

# Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



## *What **Do** UU's Believe??*

August 23, 2009

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# GREENVILLE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, August 23, 2009

## *Order of Service*

<b>Gathering Music</b>		Charlie Smith
<b>Welcome</b>		Gordon Branson
<b>Prelude</b>		Charlie Smith
<b>Chalice Lighting</b>		Gordon Branson
<b>Opening Words</b>		Bill Schulze
<b>* Opening Song</b>	<i>Just as Long as I Have Breath – # 6</i>	All sing
<b>Sharing the Hand of Fellowship</b>		Old friends & new
<b>Community Caring</b>	<i>Please share your joys &amp; sorrows in our Community Memory Book before or after the service.</i>	
<b>Candles of Joys &amp; Sorrows</b>		Gordon Branson
<b>A Story for All Ages</b>		Bill Schulze
<b>Children's Benediction</b>	<i>Go Now in Peace – # 413</i>	All sing
<b>Words for Reflection</b>		Bill Schulze
<b>Silence for Reflection &amp; Musical Response</b>		Charlie Smith
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Let the Mystery Be ~ by Iris DeMent</i>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>What <b>Do</b> UU's Believe?? Commentary &amp; Readings</i>	Bill Schulze
<b>* Closing Song</b>	<i>Fifty Miles of Elbow Room</i>	UU Gospel Choir & all sing
	see page 4 for lyrics	
<b>Benediction</b>		Bill Schulze

*After the service there will be a Talk Back for those interested.*

As the result of congregational input, the Sunday Services Committee is working towards restructuring the service to help create a more meaningful and flowing worship experience. In an effort to show appreciation for our volunteer musicians, to the service leaders and to all who come to worship together, we would like to move together as a congregation to prepare for the service with quiet reflection and meditation. Please note the changes in the order of service and observe the ushers and greeters as we attempt to implement these changes. As always, we appreciate your input in this process.



**“Joys and Sorrows”** -- You may write your Joys or Sorrows in the Memory Book on the table in the front of the Sanctuary. The worship associate will then craft a short prayer lifting up those Joys and Sorrows. If you are not inclined to write in the book, you may also simply light a candle in silence.

*~ Thanks to Our Service Associates ~*

Worship Associates ..... Gordon Branson  
Pianist ..... Charlie Smith  
Guest Conductor ..... Miriam Davidson  
Ushers ..... Robin & John Del Favero  
Greeters ..... Carol Frome & Bob Pepon  
Sound Crew ..... Chevar Ray Brown, Richard Fuller & Reed Humphrey  
Flowers ..... Floral Ministry

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit as you are willing and able.*

***Please turn off cell phones, pagers, etc. before our service begins.***

- ***Welcome Newcomers!*** If you are here for the first or second time, please feel free to let the offering basket pass you by; you are our guest. After the service, you are warmly welcome to join us in the Right Over Flow Room, under the Welcome Banner, for coffee and conversation. Welcoming members will be there to meet and talk with you.
- Recordings of Sunday Services may be ordered and picked up in the Right Over Flow Room at the Audio Stand during coffee hour or by email to [recorded4uu@gmail.com](mailto:recorded4uu@gmail.com).
- We have an elevator for transport from the Sanctuary (upstairs) to the Fellowship Hall (downstairs). Our Welcomers and Ushers have a key and would be happy to assist you.

Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 11 a.m.

***Water Service***

***Rev. Pat Jobe***

For more information visit [www.greenvilleuu.org](http://www.greenvilleuu.org)

## *FIFTY MILES OF ELBOW ROOM*

*- by IRIS DEMINT*

Twelve-hundred miles, its length and breadth that four-square city stands  
Its gem-set walls of jasper shine they're not made by human hands.

One-hundred miles its gates are wide, abundant entrance there  
With fifty miles of elbow room on either side to spare.

When the gates swing wide on the other side, just beyond the sunset sea  
There'll be room to spare as we enter there, there'll be room for you, and  
room for me

For the gates are wide on the other side, where the fairest flowers bloom  
On the right hand and on the left hand, fifty miles of elbow room.

Sometimes I'm cramped and I'm crowded here, and I long for elbow room  
I long to reach for altitude where the fairest flowers bloom  
It won't be long before I pass into that city fair,  
With fifty miles of elbow room on either side to spare.

Oh, when the gates swing wide on the other side, just beyond the sunset  
sea

There'll be room to spare as we enter there, there'll be room for you and  
room for me

Oh, for the gates are wide on the other side where the fairest flowers bloom  
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### *↻ Congregational Care Items ↻*

#### *We Extend Our Loving Support To:*

Jim Cooney who is recovering from a stroke.  
Bill Wunch who is recovering from a stroke.

#### *We Celebrate With:*

Jim Yockey's mother, Helen, who celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

If you or a member of your family are in crisis or are hospitalized, please contact Pat Jobe at 843-708-1033 or contact the office during office hours. Pat is available 24/7 for emergencies, but other needs can generally come through the office. Pat is working on getting a local cell phone.

### **WELCOME NEWCOMERS!**

Please join us in Right Overflow Room 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.

*Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education*  
*From Babies to Sages*  
**August 23, 2009**

**Classes and Events Today**

9:30      *Childcare begins*  
9:45      *Adults —Course in Miracles*  
11:00     *Middle School through Twelfth Grade – Prepare for younger children*  
11:20     *Elementary – After the story in the service: Maori Natives of New Zealand – family histories and symbolism.*

**Summer in Children and Youth Religious Education  
Schedule Below**

GUUF Our children's curriculum this summer is from the Culture Company which advocates peace through play  
August 30- — Water Service, everyone attends service  
September 6 – Relaxed Fellowship (Teacher: TBD)  
September 13 — Flower Service, everyone attends service  
September 20 – Family Orientation, 10 AM Fall classes begin

**Youth (Teen) Religious Education  
Schedule Below**

August 30- — Water Service, everyone attends service  
September 6 – Relaxed Fellowship (Teacher: TBD)  
September 13 — Flower Service, everyone attends service  
September 20 – Family Orientation 10 AM, Fall classes begin

**CYRE Summer Family Potluck Cookout and Picnic!  
TODAY!!! August 23rd**

RE supplies the hotdogs (regular and veggie) and drinks; we ask you to bring a side. We meet at Herdtkotz Park (just blocks from GUUF) at the large shelter after the service. We share a lunch, play volleyball/softball/soccer, and enjoy the relaxed time together. Everyone is welcome!



### **Volunteers needed for Fall classes**

We are seeking teachers and helpers for the following classes:

Spirit Play (3 years old to third grade)  
Living the Promise: Stories from the Old Testament (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
UU Identity: Middle School  
World Religions and Leadership: High School

Join a small team for each age level and enjoy learning and sharing with some of the 100 most wonderful other people who join us on Sunday. Teaching schedule is rotated among the team members. See Jennifer Cowden, Steve Duda, Kris Beliakoff or sign up on our volunteer board for more information.

### **\*\*\*\* Important Notice Regarding Children's RE Sunday Schedules for Fall \*\*\*\***

After weighing several factors, your CYRE committee has decided to hold ALL children's RE classes during the 11 AM hour instead of the 10 AM hour (similar to our summer schedule). The children will still begin in the service, and leave for their classrooms after the *Story for All Ages*. Unfortunately, this point in the service could be as late as 11:30, and to do justice to our children's spiritual growth and bonding time with their peers, we feel that it is vital that they experience 45 minutes of class time. Therefore, we respectfully ask that parents call for their child(ren) no earlier than 12:15. If the adult service lets out early, please feel free to use the time to socialize with the rest of the congregation or even take a few minutes of quiet time outside (an option quite rare for parents of small children).

We still intend to offer meaningful, enriching programs at the 10 AM hour for those families who are present at that time. Activities will include Children's Chapel, Service Projects, Game Time, and hopefully Choir. A different activity will be offered each week. The exact schedule will be determined later, and will be dependent upon volunteers to facilitate. Thank you for entrusting us with your children and we appreciate your

#### **How to Reach Us:**

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# The Weekly Spark

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*Spark the Memory, Spark the Spirit*

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## Ingathering / Water Ceremony

Our Ingathering / Water Ceremony Service will be NEXT Sunday, August 30th. This is a reminder to bring a small container of water from somewhere you visited during the summer to add to our community water which we will use for child dedications and other ceremonies throughout the year. Your water can be actual water from the place you visited or it could be symbolic or even virtual water. You will have an opportunity share where your water is from during the gathering of the waters ritual in the service.

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## We Need Your GAGA!

Fellowship Auction, November 2009 It'll Be Fresh & Fun with New Merchandise to Sell at a Variety of Prices! Think big! Think Little!



## Call for Donations

**GOURMET** – Host a brunch, lunch or dinner; make a gourmet gift basket, give kitchen tools & cookware, glass, a set of CD's to cook and dine by, a gift card or coupon for fresh delivered flowers.

**ART** – Antiques, fine art, fine-art crafts, music collections, first edition books, handmade jewelry, heirloom jewelry, & collectibles. Anything in this category that is used is fine!

**GOODS** – New merchandise of all kinds other than garments: tools, housewares, linens, tasteful decorator items, frequent flyer miles, electronics & peripherals...&

**SERVICES:** Offer master gardening, dancing, yoga & fitness, Spanish, cooking, or art classes. Or offer to be a handy helper: offer yard clean up, to paint a room, make & deliver a week of homemade bag lunches, do taxes, do a half-day of fix-it work, write a will, or whatever special skills & talents you can package.

**ACTIVITIES** – Vacation home/timeshare, tickets to the Peace Center or a Bi-Lo concert, a pottery painting session at Color Clay Café, host a 4th of July party for 12, or sponsor any activity you think individuals or families would find interesting & fun.

**Please save your useful used items for the Children's Rummage Sale**

**Buy new goods now on sale and set aside for the auction, then let us know what you're holding onto for the auction:**

[carolfrome@msn.com](mailto:carolfrome@msn.com) 864-884-5493

**If you have or know of a business or have friends that may make an appropriate donation, let us know. We'll take it! Many thanks to all!**

**Ways & Means Committee**

**~ ~On Going Meetings and Classes~ ~**

***Childcare begins at 9:30 am each Sunday***

**A Course in Miracles** (CC) Sundays, 9:45 — 10:45 am, Contact: Jean Blank (239-0110)

**African Drumming** (CR) Thursdays 6:30 – 7:00 pm, beginners welcome for mini-class, 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>, Contact: Susan Cooper (288-4912)

**Zen Meditation** (SAC) Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, website: meditation.meetup.com/216 Contact: Carole McAfee (236-8484)

**Senior Fellowship** (FH) 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, **No meetings in July & August**, 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) **No Dinner & A Movie for July and August, see you in September!**

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

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

**Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions**

8/16/09 Attendance: 119

8/16/09 Contributions: \$2,245

*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.

### **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

### **Coffee Change**

#### **Location – not donations....**

To accommodate the UU World of Children's move into our Fellowship Hall for this school year, our coffee time gatherings have moved, too. Before and after Sunday Services, Coffee Time will now be in the Right Overflow Room, upstairs adjacent to the Sanctuary.



Before services, we ask you keep conversations low while people are assembling in the pews. After services the accordion wall can be opened for more space and conversation. It may be awkward for a while, but it's for the kids. The UUWOC students. (And no stairs!)