

Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



Hanging of the Greens *A Winter Solstice Celebration*



December 20, 2009

Reverend Pat Jobe
Minister

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GREENVILLE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, December 20, 2009

Order of Service

Welcome		Reverend Pat Jobe
Sharing the Hand of Fellowship		Old friends & new
Prelude	Jon Grier, Miriam Davidson & Joy Hughes	
Chalice Lighting		Cathy Zellmann
Opening Words		Reverend Pat Jobe
* Opening Song	<i>Let Solstice Come – #224</i>	All sing
	Hymnal and additional lyrics in Order of Service	
Community Caring	<i>Please share your joys & sorrows in our Community Memory Book before, during or after the service.</i>	
A Traditional Winter Solstice “Mummers” Story for All Ages	Kevin Emery, Will Hubbard, Jared Hubbard, Kevin Duda, Luke Jobe & Patrick Duda	
Words for Reflection		Cathy Zellmann
Silence for Reflection & Musical Response	<i>Alleluia Round</i>	Choir
Offertory	<i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i> (See page 4 for lyrics)	Choir & Congo
Hanging of the Greens	Reverend Pat Jobe & Community	
Evergreens	Hilda Howerton & Martha Baron, Denise Shute, Lilly Howe and helpers	
Song	<i>Deck the Halls</i> (see page 4 for lyrics)	All sing
Holly and Ivy		Diane & Chuck Lawrence
Song	<i>Peace Round</i> (see page 4 for lyrics)	All Sing
Mistletoe	Ellie Mioduski, Susan Cooper, Bridget Thompson	
Song	<i>Greensleeves</i>	Jon Grier, Miriam Davidson, Joy Hughes, Linda Mattern
Tree	Case Morton and Lori Morton, Herb Reeves	

On Solstice Day in the Morning (sung to I Saw Three Ships)

Children's laughter in the air the smell of pine is everywhere
With all the love that we can share on solstice day in the morning
Thank the Lord and Lady then for that warm peace we feel within
When we gather once again on solstice day in the morning
The wonder of the virgin birth the child who brought us love and mirth
Giving all of his souls's worth on solstice day in the morning
Yet so many years before we knew the one we still adore
The Lady guiding us to shore on solstice day in the morning
The yonder standing stones impart awakening a hidden part
Longing deep within our hearts on solstice day in the morning
With the ancient ones give voice dance together is our choice
Share the mysteries and rejoice on solstice day in the morning
Children's laughter in the air the smell of pine is everywhere
With all the love that we can share on solstice day in the morning

Let Solstice Come (to the tune of Let Christmas Come)

Let Solstice come, its story told, when days are short and winds are cold,
Let Solstice come, its lovely song, when evening's soon and night is long.
Let Solstice come, its great star glow, on quiet city, parks of snow,
Let Solstice come, its table gleam, love born again, the truth of dream.
Let Solstice come, throughout the land, spreading its light from hand to hand,
Let Solstice come, our voices ring, sharing good wishes to all we bring.
Let Solstice come, we now proclaim, telling to all its noble name,
Let Solstice come, its bright star shine, from days of old til end of time.

Deck the Halls

Deck the hall with boughs of holly (fa...), 'tis the season to be jolly (fa...),
Don we now our gay apparel (fa...), troll the ancient Yuletide carol (fa...).
See the blazing Yule before us (fa...), strike the harp and join the chorus (fa...),
Follow me in merry measure (fa...), while I tell of Yuletide treasure (fa...).
Fast away the old year passes (fa...), hail the new, ye lads and lasses (fa...),
Sing we joyous all together (fa...), heedless of the wind and weather (fa...).

Peace Round

What a goodly thing if the children of the world, could dwell together in peace.

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh, o'er the fields we go,
laughing all the way.
Bells on bob-tail ring, making spirits bright, what fun it is to ride and sing a
sleighting song tonight.Hi!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse
open sleigh. (2x)

Now the ground is white, go it while you're young, take the girls tonight and sing
this sleighing song.
Just get a bob-tailed bay, two-fourty for his speed, then hitch him to an open sleigh
and crack you'll
Take the lead. (chorus)

Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education



From Babies to Sages

December 20th, 2009

Classes and Events Today

9:30 AM *Childcare Opens— ages newborn to 3 years old, 4 if newcomer*
9:45 to 10:45 *Course in Miracles, Discussion Group, Adults*
9:45 to 10:45 *Children's activities ages 4 and up, Children's Choir practice*
11:00-12:00 *No classes – Everyone in the service*
12:00 + *Wrapping of donated gifts and additional ones for fundraiser. Teen function afterwards.*

Let Us Wrap Your Holiday Presents!

Today!!! December 20th, after the service

12:00 to 3Pm

Bring your presents to RE and choose between Eco-Friendly Wrap and Glitz to dress your gifts. Proceeds benefit both the travel fund and RE's support of our adopted needy families. Drop off your presents and head to lunch or stay while we wrap them. **Note: Presents brought for our adopted families are wrapped for free!**
Where? RE Lobby



Last Week's Parent's Afternoon Out!
Was a great success with 17 happy children and nearly \$300 earned for our travel fund. Thank you!

Poverty LockIn WrapUp

Our Middle School "LockOut" was an amazing experience for 17 young people. They slept outside in cardboard boxes (in less than 30 degrees weather!), shopped for and made food for the homeless, served the food downtown, and turned a night of learning about poverty into one of accomplishment and fun. Thank you, Bridget Thompson, Pat Jobe, Chris Stuart, and Reed Jones for staying and helping with the night. Thank you to our extra driver Friday night, Scott Pfeiffer, and to Chris Corry and Susan Crow-Granger who assisted with the driving Saturday morning.



Children and Youth Religious Education
Dates to know

December 20th — Intergenerational Winter Solstice Service, Wrapping of presents for needy families and social time for teens. 12:00 to 3 PM
January 3 — Annual Yule Log Children and Youth Chapel, 10 AM
January 9th — Bruce Knotts, Director UU-UNO reception, 7PM
January 10th — MS and SH in service for UU-UNO service
January 16-17 — Senior High Mountain Tubing overnight
February 6 OR 7 — Middle School Mountain Tubing, which date TBD
February 14th — Special Friends!

Next RE Meetings: Children and Youth – December 13th, 10 AM; Adult RE — January. Check your weekly *Spark*. New committee members always welcome! Childcare provided by childcare staff or volunteers.

New Adult RE Class taking registrations!

Our American Roots, Unitarian Universalism in North America
Starts January 24th. 9:45 AM, Sundays. Six sessions. Facilitator:
Karen Conrad

Downstairs lounge

Registrations requested: adultregistrations@greenvilleuu.org

Using video, readings, and discussion, this course offers an overview of some of the most significant issues, people and moments in UU history in the early days of our country, giving newcomers and old-timers alike a unique perspective on the development of our nation and the significant role of our religious forebears. At a time in our history when the religious right is laying claim to our nation, these videos may help educate and support Unitarian Universalists in claiming the role our religious forebears played in forming our United States and to carrying forward the cause of liberty and justice for all.

Sunday morning adult RE classes

Childcare and/or children's activities are provided for the littlest ones so all of you (with children or without) can come early and replenish your spirit, meet some great fellow GUUF community members and enter into great dialogue. Grab a cup of coffee from our GUUF Café and try one of the following:

Course in Miracles — What if we are all connected and what we see is an illusionary experience? 9:30 AM, PK—K class room.

Discussion Group — Topical and changes week to week. Occasionally hosts a curricular topic. 9:45 AM, Founders Room.

Choir — Sing, play an instrument, tap your toes, just join! 9:30 AM

Spirit Play manipulatives — Help us prepare our amazing story materials. 10 AM .

Scrapbookers — Help us preserve the memories of this wonderful spiritual community. 10 AM.

Knitting ministry — Relaxed time to chat and help out refugees facing another harsh winter. 10 AM, GUUF Café.

10 AM Children's Activities Schedule and Needs

Can you help? Activities start at 10 AM

6-Dec-09 Children's Chapel and decorating RE tree Kris B.

13-Dec-09 Practice songs for the service: Joy Hughes and ___?___

20-Dec-09 Practice song for service: Joy Hughes and ___?___

27-Dec-09 New Year's- related activity or craft: ___?___and ___?___

3-Jan-10 Children's Chapel (Yule Log!): Kris B.
10-Jan-10 Lego competition: __?__ and __?__
17-Jan-10 Play room: __?__ and __?__
24-Jan-10 Decorations for spaghetti luncheon/Special Friends:
__?__ and __?__
31-Jan-10 Decorations for spaghetti luncheon/Special Friends __?__
and __?__
7-Feb-10 Children's Chapel and gifts for Special Friends: Kris B.

Are you willing to share your Spiritual Practice with our youth?

Our senior high class is a very busy group that takes time once or twice a month to slow down and experience a spiritual practice shared by an adult. Do you have one that you are willing to share? Yoga? Meditation? Painting? Knitting? Hiking? Social action? If you would be willing to join our class one morning at 11 AM, please let Kris know and she will help you plan and find a date in the calendar that works for you. This group has completed the Coming of Age program. *Thank you to all of you that have responded. This initiative is going very well!*

How to Reach Us:

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For photos from children and youth events, join Facebook and “befriend” GUUF DLREA. Parents, make sure your children are registered to stay in the information loop!

--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)

Beginner African Drumming (CR) 1st Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm class fee, 4th Thursday 6:30 – 7:30 pm beginner practice, Contact: Joan Baker (232-1660)

Finger Food & A Movie (SAC) 2nd Sunday each month, 6 — 10 pm, Contact: Bo Boghani (458-8332)

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)

Old GUUFers (Off Site) 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)

New Earth Spirit Group (TBA) 2nd Saturday each month, will support all fire ceremonies, interested persons should contact: Dana Couillard at (423-4221 or windwalkermoon@yahoo.com)



Holiday Giving... Adopt A Family- Date to Bring Gifts in Extended to 12/20/09

Please don't forget to visit our display and choose a gift to purchase for the residents of The Rowland McFerrin House.

We have extended the date for collection of presents to 12/20/09. Please place your gifts in the box below our display in the Narthex. If you choose to wrap your present, please attach a note which indicates the contents of the package and the recipient's name. Thank you for helping to make our host families' holiday special!



↻ Congregational Care Items ↻

We extend our loving support to:

Chuck Lawrence whose sister passed away after a four year battle with cancer
The Stuart Family on the 14th anniversary of the loss of their baby boy

We celebrate with:

Steve Compton whose daughter was on her honeymoon
Lucy Hoffman who has a new job as instructor at Greenville Tech
Lynn Wunch who turned 85
Patty Davis whose son, Joe, graduated from Western Carolina College

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.

The Winter Leadership Development Program Begins January 17th

Calling all people who want to learn new skills, explore potential leadership abilities, satisfy your curiosity, or just look for something to do on winter Sunday afternoons -- The Winter Leadership Development program begins January 17th and concludes on February 21st. The sessions begin at 12:30 p.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. These classes are open to all members of the congregation and there is no commitment to accept a leadership position.

The topics to be covered are:

- Session 1 What type of leader are you?
- Session 2 GUUF Structure 101
- Session 3 Meetings, Meetings, and More Meetings!
- Session 4 Communications – The Lifeblood of a Committee
- Session 5 Building A Successful Committee
- Session 6 Tying Up The Loose Ends & Celebrating Our Success

While these sessions are tailored to GUUF, the skills we will discuss are transferable to any organization including the workplace. Please RSVP to pastpresident@greenvilleuu.org so that we can plan for materials and food. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact any member of the Leadership Development Team: Peggy Baker, Candy Kern-Fuller, Matt Fitzer, Chip Radford, or Jim Buschur.

alternative ✉ gift fair

The Alternative Gift Fair on Nov. 22 was another great success! Enthusiastic volunteers overcame our space limitations to raise \$5,693 for the ten designated charities, all in just 2 1/2 hours! In addition, Ten Thousand Villages sold \$1,212 worth of fairly-traded handcrafts, Audrey's Closet made \$292 on their "upscale" items (their proceeds will go to the Rowland House), and \$300 worth of 5 Star coffee and chocolate went out the door. So, the total impact of the event was nearly \$7,500, and our seven-year total is well over \$50,000! We are also having an unmeasurable impact in spreading joy, reducing stress, and educating all of us about local and international organizations meeting urgent needs.

Nancy Fitzer and Peggy Roberts, event chairs, would like to thank the many volunteers whose efforts made the event work: Matt Fitzer (who bravely showed up with clipboard when Nancy had swine flu the day of the event!), Kris Beliakoff, Susan Cooper, Pat Dillow, Dave Wilder, Janie and David Scheer, Keith Mundis, Ed & Francine Proulx, Morgan & Mackenzie Proulx, Steve Duda, Patrick & Kevin Duda, MaKensie & Madeline Schumaker, Dillard Robertson, Katie DuCharme, Shona Fitzer, Chris Corry, Bridget Thompson, Cari Vantil, Laura Samms, Fran Roberts, Fran Moore, Edie Campbell, Lynne Lucas, Jennifer Hauser, Karen Csizmadia, John & Kevin Emery, Will Edwards, Will Hubbard, Austin Anderson, Sammy Hauser, Victoria Jones, Taylor Serna, Kevin Stine, Claire Pfeiffer, everyone who sent in baked goods, and anyone else who was left off this list. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

SPREAD THE WORD

The Fellowship has available a limited supply of brochures which tell a compelling story of our Fellowship and UUism. They are perfect for opportunities to "spread the word" in tasteful low key manner. If you would like some brochures to share with friends, see Pat after the service or stop by the office to check with either Corry or Pat. These brochures are four-color, glossy, and give some excellent information. Many of us have friends or neighbors we would like to invite to the Fellowship and these brochures offer us a handy tool.



UU United Nations Office Director to Speak Bruce Knotts

Bruce Knotts, a retired U.S. diplomat and current head of the United Nations Office of the Unitarian Universalist Association will bring to Greenville, SC his message that small groups of committed people can change the world. Knotts has been heavily involved with the International Criminal Court. He continues to advocate for the women and children of Sudan. Knotts, an openly gay man, has successfully brought to the international stage the issue of equal rights for LGBT people. His newest initiative is shaping global climate change policies at the United Nations and examining what role faith based

organizations play in forming those policies. Knotts has represented the United States at embassies in more than 20 countries and served on the UN High Commission on Refugees. Dynamic and personable, Knotts brings stories of success and a message of empowerment to both adults and youth. Knotts will speak Saturday night, January 9th at 7 PM at a wine and cheese reception. Reservations for the Saturday night reception are required and can be made by contacting the office at 271-4883 or email office@greenvilleuu.org. He will also speak Sunday morning, January 10th at 11 AM. Both events will be held at the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 1135 State Park Road. For further information, please call 864.271.4883.



UU UNITED NATIONS OFFICE DIRECTOR TO SPEAK BRUCE KNOTTS

JANUARY 9TH
SATURDAY 7:00 P.M.

A wine and cheese reception will give Knotts an opportunity to speak and answers questions.

JANUARY 10TH
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

Knotts will speak during Greenville UU Fellowship Sunday morning service.

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Audrey's Closet

Audrey's Closet, also known as the Thrift Store, was started in 1995, one year after a contract to buy the property on State Park Road was signed in 1994. It was a member's idea-- Audrey Clute's, to start the Thrift Store. The lower part of the annex building was operated as a Thrift Store by the former owner's, The People's Bible Church.

Audrey bought some racks from a retail store that was going out o business. There were, initially, only 2 rooms that were used. Bill Wunch and David Beeson built bookcases and shelves. Nona Beeson was in charge of seeking helpers along with Evelyn Sangster. The third room was initially a storeroom and the fourth room was used for meetings. The 3rd & 4th room eventually became part of the Thrift Store.

When Evelyn Sangster moved to Vermont, Linda Turner took charge of the Thrift Store. Long-time members, Lynda Molnar, Charlotte Donn, Johnny Floyd, Luella Bauer and Carole Lavash have years of service, working on Thursdays. There are also other members who work on Saturday. The hours of operation are Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Also on Sundays after services from Noon to 1:00 pm. Donations are also accepted at this time.

Donations came from members and friends. Articles have been donated to the Battered Women's Shelter (Safe Harbor), Salvation Army, Greenville Free Clinic, Gateway House, GAIHN (Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) Southern Side, Habitat for Humanity, Roland-McFerrin House, Men's Mission House (Miracle Hill) Steven's House (AID's home for Men) the Greenville Prison System, GUUF Religious Program, UU World of Children, African Outreach Program and Peru Outreach Program.

Cell phones, soaps & shampoos are donated to Safe Harbor. Eyeglasses are donated to the Lions Club.

The proceeds have benefited the financial support of our Fellowship. Articles are also included in the Fellowship Auction.

Volunteers are NEEDED—Please check the times above and just show up to work or call Linda Turner @ 963-1657 cell or 275-2637 to schedule a date and time. We need YOU.





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