

## Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education



From Babies to Sages

April 19, 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 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.



### Easter Plans



#### Bring Your Baskets

Today 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.

### A SEDER FOR ALL AGES – Today!



If you RSVP'd for the Seder please join us at 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. The cooking is underway and we have approximately 90 guests coming! *Sorry, our deadline for rsvp'ing has long passed and we are not able to take any more*

*reservations.*

### 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 19th.



### Game Night

May 8th



RE invites all families to come and hang out for an evening of food and fun. Dinner and games will be provided for all ages to have a family night. Our treat. 6 – 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



**It's Duck Derby Time!**  
**A donation helps charities *and our own Fellowship***  
**and may win you big prizes!**  
**\$5 a duck/ \$25 for 6 ducks**

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**

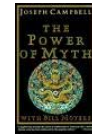
Join us for a meal prepared by the teens and their families as fundraisers for their trips 9th grade to Boston and 10-12th grade to NYC. The meals are \$5 and a wonderful way to relax and visit with one another as well as stay for a congregational meeting.



***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.



**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.



**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.

**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](mailto: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 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>.

## 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) 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 April 21<sup>st</sup> until May 19<sup>th</sup>, 5 weeks, 6:30 — 8:15 pm, Contact: Bruce Cable (906-8067)



~ **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:*

Ken Flanagan whose wife passed away two years ago.  
Rick Bailey whose Father passed away last week.  
Elaine Lentini and Brad Miller whose 13-year old son has bone cancer and will undergo surgery.  
Diane Shipp who suffered a heart attack and received a stent this past week.  
The family of Evelyn Sangster, longtime GUUF member, who passed away in December in Holyoke, MA.

*We celebrate with:*

Ian and Kristy Williams on the birth of their nephew.  
John and Laurel Melson on the birth of their second grandchild.  
Maureen Nery on the birth of her second grandchild.  
Dan Ruck who is thankful his new pacemaker is working just fine.  
Annie Pal who thanked everyone for their support during her recent shoulder surgery.  
Suzanne Hart who was happy to be back at the service after a long illness.

*We offer best wishes to:*

Wendy and Larry Plummer who will be moving to Oklahoma where Larry has been offered a position at the University of Oklahoma.

*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.*

## **IN 30 SECONDS FLAT, YOU CAN HELP START A NEW UU CONGREGATION...BECOME A CHALICE LIGHTER**

In the 30 seconds it takes to go to this link, <http://tjd.uua.org/cl/tjd-chalice-lighter-pledge-form.htm> and fill out the pledge card, you can help start up new UU churches in America, help a congregation call their first UU minister, expand or re-build current UU buildings, or start UU ministries on college campuses. It's easy when thousands of individual UU's come together, each giving as little as \$10, three times a year, in what is called the "Chalice Lighters Program". The money is rolled together from lots of congregations to help individual congregations. Perhaps even GUUF! Very cool!

Our neighbors, the Spartanburg congregation have been the beneficiary of this program twice--first with a \$2400 grant in 1990 to call their first minister, and again with a \$26,140 grant in 2006 for a building expansion. Clemson fellowship benefited from the program in 1998 with a \$15,837 grant to call their first minister. While GUUF has never applied for a grant, we certainly could! We could receive funds to expand or renovate our building, for example. But to be a beneficiary of the program, we must have a substantial number of members contributing as Chalice Lighters for other congregations.

When a congregation applies for a grant, the district will send out a "call", never more than three times per year, to everyone who has signed up to be a Chalice Lighter. For each call, you send in however much you have pledged--\$10, \$20, \$50, \$100--whatever is the right amount for you. Our goal is to have 75% of our members sign up to be Chalice Lighters. When you sign up, you accomplish two enormously important things: help grow UUism across America, and help make GUUF eligible to receive a grant at some point.

I signed up to become a Chalice Lighter on Friday, April 17th. It took 30 seconds using the online link. They'll send me a welcome packet and a Chalice Lighter decal to wear on my name badge (if I ever remember my name badge). They'll contact me by mail no more than three times per year to help out another congregation. I felt great about standing up for this program. Will you stand with me? Will you take the 30 seconds to click on the link to the online pledge card and sign up today? Let's overwhelm the district office with dozens of Greenville Unitarian Universalist folks' pledge cards, and show that we walk our talk, that we believe in deeds not creeds, and that our deed for today is to become a Chalice Lighter. Thanks

Susan Crow-Granger, Denominational Affairs Chairperson

This is the link: <http://tjd.uua.org/cl/tjd-chalice-lighter-pledge-form.htm>

**Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions**

4/12/09 Attendance: 191

4/12/09 Contributions: \$2,780

## **National Day of Prayer Event**

A National Day of Prayer event will be held on Thursday, May 7th at 12:30pm at the Allen Temple AME Church located in the West End of Greenville (across from the baseball stadium), on 401 Vardry Street. Our own Gordon Branson will be participating along with a dozen other faith communities and organizations. This event is sponsored by the Interfaith Forum -a community organization here in Greenville. The topic for the service is "Caring for Our Community." Questions? Contact Susan Cooper at: 288-4912.

## **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](mailto:dorajonry@aol.com) Make another home run for GUUF!



### **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.



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