

Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education

From Babies to Sages

April 5, 2009



Classes and Events Today

- 9:00 Adults — Rise Up and Call Her Name
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 4th Grade – Spirit Play
5th-6th Grade – Kingdom of Equals
- 11:00 Middle School, Coming of Age, 10th-12th Grade – Classes with
advisors
- 11:20 Elementary – Project time with volunteers.



Easter Plans!!!

**Bring Your Baskets,
It's Time for Easter!**



April 12th 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! – Last day to RSVP!!!

All are invited 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 after service.

Children's Choir and Music Practice for the Earth Day Service

April 19th for the April 26th service, with Ms. Joy

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



It's Duck Derby Time!

A donation helps charities *and our own Fellowship* and may win you big prizes!

This year marks the third year that Children and Youth Religious Education at GUUF will assist the annual Rotary Club Duck Derby. On May 2nd, 2009, the Rotary Club will put 8000 rubber ducks into the Greenville Reedy River. The large crowd will watch as each duck floats over the falls crossing the finish line. If your little rubber duck is one of the first 25 ducks over the finish line, you may win one of the fabulous prizes like a year's supply of groceries or \$1,500.

Derby date: May 2, 2009

Derby times: 10am - 4pm (booths and family fun begin at 10 AM, duck race to begin at 2:30 PM)

Derby location: Reedy River (Falls) Park

All proceeds benefit local charities and GUUF (we retain 20% of any duck adoptions we generate). This year's charities are GAIHN and Mauldin Miracle League. Wish to Adopt a Duck? See one of GUUF's own fabulous teens or one of the displays around the Fellowship. Any one of our envelopes mailed in is number-coded to give credit to us. Take a handful to work and spread the word! You can also come visit us at our wildly popular booth the day of the race! For more information, please see Kris or Jennifer Hauser.

Lunch Fundraisers after the Service

April 26th and May 31st

Join us for a meal prepared by the teens and their families as fundraisers for their trips 9th grade to Boston and 10-12th grade to NYC. The meals are \$5 and a wonderful way to relax and visit with one another as well as stay for a congregational meeting.

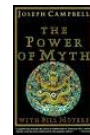


Power Of Myth Begins May 3rd!

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.





Spiritual Cinema

Swing

April 15, Wednesday, 7 PM, Founders Room

April 22, 11 AM, Founders Room (brown bag lunch, RSVP)

From the jacket: This fun feature film starring Jacqueline Bisset, Jonathan Winters, Tom Skerritt and Nel Carter, will get your heart pumping with the music and moves of swing dance. When Anthony decides that he can't take over the family business and chooses to become a musician instead, only his Uncle Bill (Winters) supports him. A film that travels through time to bring the lessons from the past to the people who need it in the present, *Swing* encourages us to choose a path that follows our passions, knowing that love and success will follow. If you care planning to come to the day offering, please RSVP. Facilitator: Kris Beliakoff, 906-5368. Childcare available with one week's notice.

Joint Social Justice Committee/Adult Religious Education Movie Premier and Discussion

May 27th, Wednesday, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join internationally accredited speaker and facilitator Ron Chapman in a premiere of *The First Millimeter: Healing the Earth*, a national PBS documentary about healing the land around the world - and the lives of those who are dependent on it. Produced by 17-time Emmy award-winning director Chris Schueler, who says that it may be the most important story he has ever told. Ron is the Past Chairman of the Board of Holistic Management International (HMI), whose work is central to the film's focus. HMI is a global environmental education non-governmental organization headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico that works with stewards of large landscapes—agricultural producers, pastoralists, and government agencies—to help them partner with nature to create a positive ecological footprint. Through improved natural resource management practices, these managers improve soil health, which results in a host of benefits including: improved water quality, carbon sequestration, drought mitigation, flood resilience, and food security.

We will serve a light dinner at 6:15 PM. \$5 per person. RSVP requested for dinner. Call the office at 271-4883 or email Kris Beliakoff at dre@greenvilleuu.org.



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 22nd, March 29th, April 5th, April 19th and April 26th.

Liberal Christian Study Group Meeting

Sundays, 9:30 AM

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.

Next RE Meetings

Children and Youth – TBA 12:30 PM, RE Classroom. Adult RE May 17 12:30 PM, Annex building. New committee members always welcome!

How to Reach Us:

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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) 1st 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) 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) 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)

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

Yoga (FH) Tuesdays beginning April 21st until May 19th, 5 weeks, 6:30 — 8:15 pm, Contact: Bruce Cable (906-8067)





Greenville
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship

The Weekly Spark
Spark the Memory, Spark the Spirit
April 5, 2009

~ **IMPORTANT** ~
Congregational Meeting



April 26, 2009
Immediately Following the Service in the Fellowship Hall

Meeting is for the election of officers for the coming year. We will also select our congregation's choice for UUA president. Please plan to attend.

~ *Congregational Care Items* ~

We extend our loving support to:

Madge Connor as she recovers from gallbladder surgery.
Eric Anderson's sister's family who's experiencing a layoff.
Suzy Hart who's recovering from abdominal surgery.

We celebrate with:

Susan & Donny Hiers on the closing of their new house

*If you or a member of your family are in crisis or are hospitalized, please contact
Richard Elliott at 255-5131.*

*For any other pastoral care needs, please call the office during regular business hours.
After hours please call Mary Margaret Dragoun at 288-6194.*

Meeting & Workshop for Sunday Stories

Anyone who is interested in becoming a story teller for the children's story portion of Sunday Services is invited to attend this short meeting and workshop to learn more. If you are interested and cannot attend you can contact Jim Yockey at 246-5777 or jimyockey@juno.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.

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.



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



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.

Dinner and a Movie

Movie: *Vozvrashcheniye (The Return)* (2003)

When: Sunday, April 12th, 2009

Time: Potluck Dinner 6pm, Film 7pm

Place: Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Movie: The sudden reappearance of a man (Konstantin Lavronenko) who left his family 12 years earlier stirs up some mixed emotions in the household. His sons know him only from photographs, and while teenage Andrey (Vladimir Garin) is content to accept the unexplained turn of events, his younger brother, Ivan (Ivan Dobronravov), wants answers: Where has the man been all this time, and why is he back? Director Andrey Zvyagintsev's feature film debut. This movie has not been rated by the MPAA. Time 90 minutes.

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



Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions

3/29/09 Attendance: 159

3/29/09 Contributions: \$2,709

The UU Women's Book Group

The UU Women's Book Group will meet on Sunday, April 12 to discuss the book, Five Quarters of the Orange by Joanne Harris. We meet at 9:45am in the Women's Room located beside the Fellowship Hall. Discussion will be led by Laurel Melson. Questions? Contact Susan Cooper at: 288-4912.



UU World of Children & Warehouse Theater Fundraiser April 18th

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*.

BATTER UP!

No, not time for fish sticks. It's time for the Greenville Drive - GUUF fund raiser partnership. Yes. It is that time already. Starting the middle of April It's Drive Time! The Ways and Means way to get cash for GUUF that doesn't come from you.

Join your friends and fellow UU's at the Drive Ball Park concessions stand serving the crowds and taking their money. Have some fun and chuckles, while bringing in hundreds of dollars for the Fellowship (income that isn't money from our member's pockets).

If you have ever volunteered for this before, John Emery remembers who you are and will be contacting you SOON. If you haven't tried this and have any interest, or questions, John will be downstairs in the fellowship hall almost every Sunday signing folks up. So just ask him how this works and how you'll fit in. You can also reach him by email dorajonry@aol.com Make another home run for GUUF!





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