

# The January Sparkler – Teen and Adult Programming Highlights

**Next Adult RE Committee meeting: January 6th at 12:20 PM. Annex. Brown bag lunch. Newcomers welcome!**

**Next Children and Youth Committee Meeting: January 13th at 12:30 PM. Annex. Brown bag lunch. Newcomers welcome!**

## Love to Cook?

Adult RE Committee seeks someone who enjoys organizing a meal and is willing to do so a couple Wednesday nights a month. We are building a small team of staff and volunteers to provide a meal before meetings and classes held at GUUF. Meal would be at approximately 6:15 PM. Meals will be sponsored through donations. If interested, please see Kris Beliakoff.

## Wonderful Wednesday

### January Schedule

**7-8:30 PM**

### Childcare Provided

First Wednesday:

No program. Happy New Year

Second Wednesday:

Young Adults

Third Wednesday:

Spiritual Cinema

Fourth Wednesday: Even-

song for Families

Knitting Ministry

## Choices for Sustainable Living Continues

The Discussion Group (9:45 AM, Sundays) has combined with this course beginning December 9th for 9 sessions. The goal of a sustainable society is popular, but difficult to define. How does the way our society functions affect the earth, and how can we be “a blessing to the planet?” Steps that can be taken to decrease lifestyle choice im-

pacts on the earth will be considered. Ways to move toward ecologically sustainable organizations, lifestyles, and communities will be explored. This discussion course is from the Northwest Earth Institute. Facilitator: Diana and Roger Miele. Founders Room and Right Overflow Room.

## Relax with Young Adults-Wednesday January 9th 7pm.

STRESS! Whether it be school, kids, coming down from the holidays or all of the above, let's get together and relax. Meditation, readings, stretching and other means of relaxation will be discussed and demonstrated to help us get the New Year kicked off with a good long breath. Bring your method of choice to share with the group.

## Spiritual Cinema Wednesday January 16th

### What's Bugging Seth

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Founders Room

Our Spiritual Cinema offering continues this month with a quirky romantic comedy. The lead character is hearing impaired (as is the filmmaker, Eli Steele) and trying to navigate a career, love, and friendship while also battling his own internal beliefs about failure and success.

This film brings to the forefront many issues about disabilities, their gifts and their challenges, reminding us that in the end, we each need to strive for our best life, never settling for anything less, no matter what our circumstances. Hope to see you there! (95 minutes plus discussion). Pizza, tea and water provided. Donations welcomed.

## Special Friends Week is Coming! All Ages

You are Never too Old to Make New Friends!



February 10-17, 2008

Now is your chance to be part of something special in the cross-generational web of existence at GUUF. We invite friends, young and old, to participate in a Valentine's week of delightful surprises. Please join us in an opportunity to make an interesting new friend in the congregation.

We need adults to sign up to be paired with a child. During Valentine's Week, you will contact your child two or three times by sending valentines, small treats or toys, poems, riddles, etc. You'll send one of two identical nametags at the end of the week to be worn by each of you on Sunday, February 17th when your “Special Friend” identity will be revealed. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the RE area to receive further details. There will also be sign-up sheets distributed in the weekly Spark. Don't miss this opportunity to win a child's heart!

PARENTS: We hope your children will want to participate. It is a lot of fun, and we have had excellent participation in past years, forging strong intergenerational bonds. Please contact Jennifer Cowden ([dave.cowden@gmail.com](mailto:dave.cowden@gmail.com) or 675-0373), or Kris Beliakoff ([kris.beliakoff@gmail.com](mailto:kris.beliakoff@gmail.com) or 906-5368) if you have any questions. Drop children's forms in the Special Friends box in the RE area. Extra forms are available. Deadline to sign up is January 27, 2008.



## The January 2008 Sparkler

### Calendar of Events for Lifespan Programming

Week of		Sunday January 6, 2008
Jan. 1 — Jan 6		9:45-9:55 Children's Chapel –RE common area with Kris Beliakoff 9:45 to 10:45 Adults — Course in Miracles, Sustainable Living 10:00-10:45 K3 through 4th grade –Spirit Play: Jan Hus 5th-6th grade classes — Living the Promise 11:20 to 12:00 K4 through 6 <sup>th</sup> – PEACE Sunday (Social Action) 11:00-12:15 Junior High —. Traditions with a Wink: Comfort with Mystery Senior high class with mentors.
Week of Jan 7 — Jan 13	Saturday January 12th — JH Rock Climbing Lock-In	<b>Sunday January 13, 2008</b> 9:45-9:55 Children's Chapel – RE common area with Kris Beliakoff 9:45 to 10:45 Adults — Course in Miracles, Sustainable Living 10:00-10:45 K3 through 4 <sup>th</sup> –Spirit Play: Chalice Story 5th-6th grade classes — Living the Promise 11:15-12:00 K4 through 6 <sup>th</sup> – UU and Me 11:00-12:00 Junior High –: Traditions with a Wink:: We Shall Overcome 11:00-12:00 Senior High – Coming of Age
Week of Jan 14 — Jan 20		<b>Sunday January 20, 2008</b> 9:45-9:55 Children's Chapel – RE common area with Kris Beliakoff 9:45 to 10:45 Adults — Course in Miracles, Sustainable Living, UU at GUUF 10:00-10:45 K3 through 4 <sup>th</sup> –Spirit Play: Francis David 5th-6th grade classes — Living the Promise 11:15-12:00 K4 through 6 <sup>th</sup> – UU and Me 11:00-12:00 Junior High –: Traditions with a Wink:: Civil Rights 11:00-12:00 Senior High – Coming of Age
Week of Jan 21 — Jan 27	Deadline to sign up for Special Friends	<b>Sunday January 27, 2008</b> 9:45-9:55 Children's Chapel – RE common area with Kris Beliakoff 9:45 to 10:45 Adults — Course in Miracles, Sustainable Living, UU at GUUF 10:00-10:45 K3 through 4 <sup>th</sup> –Spirit Play: George d Benneville 5th-6th grade classes — Living the Promise 11:15-12:15 K4 through 6 <sup>th</sup> – Square Foot Gardening 11:00-12:00 Junior High –: Traditions with a Wink: Abstract Sculpture 11:00-12:00 Senior High – Coming of Age community project with Mentors

## Childcare News

Our nursery has grown and our staff workers need assistance. If you can give an hour or so on a Sunday morning between 9:30 and 12:30, please sign up on the volunteer sheets in the RE hallway or talk to one of the childcare providers in the nursery. This is currently one of our largest needs. Thank you! We are currently seeking one more paid worker too. See Lana if you are interested. Pay \$8/hr. Also, there is a wishlist for our childcare rooms on the door of the nursery. Feel free to take one of the teddy bears with an item if you can supply that for us.

## Save the Date!

February 9th: Spirit Play Sleepover 6 PM. Additional chaperones needed. Coordinator: Nancy Fitzer.

February 17th: Special Friends Luncheon

March 1st: Rummage Sale to benefit RE. 8 AM to Noon. Volunteers needed.



## Square Foot Gardening Begins this Month!

Children will learn a new way to garden that is ecologically friendly. Planting in squares instead of rows has remarkable advantages. Food grown will be donated to a local soup kitchen. Adopt a square foot of garden for \$12.00. Plots will have donors name. See the envelope on the RE bulletin board to leave your donation (checks only). Project time is once a month (last Sunday of each month) for ages 3 to 6th grade during the service after the story for all ages.