



Greenville
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship

The Weekly Spark

Spark the Memory, Spark the Spirit

May 11th, 2008 **Mother's Day**



-Important-

Congregation Meeting
May 18th, 2008 at 12:15 pm
Fellowship Hall

This meeting will be held for the purpose of the
08/09 Election of Board Officers.

Dear fellow Congregants:

As you may have heard, I am scheduled to undergo inpatient surgery at Greenville Memorial Hospital on Friday, May 2nd. After an estimated two night stay in the hospital, I expect to have an additional six to eight week recovery at home.

For the initial few weeks after my surgery, I am told I will be unable to drive and will be required to manage my pain with some pain medications. As a result, the duties of GUUF President for the remainder of my term (from now through the end of May) will be filled by your President-Elect, Peggy Baker. Additionally, Past-President Jim Lee and Trustee at Large Jim Buschur have agreed to assist Peggy with her duties as President-Elect until your new President-Elect takes office on June 1st.

During this past year, Peggy has been an invaluable leadership partner. Likewise, the other members of your Board (CFO Chuck Lawrence, Past-President Jim Lee, Trustee at Large Jim Buschur, Trustee at Large Barbara Gill, and Youth Representative Max Edwards) have worked tirelessly and diligently to lead us during this exciting and action-packed year. I hope of each of you take the opportunity to thank them and each of the Program Council chairs for the tremendous commitment that they all have made and the hard work they have done over this past year.

I am saddened that I will not be with you at the congregational meeting on May 18th as you elect your new board of trustees for the coming year and discuss and decide our priorities via a budget for the coming year; however, I know that we will all be in good hands with Peggy at the helm of our GUUF ship.

We have had many accomplishments this year that I hope to compile a yearend report to you during my recovery. We have a full and bright future ahead of us as well.

I look forward to continuing my service to you next year as the Past President and appreciate the kindness many of you have shown to me in well wishes for a speedy recovery.

Lastly, of behalf of your lay leadership, I want to thank each of you for the time, treasure and talent you each donate to our Fellowship. I can truly say we have the best group of staff and volunteers I have ever met and we should all be thankful every day for them. Many things around our Fellowship simply happen and we often forget to stop and thank the folks that make them happen. In closing, I challenge each of you to take the time to thank just one volunteer and one staff member every week for all they do for GUUF. Then, think about all the things you and your family do for GUUF as well and challenge yourself to continue to find new ways to contribute to our community. It truly takes a village.

For GUUF, I am
Sincerely,

Candy Kern-Fuller



Weekly Updates on Attendance & Contributions
5/4/08 Attendance: unknown
5/4/08 Contributions: \$6,138

Volunteers Still Needed!

We still need volunteers who are 16 years or older to participate in concessions for the following games:

Month	Date	Day	Time
May	21st	Wednesday	11 am
May	23rd	Friday	7 pm
May	25th	Sunday	7 pm

For more information or to volunteer contact: **John Emery**,
918-7820 cell,
848-5085 home or dorajonry@aol.com

Dinner and a Movie

Movie: Babí Léto (Autumn Spring) 2001

When: TONIGHT!!!!

Time: Potluck Dinner 6pm, Film 7pm

Place: Greenville Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship, 1135 State Park Road



The Movie: Frantisek Hana (Vlastimil Brodsky) is a 75-year-old Czech man who refuses to believe his days are nearly over -- even as his ever-practical wife prepares for their impending death. He doesn't want to while away his last few years on earth living like a hopeless, aged crone. As a tonic, he spends as much time as he can with his friend Eda, engaging in pranks and other frivolities to infuse hope into his daily existence. Rated PG13 and time 93 minutes.

The Food: We will have a potluck at 6PM before the movie. Please bring an Czech dish to share. 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 at 458-8332 or boghanibs@bellsouth.net with questions.

I'd like to extend a welcome to all our

new members... and I want to let you know that you are welcome to participate in the Sunday service as a chalice lighter. This is not a commitment that takes a lot of time and effort. You can participate as much or little as you like.

The chalice lighter can furnish the reading (it should relate to the sermon topic) or Rev. Norm can provide one. There are lots of readings that are suitable in the UU hymnal.

The chalice lighter coordinator usually gets volunteers for the up-coming month by the last week of the previous month. There is no minimum requirement to participate. Longtime members are invited as well.

If you are interested, please email me jmscheer1224@yahoo.com or call me at 244-7845 for more info.

Janie Scheer, Chalice Lighter Coordinator, Sunday Services Committee

Are you someone who would like to see the Sanctuary spruced up?

Then help us out. Anyone (including children) is eligible to submit a design for a banner or banners. The best designs will be chosen and "magically" transformed into permanent banners for the Sanctuary. Submit your ideas to Muriel Hill-Rowley by email (myhri@charter.net) or in person by the end of May to be considered.



Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education
From Babies to Sages
May 11th, 2008
Classes and Events Today



- 9:30 Childcare begins
 9:45 Children's Chapel with Kris Beliakoff
 9:45 - 10:45 Adults — Course in Miracles, Discussion Group UU Orienteering
 10:00 Coming of Age Women and Men's Worship Circles
 10:00 - 10:45 3 years to 4th grade — Spirit Play
 5th-6th grade — Living the Promise, Jewish Scriptures studies.
 11:00 Coming of Age Service
 Senior High and Junior High attend. Elementary encouraged to stay
 11:20 - 12:00 K3 through 6th —Game Room

Important Dates for Junior + Senior High

- May 18th-** Senior High votes for new youth rep for the board.
 Youth Adult Committee 12:30 with lunch (JH and SH)
May 25th- Coming of Age Celebration at Paris Mountain State Park. Lunch at 1pm.

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). Volunteers are needed. Please see Kris, Laura or the sign up sheet in the RE hallway. Elementary will be groups together. Teens are working on Social Action and visiting other UU churches/fellowships for the summer.

- June 1 CYRE recognition Sunday
 June 8 Sports Day
 June 15 Tim Berners-Lee, founder of World Wide Web
 June 22 Flower Communion Service
 June 29 Laurel Clark, astronaut from the Columbia
 July 6 Water Play
 July 13 Frank Lloyd Wright, (7-8-1867)
 July 20 Julia Ward Howe, organizer of Mother's Peace Day; Battle Hymn of the Republic
 July 27 Lewis Latimer, African-American inventor
 August 3 Louisa May Alcott, wrote "Little Women" and other books
 August 10 Carl Sandburg
 August 17 Carnival designed by the children to raise money for the animal shelter; (Henry Bergh -animal rights crusader and founder of American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)
 August 24 Paul Newman (Picnic after service)
 August 31 PT Barnum

"Ready for Membership?"

We at GUVF are all eager to welcome those of you who are ready to become committed members of our Fellowship. Please see one of the following to make arrangements to sign our membership book: Rev. Norm Stewart or Diane Lawrence or Glen Rowley. Our final New Member Recognition Service of this Fellowship year will be on Sunday June 8. Join us!



Mission Trip: Return to Kiln, Mississippi.
 Camp Coastal is ready for us and thrilled to have the Greenville, SC crew return.
 Date July 19th-26th

Estimated cost: \$200

(includes travel, food, lodging and misc.)

Interested? Email or call Kris Beliakoff

Kris.beliakoff@gmail.com or 9065368

This trip is intended for high school teens, but we will accept a minimum age 7th grade with own chaperone. We have limited space for additional adults.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS IN MAY
 ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Identifying and Working with your Animal Totems (spiritual art class) May 14, 7 PM, Adults

For many years Shamans and Native peoples have had a deep connection with nature, animals, and Mother Earth. They believed that every species of animal had lessons to teach and were a reminder of the capabilities that lie within us. In this class you will learn how to identify your animal totems and the lessons and reminders that the animals provide. During the second half of the workshop you will be painting your animal totem(s) on river rock. Presented by Jeanne Bradley. RE Classroom. Materials will be provided.

Spiritual Cinema May 21, 7 PM, Adults
Misty Mountain



This complex tale of love and time travel reveals itself slowly, bringing us a beautiful story of healing, love, and redemption. A young man posted at a remote NATO base on an Icelandic mountain in the 1960s finds himself transported to another time for brief visits into the future. Love and tragedy occur which require healing across time. Coffee and tea served. Founders Room.



Thank you to Jennifer Hauser, Kirsten Robertson, and the 4th-8th grade kids that worked GUVF's Duck Derby booth. We remain a wonderful presence in the greater community!

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