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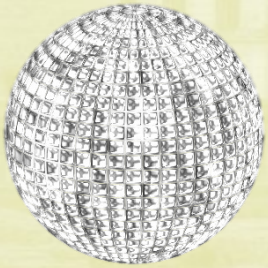
The Flame

GREENVILLE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Special points of interest:

- FUNkadelic Dance Party
- SOUP-er Bowl Sunday
- Beloved Conversations
- SJC Kickoff
- UUWoC Spaghetti Lunch/Special Friends Reveal

Let's boogie!



Get your glad rags on! GUUF is hosting another "FUNkadelic" dance party on February 2 at 8:00 pm for the bargain price of $10 per person!

There will be guest DJs, a photo booth, "dynamite" dance lessons, and of course, our dazzling disco ball!

Unleash those Dancing Demons! Step back in time, don those flares, that gold satin jumpsuit and boogie the night away.

Don't dance? Don't worry! Come along, meet up with old friends, make new friends, and help us make this FUNdraiser the best yet!

Childcare will be provided, but you need to let us know how many kids, and what their ages are.

Got questions, "holla" at the team, we've got the answers. wandm@greenvilleuu.org.

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UU IDENTITY WORKSHOPS

A series of workshops to help build your knowledge of UU identity. Each workshop provides an opportunity for participants to interact and share their own experiences, a process that echoes the Unitarian Universalist commitment to individual theological exploration. Participants will learn about Unitarian Universalism not only by hearing about it, but by doing it—exploring their own theology and its intersection with the tradition.

Tuesday, February 12
(6:30-8 pm)
Theology and Worship

Sunday, February 24
(9:30-10:45 am)
How We Grow in Faith: Philosophy of Religious Education

Thursday, March 14
(6:30-8 pm)
Social Justice Philosophy and Practice

Workshops will take place in the Founders Room (105), Email adultre@greenvilleuu.org for more information.

Reverend's Writings

Unitarian Universalism lost a giant last week. The Reverend Clark Olsen, best known for his participation in the events in Selma in 1965, died on Martin Luther King day of heart failure. His life of service and ministry holds much to inspire us in our own lives. He was with colleagues the Rev. James Reeb & the Rev. Orloff Miller when they were attacked by white supremacists, and Reeb later died of his injuries. His death, the death of a white man, is seen by many as the catalyst for the passage of the Voting Rights Act -- an unfortunate reality of the Jim Crow South that all the deaths of people of color like Emmett Till, Jimmie Lee Jackson, and so many others, could not sway public opinion.

Olsen went on to continue his service as a parish minister and then as a consultant for corporations and churches. He was awarded Unitarian Universalism's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, in 2015. According to UU World magazine, "Accepting the award, the visibly moved Olsen said, "We all live our lives at the intersection of mystery and values, and to explore that intersection, reaching into the riches of human experiences, offers deeply satisfying opportunity for insight and growth … I feel awed and grateful that, made as we are from the stardust of Creation, inherent in all of us is the desire to love others and to embrace efforts to bring more justice into this world." "

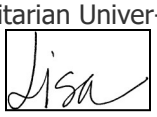
If you are interested in the history surrounding the events in Selma or Clark's life as a minister, here are some links to explore.

(This one's a long interview https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0w5oH0CepdQ)

https://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/06/opinion/a-call-from-selma.html

https://www.citizen-times.com/videos/news/2015/01/17/21900167/

He is one of the visionaries whose life story calls us to our best selves, and whose legacy will live on through the many people he impacted. In the hundreds of speeches Clark gave about his experience in Selma and how it changed his life, "Whenever you see injustice, speak up, take a stand, be in solidarity. You never know what may be the outcome." Talk about living Unitarian Universalist values.



Contact Rev. Lisa at 864-301-1477, minister@greenvilleuu.org, or book an appointment at https://calendly.com/boveekemper

Sermon Information for February

February 3 Practicing Trust, Staying Present
with Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper
In any diverse community, individual identities and needs overlap and sometimes are at odds. How do we support and make room for each other to bring our whole self to the table? Is "right relationship" just a buzzword, or can it be a path to deeper, more meaningful connections within and beyond the fellowship?

February 10 Finding God
with Ed Proulx
Not just any God, but your God. Is your God a mountain or an old man with a white beard? Is your God science or reason? Is your God grumpy, peaceful, or maybe even silly?
Oh, yea… and why does any of this matter?

February 17 The Promise & the Practice
(de-centering whiteness)
with Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper
What would it be like if our UU worship service centered entirely around the voices and the experiences of black Unitarian Universalists? What truths might we hear, however difficult? What might we learn? How might these black UU leaders teach us to be better allies, better siblings in faith, and even better citizens in our community?

February 24 The Heart of Community
with Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper
A Unitarian Universalist congregation is a place where ideas are shared, creativity encouraged, and connections cultivated. What are the hallmarks of healthy community?
Special musical guest Friction Farm.

Religious Education

Children and Youth RE Classes for February

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Spirit Play Lite Pre-School	*Spoon* (Each one is special.)	*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* (Limits)	*The Lion and the Mouse* (Little ones can help.)	*Otis and the Puppy* (We care for our friends.)
Spirit Play 1 & 2 (K5-1st & 2nd-3rd)	*Beatrice's Goat* (Indigo Promise)	*The Paper Bag Princess* (Indigo Promise)	Children's Chapel	*The Dory Story* (Violet Promise)
Windows & Mirrors (4th-5th)	*We Need Not Think Alike to Love Alike* Thomas Starr King	*Building a Community of Forgiveness*	Children's Chapel	*The Blessings of Imperfection*
Traditions with a Wink (6th-8th)	*Abstract Sculpture*	*UU Rosaries*	Hymns	*Genesis & Evolution*
Coming of Age	Soup-er Bowl Sunday	*God Beliefs* #1 (with mentors)	Art Bridge	*God Beliefs* #2
Senior High	Soup-er Bowl Sunday	Teaching	Covenant Circle	Service Project

DATES TO REMEMBER

YOUTH GROUP MEETING
February 3, 10 am, RE Common (001)

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING:
February 10, Youth Room (012), 9:30-10:45 am

SPECIAL FRIENDS WEEK (for children ages 3-11): February 10-17

SPECIAL FRIENDS LUNCHEON: February 17, in the Fellowship Hall (112) after service

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: March 3, 10 am, RE Common (001)

POVERTY LOCK-OUT: March 9-10

CYRE RUMMAGE SALE: March 29-31

HS YOUTH CON AT THE MOUNTAIN: April 5-7. Visit https://themountainrlc.org/event/high-school-youth-con-spring-2019/ for more information, and let David know if you're interested in going.

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY FUNDRAISER

Be a **PATRIOT** and **RAM** your way to Fellowship Hall (112).

Come fellowship before the BIG GAME on Sunday February 3, after service. Join us for lunch and fellowship! A donation of $6 adults/$3 kids gets you a complete meal - homemade soup or chili, salad, chips or cornbread, drink, and dessert!

Please email Laura at lauraguufre@gmail.com or call 325-5217 with any questions. All proceeds will go towards the youth CONS at The Mountain retreat center, mission trips for senior high teens and the Coming of Age pilgrimage to Boston.

Let's make the GUUF Youth Group the **WINNING TEAM**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPECIAL FRIENDS WEEK–FEBRUARY 10-17

Our lovely SPECIAL FRIENDS program has created some long-lasting friendships in the Fellowship over the years! Adults secretly pair with a child (Pre-K5th Grade) in our RE program. The week before Valentine's Day, they contact the children's parents, gather as much information about the child's interests and what gets him/her most excited, and then begin sending special valentine messages, treats, poems, riddles, puzzles, etc, by mail, culminating in a big reveal and lunch party during the UU World of Children's Spaghetti Luncheon on Sunday, February 17.

TOO MUCH STUFF?
Save it for the annual
YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE!

Please start saving your gently used items for the Youth Rummage Sale March 29-31. Your donations are still tax-deductible, PLUS you'll be CLUTTER-FREE, and you'll be helping our teens raise money for travel and mission trips. Contact dre@greenvilleuu.org with questions.

YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY– WHAT A TIME WE HAD!

BELOVED CONVERSATIONS

As part of our work as a Unitarian Universalist congregation working to dismantle systems of racial oppression, the GUUF Board and Adult RE Committee are pleased to be sponsoring the fellowship's participation in Beloved Conversations: Meditations on Race & Ethnicity this winter/spring. Beloved Conversations is a curriculum for exploring the role of race/ethnicity in individual and congregational lives. Racism is as old as history itself, and as such, needs intentional spaces to reverse its damaging impact. Using a small-group ministry format, the curriculum creates a supportive space for congregants to talk about their own experiences, while identifying places where growth is necessary. As an instrument of faith formation, it offers participants a chance to rediscover the sacred and important presence of compassion, grace, risk-taking, vulnerability, and the healing joy when cross-racial relationships are reconciled.

The first segment of this curriculum is by invitation only, and will take place in February/March of this year. After the first phase is finished, there will be opportunities for the entire fellowship to participate in the curriculum. Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper and Kathleen Anderson are available to answer any questions you may have.

The Path to Membership

STEP 1 - GUUF 101-This one weekend introduction to the general idea of Unitarian Universalism and the specific community of Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (GUUF) is held twice each year – in the Spring and again in the Fall. **The next GUUF 101 will be Friday evening, March 8 and Saturday morning, March 9.** Over the course, we explore the history, traditions, changes, and principles of Unitarian Universalism. Attendees are encouraged to share and discuss their own spiritual journeys, and we'll explore all the educational, community engagement, and social offerings at GUUF. Of course, we always make time for conversation and socializing with members and other newcomers to GUUF!

STEP 2 - BECOME A MEMBER AT OUR FELLOWSHIP'S INGATHERING-Twice each year, in the Spring and Fall and soon after GUUF 101, we hold our Ingathering Sunday Service for those who have decided to become members. **The next Ingathering Ceremony will be Sunday, March 24 during our Sunday service.** New members – many of whom will have attended the most recent GUUF 101 - will assemble an hour before the service for a group conversation with Reverend Lisa Bovee-Kemper and the President of our Fellowship and to sign the membership book. New members will be celebrated after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

STEP 3 - THE NEW UU – A TAPESTRY OF FAITH PROGRAM-Twice each year (notice a pattern here?), beginning this Spring, GUUF will offer *The New UU*, a program for new and current members who want to anchor their engagement at GUUF more solidly in Unitarian Universalist principles. Most UUs come from another religious background, and *The New UU* provides an intentional orientation to Unitarian Universalism and the life of the Fellowship. *The New UU* is a series of four 90-minute workshops: worship and theology, history, covenant and polity, religious education, social justice, and membership. In addition to the learning, *The New UU* is the perfect way for new members to meet and develop friendships with others at GUUF and to get their new membership off to a great and grounded start (check out the dates on the front page).

STEP 4 – PATHFINDER-Joining a new Fellowship or faith tradition can be intimidating. All the new faces and ways of doing things can be confusing – particularly if you're doing it alone! Every new member, or PathFinder, will have a current member Guide to help navigate his or her first year. Each new member is unique, so **this PathFinder program celebrates the differences while empowering new members to find their best way.** Pathfinder is designed loosely as a cohort program – new members will become part of the Fellowship as a cohort of other new members joining in the same calendar year. As new members, they'll face the challenge of being new together, build bonds with each other and to the Fellowship, and, ideally, find opportunities within GUUF that will "nourish" them and allow them to "feed" others. No room for intimidation here!

Coming Up

The Fellowship "Eat 'n' Greet" usually takes place on the first Sunday of each month. Slight change for February, come and enjoy a delicious SOUPER BOWL LUNCH FUNDRAISER. Our next Eat 'n' Greet is on Sunday, March 3, in the Fellowship Hall (112) after service.

Bring a dish to share if you can, and spend a great time connecting with your fellow GUUFers. Questions? Please contact membership@greenvilleuu.org.

COMMUNITY– COME AND JOIN

SUNDAY

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP—Held second Sunday of each month, 9:45-10:45 am, Goddess Room (013). For book titles or more info, contact bookgroup@greenvilleuu.org.

DISCUSSION GROUP— Weekly, except for the second Sunday, 9:45-10:45 am, Founders Room (105). More info contact adultre@greenvilleuu.org.

HUMANIST GROUP—Held Second Sunday, 9:00-10:45 am, Founders Room (105). More info contact johntmelson@outlook.com

A COURSE IN MIRACLES—Weekly 9:45-10:45 am, Middle School Classroom (006). A study and discussion group based on the popular Course in Miracles, with the goal of transforming spiritual awareness through the practice of forgiveness. For more info please contact dre@greenvilleuu.org.

GENDER BENDERS—Held second Sunday of the month, 5-7 pm, Fellowship Hall (112) to discuss matters relating to the LGBT community. For more info contact Ivy Hill at ivy@southernequality.org

"EAT 'N' GREET"—The Fellowship "Eat 'n' Greet" takes place on the first Sunday of each month. There's no event for February (due to the Soup-er Bowl Lunch), but join us for our next gathering on March 3.

MONDAY

PARIS MOUNTAIN DINING FOR WOMEN — held monthly on the last Monday of the month (February 25), Fellowship Hall (112), at 6:30 pm.

Our featured grantee this month is the Maji Safi Group based in Tanzania. Maji Safi Group's mission is to promote health and disease prevention in under-served and impoverished areas through holistic community empowerment and by working predominantly with local women and youth. The project is 'A Holistic Approach to Menstrual Hygiene Management.' Maji Safi Group aims to reduce the stigma related to Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), decrease school absence rates related to menstruation, increase the self-confidence of young women in rural Tanzania, and give them access to a variety of female WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) products, including sustainable menstrual cups.

Please bring a dish to share and your checkbook. Contact Luci Fernadez, lucia4gaia@gmail.com or Letitia Short, letitia174@gmail.com, for more information.

TUESDAY

BUDDHIST MEDITATION GROUP — Join us every Tuesday at 6:15 pm in the Choir Room (108) for a 40-minute seated group meditation. No experience necessary. Meditation cushions are available. For more information - go to www.meetup.com/meditation-216/events/252922991/ or contact Luci Fernandez at lucia4gaia@gmail.com.

YOGA—NEW NIGHT! Weekly 7:00-8:30 pm, in the Sanctuary (101). Classes run to March 26 (NO CLASS FEBRUARY 19). Yoga for all ability and fitness levels! Bruce Cable is a certified Sivananda instructor with more than 25 years of experience. Donations gratefully accepted. For more information, please contact brucecable@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAY

CoDA (Co-Dependents Anonymous)— Every Wednesday night from 7-8 pm, in the Founders Room (105). Do you sometimes feel that the well-being of others depends on you? Contact Eric Anderson for more information e.anderson.1@gmail.com.

SIERRA CLUB, WILLIAM BARTRAM GROUP— Meets monthly on the third Wednesday evening, 7:30-9:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall (112). The Sierra Club is the most enduring and influential grassroots environmental organization in the United States. Join the local chapter in their endeavors. Want more info? Contact www.sierraupstate.org.

COMMUNITY– COME AND JOIN

THURSDAY

AFRICAN DRUMMING CLASS—Weekly, 6:00-8:30 pm, RE Common Room (001). Learn to drum and create more joy. Classes open to all. Registration required. For more info., contact BenKWeston@gmail.com.

UPSTATE PRIDE SC LGBTQ+ SMART RECOVERY—Weekly, 6:30-8:00 pm, Conference Room (103). Any member of the LGBTQ+ community who has issues with any form of addiction is welcome to attend. For more info please contact jamie@upstatepridesc.org.

RESTAURANT DINNER GROUP—Third Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (February 21).
This month, we'll enjoy the adventure of Havana Kitchen Cuban Restaurant and Mojito Bar, 1133 Woodruff Rd, Greenville, where Mimi's Kitchen was years ago. Good Cuban food and good service.

Contact Ken and Virginia Flanagan to reserve seats: (864) 529-1326, daisytripod@yahoo.com

WHEEL SESSION 61, MIKE HOLSTEIN TRIO—February 28, 7:30-9:30 pm, Fellowship Hall (112), Admission $15 (Cash only), BYOB.

Guitarist/bassist/composer Mike Holstein is one of the most sought after musicians in the Southeast. An avid composer, he was one of the founding members of the Jazz Composers Forum, a non-profit organization. Mike will lead a trio that features himself on guitar, Charleston bassist Brett Belinger, and Greenville drummer Kevin Korschgen.

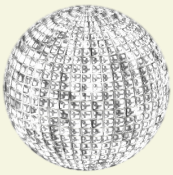
FRIDAY

DINNER AND A MOVIE—Second Friday of the month, Fellowship Hall (112), 6 pm potluck dinner, 7 pm movie. Join us February 8 for *Michael Clayton* (R) starring George Clooney.
About the movie: A law firm brings in its "fixer" to remedy the situation after a lawyer has a breakdown while representing a chemical company that he knows is guilty in a multibillion-dollar class action suit. An Oscar winner from 2007.(IMDB)

Please bring a covered dish for 4-6 people, and your beverage of choice.

SNACKS AND A MOVIE—Fourth Friday of the month, Fellowship Hall (112), 6 pm social hour, 7 pm movie. Join us on February 22 for *The Lives of Others* (R).
About the movie: A German film with subtitles. In 1984 East Berlin, an agent of the secret police, conducting surveillance on a writer and his lover, finds himself becoming increasingly absorbed by their lives. Won the Best Foreign Film Oscar in 2007.

SATURDAY



LET'S BOOGIE—Dance party February 2, 2019. Starts at 8 pm.

GUUF "SUPERHERO" AUCTION—Auction is March 2, 2019. Starts at 6 pm.

For more information on the dance party or the auction, contact wandm@greenvilleuu.org.

EARTH SPIRIT—Imbolc Ritual will be held February 2 at 6 pm. This is a FIRE ONLY ritual, no feast will be held. Gathering is at 5:30 pm and ritual will promptly begin at 6 pm.

Please be on time, and dress appropriately for the weather. Bring something to sit on if you wish.

For more information, contact earthspirit.guuf@gmail.com.

Social Justice Committee Official Kickoff

Do you have a passion for environmental issues? Would you like to help make a difference in the homeless community? Or maybe your passion is helping immigrant families? If so then the GUUF Social Justice Community (SJC) needs you.

We're inviting all GUUF members, non-members, newcomers, friends and youth to the **Social Justice Committee Official Kickoff on Sunday, February 10, 12:30 pm- 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (112). Hearty snacks & beverages provided**

This is an exciting opportunity to get in on the ground floor. This year, SJC is supporting three action groups: Poverty/ Homelessness, the Environment and Immigration. After a brief introduction, join one of the groups for a fun hour of brainstorming ideas and activities. The results from these sessions will help us create a calendar for the coming year.

So please bring your passion, ideas and enthusiasm with you. We look forward to seeing you on the February 10.

Homeless Action Group

Hosting Homeless Families—IHN Week is almost here! This Spring our congregation will be hosting 2-3 homeless families for the week of April 7-14, as part of United Ministries' Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN-formerly known as GAIHN). IHN is overseen by United Ministries and using a network of local churches and synagogues, provides shelter for families who otherwise would not be able to stay together in a shelter. These may include families headed by a father, have teen boys, or have two parents. Shelters in Greenville cannot accommodate such families, and often it can be weeks before there are openings of any kind in the shelters. United Ministries is always desperate to find congregations who are willing to host and historically, GUUF has always answered the call. However, we can't host without your help! We ask you to dig deep and see what time, talent, or treasure you can give to help this project continue. If we cannot fill our volunteer requirements, we will have to stop hosting and our Greenville community will lose support for this invaluable program. If you are interested in helping or have questions, contact Chris Corry at 864-361-8777 or ccorry@yahoo.com and Lesley Lindstedt at lesleyhlindstedt@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES–TIME TO POWER UP!

CAST THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB AND PREPARE FOR THE ADVENTURE

Pick up donation contracts and have your questions answered at the service auction table which will be set up before and after Sunday services.

From the convenience of your home you can go the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship website to download the donation contract forms and refer to the "the frequently asked questions." Here's the link https://greenvilleuu.org/the-auction/.

You can also contact the Ways and Means Committee at wandm@greenvilleuu.org.

The deadline to turn in your contracts is **February 10**.

The service auction catalog will be available for your anticipatory perusal at least one week before the service auction. Included in the catalog will be the schedule of events, bidding and purchasing procedures and explanations of: live auction, silent auction, sign-ups, and raffles.

The service auction is an awesome and fun way to come to the rescue by bolstering GUUF's budget, offering services and filling up our own social calendar.

BAM!

MONEY MATTERS

Below is the Operating Fund statement for the month of December.

Thank you for your support of the Fellowship.
Hilary Nelson, CFO, cfo@greenvilleuu.org

Income and Expense Statement
OPERATING 01,December 2018

	Current Period	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Difference	Annual Budget Percentage	YTD Prior Year
INCOME						
PLEDGES/PLATE	$41,524	$207,508	$368,200	($160,692)	56.4%	$225,369
FUND RAISERS/MISC	$1,867	$17,785	$46,200	($28,415)	38.5%	$62,178
BUILDING USE	$478	$3,661	$3,000	$661	122.1%	$1,483
DESIGNATED	$100	$660	$0	$660	0.0%	$525
DONOR RESTRICTED	$2,286	$7,789	$9,000	($1,211)	86.6%	$8,363
INVESTMENT INCOME	$12	$12	$0	$12	0.0%	$8
RESTRICTED CONTR RELEASE	($3,750)	($6,986)	$0	($6,986)	0.0%	($4,700)
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	$101	$473	$1,000	($527)	47.3%	$1,803
RELEASE FROM	$3,750	$6,986	$0	$6,986	0.0%	$4,700
TOTAL INCOME	**$46,367**	**$237,888**	**$427,400**	**($189,512)**	**55.7%**	**$299,728**
EXPENSES						
PERSONNEL	$22,178	$128,533	$268,748	$140,215	47.8%	$109,648
UTILITIES	$2,132	$9,319	$19,370	$10,051	48.1%	$9,102
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	$1,726	$12,166	$26,734	$14,568	45.5%	$19,085
PROGRAMS	$7,182	$16,125	$30,250	$14,125	53.3%	$26,061
ADMINISTRATION	$895	$9,756	$19,957	$10,201	48.9%	$9,208
DENOMINATIONAL DUES	$5,227	$10,453	$24,471	$14,019	42.7%	$10,840
MISCELLANEOUS	$273	$1,590	$3,270	$1,680	48.6%	$2,284
DONOR RESTRICTED	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.0%	$1,538
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$39,613**	**$187,941**	**$392,800**	**$204,859**	**47.9%**	**$187,767**
TOTAL TRANSFERS	($1,133)	($17,800)	($37,000)	($19,200)	48.1%	($18,047)
EXCESS INCOME\ EXPENSES	**$5,621**	**$32,147**	**($2,400)**	**$34,547**	**(1339.5%)**	**$93,915**

THE BUDGET DRIVE IS COMING!

It's that time of year: Time to start reflecting on what the Fellowship means to YOU and how you can give back.

Commitment Sunday (for the fiscal year July 2019 to June 2020), with Mimosas, Food, Pledging and this year, a very special music guest, Chris Rosser, will be **SUNDAY, MARCH 24**.

On-line pledging will be available before this date. Stay tuned for more details...

With grateful thanks from your Budget Drive Team

DEVELOPMENTAL MINISTRY STRATEGIC PLAN

If you haven't read the summary of the development of the Strategic Plan and the Developmental Ministry, you can access it at DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

To see a summary of what was said at the January 20 Congregational Town Hall go to TOWN HALL

The handout from January 20 can be read at HANDOUT

If you have questions or suggestions please share them with the minister, or any Board or PC member. This is a new challenge for our Fellowship. If we master this new mode of congregational organization, we will make a great start on transitioning to a larger liberal religious presence in Greenville. We'll then be able to create a richer spiritual and intellectual congregational life. We'll be able to offer more to the communities around us.

BOARD BUSINESS—For those interested, the Board Agendas will be posted in advance. If you would like to see them, please contact Stephanie Green (office@greenvilleuu.org) or John Melson (president@greenvilleuu.org) for the link. If the interest is sufficient, we'll look for ways for future Board to provide this information.

The Board approved a project, to be led by Teresa Hall, to upgrade the Sanctuary Audio Visual systems, using money from the Suzy Boghani Memorial Fund, supplemented by the General Endowment. This will allow a flexible use of a permanent projector, and a motor driven screen, as well as supplemental lighting.

The Board approved the updated charter for the Shared Ministry Committee, formerly known as the Committee on Ministry. As soon as we have a bylaws update, we'll make that name change fully official. The charter will soon be on the website (Member area).

We noted that GUUF's financial state is weakening month by month as the combined effect of our last year's pledge, and year-to-date fundraiser shortfall begin to appear. We'll get through this Fiscal Year by dipping into reserves, as well as carefully managing expenses. Next year's budget and canvass (coming soon!) will need to meet the cost of filling the post of Music Director as well as reverse this slow decline.

UU WORLD OF CHILDREN–IT'S SPAGHETTI DINNER

Why Scholarships?

The founding mission of the UU World of Children, is to provide the highest quality Montessori Education and childcare, to families in an accessible and affordable manor. With the costs of high quality childcare out of the reach for many of our families, the UU World of Children offers a life changing opportunity to our students. We are dedicated to providing need based scholarships to our families that are eligible. Through the help of our generous donors, we are doing all that we can to ensure that every child, especially those of low income working families, have access to high quality child care. The UUWoC sets an annual goal of providing the funds to support 8 scholarships at a cost of $32,000. This is why supporting the UUWoC Scholarship Fund is so important. It's an investment; it helps children; it helps their families; and, it helps all of us. The UUWoC Scholarship Fund offers hope; hope for all of us and hope for our future.

Come and enjoy an Olive Garden catered Spaghetti Dinner on February 17, this is in partnership with the CYRE Special Friends Reveal and all the proceeds go into the scholarship fund.

We have our next Warehouse Theatre production right around the corner, on April 27. All the proceeds from ticket sales go straight in to the scholarship fund.

To the friends that have supported us over the years, and to those that continue to do so we thank you for making an important and lasting investment in the life of a child and his/her family.

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- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- The goal of world community in peace, liberty and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

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