

Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Barely Possible Sermon *Our annual flower communion*

September 13, 2009



Reverend Pat Jobe
Minister

Kris Beliakoff
Director of Lifespan Religious Education & Administration

GREENVILLE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Order of Service

Gathering Music		Jeannette & Marshall Winn
Welcome		Reverend Pat Jobe
Prelude		Jeannette & Marshall Winn
Chalice Lighting		Steve Compton
Opening Words		Reverend Pat Jobe
Sharing the Hand of Fellowship		Old friends & new
* Opening Song	<i>For Flowers That Bloom about Our Feet – # 76</i>	All sing
Community Caring	<i>Please share your joys & sorrows in our Community Memory Book before or after the service.</i>	
A Story for All Ages		Reverend Pat Jobe
Special Music	<i>The UU Blues</i>	Nate Hill & John Robertson
Words for Reflection	<i>From Tom Robbins</i>	Steve Compton
Silence for Reflection & Musical Response		Jeannette Winn
Offertory		Jeannette & Marshall Winn
	<i>During the offering persons who have not placed their flowers in the vases on the chalice table may do so. Also candles may be lighted for unspoken joys and sorrows.</i>	
Sermon	<i>A Barely Possible Sermon</i>	Reverend Pat Jobe
* Closing Song	<i>Rank by Rank Again We Stand – # 358</i>	All sing
Closing Words		Reverend Pat Jobe
Postlude		Jeannette & Marshall Winn
Benediction		Reverend Pat Jobe

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 Steve Compton
Pianist Marshall Winn
Flautist Jeannette Winn
Guitarists Nate Hill & John Robertson
Music Leader Jenni Thompson
Ushers Suzy & Bo Boghani
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.

Sunday, September 20th, 2009, 11 a.m.

The Autumnal Equinox

Rev. Pat Jobe

For more information visit www.greenvilleuu.org

Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education
From Babies to Sages
September 13, 2009

Welcome Bridget Thompson, your new youth director! Youth directors focus on community building with the youth and steer the youth toward social action. They work in conjunction with the DLREA and the CYRE committee.

Classes and Events Today

9:30 *Childcare begins*
9:45 *Adults —Course in Miracles, Discussion Group*
11:00 *All children remain in the service.*

Children's Religious Education and Activities

Schedule Below – Reminder fall classes are after the story in the service

September 13 — Flower Service, everyone attends service
September 20 – Family Orientation 10 AM, Fall classes begin
October 25th – Fall Fellowship Bonfire and Hay Ride at Case & Lori Morton's House.

Youth (Teen) Religious Education and Activities

Schedule Below – Reminder fall classes for teens are at 11 AM

September 13 – Flower Service at 11 AM where everyone attends service
September 20 – Family Orientation 10 AM, **Fall classes begin**
September 27 – Coming of Age Service. All teens attend.
October 4th – Messy Game Night and Lock-In. Middle School and High School programs run concurrently.
October 24th – Halloween Haunted House Lock-In – Middle and High School together. Guests invited.
October 25th – All teens in service with Mansankho Banda
October 30th- November 1st – Senior High Mountain Trip option
November 13th-15th – Middle School Mountain Trip option

Religious Education Family Orientation Next Sunday 10 AM!!!

Come join us for a light breakfast and an interactive presentation on the offerings in children and youth religious education for this upcoming year. What classes will be taught, what additional activities will be offered, what offerings will we offer for parent to refuel themselves, and what variety of roles can you play in religious education? We will meet in the RE lobby area and will have simple play/art activities for the children to do while the adults meet. The time is relaxed but chock full of information.

Volunteers needed for Fall classes

We are seeking teachers and helpers for the following classes:

Spirit Play (3 years old to third grade) – Thank you to Julienne Correa who is coordinating this recruitment effort!
Living the Promise: Stories from the Old Testament (4th – 6th 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.

How to Reach Us:

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Articulating Your UU Faith Starts October 4th 5 Sessions 9:45 AM, Sundays, Sanctuary Assisted by Pat Jobe

The focus of this curriculum is on articulation – practicing how and what to say in various settings in which you might be called upon to declare yourself religiously or illuminate some angle on this liberal religious movement that has touched and change so many lives for the better. Such moments are precious opportunities to deepen your own path and perhaps grow a happy awareness in someone else about this rich “living tradition.” Yet many of us struggle to describe our religion adequately to others. This course provides hopeful inspiration and resources, plus the opportunity for meaningful connection to fellow UUs.

This class guides participants through a series of easy and engaging exercises--personal reflection, role-play, discussion and even the creation of a worship event--that equip them to communicate their liberal religious ideals.

RSVPs requested for material supplies. Facilitated by Kris Beliakoff.
To register: adultregistration@greenvilleuu.org or call the office.

Saving Jesus is back by popular demand!

Starts September 27th

9:30 AM Sundays, lounge downstairs

RSVP please so we have materials and space for you!

Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right or the Secular Left? Saving Jesus is a revolutionary DVD-based small group exploration of Jesus Christ for the third millennium. Featuring leading religious voices of our day, the 12-week program includes historical, theological, spiritual and social justice themes for a conversation around the relevance of Jesus Christ for today. Join Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Matthew Fox, Amy-Jill Levine, James Forbes and a host of others for a conversation around the relevance of Jesus Christ for today. Facilitators Gordon Branson and Karen Conrad, More info? Contact Kris, Karen, or check out <http://www.livingthequestions.com>. To register: adultregistration@greenvilleuu.org or call the office.

Spiritual Cinema

2012: Science or Superstition

September 16, Wednesdays, 7 PM

Founders Room

From the jacket: "The ending of the Mayan calendar on December 12, 2012 has sparked a worldwide discussion— bestselling books, *New York Times* and *USA Today* articles, Hollywood films and more. This documentary goes to the heart of the 2012 questions: Will life as we know it end — metaphorically, literally or at all? Could 2012 actually represent an evolutionary leap in our consciousness? Discover the multiple, and at times conflicting perspectives on this enigmatic topic combined with related global change theories. 78 minutes. Facilitated by Kris Beliakoff. Childcare available with one week's notice. Please call the office at 271-4883 or contact dre@greenvilleuu.org

Becoming Women of Wisdom

Marking the Passage into the Crone Years

We have willing participants and one facilitator, but the Adult RE Committee is seeking a co-facilitator

Start date and time to be decided by leaders

This 13-circle curriculum is designed to prepare women to take on the role of Wise Women in their communities. The gatherings open participants to the power, wisdom, and insight of the mature self and to challenge women to use their wisdom for the good of the world through action and compassion. Contact the office, Kris Beliakoff or Karen Conrad if you are interested in the course or in leading the course.

***Rise Up and Call Her Name, A Woman
-honoring Journey Into Global Earth-based
Spiritualities***

African or Asian Goddesses

***We have willing participants, but the Adult RE Committee
is seeking facilitators***

Start date and time to be decided by leaders

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 Asian or African studies (instructor will decide). 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. Contact the office, Kris Beliakoff or Karen Conrad if you are interested in the course or in leading the course.

African Ritual Healing/Interplay Class

October 25, Sunday, 1:30-4:30

Cost \$25-45 sliding scale - In that range, participants can pay what is possible/best for them.

Guest Teacher: Masankho Banda

A native of Malawi, Masankho Banda is an international teacher of African music, dance, and stories. He is also deeply involved in teaching peace and conflict resolution. In recognition of his work in this area, he received the Unsung Hero of Compassion Award from his Holiness the Dalai Lama in May 2001. Masankho will lead our service this day and has agreed to stay afterwards for a workshop for our members and friends.

Join Masankho for an afternoon of Healing and/or Celebrating. When translated to English Masankho's full name means "choosing new roots for groups of people seeking freedom". Masankho invites you to come for an afternoon of celebrating the highs and healing the lows of life's journey. This is an invitation to find new roots that will bring ease, joy, grace and abundance to your life. With drums, dance, chanting, Interplay, silence and using all the elements (earth, fire, water & air) you will be taken on a magical journey. With care, following the teachings of his elders from Malawi and using some InterPlay forms you will at the end of the afternoon emerge with new insights and inspiring transformations.

Who is this afternoon for? Anyone who is making a new beginning by tackling issues that need Healing or Resolving and/or Celebrating triumphs and transitions in these and other arenas of life: Family, Work, Career, Finances, Health, Relationships, Grief, Birth, Forgiveness, etcBenefits: getting in touch with the issues in your life / having a time of guided reflection / having a time for joyous celebration / getting answers from

your body for some of life's deeper questions / letting go of the past and embracing the future / figuring out next steps in your life's journey and so many more.

Find out more about Masankho at www.ucandanc.org. Registration requested by not required: contact the office at 271-4883 or adultregistration@greenvilleuu.org Childcare available only with one week's advanced registration.

Daniel Lally is back by popular demand! Hailing from Kentucky, Dan brings a wonderful program to us each time. We have two morning classes (sponsored by Adult RE, so they are free*) and one afternoon class will be offered for those wishing to be trained as instructors (cost and details coming soon). All classes are on the same day. Take one, two or three. Just register letting us know which classes to sign you up for and let us know about childcare needs (\$5 a child for part or all of the day, provide own food) at least one week in advance. Childcare will not be available if no one registers with that need by October 31st. To register call 271-4883 (Fellowship office) or email: adultregistration@greenvilleuu.org.

** donations that go directly to Daniel are welcomed, and childcare is available with a cost.*

Nov 7, 9:00-10:00am

AstroloChi® – Astrological Tai Chi class with Daniel Lally

No experience necessary! Come learn movements similar to tai chi for each sign of the Zodiac, and how to use the movements for balanced living. Developed by holistic professional Daniel Lally and professional astrologer Jeff Baugher. Bring a mat or blanket. Learn more at www.astrolo-chi.com.

Nov 7, 10:30-11:30am

Meditation-in-Motion class with Daniel Lally

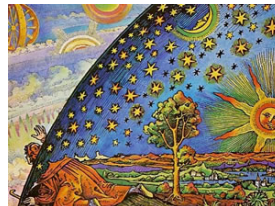
No experience necessary! Come experience stretching and movements similar to tai chi as a holistic approach to sacred scripture. Developed by holistic professional Daniel Lally. We will begin the session with a few minutes of instruction, and then move directly into the movements. We will complete the session with a few moments of mindfulness. Bring a mat or blanket. Learn more at www.earthrhythms.biz.

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.



Celebration of the Autumn Equinox



In preparation for the Sept. 20 Celebration of the Autumn Equinox, Rev. Pat Jobe and several members of the fellowship will be conducting a fire ceremony on the grounds of the Guuf, Saturday evening, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Please come, bring a lawn chair, a blanket, and a large rock from your home or a nearby creek bed. The rocks will be used to complete our new fire pit, which is being built by Todd Coulliard with the assistance of other members who are trained and experienced fire keepers. The fire ceremony comes out of a number of native and other earth-based traditions. If you'd like to participate or have suggestions, contact Pat at patjobe13@gmail.com or 843-708-1033.

Southernside Help Needed

If you are interested in preparing bagged lunches for Southernside please contact Francine Proulx at 704-3263 or e-mail me at theproulxfamily@mac.com. This is a great project for Covenant Groups. We have a complete set of instructions on what to do and where to bring the food. We are also looking for someone to head this committee to help organize volunteers.

Thrift Shop NOW OPEN

The thrift shop has reopened! The hours are from 9 am – noon on Thursday and Saturdays with a couple of hours open after the service on Sundays. They are accepting and NEED good, clean and working donations.

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

Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions
9/6/09 Attendance: 130
9/6/09 Contributions: \$2,301

~ ~ 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) 2nd Sunday each month, Contact: Susan Cooper (288-4912)

Zen Meditation (SAC) Tuesdays, 7:30 pm promptly, if you need some guidance then show up at 7:15 pm, website: meditation.meetup.com/216 Contact: Carole McAfee (834-7390)

Senior Fellowship (ROR) 2nd Thursday each month, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, Contact: Suzanne Hart (235-1714)

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)

☞ Congregational Care Items ☞

We Celebrate With:

Bryce Miller who's recovered from leg surgery.
Melissa Williams' mother who's recovered from hip surgery.
Mary Foley and Jim Cooney on their recent marriage.

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.

COFFEE, COFFEE, COFFEE!



Thank you to all who supported sales of the Fair Trade coffee and chocolate products over the last year. Besides supporting Fair Trade growers in third world countries, profits from these sales recently allowed the **"Coffee Project"** to contribute **\$400** to needed maintenance on the Rowland-McFerrin House.

Fair Trade sales is in the process of moving upstairs to the atrium. It's a bit more work for our volunteers, so please continue to support us. You can do this both by purchasing from our wonderful selection of coffee, tea, chocolates, and snacks, AND by volunteering to be a "Coffee Mate" on an occasional Sunday. Please contact Jan Humphrey (234-4946) if you're willing to help.

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 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

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.



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