









**CYRE Children, Youth and their Families**  
**Join us at**  
**SHALOMFEST - 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Upstate SC Jewish Festival**  
**Sunday March 21, 2010 1 PM**  
**Temple of Israel Campus, 400 Spring Forest Road**

Enjoy learning about Jewish heritage, customs, and foods. Carpool on the spot after service. The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade class is planning to attend the 1 PM lecture on the Torah. You may brown bag it or have lunch there. Part of the menu includes: pastrami or corn beef sandwich (\$4), pastries (\$1 to \$2), hot dogs (\$2), brisket and kugel meal (\$6). As it gets closer check their website for more details: [www.Templeofisrael.org](http://www.Templeofisrael.org)

**Updated 10 AM Schedule for Children**

14-Mar-10 St. Patrick's Day or Spring Equinox crafts/activity  
21-Mar-10 Children's Chapel  
28-Mar-10 Stuffing Easter Eggs  
4-Apr-10 Counting Eggs/Game room  
11-Apr-10 Origami flowers  
18-Apr-10 Children's Chapel  
25-Apr-10 Teacher Appreciation Gifts (TBD)

**We are going to NYC to the Unitarian Universalist – United Nations Office Spring Seminar on global climate change and we invite YOU (adults and high school youth) to join us! Update: 24 folks going so far!**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup> (evening) – 11<sup>th</sup> (afternoon)**



Join us for this educational and working group seminar to learn what is going on the international policy level about this important issue and others that the UU-UNO is working on. Assist Bruce Knotts and his staff speak with a larger voice at the United Nations. Part of the seminar is in the United Nations itself. The seminar usually has around 150 UUs from around the United States and Canada. Evenings are free to visit with seminar participants and/or tour NYC. Most of Saturday will be free to sightsee. Subsidized bus cost is \$125. Register at [www.uu-uno.org](http://www.uu-uno.org) and then contact Kris to reserve a spot on the bus. Enjoy a comfortable ride with no airport hassles and the company of up to 48 other UUs on the ride. Need more info? Please contact Kris at [dre@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:dre@greenvilleuu.org).



**Preschool and Elementary Fellowship**  
**Save the Date --April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 P**  
**Indoor Rock Climbing & More**

WHO: ALL Spirit Play through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children and their families  
WHEN: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-3PM

WHAT: An afternoon of fun at Climbin' High – indoor rock climbing wall, inflatables, basketball, foosball – a little something for everyone!

WHERE: Fountain Inn, <http://www.climbinhigh.com/>

WHY: Fun and fellowship

*Where else can you have this much fun for only \$5.00?*

### Upcoming Dates to know

March 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> – Rummage sale set up and run

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Voting on Welcoming Congregation resolution

March 21<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the service; USC Service

March 21<sup>st</sup> – Shalom Fest

April 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – NYC UU-UNO Trip, Senior High and adults

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Climbin' High, Preschool and Elementary children

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Duck Derby

### 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.

**Our American Roots** -- Course offers an overview of some of the most significant issues, people and moments in UU history. 9:45 AM Founder's 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. See Kris.

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

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

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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!**



## **NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a congregational meeting **TODAY** in the Sanctuary immediately following the Sunday Service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the final resolution of the Welcoming Congregation Task Force, to become an official UUA-designated Welcoming Congregation. The final resolution is below. The vote will be by paper ballot.

### **Resolution for Becoming a Welcoming Congregation**

The Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship was formed by individuals seeking social justice by integrating the Greenville Public schools in a non-violent, intentional manner.

To continue our efforts to promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and justice, equity and compassion in human relations, we have taken steps to raise our awareness of lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender issues and the intolerance, condemnation and exclusion that l/g/b/t people struggle within their families, workplaces, communities and places of worship.

We realize the ongoing need for dialogue, education and sharing between heterosexuals and the l/g/b/t community and are committed to being a community that works toward openness and understanding while offering a spiritual haven to search for truth and meaning.

Therefore, the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship resolves to welcome, support, honor, minister to, seek justice for and engage with the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community; and to continue education and dialogue as part of our commitment to being a fully inclusive congregation. We will continue to open our church home to all who wish to worship with us because they believe in our principles and purposes, and support our vision and mission.

With the adoption of this resolution, we affirm that we wish to be recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association's Office of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Concerns as a Welcoming Congregation.

### **Fundraiser for the UU World of Children Scholarship Fund**

Thursday, March 25, 2010

*Sada* written by Bruce Levy at The Warehouse Theatre

7:00 refreshments; 8:00 play, Tickets: \$25.00, Contact: 239-0607



## 8th Annual Western Carolinas Cluster Gathering of UU Congregations

Transcending Boundaries

Saturday, March 27, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Keynote: Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed

*Torn Between Fuzzy Aspirations and Hard Realities: The Perversity of Embracing Diversity*

There is a surprising, and painful, truth behind Unitarian Universalist efforts to become more diverse. This truth must begin with an honest look at who we are and why we are who we are, and it ends in a conundrum but not without hope. If Unitarian Universalists really want to change, accepting the truth is the only place to start. Torn between our reality and our aspirations what are we to do?

Speaker: Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed

From nursery school through the University of Chicago Lab and Divinity Schools the Reverend Mark Morrison-Reed was always one of a few African Americans. Raised in the Unitarian Universalist faith he was ordained in 1979. He received an A.M. in Divinity (in 1977) from the University of Chicago and a D.Min. (in 1979) from Meadville Theological School. With his wife and co-minister, Donna, he served congregations in Rochester, N.Y. and Toronto, ON. After serving for 26 years he retired from ministry in 2005, and since then has devoted himself fulltime to writing. The result is a book entitled *In Between: Memoir of an Integration Baby* published by Skinner House Books.

### ☞ *Congregational Care Items* ☜

*We extend our loving support to:*

Bo Boghani who broke his shoulder hiking and had surgery this week. He's recuperating at home.

Penny Galbreath whose sister-in-law is having difficulty after a stem cell transplant.

Jackie Weddington who has been in the hospital.

*We celebrate with:*

*Cliff Beck who was at the service after suffering a stroke a few weeks ago.*

*Joan and Dave Baker on the birth of their first grandchild.*

*Austin Ann Johnson whose daughter finally got her visa to join her husband in the UK.*

*Susan Hiers who bought a new car.*

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.

### Childcare Workers Needed

Our much loved Alona Lindsey is leaving as her second child is due this month. We are seeking additional childcare workers. \$8.00/hour. Variable Sundays (you get to pick), from 9:30 - 12:30. Additional hours occasionally offered. Experience with children helpful and a love of the littlest ones required. Interested? Stop by the childcare room and pick up an application or contact Kris Beliakoff at [dre@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:dre@greenvilleuu.org).

**Outside Work Day**  
**Sponsored by Building and Grounds**  
**March 20th at 9:30 am**

Come and join in on helping improve the grounds and outside areas of the buildings and get a jump on Spring! If you have any questions about what you need to bring contact Blume at blume357@bellsouth.net



**Quarters for Change**  
**January 18, 2010 – March 21, 2010**

The GAIHN community is participating in "Quarters for Change," an awareness and fundraising campaign benefiting GAIHN, Triune Mercy Center, and United Ministries. We are looking for 50,000 quarters to represent the 50,000 people who live below the poverty line in Greenville County. QFC receptacles are located at various area BI-LO stores.



**Earth Spirit Group Fire Ceremony**

The Earth Spirit Group will be hosting a fire ceremony on March 20th for Spring Equinox. All children are welcome for egg games and fun. All can bring seeds and/or plants to be blessed in part of the ceremony for the holiday. Snacks are welcomed to share.



**NAMI Walk, May 1st**

Pat will be promoting the NAMI walk at Furman which is set for May 1 at 9 a.m. Pat will be in Virginia that weekend, speaking at the Lynchburg Fellowship, but he will be jumping up and down and waving his arms in support of the NAMI walk between now and then. Melissa Williams will have sign up sheets and Muriel Hill-Rowley is also a big supporter of the group which works with the mentally ill and their families. In a time when resources for this vulnerable population are shrinking, NAMI services a valuable role in our community. See Pat, Melissa, or Muriel to learn more.

**~ ~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) 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm class fee, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:30 – 7:30 pm beginner practice , Contact: Joan Baker (232-1660)

**Finger Food & A Movie** (SAC) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month, 6 — 10 pm, Contact: Bo Boghani (458-8332) \*Note\* **No movies for the months of Jan, Feb and March. Next movie in April.**

**Discussion Group** (FR) Sundays, 9:45 — 10:45 am, Contact: Cliff Beck (848-9734)

**Women's Book Group** (WR) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month, Contact: Susan Cooper (288-4912)

**Old GUUFers** (ROR) 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month, 12:30 - ? contact: Suzanne Hart (235-1714)

**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)

**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 earthspiritquuf@yahoo.com)

## SC Immigrant Victims Network

Pat Jobe is taking an active part of the SC Immigrant Victims Network. Our recent help to the woman from Cameroon was life changing encouragement. To learn more about what Pat is doing or help with the work of the network, email Pat at [patjobe13@gmail.com](mailto:patjobe13@gmail.com). Father Daniel Berrigan once wrote, "There is no experience on earth like locking your eyes with an hungry person and handing over a piece of bread. Few of us experience it, but none can not be changed by it." This is the work of the immigrant victims network. Many of their clients are formerly battered women, survivors of abuse by boyfriends or husbands. Many cannot speak English, so their sense of isolation and abandonment is even more extreme than others who have lived through this horror. Our work with this group is extremely empowering to us as a congregation and to us as individuals. Thank you for your spare change in the offering plate. That makes this work possible.



## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES INTEREST

As a result of the recent Volunteer Fair, many of you expressed interest in creating some new social activities. Your ideas were really great! Here is a list of the new (or wanted to be renewed) activities mentioned:

annual talent show	bingo night
bowling league	bowling league
bridge club	calm water kayaking
contra dance lessons	crazy Olympics (all ages)
fishing/picnic day	game night
golf	group camping
home dinner group	mountain biking
pancake breakfasts	poetry reading/workshop
poker night (penny ante)	potluck bbq/picnics
potluck meals (indoors)	recipe sharing
rock climbing	scuba diving
shag dance lessons	softball league
<u>souper</u> Sunday lunch	t'ai chi class
white water river sports	

Some of these activities could begin immediately; others would require longer-range planning and/or completion of a larger gathering space at the Fellowship. You may also have other ideas not yet mentioned. I need to get further response from the Fellowship Membership to determine which activities are most desired. Please contact me by e-mail: [socialdonna@yahoo.com](mailto:socialdonna@yahoo.com), or by phone: (864) 246-0371. I am particularly interested in volunteers who would be willing to head-up, or give your time in any meaningful way to some of these activities.

### Hike Anyone?

Join us for our first hike on the Bridal Veil Falls trail in Dupont State Park on Sat. April 17th. This is approximately a 5 mile hike. I have not hiked this trail but am told it does not have steep up and down segments. We will meet at the lower parking lot of the Fellowship at 8:30. Make sure to bring a picnic lunch for after the hike. Please contact me at [jdinsc@bellsouth.net](mailto:jdinsc@bellsouth.net) if interested in joining us.



Also, I hope to plan 2 hikes for May. One to Conestee Nature Park off 85 near Easley. This is an easy level trail. I am open for suggestions on the 2nd hike.

Hope to see you on the 17th.  
Karen Csizmadia



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