

Greenville
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship

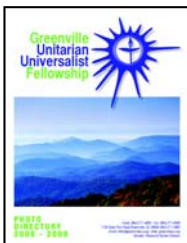
The Weekly Spark

Spark the Memory, Spark the Spirit

August 10th, 2008

Fellowship Photo Directory Update

To Members and Friends who have not yet made appointments to have their pictures taken for the new Fellowship Photo Directory coming this fall. The photo directory company will attempt to call Members and Friends on behalf of our Greenville UU Fellowship to make an appointment to have a photo taken of the members in their household. The company will attempt to call each household three times to make a photo appointment. Making an appointment and having a photo taken does not require anyone to purchase photos but having your picture taken and placed in the directory will allow each household to receive a free photo directory when they are produced later this year. Extra photo directories will not be available for purchase.



August 24th Guest Speaker's Topic

Tommy Hays, the UU author of the popular book, "The Pleasure Was Mine" will be our guest speaker on August 24th and will be reading excerpts from his book. If you haven't already read it and want to read it before the 24th, it is available for sale at "The Open Book", 110 South Pleasantburg Drive in the Pleasantburg Shopping Center, (864) 235-9651. Tommy will be at coffee hour after the service and available to sign your book. He will also have books available for purchase.

Greenville Drive Update!

The games in August still have openings are as follows:

Month	Date	Day	Time
August	15th	Friday	5:30 pm
August	17th	Sunday	2:30 pm
August	23rd	Saturday	5:30 pm

Please arrive 1.5 hrs before the game. IF you are interested in volunteering or are interested in more information. Please contact John Emery 918 7820, 848 5085, or E-mail john at dorajonry@aol.com



WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

Please join us in Fellowship Hall 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.

Pat's Pantry NEEDS DONATIONS!!!



The food banks are low due to the economy. Please donate non-perishable foods. You can leave your donation in the wagon located in the Narthex. If you have any questions or a large donation to make you can contact Carole Lavash at 855-3821 to assist you.

Dinner and a Movie

Movie: Gods Must Be Crazy

When: TONIGHT

Time: Potluck Dinner 6pm, Film 7pm

Place: Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Movie: Three vignettes highlight the surreal in this 1980 classic comedy written and directed by Jamie Uys. Among the three, the one about a Coke bottle falling out of the heavens and becoming a one-of-a-kind object coveted by everyone in a small African village is a cult favorite. The bottle creates such dissension that its finder, N!xau, decides the gods must've been crazy to give such a gift, so he sets out to drop it off the edge of the world. A Sho in the Kalahari Desert encounters technology for the first time --in the shape of a Coke bottle. He takes it back to his people, and they use it for many tasks. The people start to fight over it, so he decides to return it to the God--where he thinks it came from. Meawhile, we are introduced to a school teacher assigned to a small village, a despotic revolutionary, and a clumsy biologist. Rated PG Time 109 minutes

The Food: We will have a potluck at 6PM before the movie. Please bring an African dish to share with 2-4 people. I like both fooddownunder.com and www.recipesource.com. If you plan to drink, please bring beer or wine. The fellowship has a stove, refrigerator and microwaves.

Please contact Bo Boghani @ 458-8332 or boghanibs@bellsouth.net with questions.



Meetings of Importance!

Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting

Monday - August 11 @ 7PM Fellowship Hall

Communications Committee Meeting

This committee will be meeting for all Sundays in August in the right overflow room off from the narthex at 12:45 pm.

GUUSTO Meeting

This committee will be meeting for all Sundays in August in the right overflow room off from the narthex at 9:45 am.

We are going "Greener"

Now that we have stopped using paper products for coffee and food, we want to go a step further. If you have cloth napkins that you are no longer using, please donate them to GUUF. We have already collected about 50 or so napkins. We need a few more. Cloth napkins will allow us to be free of paper napkins and reduce still more of the paper that is thrown into landfills, not to mention the water and energy that is used to make the paper napkins.

Bring them to GUUF and deposit them in a box provided in the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your greening

Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions
8/3/08 Attendance: 127
8/3/08 Contributions: \$3,570



Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education
From Babies to Sages
August 10, 2008
Classes and Events Today



- 9:30 *Childcare begins*
- 9:45 - 10:45 *Adults — Course in Miracles, Discussion Group*
- 11:20 *Children and teens with Kris — Henry Bergh (founder of the ASPCA) and carnival set up.*
- 12:30 *Spirit In Life Workshop*

Spirit of Life
Adult RE Class Continues this Sunday
12:30 PM , 10 Sessions (you may still join the class !)

Spirit in Life was created to help Unitarian Universalist develop regular disciplines, or practices, of the spirit — practices that help them connect with the sacred ground of their being, however they understand it. Spirit in Practice affirms religious diversity while seeking unity in our communal quest for meaning and wholeness. Facilitator: Annie Pal, Founder's Room

Remaining course schedule:

10 – **Wings Set Me Free.** Hopes, dreams, expanding your vision.

17 – **Come to Me, Come to Us.** Continuing on, personal spirituality.

24 – **Celebration.** Potluck luncheon and closing

Children's "Carnival" to benefit the Animal Shelter
 August 17th 12:30 Fellowship Hall



Join us for games and activities with prizes as we raise funds to help abandoned animals. Home grown, with lots of heart and fun, our carnival awaits. Donations accepted. Initiated, designed and created by the children of GUUF with assistance from the youth.


RE Family Picnic Fun and Fellowship!
 August 24th, 12:30 PM, Herdklotz Park (reserved shelter)
 Join us for a relaxed picnic after the service. We will bring the hotdogs. Please bring a side to share.
 Herdklotz Park is located at:
 126 Beverly Rd., Greenville, SC 29609
 (off Rutherford Rd. across from Farmer's Market)
 Amenities: soccer fields, large and small shelter, playground, walking trail, sand volleyball, horseshoes

Cakes fothe Queen of Heaven
IN ANCIENT TIMES
 October 5 – November 2 (Sundays)
 1:00-3:30 PM (with bag lunch)

Facilitators Suzanne Case and Susan Cooper

A five-session religious education curriculum in feminist theology for adults and older youth

In Ancient Times is the long-awaited update of the popular feminist theology curriculum, *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven*. *In Ancient Times* introduces participants to ancient Goddesses, weaving their stories together with major concerns of women today. For more information, please see your August *Flame*. Registration required. Please sign up or contact Kris Beliakoff at 271-4883 or kris.beliakoff@gmail.com



Saving Jesus
 Begins Mid September
 9:45 AM, Adult Course in Youth Lounge downstairs
 Facilitator Jackie Weddington

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 more information, please see your August *Flame*. Registration not required, but very helpful.

Children's summer 2008 Good UU's Club

We continue our curriculum from last year learning about famous UUs and having fun with topics related to the work they were so passionate about. Classes are at 11 AM over the summer (after children's story in the service). Elementary will be groups together. Teens are working on Social Action and visiting other UU churches/fellowships for the summer.

~ ~On Going Meetings and Classes~ ~
Childcare begins at 9:30 am each Sunday

- A Course in Miracles** (LOR) Sundays, 9:45 — 10:45 am, Contact: Jean Blank (239-0110)
- African Drum Classes** (FH) 1st Thursdays, 6:30 — 7:30 pm, Contact: Joan Baker (292-6054)
- Community Drum Circle** (FH) Last Sundays of each month, 1:00 — 2:00 pm, Contact: Joan Baker (292-6054)
- Discussion Group** (FR) Every Sunday, 9:45 — 10:45 am, Contact: Cliff Beck (848-9734)
- Women's Book Group** (WR) **NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUG.** ,2nd Sunday each month, 9:45 — 10:45 am, Contact: Susan Cooper (288-4912)
- Zen Meditation** (LOR) Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, Contact: Carole McAfee (236-8484)
- Senior Fellowship** (FH) A potluck and program, **NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUG.**, 2nd Thursday monthly, noon, Contact: Suzy Hart (235-1714) or Mary Foley (232-6003)
- Painting for Pleasure** (FH) Come join us every week on Tuesdays 1:00 — 4:00 pm, to paint for pleasure. Contact: Carole Lavash (855-3821)
- Dinner & A Movie** (FH) Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm, Contact: Bo Boghani (458-8332)
- The ManKind Project** (WR) Every Wednesdays of each month, 7:00 — 9:00 pm, Contact: John Szczesniak (901-6068)