

Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education



From Babies to Sages

May 31, 2009



Classes and Events Today

- 9:30 *Childcare begins, Power of Myth (adults)*
9:45 *Adults —Course in Miracles, Liberal Christian Study Group*
 Children -- Children's Chapel Dedication
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 after Senior High Bridging in service.
11:20 *Elementary – After the story in the service – projects with*
 Volunteers
12:00 *Chili Cook-off at Congregational Meeting*
2:30 *Youth work Drive ballgame concession stand*

Next Children and Youth RE Committee Meeting: June 7th, 10 AM.

GAIHN Gift Bags – Can you help? June 7th last collection day

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. **Update:** We have nine children that will be staying with us: One toddler (girl), one preschooler (boy), and six boys/one girl elementary-aged. There are also three moms and two dads in the group. Please think of small ways to make them feel comfortable. 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			

Thank you to Scott Gilbert for our wonderful O' Charley's night and all the families, friends and members that joined us in Simpsonville to support our youth groups!

Thank you to Ron Chapman for a very successful Adult RE/Social Justice evening class which was featured in the paper this past Monday. We had 18 people from outside the Fellowship join us for a good meal (thank you, Francine Proulx!) and a wonderful interactive presentation of the soon to be shown on PBS film, The First Millimeter.

While we're at it: Thank you to the Buildings and Grounds folks for taking care of the fire ants. The children and teens are having so much fun being able to play outside now! ☺

REMINDER: There will not be children or youth programming at 9:45 AM or 10:00 AM over the summer. All classes are either at 11 AM (Middle and High school combined) or 11:20 AM after the story in the service.

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
NATIVE NORTH AMERICA: Knowing What's Important

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. Modern pop culture incorporates the themes of the ancient texts. 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 13-16 (Boston 9th Grade) *** Note the confirmed four days

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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) 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 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



TODAY!!!

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
5/24/09 Attendance: 85
5/24/09 Contributions: \$1,256

~ Congregational Care Items ~

We extend our loving support to:

Jenni Thompson in remembrance of her father-in-law who was in WWII and Korea

Joy Hughes in remembrance of her teacher who passed

Candy Kern-Fuller in remembrance of her father who was in WWII

Ron Reece whose father is a WWII vet and wrote his life story which was published last month

Hilda Howerton with appreciation for all veterans and especially for Glen

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 UUUCS. 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 janhhumphrey@gmail.com.

Your Welcoming Congregation Task Force

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



Box Tops for UU World of Children

A box top cut out is worth .10 cents. This year we earned \$81 out of box top savings. Please cut out box tops from general Mills products such as Cheerios, Betty Crocker products, Glad & Hefty bags, Huggies, Kotex, Scott's & Cottonelle toilet paper and Kleenex.



**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 [wlvash@gmail.com](mailto:wlavash@gmail.com)



Pat's Pantry

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



Dinner and a Movie

Movie: *Il y a longtemps que je t'aime* (I've Loved You So Long) 2008

When: Sunday, June 14th, 2009

Time: Potluck Dinner 6pm, Film 7pm

Place: Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



The Movie: After more than a decade apart, estranged sisters Juliette (Kristin Scott Thomas) and Lea (Elsa Zylberstein) try to rebuild their fractured relationship. But the task is hardly easy, considering Juliette's past. She's been in jail for 15 years -- for killing someone. As she settles into small-town life with Lea's family, the locals can't help but talk. Philippe Claudel's feature film debut garnered him a Golden Globe nomination for Best Foreign Language Film. This movie has been rated PG-13 by the For MPAA thematic material and smoking.. Time 117 minutes.

The Food: We will have a potluck at 6PM before the movie. Well, you can bring a French 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.

NANTAHALA RAFTING TRIPS - 2009 SUNDAY, JUNE 28, JULY 26 and AUGUST 16

If you missed last year's Nantahala Whitewater trips, you've got another chance! We have three trips planned for this summer. This is a **great family outing** (and singles mixer, too!) with one caveat: you must weigh at least 60 pounds to raft on the Nantahala (hypothermia is the danger). For details on costs and what to bring and travel plans contacts are:

Merridee Harper
(h.235-5858 w.286-2367) or
Hal Smith (h. 244-9322)
for reservations or if you
have any questions.



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