

Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education
From Babies to Sages
May 24, 2009
Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

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 4th Grade – Spirit Play</i> <i>5th-6th Grade – Kingdom of Equals</i>
11:00	<i>Middle School, Coming of Age, 10th-12th Grade – Classes with advisors</i>
11:20	<i>Elementary – After the story in the service – projects with volunteers</i>

Children's Chapel Dedication

May 31st, 9:45 AM, Children's Chapel

We will dedicate the space remodeled "green" for our children's own quiet worship area. Join us for a brief (10 minute) dedication of the space. We are appreciative that Pat Jobe, our guest minister for the service, will assist. Children, youth, and any interested adults are welcome.

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**

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. Look for a teen or the brown shopping bag on display in the RE lobby. Thanks!

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.

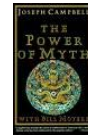
Teens ---

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

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.

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.

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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!

~ ~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) On summer break till Sunday, September 13th, See info below, Contact: Susan Cooper (288-4912)

Zen Meditation (LOR) Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, Contact: Carole McAfee (236-8484) Note: No class/meeting on May 26th and June 9th

Senior Fellowship (FH) 2nd Thursday each month, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, No meetings in July & August, 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 July 7th until July 28th, 4 week summer program for the whole family, 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)

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.



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.



~ **IMPORTANT** ~
Congregational Meeting



May 31st, 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.

Volunteer Help Needed with GAIHN Week at Fellowship

On June 7th 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 contact Robin Del Favero if you are interested at 419-0015 or 422-2931.

Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions
5/17/09 Attendance: 104
5/17/09 Contributions: \$962

↻ Congregational Care Items ↻

We extend our loving support to:

Mary Foley who is recovering from knee replacement at NHC in Mauldin.

Anne Davidson whose father is in the hospital with a serious illness and whose mother was also recently hospitalized.

Lynda Molnar's family members who are struggling right now.

Daniel Strange who is raising money for the Allendale School which is in need of repair.

We celebrate with:

Bibi Candy Kern-Fuller whose daughter graduated from college.

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. 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



Spartanburg First Gay Pride March, June 20th

Upstate Pride is sponsoring Spartanburg's first Gay Pride Parade on Saturday, June 20 2009. The Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. with line-up starting at 10:00 a.m. at the UU Church of Spartanburg. Please attend and show your support, and feel free to wear GUUF t-shirts. Following the Parade, a festival on the grounds of UUCS. If you are interested in having a booth, making a donation to Upstate Pride for this event and or carpooling from GUUF, contact Jan Humphreys at 234-4946, or email her at janhumphrey@gmail.com.

Your Welcoming Congregation Task Force

Dedication of the Jeanne Menard Bicycle Lane

On May 28th, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Greenville Mental Health Clinic, 124 Mallard Street, the Vardry Street Bicycle Lane will be dedicated in honor of Jeanne Menard. Jeanne, a long time member of GUUF was hit and killed while commuting home on the bike. Please make plans to attend.

Welcoming Task Force presents "Faith In America"

Brent Childers brings a unique and powerful voice to Faith In America's mission to end the harm caused by a social climate of rejection, condemnation and violence toward and against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans that is so often justified with bigotry disguised as religious truth. For most of his adult life Childers was someone who aligned himself with those groups and their message of condemnation and rejection. He will address how religion-based bigotry and prejudice causes tremendous emotional, psychological and spiritual pain and trauma to gay youth in America. He will also share how he came to the place of repentance and redemption on this issue.

There will be a Talk-Back session immediately following the service in the sanctuary. For more information, contact WCTF co-chairs Jan Humphrey or Lynn Cusick.

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

**WE NEED YOU...
AT A GREENVILLE DRIVE GAME**



It is summertime again and that means many things; one of which is the fundraiser for the Fellowship with the Greenville Drive. You may be pleased to know that the lineup of games that we are responsible for is almost half done. So if you have been meaning to help out at a game and just haven't got around to it yet, now is the time to do so. It is reasonably fun and a source of fellowship as well as the financial gains for the good work that gets done around the Fellowship. That said here is the Schedule for the Rest of the Year.

Date	Day	Arrive	1 st Pitch	# People Needed
6/14	Sun	2:30 pm	4:00 pm	14
6/21	Sun	2:30 pm	4:00 pm	14
7/6	Mon	5:30 pm	7:00 pm	12
7/7	Tue	9:30 am	11:00 am	12
7/10	Fri	5:30 pm	7:00 pm	18
7/24	Fri	5:30 pm	7:00 pm	18
7/28	Tue	9:30 am	11:00 am	12
8/4	Tue	5:30 pm	7:00 pm	12
8/15	Sat	5:30 pm	7:00 pm	18
8/16	Sun	5:30 pm	7:00 pm	14
8/28	Fri	5:30 pm	7:00 pm	16

If you are interested, and I know you are, please contact John Emery at 918-7820 or dorajonry@aol.com or Carol Lavash at 855-3821 wlavash@gmail.com



Garden Time

Want to plant a garden of your own and don't have space at home? There are still 2 plots left and ready for planting in the Fellowship Community Garden. Get in touch with Alvena Chapman at chapman100@charter.net or 232-7092 or the office and reserve a space. The ground should be ready for you now.



REWARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!!!!!!!!!!!

On June 7th the homeless families in the GAIHN program will arrive at our church 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 following information and see whether you might be able to help.

SET UP VOLUNTEERS- Help unload the trailer on Sunday, June 7th during coffee hour. This is not heavy work. Once off the trailer, the beds can be rolled to the rooms and belongings will need to be hand carried. The time involved is from 12:00noon to 1:00pm.

BED MAKERS- Help make up the beds, arrange the rooms, and put out bath towels for the families on June 7th during coffee hour. The time involved is from 12:00noon to 1:00pm.

MEAL VOLUNTEERS- Provide **one evening meal** using a simple menu that we can provide for you (or you may have your own ideas). This can be done by a family, a group, or individuals can be matched up by the GAIHN Coordinator to work together. The time involved is 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

GROCERY BUYER - a grocery list will be provided for you to buy items for the families for breakfast, snacks, and sandwich makings for the families to take with them for lunch when they leave each morning. You will be reimbursed for your expense. The food will need to be delivered to the kitchen in the fellowship hall by 2pm on Sunday, June 7th.

OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS- Stay over **one night** and set out breakfast food the next morning. Private rooms with comfortable beds are set up for volunteers. This can be done by a couple, by unrelated individuals (we can match you with someone else), or by a parent and older child (18+). Couples can share a room and unrelated volunteers can have a room to themselves. The time involved is from 7:30pm to 7:30am the next morning.

ENTERTAINMENT VOLUNTEERS FOR WEEKNIGHTS- Help entertain the children **one evening** by coloring, reading stories, shooting hoops, watching movies, doing crafts, playing games in the game room, etc. Activities depend on the ages and interests of the children. If the weather is nice, the younger children can play outside on the playground. This can be done by a group, a family or by unrelated individuals. The time involved is 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

BREAKDOWN VOLUNTEERS – Help pack up the trailer and belongings on Sunday, June 14th . Folks will be needed to roll the cots and belongings out to the trailer, bag the linens for washing, straighten the classrooms, vacuum, and empty the refrigerator. This is a time when we need a lot of hands **and** this is one of the hardest times to get volunteers. The time involved is 1 1/2 hours (8am to 9:30am).

VOLUNTEERS TO DO LAUNDRY - After the families leave, the bed linens and towels need to be washed and returned to the church. This can be divided among several people and it is **not** a rush job. You can take a week to get this done.

As you can see there are many ways for you and your family to be a part of this very worthwhile project that touches the lives of people you would not normally meet. We have so much to offer these families who are in crisis. Please review this information and let me know if you have any questions.
Robin Del Favero, 419-0015 or 422-2931, or robincroteau@hotmail.com

IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HELP IN ONE OF THE WAYS LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE. TEAR OFF THE FORM AND PUT IN THE USHER’S BASKET TODAY.

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I can help with the GAIHN program in the following way. (Please specify which of the above tasks you are interested in doing.) Place in the Ushers basket or provide information to Robin Del Favero (419-0015 or 422-2931).

Task _____
Name _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

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