

GREENVILLE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Order of Service

Welcome		Cathy Jaggars
Sharing the Hand of Fellowship		Old Friends & New
Prelude		Linda Mattern
Chalice Lighting		Steve Compton
Opening Words		Cathy Jaggars
* Opening Song	<i>May Nothing Evil Cross This Door – # 1</i>	All sing
	Hymn Hotline Request by Cathy Jaggars	
Community Caring	<i>Please share your joys & sorrows in our Community Memory Book before or after the service.</i>	
Candles of Joys & Sorrows		Cathy Jaggars
Story for All Ages		Cathy Jaggars
Children's Benediction	<i>Go Now in Peace – # 413</i>	All sing
Words for Reflection		Steve Compton
Silence for Reflection & Musical Response		Linda Mattern
Offertory		Linda Mattern
Sermon	<i>Principles of Worth and Dignity</i>	Cathy Jaggars
* Closing Song	<i>Morning Has Broken – # 38</i>	All sing
	Hymn Hotline Request by Denise Shute	
Closing Words		Cathy Jaggars
Postlude		Linda Mattern
Benediction		Cathy Jaggars

Hymn Hotline"



Feeling despaired in a way that only your favorite tune can cure? Never fear, the Hymn Hotline is here! Let us know what you'd like to hear and we will get it in the service, and with a nod your way to boot! Email music@greenvilleuu.org today!

CYRE Children, Youth and their Families
Join us at
SHALOMFEST - 2nd 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 4th-6th 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

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: 21 folks going so far!



April 7th (evening) – 11th (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 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.



Preschool and Elementary Fellowship
Save the Date --April 18th, 1 P
Indoor Rock Climbing & More

WHO: ALL Spirit Play through 6th grade children and their families

WHEN: April 18th, 1-3PM

WHAT: An afternoon of fun at Climbin' High – indoor rock climbing wall, inflatables, basketball, fozzball – 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

February 28th – Last day for the Golden Opportunity!
March 5th-7th — SH Mountain Con, Highlands
March 12th-13th – Rummage sale set up and run
March 14th – Voting on Welcoming Congregation resolution
March 21st – 7th-12th grade in the service; USC Service
March 21st – Shalom Fest
April 7th-11th – NYC UU-UNO Trip, Senior High and adults
April 18th – Climbin' High, Preschool and Elementary children
May 1st – 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 on Sunday, March 14, 2010, 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 on page two of this document. The vote will be by paper ballot.

Welcoming Congregation Task Force

The Welcoming Congregation Task Force will host a "feedback meeting" after today's service in the Founder's Room. We will be seeking feedback about the resolution for becoming a Welcoming Congregation (see today's bulletin), and invite all interested parties to join us for discussion on this important matter, leading up to a congregational vote on the resolution on March 14.

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:

Ron Sammis who was hospitalized for pneumonia and Jewel Sammis who is also ill.
Carol Ball whose brother is finished with chemotherapy and on the road to recovery.
Sharon Stone who dislocated her shoulder and will have surgery.

We celebrate with:

*Ken Flanagan and Virginia Ferreira who are engaged to be married
Lynda Molnar whose parents celebrated birthdays in their 90s last week*

We extend best wishes to Madge Connor who's moved to Charleston. Her new address is Franke at Seaside, 1885 Rifle Range, Apt 25, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.
We'll miss you!

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.

The Welcoming Congregation Task Force is excited to Present Guest Minister Richard Elliott March 14.

Richard, a retired Methodist minister, is familiar to many of us as he has been in our pulpit numerous times. This service will be particularly meaningful as it will culminate in a special congregational meeting immediately after the service to determine if we, the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, will become an official Welcoming Congregation. This vote will be the end result of 18 months of programming to educate the congregation on issues related to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender individuals. For more information, please contact a member of the WC Task Force: Maureen Nery, Jan Humphrey, Pat Dillow, Lynn Cusick, Mark Hauser, Kris Beliakoff, Lori Morton, Diane Shipp or Garnett Conaway.

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



Oyey! Oyey! Oyey!

The Old GUUFers are inviting all retirees to a free lunch at the Fellowship on Thursday, March 11th. The event will take place at 12:30 pm in the right overflow room of the sanctuary.

You do not have to bring any food or drinks this time, there will be plenty to eat and IT's ALL FREE!

However, we need to know in advance how many of you to expect. So if you are not on our calling list this year and you wish to join us, please call Suzanne Hart at 864-235-1714 or Martha Baron at 864-675-9863

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 Sprit Group

The Earth Spirit Group on March 13th at 7 pm in the GUUF Cafe is having our monthly meeting. We will be discussing the fire ceremony for spring equinox and plans for Beltane on May 1st fire ceremony and 2nd, Sunday service. Time permitting, meditation and open discussions. For those who are interested in a Hand Fasting Ceremony during the Beltane service contact Dana Couillard at earthspiritquuf@yahoo.com



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

Old GUFFers (ROR) 2nd 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)

Documentary Out In Silence Friday, March 12th, 7 pm, Spartanburg Library

"Out In Silence," an amazing documentary about introducing lgbt equality into rural communities is showing at the Spartanburg Library, Friday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Joe Wilson, the producer of the film will be on hand to answer questions and lead a discussion. The event is sponsored by Upstate Pride, the organization that organized the Upstate's first pride march last spring, where our congregation was well-represented. The Spartanburg Library's main branch is downtown just beyond the Spartanburg Auditorium. The showing is free and a great chance to introduce your homophobic friends to a different way of looking at the world.



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. 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.





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