

*Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education*  
*From Babies to Sages*  
May 17, 2009

**Classes and Events Today**

9:30	<i>Childcare begins, Power of Myth (adults)</i>
9:45	<i>Adults —Course in Miracles, Liberal Christian Study Group</i> <i>Children -- Children's Chapel with Kris Beliakoff</i>
10:00	<i>3 Years to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Spirit Play</i> <i>5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Kingdom of Equals</i>
11:00	<i>Middle School, Coming of Age, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Classes with</i> <i>advisors</i>
11:20	<i>Elementary – After the story in the service – projects with</i> <i>volunteers</i>

**2009 Bridging Ceremony**  
**May 31st**  
**In the Service**

Join us as we celebrate our 12th Graders who bridge to adulthood. We will honor them in the service and wish them well as they head to college or career.

**Chili Cook-off**  
**May 31st**

Our yearly chili cook-off has arrived! Enjoy a meal at the congregational meeting knowing you are helping the youth group. On May 31st join us for a meal prepared by the teens and their families as a fundraiser 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. Note about lunch fundraisers: Each teen must raise between \$700-\$800 to attend their annual youth group trip. We hold luncheons once a month to help them out, along with fundraise throughout the Greenville community. Thank you for your support!

**O' Charley's Night for GUUF!**  
**May 26th 4 to 8 PM**

We have secured a dinner night at O'Charley's in Simpsonville. \* 10% of the proceeds for the night will go to our youth group (up to \$500). Where else can you enter a restaurant and know so many patrons? Spread the word. You don't even have to mention the name of the group, just eat at a place that cares to help our teens. Funds raised will offset the cost of the NYC and Boston trips. \*Thank you to Scott Gilbert for making this connection.

**671 Fairview Rd**  
**Simpsonville, SC 29680**  
**(864) 228-3681 [www.ocharleys.com](http://www.ocharleys.com)**

### **GAIHN Gift Bags – Can you help?**

The middle school group's social action project is providing gift bags for our GAIHN (Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) guests that will be living in our Fellowship June 7-14. The teens have come up with the following items they would like to collect to put in those bags. If you can donate any of these items, or you think of other items you would like to donate to the cause, please bring them in any Sunday in May.

Socks	flipflops	cards	sunglasses
pencil/paper	bubble gum	toothbrush	mini fan
water bottle	visors	batteries	
travel-size shampoo, conditioner			

### **Summer in Children and Youth Religious Education Volunteers needed, plans being made**

GUUF religious education continues over the summer beginning in June, though with a condensed Sunday morning schedule. Children's classes begin after the story in the service and the teen classes begin at 11 AM. Our children's curriculum this summer is from the Culture Company which advocates peace through play (see the May Flame for more details). We need folks to lead one or more of the following sessions:

PEACE: Peace is the Path  
AUSTRALIA: Responsibility to Others  
BRAZIL: Respect the Earth and Each Other  
GHANA: Different yet Familiar  
GREECE: The Golden Rule  
INDIA: Fairness  
MOROCCO: Being Thankful

If you would like to teach, please see Kris or Laura Christenbury and we will help schedule the summer sessions around your summer plans. Lessons and materials provided.

*Teens ---*

*You will be involved in Social Action and brush up on your theology with an unusual but highly popular curriculum called The Gospel According to the Simpsons. Yes, those Simpsons. True to the themes of the ancient texts but taught in an unforgettable style, this curriculum promises to break up those summer blahs. Plus, we will add more social plans as you wish. Teachers needed. All materials and discussion questions provided.*

### **Families and Teens -- Save these dates:**

June – 18-21 (NYC for 10—12th Grade)

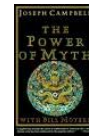
August 13-17 Boston 9th Grade

### **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!

\*\*\*Thank you Lori Gold and helpers for our wonderful game night with the younger children. A great time was had by all. Over thirty children came to play games, eat pizza and get to know each other in a relaxed way that class Sunday morning time just doesn't permit. Their parents have fun too!\*\*\*

**Power Of Myth**  
**Sundays 9:30 AM, Founders Room**  
**Six sessions**



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**  
**Taos**

**May 20 Wednesday, 7 PM, Founders Room**

From the jacket: "John Wahlberg is a fast-track lawyer in the prime of his life when he takes a trip to join his girlfriend for a family vacation to Aspen. When his car breaks down stranding him in Taos, New Mexico, he has an opportunity to take a moment to review his life. What he discovers will take more than a night in the mountains to solve, but once he sees the light, clearly there's no turning back. "This film is about perspective and wake up calls that suggest it is time for a change in perspective.

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](mailto:dre@greenvilleuu.org).

**~ ~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) On summer break till Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, See info below, 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)

**Hiking Group** (Off Site) on going with dates and locations to be determined, Contact: Karen Csizmadia (322-6441)

**How to Reach Us:**

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*The UU Women's Book Group* will take a break for the summer months but will meet again on Sunday, September 13th at 9:45am in the Women's Room located beside the fellowship hall. Our book will be The Painted Veil by Somerset Maugham. A love story set in Hong Kong during the 1920's and a story affirming the human capacity to grow, to change, and to forgive. The leader of the discussion will be Susan Cooper. Questions? Call Susan at: 288-4912.





~ **IMPORTANT** ~  
Congregational Meeting



**May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

**Immediately Following the Service in the Fellowship Hall**

Meeting is for the adoption of a budget for the 2009/2010 fiscal year.  
Please plan to attend.

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## **Volunteer Help Needed with GAIHN Week at Fellowship**

On June 7<sup>th</sup> the homeless families in the GAIHN program will arrive at our Fellowship for a week. During that time we will house them and feed them. We will also provide some support for the parents and help to entertain the children. We always need a lot of volunteers for this community service project that we take on twice a year. Please read the information on the NEON RED INSERTS and see whether you might be able to help.

**Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions**

5/10/09 Attendance: 117

5/10/09 Contributions: \$1,448

### *↻ Congregational Care Items ↻*

*We extend our loving support to:*

Ben Williams' Mother who is caring for her Mother after several strokes.  
Wendy Plummer's friends whose son was born prematurely.  
Alan Johnstone's Mother who is in hospice.

*We celebrate with:*

Bibi Harris' stepdaughter on her recent marriage

*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.*

## **Vacation for a Weekend with Fellow GUUFERS!**

At The Mountain, a Unitarian affiliated camp in Highlands, NC.

Save the date: June 5-7

Registrations are first come, first served.

To register, call The Mountain directly, at 828-526-5838, extension 0.

They will take a credit card by phone, or you can mail them a check. Please email me that you have signed up so I can keep a tally of number going.

We can accommodate up to 120 people.

Cost: Adults \$150.00  
Youth 0-3 Free  
4-12 \$33.00  
13-17 \$44.00

Price includes all lodging, meals and a meeting space. Lunch on Sunday would be an additional \$8 per person. We are bringing in Dick Britton from the Mountain May 17 to give us a presentation on The Mountain. If you've never been, it's one of the best things about being a Unitarian in this part of the country! There are cabins with baths, and a hotel style lodge, a library, game room. We can hike, relax at scenic overlooks, have meals together, organize games in the field area, and perhaps some special programming (TBD).

Susan Crow-Granger  
Denominational Affairs Chairperson



## **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

## Garden Time

Want to plant a garden of your own and don't have space at home? The fellowship is providing about 5,000 sq ft of garden space ready for your hoe. We have arranged to have a section of our front yard ploughed and tilled and ready for you to garden. Get in touch with Alvena Chapman [chapman100@charter.net](mailto:chapman100@charter.net) or 232-7092 or the office and reserve a space. The ground should be ready for you now.



### **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.

### *Want to Contact Us?*

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#### Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 10 am – 4 pm

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