



Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education
From Babies to Sages
 January 25, 2009



CHECK OUT THE NEW UPDATED YOUTH NEWS PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE AT GREENVILLEUU.ORG. Scroll down the main page to the Youth R.E. News link. We have provided calendars, forms, and details on our major events to help you stay informed!



Classes and Events Today

9:30	<i>Childcare begins</i>
9:45	<i>Adults — Course in Miracles, Discussion Group, Spirit Play Manipulatives Class Children's Chapel with Kris Beliakoff</i>
10:00	<i>Spirit Play Kingdom of Equals (5th and 6th grade)</i>
11:00	<i>9th grade, 10-12th grade, attend service</i>
11:20	<i>Elementary – Activities with volunteers after story in service Middle School class with advisors</i>
12:00	<i>Teen pizza and debrief service</i>
1:30	<i>6th – 12th grade paintball at Red Fox</i>

Special Friends Week is On its Way! All Ages

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, 2009 you can have the opportunity to connect with or even lavish affection upon one of the bright, beautiful younger members of the GUUF family. 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. 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. **Deadline to sign up is January 25, 2009. TODAY!!!**

Next RE meetings:

CYRE Feb. 1st. ARE Feb. 8th.

This day in UU History: 1594 "The Unitarian John Licinius held a disputation on the divinity of Christ with Jesuits at the Synod of Novogrodek, Lithuania, which as subsequently published and circulated." Frank Schulman, This Day in Unitarian Universalist History.

Teens -- Back by Popular Demand: It's Paintball Time!

Teens from 6th grade and up are invited to our wildly popular youth group event on **January 25th**. Bragging rights and bruises seem to be the aim, and Ms. Kris is being egged on to give it a try. Well, if I can move after all the padding I plan to put on, I hope at least to provide a decent target -- though I doubt I will aim back! Meet here for class and lunch (free) or meet us at Red Fox Games at 1:30 PM. Permission forms, release forms, and \$20 are needed (\$10 if you have your own gear). Yes you can bring friends. Rain or shine unless it is torrential. ☺
More info: <http://www.redfoxgames.com/index2.html>.
Questions? Call Kris at 906-5368 or email at Kris.Beliakoff@gmail.com

Super Bowl Sunday Sandwiches! February 1st



Mmmm....is there anything better than Sub sandwiches during the Super Bowl Sunday game? The senior high youth will be providing eat-in or take-home sandwich meals for you to enjoy. The meal will include a 6" Sub sandwich (veggie or meat) chips, drink, and a dessert for \$5. Stay to share the meal with others or take it on home to enjoy with the rest of your Sunday. All proceeds will go towards the Youth Travel Fund which funds Coming of Age and Senior High trips. Questions? Contact Steve Duda or Kris Beliakoff.

Snowboarding Anyone? All Ages.

February 16th is a school holiday and a group of GUUF families are planning to head to Wolf Ridge which is about 1.5 hours north of the Fellowship for a day of snowboarding and an early evening dinner together. Snowboarders need to be aged 8 or older. There is even a Tube Run for those wishing for something less involved and less costly or for those younger than 8. We will carpool. Of course you can bring friends, but permission slips and assistance with carpooling arrangements will be needed from all families. We need at least 15 people to get our group rate. I have 10 already! Prices range from \$15 (price just went up with the snow. 6 and under are free with an adult) to tube to around \$65 (with group of 15) to snowboard. <http://www.skiwolfridgenc.com/pdf/group-packet.pdf>
<http://www.skiwolfridgenc.com/tubing.htm>

Families and Teens -- Save these dates:

January 25th Paintball for 6th grade and up

Feb. 1st Super Bowl Fundraiser, Parent Meeting for OWL and 9th-12th Grade Trips

February 6-8th Charlotte CON - 10th - 12th grade See Julie Csizmadia \$45

February 8th Mountain CON Papers Due! Snowboarding reservations due. See Kris Beliakoff

February 16 Snowboarding

March 6-8th Mountain CON for 9th grade and up \$90

June - Boston for 9th graders (if April is voted out) and NYC for 10-12th

OWL Begins in February

February 13th and 14th, February 27th and 28th, and March 13th and 14th

Once again we will 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.

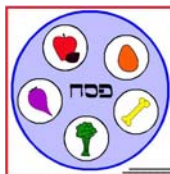
The overall goal of the Our Whole Lives program is to create a positive and comprehensive lifespan educational program that helps participants gain the knowledge, values, and skills they need to lead sexually healthy, responsible lives. Sexual Health, Lifespan Sexuality, Building Healthy Sexual Relationships and Sexuality and Social Issues are studied, discussed and reflected upon in a supportive environment that stresses accurate knowledge and healthy decision making. Our instructors are Pat Edwards and Pat Dillow who have facilitated GUUF's Owl program for many years.

There is no cost for the program but families will be required to provide the food. The session exact dates will be published by next week. The times are tentatively scheduled for 6:30 Friday evening to 3:30 PM Saturday day.

Parents must attend an orientation in order for their teen to participate. The one-hour orientation is February 1st at 12:30. Families with teens in 7th-9th grade will receive more information in the mail. Please contact Kris Beliakoff or one of "The Pats" if you seek more information.

A SEDER FOR ALL AGES!

All are welcome to attend a Passover Seder brought to you by the CYRE committee. Please join us April 19th, 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will learn the stories and traditions associated with a Seder, and share a traditional meal (with vegetarian options) afterwards. To attend all you need to do is RSVP by April 5th and purchase your ticket. Tickets are \$10.00/family or \$5.00/person. Proceeds will cover part of the cost of the lunch. You are also welcome to help RE by contributing a small part of the meal. We will have a list of donation items available when you purchase your ticket. If you would like to help with this event please contact Wendy Plummer at wplummer@wyckoffllc.com or 864.654.1334. All other questions please contact Kris Beliakoff or a member of the CYRE committee. Tickets are available from committee members before or after service after February 1st.



**Discussion Group Short Story
February 15, Sunday, 9:45 AM**

The GUUF Discussion Group will have its next Short Story Discussion Session February 15th. Harlan Ellison's short story "'Repent, Harlequin!' Said the Ticktockman" will be discussed. It is the recipient of the 1965 Nebula Award and the 1966 Hugo award. For more information contact Herb Reeves at hrbrvs6@yahoo.com. Founders Room



**Spiritual Cinema
February 18, Wednesday, 7 PM, Founders Room**

We have ordered this and anticipate it will arrive in time. "BILL MOYERS JOURNAL presents the film BEYOND OUR DIFFERENCES which explores the common threads that unify the world's religious traditions. In BEYOND OUR DIFFERENCES, religious leaders, politicians and luminaries in their fields give voice to the positive effects of spirituality and morality, focusing on commonalities spanning all faiths. While the negative — even violent — side of religion is widely reported, director Peter Bisanz documents the hope for positive change and healing universal to so many." Source: PBS. Let me know if you need childcare at least a couple days in advance. Facilitator: Kris Beliakoff

**Saving Jesus Begins Again in February
9:30 AM Sundays, Begins Feb. 1st Teen Lounge downstairs**

We now have a waiting list. Please see Jackie Weddington or Kris Beliakoff to add your name to the list. We are doing our best to squeeze more folks in! 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.

**Feb. 1st Planning Session, 12:30 Saving Jesus – Extended
Discussion Group**

For those who took the previous sessions of Saving Jesus, Jackie Weddington has reserved this time to decide how this group wishes to proceed. If you already took the course and have been waiting for the extended discussion and extension activities, now is the time to decide the plan. Space and times have been reserved, The logistics are up to the group.

Lost and Found Items are Piling Up

We have a variety of items that folks have left behind in their classes or on one of our outings. Please stop by the RE lobby and look by the wall by the elevator. There you will find a shelving unit with all sorts of items waiting to go home with the rightful owner. We also have scrapbooks from Neighboring Faiths two years ago and last year's 3-D clay reliefs that are too beautiful for us to just throw away.

New Adult RE Classes Taking Registrations:

Meditation in Motion with Dan Lally March 14, Saturday, 3 hour (time TBA)

Dan Lally will present a three-hour workshop on Meditation-in-Motion – a holistic approach to sacred scripture. Seeking common ground among Christianity, Hinduism, Taoism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism, Dan will present his unique approach to blending motion into spiritual studies. He presented at General Assembly and is traveling down from Kentucky to join us for our own winter refresher.

“Daniel Lally, BA University of Notre Dame, is the founder of Body-Centered Solutions, Way Chi®, Mission-in-Motion®, and the co-founder of Astrolo-Chi®. He is also author of various books and videos, and is certified in yoga, reiki and acupressure. His passion for holistic and inclusive approaches to peace began with Richard Bach, Michael Murphy and Taoism books in 1985, and deepened with inner child healing work championed by John Bradshaw. With Michael Whiting in 1990 he began to experience powerful transformations as a student of chi gong, meditation and interfaith sacred literature. Daniel is also a 2003 graduate of the Hakomi Body-Centered Psychotherapy training and a member of The Mankind Project®.”

More info at . . . <http://www.earthrhythms.biz/>

Rise Up and Call Her Name, A Woman-honoring Journey Into Global Earth-based Spiritualities

9:00 AM Sundays*, Women's Room

Designed for female and male participants from mature teen to adult, this curriculum explores ethical principles central to a variety of Earth and woman-honoring traditions around the globe and throughout history. We will offer this course in several blocks, with this block focusing on Native American studies. A wide range of activities including music, art, dance, poetry, dialogue and ritual provide diverse opportunities to develop fresh perspectives on fearlessness, compassion, nurturing and numerous other aspects of personal spirituality. Registration required along with childcare needs by March 1st. Contact the office, Kris Beliakoff or Annie Pal. *Dates: March 22nd, March 29th, April 5th, April 19th and April 26th.

Ethical Wills with Rev. Norm March 25th, Wednesday, 7 PM

Most of us know about wills, living wills, powers of attorney, last wishes, etc., but have you ever thought about what you leave behind of a more spiritual nature? From Yourethicalwill.com: “You are much richer than the sum of your material assets, yet your legal will only addresses the question, ‘What do I want my loved ones to have?’ An Ethical Will is a personal legacy letter that transmits the non-material assets that are also of great importance: your values, your story, the lessons life has taught you, the information that is too valuable to risk being lost. Your Ethical Will is the tool that enables you to address the question, ‘What do I want my loved ones to know?’ Not everyone can pass along a financial legacy, but everybody can transmit some of the richness of life by creating an Ethical Will.”

Join the Reverend Norm Stewart in this workshop that explores that the art and the science of creating what some call, the most important document your heirs may receive. Registration required along with childcare needs by March 22nd. Contact the office or Kris Beliakoff to register.



Greenville UU Fellowship Welcomes
Zimbabwe Artists Project
Today in the Fellowship Hall



Through all of the political and economic chaos of Zimbabwe today, the mostly women folk artists of rural Weya continue to create beautiful, affordable art to sustain themselves and their families.

This art is brought to the U.S. by Zimbabwe Artists Project (ZAP), a non-profit organization which promotes these artists and their art.

On Sunday, January 25, the Executive Director of the Zimbabwe Artists Project, Dick Adams, (a member of First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon) will be with us to talk about Zimbabwe, share the stories of the artists, and discuss ZAP's role in sustaining the artists in these very troubled times.

After the services, art forms used by the artists to tell their stories such as embroidery, appliqué, fabric paintings and board paintings will be exhibited and made available for purchase in the fellowship hall. For most Weya artists, sale of art is their only source of income.

Invite your friends to this very special exhibit.

Learn more about ZAP go to www.zimbabweartistsproject.org

≈ *Congregational Care Items* ≈

We extend our loving support to:

Martha Baron -- as she finds her new path without her life's companion
The Miracles -- as they assist in their father's recovery from bypass surgery
Deb Hickey -- after the loss of Lady

Southernside Needs Your Help

Making take-away meals for the beneficiaries of Southernside is an easy and fulfilling experience. We need twelve groups (one per month) to pick one of the second Saturdays in 2009 to make and deliver the meals. All details will be provided. No guessing as to what to do. If I can do it, you can too.

Please let us know which month you can take. We'd like to get the calendar done for the year and move onto bigger things.

Ed and Francine Proulx (theproulxfamily@mac.com 864-704-3263 or 864-245-8788

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.

Rinehart Baron (February 1, 1936 – January 12, 2009)

It is with sadness that I inform you of the death of Greenville UU Fellowship member Rinehart Baron. Our condolences go to his wife Martha and their family.

After a 20-year battle with Parkinson's disease Rinehart succumbed to it and complications including pneumonia on Monday evening at The Cottages of Brushy Creek nursing home facility. Martha and their daughter Melanie Alpert-Baron had been with him in his final days. Rinehart and Martha moved to Greenville a few years ago to be closer to their daughter, Melanie and son-in-law, Richard and grandchildren, Alex and Adina. Their daughter Erika Pretell and son-in-law Eduardo and grandchildren, Sofia and Marco live in California but have been spending this year in Mexico.

A Memorial Celebration of Rinehart's life is being planned for February 7th at 2 p.m. at the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

If you can help with the reception or with food for the reception please contact Lynda Molnar, Carole Lavash, or the Fellowship Office.

BIG THRIFT SHOP SALE

Everything is 50% off! Come find great warm clothes, shoes, toys, books, household items etc. All purchases help support the Fellowship and other non-profit organizations. Come see us! The Thrift Shop is located in the lower level of the Annex Building.

Join or Re-Join the Old GUUFers

The Old GUUFers will resume their monthly meetings on Thursday, February 12th at noon. I'll be calling those already on my list. If you are newly retired and would like to join the Odd (and not so old) GUUFers please call me.

Suzanne Hart
235-1714

Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions

1/18/09 Attendance: 117

1/18/09 Contributions: \$3,301

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**.

EXTENSION GRANTED: All ad applications must be in by 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, phone: 859-9992 Ad requests can be turned in or mailed to the office, or given to Glen Rowley.

~ ~ 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 Thursday each month, 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) Sundays, 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) **RESUMING MONTHLY MEETINGS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 12th**, 2nd Thursday each month, 12:00 — 2:00 pm, Contact: Suzanne Hart (235-1714).

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

The ManKind Project (WR) Wednesdays, 7:00 — 9:00 pm, Contact: John Szczesniak (901-6068)

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

Yoga (FH) Tuesdays beginning February 3rd until March 31st, 9 weeks, 6:30 — 8:00 pm, Contact: Bruce Cable (906-8067)

Drop-In Artist Group (FH) Open to any and all artists, Wednesdays, 1:00 — 4:00 pm, Contact: Carole Lavash (855-3821)

Want to Help in the Office?

The office administrator is looking for some volunteers who would like to commit to a routine block of time weekly or monthly to assist with some of the tasks in the office. Filing, organizational skills, word processing skills and telephone/communication skills would be of great benefit. Want to learn some of these skills, we can train you too! If you are interested or have further questions please contact our Office Administrator, Corry Clark at 271-4883 or office@greenvilleuu.org. Office hours are Monday – Friday 10 am – 4 pm.

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