

*Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education*  
*From Babies to Sages*  
January 4, 2009  
Happy New Year!!



**Classes and Events Today**

9:30	<i>Childcare begins</i>
9:45	<i>Adults — Course in Miracles, Spirit Play Manipulatives Class</i> <i>Children's Chapel with Kris Beliakoff</i>
10:00	<i>Spirit Play</i> <i>Kingdom of Equals (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade)</i>
11:00	<i>Middle School, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade classes with advisors</i>
11:20	<i>Elementary – Fellowship in Game Room</i>
12:30	<i>CYRE meeting in 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade room</i>

**New Books IN—Including Children's Books!**

The Book Nook has a wide selection of new Skinner House and Beacon Press books available for purchase during coffee hour. Service provided by the Adult RE Committee.



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**Special Friends Week is Coming!**

Do your Grandchildren live far away? Have your children left the nest? Or maybe not ready to start your own family yet? Have we got a deal for you!!!!

During the week of February 9-15, 2008 you can have the opportunity to connect with or even lavish affection upon one of the bright, beautiful younger members of the GUUF family. And the best part...NO diaper changes, NO late night feedings, and NO sassy back talk!!! (We said it was a deal!)

We need adults to sign up to be paired with a child. During Valentine's Week, you will contact your child two or three times by sending valentines, poems, riddles, etc. You'll send one of two identical nametags at the end of the week to be worn by each of you on Sunday, February 15th when your "Special Friend" identity will be revealed. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the RE area to receive further details. There will also be sign-up sheets distributed in the weekly Spark. Don't miss this opportunity to win a child's heart!

We invite friends, young and old, to participate in a Valentine's week of delightful surprises. Please join us in an opportunity to make an interesting new friend in the congregation.

PARENTS: We hope your children will want to participate. It is a lot of fun, and we have had excellent participation in past years, forging strong intergenerational bonds. Please contact Jennifer Cowden (dave.cowden@gmail.com or 675-0373), or Kris Beliakoff (kris.beliakoff@gmail.com or 906-5368) if you have any questions. Drop children's forms in the Special Friends box in the RE area. Extra forms are available. Deadline to sign up is January 25, 2008.

**Next RE meetings:**

Children and Youth – TODAY! January 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM, RE Classroom. Adult RE January 11, 12:30 PM, Annex building. New committee members always welcome!

**Discussion Group's Short Story Conversation****January 18, 9:45 AM, Founder's Room**

The GUUF Discussion Group will have its next Short Story Discussion Session January 18 at 9:45 a.m. in the Founders' Room. The author of that session's story is Ellen Gilchrist. For more information contact Herb Reeves at hrbrvs6@yahoo.com

**Saving Jesus Begins Again in February****9:30 AM Sundays, Teen Lounge downstairs**

*We are planning to run this popular class again for new participants beginning February 1st. We have only a couple spots left.. Please see Jackie Weddington or Kris Bellakoff to pre-register* Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right or the Secular Left? Saving Jesus is a revolutionary DVD-based small group exploration of Jesus Christ for the third millennium. Featuring leading religious voices of our day, the 12-week program includes historical, theological, spiritual and social justice themes for a conversation around the relevance of Jesus Christ for today. Facilitator Karen Conrad, Jackie Weddington.

**By Request: Saving Jesus – Extended Discussion Group****9:30 AM Sundays, place to be determined**

Sometimes when a course ends the participants want to continue to meet. This class is winding down and gearing back up. If you were a member of the first run of the *Saving Jesus* course, please join in the extended discussion and chosen enrichment activities. We are finding a space for you, but talk to Jackie and let's keep the group fed.

**Speaking of "fed": Let us whet your appetite for Adult Enrichment**  
**Upcoming topics in Adult RE** – Check your Flame and your January Sparks for start dates, places and times.

**Power of Myth, Joseph Campbell and Bill Moyers** – DVD series and discussion. Mythology is humanity's universal method of seeking the transcendental, and "follow your bliss" is the timeless formula for spiritual satisfaction. Campbell himself is the embodiment of these themes, an erudite scholar and quintessential storyteller, recalling a wide spectrum of myths from throughout history (Japanese, Native American, Egyptian, Mayan, and many more) to illustrate humankind's eternal quest to grasp the mysteries of creation. Historical artifacts and illustrations bring these timeless stories to life. Women's Room downstairs every Sunday but the second Sunday, 9:45 AM, starting date to be decided.

**Living Wills, Ethical Wills, End of Life Planning, Hospice**

How do you know your wishes will be followed at your time of death? What do you really wish to leave behind? How will folks know of your wishes? Part of what we provide as a spiritual home is guidance and support for both the happy and the toughest times in our lives. Adult RE is continuing topics from our Death and Dying

course in small stand alone seminars to help all adults in our community.

**In Discussion:** Russian lessons, Square Foot Gardening for Adults, Healthy Living (food and home products), Meditation in Motion Saturday seminar, *Rise Up and Call her Name* (feminist theology for women and men).

## Spiritual Cinema

### January 21, Wednesday, 7 PM, Founders Room

It's shorts time! Most of the films I receive arrive with accompanying "shorts." These complete films come from around the world and share in common a chance to surprise us, visually please us, and usually teach us something about ourselves. Twice a year or so we take a break from the longer films and enjoy these shorter gifts. We will share at least three shorts and discuss our reactions. Always a crowd pleaser! Let me know if you need childcare at least a couple days in advance. Facilitator: Kris Beliakoff

## ~ ~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) January 2009 class will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 — 7:30 pm, February 2009 will be back on schedule to 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

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

## 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.

## Columbarium Meetings

There will be meetings held on December 21<sup>st</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the right overflow room. Contact: Jim Yockey, 246-5777 or jimyockey@juno.com. All interested and public are invited.

### Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions

12/28/08 Attendance: 108

12/28/08 Contributions: \$998



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Sunday, January 11, 2009  
Immediately After The Service In The Sanctuary  
Election of Nominating Committee

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Sunday, January 25, 2009  
Immediately After The Service In The Sanctuary  
Election of Two Members to the Committee on Ministry

**First Leadership Development Series to Start in January**

Beginning January 18, 2009, the Leadership Development Committee will be offering its first leadership development series open to ALL members, whether you are currently in leadership at GUUF or simply have an interest in potential future leadership at GUUF. The skills taught in these sessions are transferable skills that can carry over into other volunteer organizations and workplace situations.

The six week course will be held in the Founder's Room beginning at 12:45 each Sunday and will last one hour. Classes start January 18, 2009. Lunch and refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to [candy@upstatelawgroup.com](mailto:candy@upstatelawgroup.com) or at (864) 905-3610 by Sunday January 11th so we can plan for course materials and food for the first class. Please also let us know if you have special meal needs or childcare needs on or before January 11th.

**UUs Helping UUs**

To help one another, the Fellowship is providing a very low-cost publication to promote the businesses and services people within the GUUF community have to offer to our members and friends that will be circulated only within our congregation. It is called **UUs Helping UUs**.

All ad applications must be in by January 31<sup>st</sup>, and the goal is to have the ads published and distributed in Mid-February. So please hurry!

Pick up an ad outline and information sheet in the Fellowships foyer or contact Glen Rowley, Email: [glenrowley@charter.net](mailto:glenrowley@charter.net), phone: 859-9992 Ad requests can be turned in or mailed to the office, or given to Glen Rowley.

## Dinner and a Movie

**Movie:** Milarepa: Magician,  
Murderer, Saint (2006)



**When:** Sunday, January 11th, 2009

**Time:** Potluck Dinner 6pm, Film 7pm

**Place:** Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

**The Movie:** Bhutanese director Neten Chokling's fantastical biopic dramatizes the early years of Milarepa (Gimyan Lodro), the 11th-century man who would become Tibet's preeminent mystic. Born into privilege, Milarepa is plunged into a life of darkness when greedy relatives stage a power grab after his father's death. The young man learns black magic to seek vengeance, but some unexpected life lessons along the way steer him onto a more spiritual path. This movie is not rated by the MPAA. Running time 90 minutes

**The Food:** We will have a potluck at 6PM before the movie. Please bring an Bhutanese dish to share with 4-6 people. I like both [fooddownunder.com](http://fooddownunder.com) and [www.recipesource.com](http://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](mailto:boghanibs@bellsouth.net) with questions.*

## **New Members Recognition**

On Sunday, January 18 new members to our congregation will be recognized during the Sunday Service. If you have recently become a member or were unable to attend the last recognition service, please plan to attend and be recognized. Following the service, new members will be honored downstairs in the Fellowship Hall with a Fellowship potluck.

Members and friends please plan to bring a dish to share on January 18<sup>th</sup> and stay for a meal to get to know the new members and socialize with other friends.

## **Next New UU Orienteering Class**

Beginning on Sunday, February 8, at 9:45 a.m. the next seven week New UU Orienteering Class will begin in the in the right overflow room next to the sanctuary. The class is designed to help people new to our Fellowship meet and get acquainted with others new to our congregation. The class will help those attending to learn about the various backgrounds of others that brought them here on their spiritual journey, what UUs believe, and what we all have in common. The class will also learn about our Fellowship's and UU world history; what educational programs are available for youth and adults; our social justice issues and activities; how we socialize together in our UU community; and much more.