

# The Final Flame

## GREENVILLE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

### THIS ISSUE WILL BE THE FINAL ISSUE OF *THE FLAME*

The monthly newsletter was once the most effective method to notify folks of upcoming events and news. As technology has progressed at such a rapid pace, the paper monthly newsletter is no longer the fastest, or most effective way to communicate up-to-the-minute events and news. From the beginning of our new fiscal year (July 1, 2019), all current and upcoming news, events, happenings and writings will be published online, either in our e-newsletter and/or our website. This practice will also give our hard working Committee Chairs the flexibility to show-

case any upcoming events they may have, without having the pressure of the monthly deadline.

We will continue to publish a short printed version (as you have seen over the last few weeks) as an insert to the Order of Service, but this will mainly be used as a "take-away" document so you can see what's coming up at GUUF.

There will be a strict article submission deadline. By 9:00 am, Tuesday morning, your article should be sent to [publish@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:publish@greenvilleuu.org) (marked e-newsletter). Our Administrator will include it on our website and/or e-newsletter.

We're sure you may have questions

and/or concerns about this change. As with any changes, there will be a period of adjustment. Please be patient, our intention is to provide the most effective communication for everyone, there may be challenges, but we hope to address them quickly and effectively.

The Communications Team will be presenting a final plan to the June Program Council, and thanks everyone for their contributions to our newsletter. If you'd like more information, or have questions, please feel free to contact the Team at: [comm@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:comm@greenvilleuu.org).

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#### HERE'S THE LOWDOWN

##### June 2, 2019

FELLOWSHIP EAT 'N' GREET  
[ECRF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING](#)  
IMMIGRATION/DACA GROUP

##### June 5, 2019

INPUT FOR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR  
PROGRAM COUNCIL MEETING

##### June 7, 2109

UUWoC SPRING PROGRAM  
ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

##### June 8, 2019—B&G WORKDAY

##### June 9, 2019

BÖSENDORFER INAUGURAL CONCERT  
[GAY CHORUS DEEP SOUTH FILM](#) AT THE

##### PEACE CENTER

**June 9-15, 2019** – YOUTH MISSION TO HARTSVILLE

**June 10, 2019**-ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

##### June 12, 2019

FAIR LENDING GROUP  
BOARD MEETING

**June 14, 2019** – DINNER & A MOVIE

**June 20, 2019** – RESTAURANT DINNER GROUP

##### June 23, 2019

[NANTAHALA RAFTING TRIP](#)

REGISTRATION ENDS FOR SUUSI

**June 28, 2019** – SNACKS & A MOVIE

## REVEREND'S WRITINGS

A few weeks ago, I did a Question Box service, which gave y'all an opportunity to submit questions for me to answer in place of a sermon. It's not something I've done before, as I was always a little reluctant to put myself "on the spot" in that way, but I confess that I had fun doing it! Thanks to all who submitted questions, and all who were with us for the service.

Of the questions submitted, one was asked 4 or 5 times, and then after the service, a whole bunch of you asked me if I could share my answer with them for reference, so I decided to write it up for all of you! I hope you find it useful.

The question was some version of "What's the best UU elevator speech you've ever heard?" An elevator speech, you may recall, is a short statement that individuals can prepare to be ready to answer the question "What is Unitarian Universalism?" when you are asked in casual conversation. The idea is that you only have the time that it takes an elevator to get from the lobby to your exit floor, so you must be concise and specific. Here is my answer:

I don't actually have one straight up memorized elevator speech. I tend to tailor my respond to my audience, and try to pay attention to what the person is asking.

Some people just want to know if I go to church. Others want to know the basic values of our religious community. Instead of having a single speech that I repeat, I have four essential concepts that I try to include. Sometimes I'll focus more on one or another, and sometimes I'll include all four. Depends on how many floors in the building!

- ◆ **Our roots are firmly planted in liberal Christianity** – Unitarianism and Universalism as theological positions can be found in the earliest days of Christian history, and in the Protestant Reformation. Unitarian refers to the unity of God (as opposed to the trinity, in which Jesus is one of three divine parts of God). Universalism refers to the idea that all souls are saved (as opposed to predestination, in which only a few are chosen)
- ◆ **We are a religiously pluralistic faith tradition** – Since the two denominations consolidated in 1961, we are no longer specifically Christian, but embrace and learn from many different religious traditions.
- ◆ **We are a relational faith, a people of covenant** – Rather than requiring adher-

ence to a creed to hold us together and stipulate who can be a member, we rely on our relationships. We commit to a covenant which lays out the expectations of relationship and holds us accountable to one another.

- ◆ **We are committed to working toward justice and freedom for all** – Throughout the history of this movement, Unitarians, Universalists, and Unitarian Universalists have been found at the center of most of the major social and civil rights movements. This continues today in our commitments to anti-oppression, dismantling racism and white supremacy, economic and environmental justice, and more.

One way to use these notes is to combine the bolded sentences into one short statement you can memorize, and then be prepared to answer more questions if there is time or interest. Another is to remember the general concepts, doing your own research and figuring out what bits are most important to your story. Either way, I hope they will be helpful to you in clarifying your own speech about this beloved faith tradition of ours.

*Lisa*

## MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH

Input Needed! As many of you know, we are about to embark upon the search for a new Music Director. Member input is crucial to this process. In order to hear from you, we invite you to participate in conversation with us. A congregational input session is planned for Wednesday, June 5 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall (112) at GUUF. All congregants are invited to attend, whether or not you have been an active participant in the music program at GUUF, and whether or not you are a member of GUUF. We look forward to hearing from you!

SERMON INFORMATION FOR JUNE

**June 2 The Flower Ceremony**

With Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper

The Flower Ceremony is a ritual celebrating beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. It was originally created in 1923 by Unitarian ministers Norbert & Maja Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia.

*Please bring a flower to contribute to our community bouquet.*

**June 9 A Search for the Ultimate Value**

With Rembert Stokes

Join us for the dedication of the new Bösendorfer piano and a sermon presented by its generous donor.

**June 16 Truth, Morality, and Evil**

With Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper

This sermon was inspired by Jon Henson, who purchased the right to name a sermon topic at the 2019 Service Auction. After some great conversation, we narrowed it down to this concise topic!

**June 23 In All Thy Getting, Get Understanding**

with Rev. Nancy McDonald-Ladd

What do we enter into congregational life hoping to get? So many things, perhaps—but underneath the consumer’s idea of acquisition is the pull to a deeper encounter with the experience, hope, heartbreak and yearning of others in community. Can we be a place of deep encounter where borders are crossed and faiths connect, where real stories and real struggle intersect and understanding arises anew?

**June 30 Strong Women**

Lay-Led Service

The theme of this year’s GLOW Summer Opera Festival is strong women, and the cast are busy preparing for their upcoming shows. The service will feature music provided by the cast, as well as some readings by GUUF members.

You are cordially invited to join

The Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

in celebrating the inaugural concert of its newly acquired

Bösendorfer Imperial Concert Grand Piano

generously given by

Rem Stokes

Greenville native and longtime Unitarian Universalist

**Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 4 pm**

Works of Debussy, Beethoven, Bach–Busoni, and Chopin

will be performed by 2015 Juilliard graduate

Zachary Hughes

Free admission

Reception immediately following the performance

1135 State Park Road

Greenville, SC 29609

Note: Mr. Stokes will be the featured speaker  
at the 11:00 morning service that day

THE GUUF RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION MINISTRY OF MAGIC INVITES ALL INTERESTED CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO

## HOGWARTS SCHOOL OF MAGIC AND FUN

SUMMER TERM BEGINS JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> AND ENDS ON AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>.

VARIOUS AGE GROUPS WILL MEET THEIR CLASSES ON A ROTATION SCHEDULE.

CHILDREN MAY BEGIN ENTERING HOGWARTS THROUGH THE MAGIC FIREPLACE AT 10:45 AM ON SUNDAYS.

NO ADULTS EXCEPT STAFF BEYOND THAT POINT. PARENTS MAY COLLECT CHILDREN AT 12:15 PM AT THE DOORS OF THE GREAT HALL.



**Potter Tots:** Preschool Children Age 3-Rising K<sup>5</sup>): Will go from the fireplace into the Spirit Play Lite Classroom adjoining the nursery. After magical class and snack, they return to free play. All students in Hogwarts Proper will begin each week in their House Common Rooms, and then go to their Magical Studies Classes in various locations. We will end each week with a closing ceremony in The Great Hall

**Frogs and Toads:** First & Second Years (Rising 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Graders):

**OWLS (Ordinary Wizarding Levels):** Rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades

**NEWTS (Naturally Excellent Wizarding Training):** Rising 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades.

**ELFS (Enriching Lives through Fun and Service):** Senior High Students

This new approach to Hogwarts is designed to run for seven years. Each year we will focus on a different THEME that reflects one of the books in the Harry Potter series.

This summer's theme is KEYS. In the first book of the series, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, Hermione Granger introduces her friends to the *Alohomora* charm, a spell for unlocking doors. By connecting the unlocked door to the unlocked imagination, the theme of KEYS creates a tangible image of how imagination can unlock other worlds both inside and outside of ourselves.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All students currently registered with the GUUF Religious Education Program, and all students who attended Hogwarts School of Magic and Fun last summer will receive OWL posts with acceptance letters and information for parents before the end of May 2019.

New students wishing to attend should contact the Headmistress to request registration forms. This may be done by emailing [dre@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:dre@greenvilleuu.org) or calling the Fellowship Office at 864-271-4883. We also will make information available at the Religious Exploration Information Table outside the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings during the summer.

## SUMMER 2019 HOGWARTS SCHEDULE

Dates	POTTER TOTS	FROGS AND TOADS	OWLS	NEWTS
June 16	Imagination (Creativity)	Welcome-Sorting Hat-Time in House Groups-Games-Establish Procedures-Get Supplies		
June 23	Herbology (Plants)	Wand Day	Charms	Potions
June 30	Abiyoyo	Charms	Potions	Herbology
July 7	Magic Words (Manners)	Potions	Herbology	Charms
July 14	Potions (Science)	Herbology	Transfiguration	History of Magic
July 21	Care of Magical Creatures			
July 28 HP's Birthday	Charms (Art)	History of Magic	Defense Against the Dark Arts	Transfiguration
August 4	The Witch Next Door (Kindness)	Transfiguration	History of Magic	Divination
August 11	Transfiguration (Cooking)	Magic Words	Muggle Studies	Defense Against the Dark Arts
August 18 INGATHERING	TBA	Defense Against the Dark Arts	Divination	Muggle Studies
August 25	Magical Food	Leaving Feast		
September 1	No class	Congregational Ingathering and Water Ceremony-Multigenerational Service		
September 8	RE Program Year Begins-Regular Classes Resume			

Parents and Teens: We need you to volunteer! If you would like to teach a class, please try to teach the same class for each date it is offered. Your lessons will be prepared ahead of time, although your input is always welcome!

We also need adult and teen Heads of House, Prefects, and House Elves.

Prefects are teen helpers who move children from place to place, run errands, and help with set ups. House Elves are teaching assistants, kitchen helpers, and provide general support as needed.

Ghosts are extra helpers on days when we have guests or big food events.

Of course, all helpers are awesome, but we encourage costumes and magical identities to help keep our imaginations and senses of humor lively.

Please click here to go to our [Hogwarts Sign Up Genius](#) and choose your role for the most fun ever! (If you want to be a professor, please sign up for all the dates scheduled for that class-between two and four. The Potter Tots lessons are slightly different than the ones for older students).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**GUUF YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALL NIGHT OUT-** On Saturday, May 18, the GUUF high school youth had their annual All Night Out to celebrate our graduating seniors before the Bridging Ceremony on May 19. The evening included a photo scavenger hunt through downtown Greenville, a visit to the Organic Cat Cafe, an escape room adventure at Breakout Games, stargazing after midnight at Furman University, a 2 am trip to Waffle House, and a pre-dawn worship ceremony by the GUUF memorial garden. Thanks to our fearless parent chaperones Laura Christenbury and Lesley Lindstedt-Sullivan for making this event possible.



**YOUTH GROUP WORK DAY RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JULY 13--**Our recent youth workday with the Building and Grounds Committee, which was canceled due to rain, is rescheduled for Saturday, July 13, 9:30-noon. Since working outdoors on the trail in July could be a little too hot to handle, we have a project that we can do partially indoors: building wild bee habitats. Watch for more info about this from the Youth Group email list (to get on the email list, see below).

**YOUTH GROUP DURING THE SUMMER--** The Youth Group (for 6th-12th grade youth) will take a break from our regular monthly meetings during the summer months, but we may still have a few special events and service opportunities. We will resume our regular

Youth Group meetings at 10 am on the first Sunday of each month on September 1. If you would like to be on the mailing list to learn about Youth Group events over the summer, please contact our Youth Director David Funderburk at [youthdirector@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:youthdirector@greenvilleuu.org).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

It may be summertime, but there's no slowing down for the SJC. Come join us whether your interest lies in education, serving others, or acting for justice, there's literally something for everyone. As always, you can contact us at [sjc@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:sjc@greenvilleuu.org).

**ENVIRONMENTAL/GREEN SANCTUARIES**—Big "goings-on" this summer for the Environmental Action Group! We are choosing "GUUF Work-Days," which will include our youth and all Fellowship members, in each upcoming summer month. These Saturday work days will strive to achieve the following Green Initiatives: Construction and placement of Bee houses, Bluebird House Maintenance, Butterfly Habitat enhancement and many other Green Recertification projects. We will work closely with all parties to provide any necessary assistance with the sewer tie-in project.

This is a big advancement in our environmental "positive footprint," and will be an important campus enhancement. Thank you for supporting all of our forward-thinking initiatives. More info on work dates to come. To sign up for a GUUF Work Day, contact Phil at [phildingus@hotmail.com](mailto:phildingus@hotmail.com)

**POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS**—The Fair Lending Advocacy Group (FLAG) will meet Wednesday, June 12, 7-9 pm, in the Conference Room (103). We are concerned with legislation and education about payday loans, title loans, and other high-interest lending that exploits the most financially vulnerable.

After a pause of several months, we will continue our work on identifying best practices, resources and allies, making plans and gaining traction for the efforts ahead. For more information, contact Walter

Ezell at [wkezell@gmail.com](mailto:wkezell@gmail.com) or (864) 630-5249.

**IMMIGRATION/DACA**—As you know, we've been working with [El Refugio](#), a hospitality house that offers meals and lodging at no cost to the loved ones of immigrants who are detained at the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, GA. Nearly 2,000 male detainees are imprisoned at Stewart, which is owned and managed by for-profit Core-Civic Inc. It's a dire situation for both the men and their families.

Currently, the detainees are in need of like-new men's shoes, pants, polo shirts and backpacks, in addition to new socks, underwear and undershirts. If you can, consider making a donation. Look for our bin with the yellow sign outside the Fellowship Hall (112). We're accepting donations until **Sunday, June 2, 2019**. Questions? Contact Karen Pere-Williams at [karen\\_pere@yahoo.com](mailto:karen_pere@yahoo.com).

Another great opportunity: we've been in contact with a local group, which is headed by longtime Clemson professor, Todd May. They're looking for volunteers to help Hispanic students at Carolina High School. It would require a commitment of roughly five or six hours for the year.

Here's the idea: The group is looking for 20 volunteers. During the first semester, volunteers and high school students will review job applications, college applications, scholarship forms, how to reach attorneys, etc. Then the second semester, they would spend another four hours working with the students to help them apply for jobs, etc. If you're interested, please contact Karen Pere-Williams at [karen\\_pere@yahoo.com](mailto:karen_pere@yahoo.com) or Pat Chaney at [laxrax@gmail.com](mailto:laxrax@gmail.com).

## NARTHEX ARTIST

Sabrina Walker, our resident artist for June, comes from a family of photographers, however she didn't even own a real camera until a year ago. Born in Florida, she also inherited a wanderlust for travel from her German-born mother and always encouraging, creative father. After a period of years in medical research at St Jude's Children's Research Hospital, education, and then as a travel agent, Sabrina retired and took several OLLI classes including photography. Although a definite newbie, she's been somewhat obsessed since then. We hope you enjoy her look at the world.

All works are for sale. GUUF receives 20% of any sales from the artists.

## COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

### SANCTUARY AV UPGRADE!

Until we have a policy in place for the new projector, ALL requests to use the new Sanctuary projector during Sunday service (before, during or after) must be sent to, and approved by, Sunday Services and Rev. Lisa. The deadline to send

this request is **3:00 pm on Tuesday prior to the Sunday requested**. Please email your requests to [sundayservices@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:sundayservices@greenvilleuu.org) with a copy to [minister@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:minister@greenvilleuu.org).

Requests to use the projector other than Sunday Service must be sent to Communications at [comm.@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:comm.@greenvilleuu.org).

### COMMUNICATION CHANGES

**From June 1, all requests to publish news, events or information should be sent to this email address: [publish@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:publish@greenvilleuu.org).**

The subject line should include only the word(s) Website, Social Media, Newsletter, Bulletin Board or Other. This allows us to know exactly where your information should be entered. Subject line examples include:

- ◆ Website, Newsletter
- ◆ Newsletter, Social Media,
- ◆ Bulletin Board, Other

The body of your email, or attached document, should contain the information you want published. If this is to go on the website, please explain on what page/section the information should be added, or if this replaces current information.

This new email process should include articles for the weekly newsletter, information for the web-

site, posters for the bulletin board, news items, anything and everything that you want published.

**The deadline for our weekly newsletter is 9:00 AM TUESDAY MORNING, NO EXCEPTIONS!** We ask Program Council chairs to explain the change to all members, as well as the new chair, if applicable, of your committee. **Requests sent to individuals (Stephanie, Dave, etc.) will be returned to sender with the instructions on using this new communications process.**

We welcome any and all questions, comments and feedback regarding these changes. As with all changes, there will be a period of adjustment, and feedback is essential to getting the process right. Please let us know your thoughts at: [comm@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:comm@greenvilleuu.org).

More detailed information will be presented by the Communications Committee to the Program Council in our June meeting.

### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE—YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID

Do you know you can find previous and upcoming services on our website?

On the left side at the bottom of the page, is the [Recent News](#) column.

Items from the [Spark](#) are listed

there, including but not limited to: information about the movie nights and the jazz concerts. Plus, other events are listed in the order of the date the event will occur.

Next to the News column is the [Official Calendar](#). This has all scheduled events.

There are other menu links at the top of the page, including [Con-](#)

[nections](#) that lists information on Covenant Circles and Volunteer opportunities, and [Member Area](#) that lists our Governance documents, Photo Directory and Fellowship Forms.

Everything that is going on with our Fellowship is listed on our website.

Please go to [GreenvilleUU.org](http://GreenvilleUU.org) and take a look around.

### YAHOO GROUPS

We have moved our GUUF email list from Yahoo to Google. All members of the Yahoo group will be automatically added to the Google group. You'll receive an email letting you know that you've been added and how to send email to the group or how to unsubscribe. If you no longer want to be included in this email list, please send notice to [comm@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:comm@greenvilleuu.org).

## NANTAHALA 2019 RAFTING TRIPS

### SUNDAYS, JUNE 23, JULY 14, and AUGUST 11



**THIS YEAR** – We encourage everyone to enroll for trips by mailing (or handing) us a check made out to Brookside Campground and Rafting well before each trip. We will conduct each trip only if we have reservations and pre-payments in our hands for at least 8 paddlers no later than seven (7) days before the trip. This will help us run safe and fun trips for everyone.

This is a **great outing** for families and people of all ages with one caveat: you must weigh at least 60 pounds to raft on the Nantahala (hypothermia is the concern). Here's the rafting day plan:

**7:00 AM** Meet at the parking lot on 291 at the foot of the **Bob Jones pedestrian footbridge**. Sign In and Pay \$\* for Rafting if needed. Set Up Carpools.

**7:30 AM** Meet at **Hardee's of Travelers Rest** for Breakfast and 2nd chance for oversleepers. More Signing In and Paying and Setting Up Carpools as needed.

**10:30 AM** Meet at **Brookside Campgrounds** (map will be provided). Hardboaters\* may check in with us here, then set up shuttle and prepare to join us at launch.

**Brookside** has dressing rooms, a few sundries, parking, and picnic tables. You can leave your clothes, food, and everything else you don't need on the river in your car at the campground. Brookside people will take us and the rafts to the Nantahala launch area, and pick us up at the take-out about 8 miles and 2-1/2 hours later. Back at the campground we'll put on our dry clothes and have a picnic before we start home.

**Bring tennis shoes (or neoprene booties) and clothes you don't mind getting wet to wear on the river.** We recommend you wear a swimsuit and a tee shirt and bring along some extra warmth in case you need it. The water is cold, so you may want to wear wool socks and a wind-breaker. Blue jeans are not recommended. Synthetic fabrics are best. **Bring a towel, plastic bag for wet clothes, sunscreen, medications you might need, drinking water, snacks, and a picnic lunch. Make sure you have dry clothes for the trip home.**

**We'll be back in Greenville by early evening (7:00-8:00 p.m.).**

Contact Merridee Harper ([padlindiva@att.net](mailto:padlindiva@att.net) - c. 864-304-7590) or Hal Smith ([shaljr@bellsouth.net](mailto:shaljr@bellsouth.net) - h. 864-244-9322, c. 864-982-3201) if you have any questions.

Brookside Campground and Rafting at 828-321-5209 can forward paddling day messages if needed.

- \* **RAFTS + EQUIPMENT: \$16 per person - OR**
- \* **FUNYAKS + EQUIPMENT: Single \$27.00 - OR Double \$40.00 - OR**
- \* **BRING YOUR OWN: FREE\***

**Be sure to Mail your Reservations and Pre-Payment Checks made out to Brookside Campground and Rafting to Merridee Harper, 21 Ashford Avenue, Greenville, SC 29609**

## 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](mailto:bookgroup@greenvilleuu.org).

**HUMANIST GROUP**—Held Second Sunday, 9:00-10:45 am, Founders Room (105). For more info, contact Don Youngblood at [allauuall@gmail.com](mailto:allauuall@gmail.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](mailto:dre@greenvilleuu.org).

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING**—Resumes on September 1 10 am, RE Common Area (001) with our Youth Director

**FELLOWSHIP EAT 'N' GREET &** - The Fellowship "Eat 'n' Greet" takes place on the first Sunday of each month (June 2), 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](mailto:membership@greenvilleuu.org).

**IMMIGRATION/DACA GROUP**— We'll be writing Father's Day cards for the detainees. Stop by the Conference Room (103) on June 2 at 12:15 pm to write a message or two to these fathers who are separated from their children and loved ones. Cards will be provided.

**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](mailto:ivy@southernequality.org)

**ECRF STEERING COMMITTEE**—Third Sunday of each month, 1 pm, Founders Room (105). A change to the normal timing, this month's kick off meeting will be June 2.

**INAUGURAL CONCERT**—June 9, 4 pm, Sanctuary (101).

## MONDAY

**PARIS MOUNTAIN DINING FOR WOMEN** — held monthly on the last Monday (June 24) of the month, Fellowship Hall (112), at 6:30 pm.

This month's featured recipient will be Kakenya's Dream. The project is Health and Leadership Training: Empowering Youth Through Education. The purpose of the project is to train 3,500+ youth in sexual and reproductive health and leadership skills, as well as to expand Kakenya's Dream's Health and Leadership Training program through a new peer-to-peer component. This project's focus is on empowering young Maasai girls who are at risk for Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting and early marriage to stay in school, learn about sexual and reproductive health, child rights, and life skills through girl-centered programming.

Our own education is an integral part of the Dining for Women mission: DFW believes that through education, our members become agents of change, capable of altering the face of world poverty one

dinner at a time!

Please bring a dish/drink to share, meet old and new friends and learn about the Dining for Women grantees. Your donation (any amount in check or credit card) will augment all the others made.

For more information contact Luci Fernandez ([lucia4gaia@gmail.com](mailto:lucia4gaia@gmail.com)), or Letitia Short ([letitia174@gmail.com](mailto:letitia174@gmail.com)), and check out our website at [www.diningforwomen.org](http://www.diningforwomen.org)



# COMMUNITY—COME AND JOIN

## 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/](http://www.meetup.com/meditation-216/events/252922991/) or contact Luci Fernandez at [lucia4gaia@gmail.com](mailto:lucia4gaia@gmail.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](mailto:e.anderson.1@gmail.com).

**SIERRA CLUB, WILLIAM BARTRAM GROUP**—Meets monthly on the third Wednesday evening, 7:30-9:30 pm. Check GUUF calendar for location. Want more info? Contact [www.sierraupstate.org](http://www.sierraupstate.org).

**MUSIC DIRECTOR INPUT SESSION**—June 5, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall (112). Give us your feedback during our search for a new Music Director.

**FAIR LENDING**—June 12, 7 pm, Conference Room (103).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jamie@upstatepridesc.org).

**RESTAURANT DINNER GROUP**—Third Thursday of the month (**June 20**), 6:30 pm. GUUFers gather at a restaurant for food, drink (if you do), and camaraderie. The Flanagans have organized it for a few years, standing on the shoulders of giants' for many years before us. The group has varied from 3 to 36, usually around 20 souls. We try new and old, large and small, familiar and strange. All are welcome, and bring friends; if you like them, we might, too. Get to know other UU's, in an unstructured setting. Like an ever-changing, disorganized covenant group. This month we meet at **Chicora Alley Fire House**, 117 N. Poinsett Hwy, Travelers Rest. The funky old building is fun, and the modern food is wonderful. Happy Hour ends at 6:30, so get there early to be happy at the nice bar. Please contact Ken and Virginia Flanagan to reserve seats for yourselves and your friends (864) 529-1326, [daisytripod@yahoo.com](mailto:daisytripod@yahoo.com).

**MEN'S GROUP**—Weekly, 5-7 pm. Please contact Paul Westin at [pewestin@att.net](mailto:pewestin@att.net) for location info.

## FRIDAY

**DINNER AND A MOVIE**—Second Friday of the month (June 14), Fellowship Hall (112), 6 pm potluck dinner, 7 pm movie. Join us for *Green Book* (PG13).

A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South. Won Oscar for Best Movie earlier this year

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

**SNACKS AND A MOVIE**—Fourth Friday of the month (June 28), Fellowship Hall (112), 6 pm social hour, 7 pm movie. *Lars and the Real Girl* (PG13).

A delusional young man strikes up an unconventional relationship with a doll he finds on the Internet. Oscar nominated for Best Original Screenplay.

Please bring a snack to share, and your beverage of choice.

# MONEY MATTERS

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

Thank you for your support of the Fellowship.  
Hilary Nelson, CFO, [cfo@greenvilleuu.org](mailto:cfo@greenvilleuu.org)



## Income and Expense Statement OPERATING 01, April 2019

	Current Period	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Difference	Annual Budget Percentage	YTD Prior Year
<b>INCOME</b>						
PLEDGES/PLATE	\$26,245	\$325,687	\$368,200	(\$42,513)	88.5%	\$310,373
FUND RAISERS/MISC	\$724	\$43,186	\$46,200	(\$3,014)	93.5%	\$57,658
BUILDING USE	\$820	\$5,487	\$3,000	\$2,487	182.9%	\$2,628
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	\$900	\$1,940	\$0	\$1,940	0.0%	\$570
DONOR RESTRICTED	\$3,143	\$16,477	\$9,000	\$7,477	183.1%	\$13,222
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$10	\$22	\$0	\$22	0.0%	\$8
RESTRICTED CONTR RELEASE	(\$459)	(\$9,727)	\$0	(\$9,727)	0.0%	(\$13,020)
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$41	\$764	\$1,000	(\$236)	76.4%	\$3,181
RELEASE FROM RESTRICTION	\$459	\$9,727	\$0	\$9,727	0.0%	\$13,020
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$31,883</b>	<b>\$393,563</b>	<b>\$427,400</b>	<b>(\$33,837)</b>	<b>92.1%</b>	<b>\$387,640</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
PERSONNEL - COMPENSATION	\$20,565	\$211,264	\$266,057	\$54,793	79.4%	\$163,726
UTILITIES	\$1,741	\$17,616	\$19,370	\$1,754	90.9%	\$17,213
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$1,962	\$30,155	\$26,734	(\$3,421)	112.8%	\$23,732
PROGRAMS	\$1,294	\$28,036	\$32,941	\$4,906	85.1%	\$42,553
ADMINISTRATION	\$3,044	\$18,239	\$19,957	\$1,718	91.4%	\$17,242
DENOMINATIONAL DUES	\$0	\$15,679	\$24,471	\$8,792	64.1%	\$16,260
MISCELLANEOUS	\$94	\$2,660	\$3,270	\$610	81.4%	\$2,438
DONOR RESTRICTED	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$3,478
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$28,700</b>	<b>\$323,649</b>	<b>\$392,800</b>	<b>\$69,151</b>	<b>82.4%</b>	<b>\$286,642</b>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	(\$3,333)	(\$29,642)	(\$37,000)	(\$7,358)	80.1%	(\$31,380)
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$150)</b>	<b>\$40,272</b>	<b>(\$2,400)</b>	<b>\$42,672</b>	<b>(1678.0%)</b>	<b>\$69,617</b>

## FLOWER FOLKS

There are now about 15 GUUFers who take turns bringing a bouquet to Sunday Services.

We range from near-professional arrangers, to those who pick up something at Publix (or from their yard), and stick them in a vase. They're flowers, always pretty!

We also organize the winter season decorations, and occasional special-occasion bouquets.

We'd love to have you join us. Men! You can do this, too!

Contact Virginia Flanagan to volunteer for one special day or on the rotating schedule at [daisytripod@yahoo.com](mailto:daisytripod@yahoo.com) (864) 529-1326

## UU WORLD OF CHILDREN

### DEALING WITH TEEN SUICIDE

On a recent Sunday, while the sun was shining, the boats were cruising Lake Hartwell, and many people were enjoying one of the first warm days of the year, my family and I attended the memorial service for a 16-year-old boy. To the shock of many, including his closest loved ones, he stepped in front of a train because he felt there was no way out of whatever was troubling him. The funeral home was literally overwhelmed by the vast number of mourners who came to pay their respects. Every available space was filled with people, all struggling with the after-effects of this heartbreaking event. Tears leaked down the faces of many family members, friends and loved ones of this family, all in shock at what had recently occurred. I can't imagine the guilt that some may carry, thinking if they had just asked one more question, or stayed five minutes longer, or G-d forbid the last communication with this young man was something that caused anger or pain. We as our children's advocates, **MUST** destigmatize mental illness and depression. We **MUST** teach our children to reach out and ask for help.

Here are the facts (according to a 2017 CDC study):

- ◆ Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-24.
- ◆ There are more deaths caused by suicide by teenagers and young adults than from cancer, stroke, birth defects, heart disease, pneumonia, AIDS, influenza, and chronic lung disease, **COMBINED**.
- ◆ There is an average of over 3,041 attempts by high school aged children **EVERY DAY**. The numbers go even higher if you add middle school students to this list.
- ◆ The suicide rate for girls between the ages of 15 and 19 doubled between 2007 and 2015, to 5.1 per 100,000—a 40-year high.
- ◆ For male teens ages 15 to 19, there was a 31 percent increase in suicide rates from 2007 to 2015, to 14.2 per 100,000.
- ◆ Teen girls are more likely to have suicidal thoughts than teenage boys. However, male adolescents are more likely to be successful in committing suicide.
- ◆ The primary suicide method chosen by boys is firearms; for girls, suffocation and drug overdoses.
- ◆ Compared to straight youth, the rate of teen

suicide is four times greater for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth. In addition, it is two times greater for questioning youth.

- ◆ LGBT teens from rejecting families are 8.4 times more likely to have attempted suicide than their LGBT peers.

- ◆ Four out of five teens who attempt suicide show clear warning signs, that if detected, could have prevented the attempt.

If a child you know (or anybody else for that matter) starts exhibiting any of the following signs, especially if the behavior is new, please consider seeking help:

- ◆ Expressing feelings of hopelessness or having no reason to live.
- ◆ Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- ◆ Claims of being a burden to others.
- ◆ Statements that they want to die or to kill themselves.
- ◆ Researching online for suicide ideas or buying a gun.
- ◆ Having major anxiety or agitation; behaving recklessly.
- ◆ Sleeping too little or too much.
- ◆ Withdrawal or isolation from others.
- ◆ Showing extreme rage or talk about seeking revenge.
- ◆ Extreme mood swings.
- ◆ Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.

If you, or someone you love, is showing any of these signs, you can contact the **National Suicide Prevention Hotline - Call 1-800-273-8255**.

Give your loved ones a hug, tell them how much you care. Reach out to that friend you haven't spoken to in a while. You never know what may be going on under the surface, and it may just be the difference for them. We must not stay silent.

**AUF WIEDERSEHEN  
BIBI & WADE HARRIS**

We said our goodbyes to Bibi and Wade Harris. Congratulations to Wade on his new job in Germany. They plan to be away for **three whole years**, and leave the US on June 10. We will miss you both, but wish you every success!

**GOOD LORDS & LADIES OF  
GUUFINGHAM, HERE YE, HERE YE!**

The [Enchanted Chalice Renaissance Faire's](#) next event will take place **March 27 & 28, 2020**. We will NOT have a Faire in 2019. We have moved the dates to minimize the risks of hurricane season as well as to take advantage of cooler weather. The costumes can get quite hot in the South's September heat!

Although the Faire is still ten months away, the work needed

is an ongoing endeavor. The ECRF Steering Committee meet monthly on the third Sunday, (starting in June 2019), to plan, organize, promote and direct the activities that make this event a success each year. However, our meeting date is **June 2, 2019** (to not interfere with Father's Day activities.)

We are seeking dedicated volunteers to join us. Any and all experience levels are welcome,

however, if you have office management, web design and/or social media promotion, event planning, construction or arts & craft experience, we really need YOU!

If interested, please send an email to Todd Couillard or Teresa Hall at [info@theenchantedchalice.com](mailto:info@theenchantedchalice.com)

We would love to hear from you!

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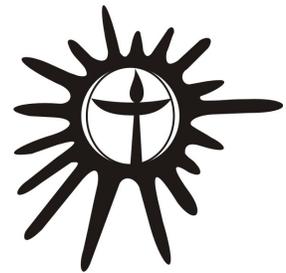
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- ♥ The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- ♥ Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- ♥ Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- ♥ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- ♥ 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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