



~ Thanks to Our Service Associates ~

Flowers Martha Baron
Greeters Lynn Wunch & Keith Mundis
Pianist Joy Hughes
Fiddler David White
Guest Conductor Miriam Davidson
Sound Crew Richard Fuller & Reed Humphrey

**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 let the offering basket pass you by; you are our guest. After the service, you are warmly welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall, 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 Fellowship Hall at the Audio Stand during coffee hour or by email to recorded4uu@gmail.com.
- We have an elevator for transport from the Sanctuary (upstairs) to the Fellowship Hall (downstairs). Our Welcomers and Ushers have a key and would be happy to assist you.

Sunday, August 31st, 2008, 11 a.m.

How Do You Articulate Your UU Faith?

Lay Led Service

A complete listing of calendar events can be found in our monthly newsletter *The Flame* and on our website at www.greenvilleuu.org



September 21st 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
Topic is Budget for remainder of
2008-2009 FY

~ ~ **IMPORTANT** ~ ~
**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETINGS**

October 26th 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
Election of the President-elect &
consideration of by-laws changes

Ingathering / Water Ceremony

Our Ingathering / Water Ceremony Service will be on Sunday, September 7th. This is a reminder to bring a small container of water from somewhere you visited during the summer to add to our community water which we will use for child dedications and other ceremonies throughout the year. Your water can be actual water from the place you visited or it could be symbolic or even virtual water. You will have an opportunity share where your water is from during the gathering of the waters ritual in the service.

Knoxville Relief Fund Outreach Offering...

At our September 7th *Ingathering / Water Ceremony Service* we will have an outreach offering for the Knoxville Relief Fund.

The UUA in collaboration with the Thomas Jefferson District has established the Knoxville Relief Fund to bring ministry, spiritual care, and practical financial assistance to those affected by the July 27th tragedy in Knoxville, TN. Your gifts will assist the Tennessee Valley UU Church and the Westside Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and their members, and will show them that they are not alone during this period of shock and grief.

All contributions on September 7th not specifically designated as pledge payments will go toward this outreach offering for the Knoxville Relief Fund.

Short Story Discussion Group Forming

The GUUF Discussion Group, which meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., will initiate a series of monthly short story discussions beginning September 21. Please contact Herb Reeves at hbrvs6@yahoo.com, or at the next discussion group for information if you wish to participate.

The first selection is "The Whore's Child" by Richard Russo, Pulitzer Prize winning author of "Empire Falls."

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.

Be There or Be Square on September 13th!

This is the "be there" event of the year. We have 5 slots left for this event. What awaits you? An eight course meal and wine too for only \$75 per person!

- 1st Course - Parmesan Cheese Basket Appetizer
- 2nd Course - Shrimp Cocktail Vegetable Appetizer
- 3rd Course - Grapefruit Mint Sorbet
- 4th Course - Butternut Squash Soup
- 5th Course - Mesclun Salad with Stuffed Rigatoni Pasta Tubes
- 6th Course – MAIN COURSE - Sea Bass with Mango Salsa, Julienned vegetables and Hasselback Potatoes
- 7th Course - Homemade Chocolate Cake and Ice Cream Recipes
- 8th Course - Lattes

Wines: Sauvignon blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, dessert wine

In addition to the 8 course meal, included in the event is the following:

- 1) a 15 minute chair or foot massage;
- 2) a hot wax hand and foot treatment;
- 3) aromatherapy room;
- 4) hot tub privileges; and
- 5) pool privileges.

Additionally, you can kayak (or canoe) on our private wetlands and commune with nature. This exclusive event will be held at the home (some would call it an estate!) of Candy and Richard. Professional masseuses will be on site and at your service. (*You may also upgrade the basic package to a full body massage for an extra fee.*) There is a hotel (Holiday Inn Express) within 2 miles and the Fullers may be able to accommodate one more couple and a single upon request. **Contact:** Candy Kern-Fuller, co-Host (Past President Greenville UU Fellowship) at 864-905-3610 or Candy@PowdersvilleLaw.com



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. 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 efforts! Suzy Boghani

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.



First Guest Conductor: Miriam Davidson

You are invited to participate in a special program with our first guest conductor for the coming year, Miriam Davidson. She will be working with our choir and all those interested in singing. **All rehearsals begin at 9:30 a.m.**

August 24 - Rehearsal w/ Miriam and the choir will sing for the Service where Tommy Hayes will be our guest speaker

August 31 - Labor Day Weekend - NO REHEARSAL

September 7 - Jenni Thompson, Assistant Conductor will lead rehearsal

September 14 - Jenni Thompson, Assistant Conductor will lead rehearsal

September 21 - Rehearsal w/ Miriam

September 27 - Saturday – A **special choir retreat** at the Mountain Home of Jeannette and Marshall Winn along with Miriam and all those who want to sing

September 28 – Rehearsal w/ Miriam and the choir sings for Sunday Services

This is going to be an exciting year for the choir. Bring your voices and your spirits! See you there!

The Rowland McFerrin House Needs a Helping Hand

On Saturday September 20, 2008, 9 am till noon, the Social Responsibility team needs a few good helpers to come and give a spruce-up to the Rowland McFerrin House. There will be jobs for all levels of ability from people who like to use power tools, to people who feel most competent with less techno-savvy tools such as a yard rake or window cleaner.

One of our gifts to the Greater Greenville Community is this house, which right now looks a little less like a gift than we'd like it to. The fine folks at the Buildings and Grounds crew have given us a good push forward, now with your help; we can wrap this gift up and make it shine a little.

Please e-mail edwardproulx@mac.com and let me know that you can come and if you have any skills that you'd like to put to use.

The UV Women's Book Group



Our first meeting this fall will be on Sunday, September 14th at 9:45am in the Women's Room located beside the Fellowship Hall. Our book will be, Garden Spells, by Sarah Addison Allen. Discussion led by Susan Cooper. Newcomers are most welcome!! Questions? Call Susan at: 288-4912.

"The foliage has been losing its freshness through the month of August, and here and there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first gray hair amidst the locks of a beauty who has seen one season too many."



-Oliver Wendell Holmes

Are you new to the Greenville UU Fellowship?

Introduction to New UU Orienteering Class – A 7-week class for New Members, Friends and Newcomers

1. Learn about UUism and our Fellowship
2. Discover what we offer individuals in the Fellowship and the community
3. Get to know a small group of people in our Fellowship
4. Learn how you can participate in our GUUF community

The Class is 7 weeks long beginning Sunday September 21 at 9:45 AM. The Children's nursery and class start at the same time. Classes will be held in the Right Sanctuary Overflow Room across from the ladies rest room. For details see or contact Glen Rowley 859-9992, or glenrowley@charter.net

The classes

Sept 21 - Meet the Class and their Spiritual Journey

Sept 28 - What do UUs Believe? What does the Class Believe?

Oct 5 - GUUF Past, Present, Future, & UU History
GUUF History, GUUF Future, UUism History, Building & Grounds, Work Days, Aesthetics, Landscaping, Memorial Garden.

Oct 12 - Religious Education (Adult & Children) & Staff Functions ARE, Build Your own Theology, Course in Miracles, Covenant Course, Mentors, Spiritual Cinema, YRE, & more.

Oct 19 – **Part A - Sunday Services 9:50 a.m.** - Choir, Sanctuary Aesthetics, Chalice Lighter, Infant Care, Joys & Sorrows, Lay Speakers, Music Instruments. **Part B - Social Justice & Programs 10:15 a.m.** - GLBT, Thrift Shop, Knitting Min, Letters, Pat's Pantry, Rowland/McFerrin House, Safe Harbor, Southern Side, GAIHN, UUA Chalice Lighters, Pastoral Care, Welcoming Congregation, Green Sanctuary

Oct 28 – **Part A - GUUF's Structure & how it relates regionally & Nationally 9:50 a.m.** - Board, Program Council, Denominational Affairs, The Mountain, Interfaith Issues, UU Service Comm., Budget, Office Gov. **Part B - GUUF Social Activities, Fund Raisers, and Website 10:15 a.m.** - Wm. Book Club, A Drums, Hikes, Dinner Groups, River trips, Auction, Greenville. Drive, Sound System & More

Nov 2 - Time, Talent, Treasure Commitment of GUUF Members Review Time & Talent Survey, Volunteer Pool, Operational Costs, Pledging & Canvas and Q & A

Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions

8/17/08 Attendance: 132

8/17/08 Contributions: \$1,364

Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education
From Babies to Sages
August 24, 2008

Classes and Events Today

9:30	<i>Childcare begins</i>
9:45	<i>Adults — Course in Miracles, Discussion Group</i>
11:20	<i>Children – Paul Newman</i>
12:15	<i>Family Carnival at Herdklotz Park</i>
12:30	<i>Spirit In Life Workshop</i>

**RE Sponsored Family Picnic Fun and Fellowship
Today!!!**

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 or a drink 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

Spirit of Life

Adult RE Class Finishes this Sunday

12:30 PM

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:

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

Children's Carnival Results are In!

The children and youth raised \$210.57 at their carnival to benefit animals last Sunday. Way to go!!! Please join in congratulating them on their efforts, and thank you to all who that joined in the games, bought some lemonade or cookies, and walked in the cake walk! Thank you especially to



the children who worked so hard both at the fellowship and at home to prepare this carnival. Proceeds will benefit the local animal shelter.

Fall Volunteer Needs in Lifespan RE

Help us ground our children, youth, and adults in a peaceful faith that embraces diversity and welcomes questions and individual interpretation. Show the children how to reach out to the community, raise their voices in song, care for the environment, turn inside for deep reflection, and search for their own truth. We are looking for a many talented or just plain dedicated folks to join us in our mission to make the world more compassionate, with lots of bridges and knowledgeable world citizens.

Where can you fit in?

Play with the youngest — Nursery volunteer (any time between 9:30 and 12:30)

Teach or assist with an adult class of your design or offered through the adult RE committee (9:45 AM or time of your choice)

Assist with the very young — Spirit Play 3 years old to 4th grade. (10 AM)

Learn and teach a liberal interpretation of the words of Jesus to 5th and 6th grade, or assist the teachers. (10 AM)

Learn and teach about world religions with the 6th-8th graders, or assist the teacher. (11 AM)

Be a mentor to 9th grader in their Coming of Age class (11 AM, occasionally)

Be guest speaker on diversity or leadership with the 10th-12th grades (11 AM occasionally)

Assist with the activities such as children's choir and social action during the service.

Advise an RE Committee (one Sunday a month)

Chaperone a trip, assist a fundraiser or party.

We value you and we welcome you!

Upcoming Courses

Saving Jesus

Begins September 7

9:30 AM, (note time change)

Adult Course in Youth Lounge downstairs

Facilitator Jackie Weddington

Wow! Class is almost full already! Please contact Jackie or Kris if you would like to register.

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*.

Spiritual Cinema

September September 1

7 PM, Founders Room

One

(Note: Due to a glitch in delivery, we are showing something else in August and will see this previously advertised film this month). From the Spiritual Cinema Club — "We are thrilled to finally bring you one of the most member-requested films in SCC history, a feature length documentary that asks the ultimate questions of life to world renowned masters and ordinary people alike. First time filmmaker Ward Powers didn't realize that he'd start a worldwide conversation and an important spiritual movement by making this film, but he did. ONE reminds us of our similarities while celebrating our differences, leaving us with a message of hope about our true destiny." Facilitator: Kris Beliakoff

<http://www.onethedocumentary.com/story.html>

Have you read Eckhart Tolle's *A New Earth, Awakening to Your Life's Purpose*? Are you interested in a group that meets to discuss and follow the teachings? If so, newcomer Estelle Craig invites you to join her. Call Kris Beliakoff and she will connect you. Note: The group will decide where and how often they will meet.

**Cakes for the Queen of Heaven
IN ANCIENT TIMES**

October 5 – November 2 (Sundays)
1:00-3:30 PM (bring a lunch if you wish)
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

~ ~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) 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, 2nd Thursday monthly, noon, Contact: Suzy Hart (235-1714) or Mary Foley (232-6003)

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)

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