



alternative gift fair Today in the Fellowship Hall Noon – 3 PM

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.

Your feedback is needed on the UUA vision for the future.

The UUA board is doing very important work in setting a vision for the future, and has drafted statements of our values, a mission statement and who the UUA is accountable to ("owners" in Policy Governance language). Of course this vision is based on the input from the last two General Assemblies when you may have attended the Open Space sessions and the Appreciative Inquiry session. Your feedback is requested and appreciated. Email comments to Denominational Affairs Chair, Susan Crow-Granger at skcrow@aol.com, subject 'Feedback on UUA vision', or place a note in my mailbox in the GUUF office. I will gather any comments from our fellowship and relay to the UUA. Here are the draft statements of values, mission and owners (those to whom we are accountable). Please read them with thoughts about what it means to you to be a Unitarian Universalist and what you think the UUA should be seeking to affirm and promote.

UUA Board Draft Statements for Policy Governance

Values

Wonder
Connection
Transformation

Owners

Our member congregations
Generations of UU's
The highest ideals of Unitarianism, Universalism and Unitarian Universalism
The vision of beloved community
The spirit of life and love or the holy spirit

Mission

Grounded in our covenantal tradition, the UUA will inspire people to lead lives of humility and purpose, connection and service, thereby transforming themselves and the world.

☞ Congregational Care Items ☜

We extend our loving support to:

*Case Morton-Lill (& family) -- his grandmother died
Steve Compton -- December surgery
Elaine Brummer -- long-time friend died
Suzy Hart -- recovering from surgery at her daughter's home*

We celebrate with:

*The Rowleys -- 30th wedding anniversary
Amanda Pal -- father remarried
Diane Shipp and Barb Smith -- 24th anniversary; first grandchild, Onera Claire
Eliza Diamond -- grandfather moving in with her family
Corry Clark (Office Admin.) -- birthday*

Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education

From Babies to Sages

November 23, 2008

Classes and Events Today

- 9:30 *Childcare begins*
Middle School meets at Catholic Church for a visit
- 9:45 *Adults — Saving Jesus, Course in Miracles, Spirit Play*
Manipulatives Class
Children's Chapel with Kris Beliakoff
- 10:00 *Spirit Play*
Kingdom of Equals (5th and 6th grade)
- 11:00 *All children and teens in the Service*

SAVE THESE DATES!

Nov. 22 – 23 Coming of Age Retreat

Nov 23 – Middle School Social Action Scavenger Hunt, 4:30PM

Teens are invited to work the Alternative Gift Fair after the service.

Nov. 30 – No RE classes FOR ANY AGES. Childcare from 9:30 on and relaxed fellowship time for children after story in the service.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 5-7 High School CON at the Mountain in Highlands, NC

Dec. 14th: Teens – wrap the presents from our adopt-a-family initiative after the service.

All ages: Carriage rides



Children – The Humane Society loved our dog and cat Halloween treat bags. They gave us lots of smiles and when they saw the chocolate for the humans, they were extra happy! Good job!

Last Chance for UNICEF donations!

We are sending in our check to UNICEF this week. If you are holding on to your donation box, please put it in the box in the lobby. We have raised approximately \$300 so far. ☺

Saving Jesus has four more classes. We are planning to run the class again for new participants beginning in February. Please see Jackie Weddington or Kris Beliakoff to pre-register. We are already filling up. Thank you!

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.

9th Grade Coming of Age Circle Retreat Saturday November 22nd 4 PM to Sunday morning November 23rd

MaKensie's house near Woodruff Road and 385

Bring a tent if you wish to camp in the backyard, otherwise, a sleeping bag and a willingness to retreat together to get to know each other and delve much deeper into getting to know yourself as a spiritual journeyer. We will mix group sessions with late night fellowship time. Rest beforehand, because we will be up late! RSVP please ((906-5368 or text MaKensie). Sorry, no guests for this one.



Middle School Social Action and Social Time November 23rd

**4:30 –7:00 PM Eddie's house near Woodruff Road and
385**

We are hosting a scavenger hunt for canned food for Southern Side. Afterwards we will eat spaghetti, play ping pong, Rock Band, roast marshmallows and get to know each other better. RSVPs appreciated (906-5368). Yes, you can bring a friend! Grades 6th through 8th. Older siblings who wish to help cook are welcome if you invite them.

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).



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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~ ~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) 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) Every Wednesdays of each month, 7:00 — 9:00 pm, Contact: John Szczesniak (901-6068)