilities, and this promises to be a wonderful worship for all ages.
Sorry, no guests for this one.

Wrapping it up
Teen Lunch and Social Action December 14

We will meet for cookies, cocoa and a warm meal while we wrap the presents donated by our congregation for our adopted families in need.
12:30 to about 1:30 PM.



**Carriage Rides!
RE Families and Friends
December 14, 5:15, Fountain Inn**

Join us in Fountain Inn at the Christenbury's house at 5:15 on December 14th for hot cocoa, cider, and light refreshments. Together we will walk the 1 ½ blocks to tour historic downtown Fountain Inn aboard carriages. Price: children 3-10 \$4, adults \$6. Address: 200 Inn Circle, Fountain Inn (just short distance off of 385).



**Spiritual Cinema
December 17, Wednesday, 7 PM, Founders Room
*A Relative Thing***

A death broke the family apart. Sixteen years later, a secret will bring them together. Five brothers and sisters are reunited for the first time in sixteen years when they are called home to visit their dying grandmother. The friction between them picks up right where it left off, until two secrets are revealed that will forever change the way that they relate to each other. The second feature film from Seattle-based director Garrett Bennett, *A Relative Thing* is an evocative and universal story about the changes in relationship that can be triggered by love, death, rivalry, hardship, laughter, and family. An award-winning film, *A Relative Thing* has been an audience favorite at film festivals across the country. 102 minutes. Facilitator: Kris Beliakoff.

**The GUUF Discussion Group
Short Story Discussion Session
December 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the Founders' Room.**

Five stories by Bailey White will be featured: "Dead On The Road," "Something Like A Husband," "Sleep and Prayer," "Good Housekeeping" and "The Telephone Man."

For more information, contact Herb Reeves at hbrvs6@Yahoo.com.

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