

## Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education



From Babies to Sages  
March 29, 2009



### Classes and Events Today

- 9:30      *Childcare begins*  
9:45      *Adults — Course in Miracles, Discussion Group, Saving Jesus, UU Orienteering*  
*Children -- Children's Chapel with Kris Beliakoff*  
10:00     *3 Years to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Spirit Play*  
*5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Kingdom of Equals*  
11:00     *Middle School, Coming of Age, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Classes with advisors*  
11:20     *Elementary – Project time with volunteers.*

### **Annual RE Rummage Sale Remnants On Sale Today March 29<sup>th</sup> After the Service**

**Donations needed. Place to the right of the stage in the Fellowship Hall or bring to RE area upstairs.**

Please join us downstairs for all proceeds benefit GUUF Children and Youth Religious Education. Thank you to all our volunteers and to all of you that donated such wonderful items for sale. Thank you to all of you that then bought those items!!! You helped make our youth group trips possible!



### **Parents staying for Welcoming Congregations Lunch and Panel after the Service Today**

Nursery and preschool children may go to the childcare rooms where staff will supervise your children and the committee is providing a light lunch. Elementary and up children may play supervised with RE staff and volunteers with a light lunch provided also. No charge (but that is sweet that some of you offered!) 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade are working on their project. Other children may play games, etc. Know we are all working together to support this initiative!

### **Pizza and Palestine**

#### **Today after the Service 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

Kids, join us for lunch and relaxed time to finish building the model of a town in ancient times. The model is part of our curriculum studies, but the care and patience the children have shown is part of their personality. We have been working on this model all year and need more time to finish. The kids are asking for time to relax and be together on this project. So, while the adults attend the Welcoming Congregations panel or browse the leftovers from the Rummage Sale, this class will share a meal and project time.

## Easter Plans!!!

April 12<sup>th</sup> is our annual Easter egg hunt. We do this after the service so that the adults can watch the children and participate too if they like. Our time at 10 AM is relaxed fellowship time with simple activities for the children. At 11 AM after the story in the service, the children and teens participate in the annual egg engineering competition. This year we return to the egg drop. Bring in or make with us at 10 AM a container to catch an egg from a 7 foot drop (slight change of plans). Guidelines and materials will be provided at that time. We will end our egg drop competition with launching an egg on a rocket. Will it make a safe return to "earth?" We will have to see! Adults -- those that wish to let their inner Easter Bunny out -- please join us as a volunteer. Simple assistance that day with no prep is needed.



### A SEDER FOR ALL AGES!

All are invited to attend a Passover Seder brought to you by the CYRE committee. Please join us April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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 after service.

### Children's Choir and Music Practice for the Earth Day Service April 19<sup>th</sup> for the April 26<sup>th</sup> service, with Ms. Joy

Children ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, join us for practice after the story in the service April 19<sup>th</sup> to practice with instruments (lots of them!) for the April 26<sup>th</sup> Multigenerational Service. We will need a few soloists and most everyone can play instruments especially if they come on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Winter-Spring 2009 Yoga Classes (T u e s d a y s) 6:30 – 8:15 pm, Fellowship Hall March 31st

Join Bruce Cable, M.Ed. with 25 Years experience teaching Hatha Yoga and a certified Sivananda Method Teacher. Come to learn or continue the practice of Yoga. Enhance flexibility, maintain health, counteract stress, and increase energy. Classes held in the Fellowship Hall. Donations are gratefully accepted. (A portion of all proceeds goes to the fellowship.) Additional Info/ Directions/ Questions: Contact the office at 864-271-4883, Or [Office@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:Office@greenvilleuu.org). Content Questions to: [brucecable@hotmail.com](mailto:brucecable@hotmail.com). Childcare is available for an additional fee, one week reservation in advance, four children must be rsvp'd total for childcare to be staffed.



***Power Of Myth Begins May 3rd!***

**Sundays\* 9:30 AM**

**Six sessions, \*skip second Sunday of each month**

Joseph Campbell and the *Power of Myth* is an encounter between teacher-mythologist Campbell and student-journalist Bill Moyers covering a galaxy of topics related to Campbell's central themes: Mythology is humanity's universal method of seeking the transcendental, and "follow your bliss" is the timeless formula for spiritual satisfaction. Campbell recalls 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. Includes *The Hero's Adventure*, *The Message of the Myth*, *The First Storytellers*, *Sacrifice and Bliss*, *Love and the Goddess*, *Masks of Eternity*. Facilitator: Deborah Hickey. Format: DVD and discussion. Please RSVP to Kris or the office.

*Parents, if you wish to stay for the Welcoming Congregations guest panel of speakers next week and you need childcare, please let us know. CYRE will entertain the children (with teen help) and the two groups (WC and RE) will feed a light lunch for the kids. Please RSVP to the Fellowship Office at 271-4883 by Friday March 27th.*

***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. Contact the office, Kris Beliakoff or Annie Pal. \*Dates: March 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Liberal Christian Study Group Meeting**

Interested in studying Liberal Christianity? Meeting in the UU World of Children classroom, Sundays at 9:30. Need to know more, call Jackie Weddington at 934-6464 or Diana Miel at 276-1338.

**How to Reach Us:**

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## Welcoming Congregation Committee Event Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> After Service

"The Welcoming Congregation Committee is pleased to announce a Social Justice panel discussion at the Fellowship on Sunday, March 29, immediately after the service in the Sanctuary. Featured speakers will be: Upstate attorneys Margaret Chamberlain and Candy Kern Fuller; diversity/HR expert Susan Lill; and C. Ray Drew from SC Equality. Discussion will focus on the GLBT and civil rights, or the lack thereof.

The Welcoming Congregation Committee is seeking to engender discussion and educate Fellowship Members regarding the importance of voting to become an official UUA Welcoming Congregation for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgender people. Please attend this important discussion and learn answers to your questions and concerns about this issue. A light lunch will be offered for people who will be attending the panel. (Economics prevent us from serving the whole congregation lunch.)

## UU World of Children & Warehouse Theater Fundraiser April 18<sup>th</sup>

The UU World of Children is sponsoring the play, "Italian-American Reconciliation" for our spring fundraiser at the Warehouse Theatre on Saturday, April 18. The money raised will be used for scholarships. Refreshments and a cash bar are available at 7:00 p.m., and the play begins at 8:00. It is a romantic comedy by the author of *Moonstruck*.

## "What would happen, if we came downstairs at the coffee hour and there was no Coffee?"

This could happen if we do not have volunteers... IF you would like to sign up, there is a signup sheet at the coffee place. Please do sign up. It would take only few hours of your time and rewards are great.

Bo and Suzy

### 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.

≈ *Congregational Care Items* ≈

*We extend our loving support to:*

Bill Wunch who suffered a stroke.  
Diane Lawrence whose back surgery was redone.  
Suzy Hart who had abdominal surgery.  
Annie Pal who had a second shoulder surgery.  
Dana Couillard's nephew who received a lung replacement.  
Bill Joerger, husband of Sue Collins (former GUUF member) who has throat cancer.  
Judy Root whose 88 year old Mother passed away in Illinois the end of February.

*We celebrate with:*

Cliff Beck who thanked everyone for their support during his two heart surgeries and recovery.  
Fran Merrell who thanked everyone for all the attention after her fall and physical rehabilitation.  
Sarah Russell on her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **Gardening Anyone?**

Resist the high cost of groceries, gym membership, and vitamin D supplements. This year the B and G Committee will make available ploughed ground--yes, **ploughed** (and tilled) ground-- for members who would like to grow their own vegetables--if enough members are interested to make it worthwhile. Let's put some of our sunny acreage to productive use. To express your interest in a garden plot for yourself and family, simply call Corry at 271-4883 or email Alvena Chapman at [achapman100@charter.net](mailto:achapman100@charter.net).

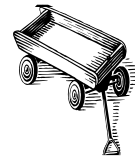
## **Clip Coupons for Pat's Pantry**

Please donate any coupons you are not using to the Coupon Box, above the little red wagon, for Pat's Pantry. Betty Gibson knows how to use coupons with sales to get free or almost free food for the Pat's Pantry

### **Pat's Pantry**

Please try to make a donation every week. These are hard times and every bit helps.

Thanks  
Carole Lavash



Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions  
3/22/09 Attendance: 159  
3/22/09 Contributions: \$2,709

**~ ~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) 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month, Contact: Joan Baker (232-1660)  
**Discussion Group** (FR) Sundays, 9:45 — 10:45 am, Contact: Cliff Beck (848-9734)  
**Women's Book Group** (WR) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, Contact: Suzanne Hart (235-1714).  
**Dinner & A Movie** (FH) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month at 6:00 pm, Contact: Bo Boghani (458-8332)  
**GUUF Singers** (CR) Sundays, 9:30 – 10:45 am, Contact: Miriam Davidson (285-0994 or miriam@wishingchair.com)  
**Yoga** (FH) Tuesdays beginning February 3<sup>rd</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 9 weeks, 6:30 — 8:00 pm, Contact: Bruce Cable (906-8067)

*Want to save the cost of checks, envelopes and stamps?*

*Want to cut down on consumption of paper products?*

*Tired of having to remember to write out a check?*

*Tired of always getting a pen that does not work?*

We can solve all of these problems for you concerning your contribution to the Fellowship. We can now offer Electronic Funds Transfers known as ETFs at no charge to you. All you have to do is request for an authorization form from the office. You will complete the form and attach a voided check to the form and turn it into the office. The office then sets up the transfer for the amount and at the frequency you specify. If this is something you wish to participate in call the office and ask for Corry Clark, Office Administrator and she can email or mail you a form, 271-4883 or office@greenvilleuu.org.

**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 or have any of these skills to share? 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.

# *Famous Unitarian Universalist Women*

Elizabeth Peabody founded the first US kindergarten.

Julia Ward Howe founded the original Mother's Day.

Susan B. Anthony was a leader in the movement to allow women the right to vote.

Beatrix Potter wrote "Peter Rabbit"

Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman doctor in the US. Emily Stowe, also a UU was the first woman doctor in Canada.

Clara Barton was a nurse and she founded the Red Cross

Lucy Stone was a public lecturer who spoke against slavery.

Louisa May Alcott wrote "Little Women".

Dorothea Dix worked to improve the care of the mentally ill and people in prisons.

Maria Mitchell was the first person to discover a comet that could be seen through a telescope.

Olympia Brown was the first woman minister ordained in the US, she was a Universalist.

Sophia Lyon Fahs was a UU religious educator and author of many curricula and books.

Fannie Farmer wrote the Fannie Farmer Cookbook and started a cooking school.

Abigail Adams was both the wife and mother of a president and was a supporter of equal education for African-Americans.

## *Women Facts*

National Women's History Month's roots go back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn't until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week to be commemorated the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the president has issued a proclamation.

As of Oct. 1, 2008, there are 154.7 million females in the United States. The number of males was 150.6 million. At 85 and older, there were more than twice as many women

The estimated number of mothers of all ages in the United States numbers to 82.8 million.

The median annual earnings of women 16 or older who worked year-round, full time, in 2007 is \$34,278, up from \$33,648 in 2006 (after adjusting for inflation). Women earned 77.5 cents for every \$1 earned by men.

The percent of women 25 to 29 who had attained a bachelor's degree or higher in 2007 is 33%, which exceeded that of men in this age range (26 percent).

In 2007, the percentage of females 16 and older who participated in the labor force is 59%, representing about 71 million women. The participation rate for males in this age category was 73 percent.

Revenue for women-owned businesses in 2002 is more than \$939 billion. There were 116,985 women-owned businesses with receipts of \$1 million or more. The number of women-owned businesses in 2002 is nearly 6.5 million. Women owned 28 percent of all nonfarm businesses

The percentage of female citizens 18 and older who reported voting in the 2004 presidential election is 65%. Sixty-two percent of their male counterparts cast a ballot. 49% of female citizens voted in the 2006 congressional elections, compared with 47 percent of men.

The total number of active duty women in the military, as of Sept. 30, 2007, is 198,400. Of that total, 33,500 women were officers, and 164,900 were enlisted. Proportion of members of the armed forces who were women, as of Sept. 30, 2007 is 14%. In 1950, women comprised less than 2 percent.

There are 62.6 million married women (including those who were separated or had an absent spouse) in 2007. There were 60.7 million unmarried (widowed, divorced or never married) women. The percentage of married couples in which the wife earned at least \$5,000 more than the husband in 2007 is 18%. The percentage of married couples in which the wife had more education than the husband in 2007 is 23%. There are 5.6 million stay-at-home mothers nationwide in 2007, up from 4.6 million a decade earlier.

3 million girls who participated in high school athletic programs in the 2006-07 school year. In the 1979-80 school year, only 1.75 million girls were members of a high school athletic team.



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