

The Flame

GREENVILLEUNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTFELLOWSHIP

SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- May 5, Eat 'n' Greet & Auf Wiedersehen
- May 12, Mothers Day, Bakin' for Boston
- May 19, Congregational Meeting, Bridging

COMMUNICATION CHANGES

Communication is essential in any organization. We want to ensure everyone knows the news, events and happenings within our congregation and community as soon as we can. At the same time, we want to make efficient use of the time spent to gather, draft and publish this information.

The monthly paper newsletter, while once the most effective method to notify folks of upcoming events, is, in this day and age, no longer as effective as it used to be. With technology changing almost daily, and information being available at our fingertips via smart phones and tablets, the Communications Team

and Minister feel it would be more effective to publish our events and news on a weekly basis. With this in mind, ***The Flame* final newsletter will be June 2019**, and our new fiscal year will begin with in-the-moment communications.

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WELCOME!

At our Ingathering Ceremony on March 24, we celebrated our new members. We're so glad to be part of your spiritual journey. Welcome to our Fellowship!



REVEREND'S WRITINGS

Sometimes I read something that stops me short and makes me read it again and again. I'm grateful to Ed Proulx who sent me the video linked here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4D2otnU8jw>, as well as the text of the reading. Yvonne Seon was the first African American woman ordained into the Unitarian Universalist ministry in 1981. I hope you will find meaning in these words as I did.



Meditation Transcending Boundaries By Yvonne Seon

When I was a child, I would stand and gaze at the starry firmament and contemplate infinity. As I stood there, the boundary that is time dissolved; I expanded my Spirit to fill the boundary that is space. My being stilled and all fear, anxiety, and anguish disappeared. For-

gotten were the chores, the homework, the ordinary around me.

Transcending boundaries was fun in those days. But, as I reached adulthood, it became more difficult. More and more, the world was with me as I did chores and homework. More and more, my own fears were with me as I encountered others. More and more, I was aware of the boundaries of race, class, age, and sex. I felt myself cringe as the bantering youth in the street came nearer. I felt myself become tearful as I encountered a senior citizen living with pain or the limited choices of a fixed income. I felt myself become angry as I was subjected to the indignities of being rejected by others because I am Black, because I am a woman, or because of the blind person or the openly gay person I was with. I felt myself become unwilling to acknowledge my one-

ness with the addicted person who is my friend or the homeless people sleeping on the benches in the park.

Today, transcending boundaries is hard work. For one thing, I've created more of them since I was young, and I've built them higher and stronger than they once were. For another thing, I'm much more self-righteous and much less humble than I was then. Sometimes, when I am at my best, I remember that the "other" I distinguish myself from could be me in another time, another place, another circumstance. Then, I remember the words of a colleague who observed that it is "my racism, my sexism, my homophobia" that I am called upon to address. So, I take a few deep breaths and begin to release the fears that are the boundaries between me and my fellow humans.

SERMON INFORMATION FOR MAY

May 5

To Be Advised

With Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper

May 12

Myth of the Perfect Mother

With Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate those who nurture, while we also acknowledge the varied experiences of being and having mothers. Whether your mothering relationships are close or challenging, there is room for you at this service. Whether your experience of being a mother is fulfilling or unrealized, there is room for you at this service. Join together in a supportive environment on this holiday full of complex feelings.

May 18

The Music of Activism

With Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper and musical guests Brett Johnson, David Ray, and Paul Moore will explore how music can be a part of movement building.

May 25

This I Believe

Lay-Led Service

In place of a sermon, four members of our congregation will take five minutes each to share their beliefs. We had such a service last January and it proved to be thought-provoking and provided insight into the diversity of beliefs within our community. If you are inspired to share your beliefs with us, please email sundayservices@greenvilleuu.org.



MANY THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WE COULDN'T DO IT

Kris Beliakoff
Michelle Corey Brown
Kat Carrig
Mary Ann Christenbury
Laura Christenbury
Lynn Cusick
Phil Dingus
Caroline Fritz
Ella Evans
Victor Galea
Ernie Glenn

Hailie Gold
Lori Gold
Bibi Harris
Jim Hennigan
Jo Anne Hennigan
Richard Kouyoumjian
Silica Larkin
Debbie Lessard
Lesley Lindstedt Sullivan
Lynne Lucas
Karen Peré-Williams

Ed Proulx
Francine Proulx
Ron Reece
Sarah Russell
MJ Simpson
Christina Sprecher
Bethany Taber
Gabriella Torres
Linda Turner
Melissa Vogel

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES FOR MAY

	May 2	May 12	May 19	May 26
Spirit Play Lite	A Crayon’s Story- Being yourself	Runaway Bunny	It’s Mine- Sharing	Class Celebrations
Spirit Play	Parable of The Good Shepherd	Jesus: Prepare a Place	Youth Bridging Ceremony and RE Volunteer Appreciation	
4 th -5 th	Images of Injustice: Charles Dickens	All Work Has Honor: “Beautiful Hands”		
Middle School	Hymns	Story of Mother’s Day		
Coming of Age	Women’s and Men’s Circles	Faith Statements		
Senior High	Covenant Circle	Teaching		

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CROSSING OVER (AKA "GOING, GOING ... GONE?"

Saturday, May 4 at 10:30 am in the Founder's Room (#105). Exploring reports of life beyond death with Sandy Westin.

INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM

Sundays, before Services from 9:00 am to 10:45 am. May 5, and May 19 in the Founders Room (#105).

Long-time GUUF member and Associate Professor of Religion at Furman University, Dr. Alfons Teipen, leads the sessions.

PROPOSED MEN'S GROUP

First and Second Wednesday of each month, 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Conference Room

(#103)

Come and join Paul Westin for this twice monthly group. Questions? Please contact adultre@greenvilleuu.org.

LOOKING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Our Adult RE committee is small. We would like to invite you to join us. We're especially looking for people who like organizing events. Making sure the advertising is done, the facilitators have what they need, the calendar work is done and that the classes are known. If that sounds interesting to you, you sound interesting to us. E-mail us at adultre@greenvilleuu.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMING UP

- ♥ **Sunday, May 5:** 10:00-11:00 AM: Youth Group Meeting with David Funderburk, RE Commons
- ♥ **Saturday, May 11:** 9:00-12:00 AM: The Youth Group is invited to join the Buildings and Grounds Committee for an outdoor work day at GUUF.
- ♥ **Saturday, May 18:** Senior High ALL NIGHT OUT
- ♥ **Sunday, May 19: RE BRIDGING AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SERVICE**



NEW YOUTH BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

At our April 14 Youth Group meeting, we elected rising senior Gabriella Torres as the new Youth Representative to the GUUF Board for the 2019-2020 year. This Summer, we'll be saying farewell to graduating senior Hailie Gold, who has served as the Youth Representative for the 2018-2019 year. Thank you Hailie for your service!

3T PROJECT—CARE PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS

Also at our April 14 Youth Group Meeting, we prepared more than eighty 3T care packages for the homeless. The "3T" (Today, Tonight, & Tomorrow) project was created by Elby Bruce, a visitor to GUUF who suggested the idea at a recent Poverty & Homelessness Action Group meeting. The packages include a small water-resistant pouch with a nutrition bar (for today), a mylar blanket for warmth (for tonight) and a pamphlet with specific instructions on how to utilize Greenville's net-

work of homeless resources so the individual can find help (for tomorrow). The Youth Group volunteered to create 3T packs for members of the fellowship to distribute, and Elby Bruce donated the materials for us to put these together.

Thank you to Elby for sharing the idea and the materials, and thanks to everyone in the fellowship who picked up some 3T packs at coffee hour to distribute!

BAKIN' FOR BOSTON

The Coming of Age class is "Bakin' for Boston" and we ain't talkin' beans. The COA class will have delicious homemade treats for sale after service, May 12 for only \$1. Join us to satisfy your sweet tooth and help our COA youth pay for their pilgrimage to Boston, as they explore the roots of UU in the US of A.

Come hungry! Leave happy! Thank you for your support!!



“DEEP MAGIC”

Check out Meg Barnhouse's story ["Deep Magic"](#) in the spring issue of the UU World. Her time in Spartanburg, South Carolina shows up in the story and makes wonderful reading.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTHCON

On the weekend of April 5-7, eight of our high school youth attended High School YouthCON at the Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, NC. They were accompanied by Youth Director, David Funderburk, and two brave adult volunteers, Karen Pere-Williams and Francine Proulx. For our seniors, Mary Christenbury, Sara Dawson, Emmy Monteverde, and Hallie Gold, this was the last YouthCON at the Mountain, highlighted by a special Bridging ceremony for seniors during Sunday morning worship. For all, it was a magical weekend of music, laughter, and fellowship, with a few tears and a healthy dose of hugs.

A big thanks goes out to our fearless volunteers, Karen Pere-Williams and Francine Proulx for braving the Friday night mountain fog and making this trip possible!



NARTHEX ARTIST

Sabrina Walker, our resident artist for May and 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

For the first four months of the year, SJC focused on Poverty/IHN. Now that the birds, bees and butterflies are out in full force, it's time to highlight our next group: The Environmental/Green Sanctuary Action Group.

The "Greenies" have a number of summer activities planned in and around the Sanctuary, so we hope you'll get involved. At the same time, the other action groups are busy with their own calendar of events. Come join us, whether your interest lies in education, serving others or acting for justice, there's something for everyone.

As always, you can contact us at sjc@greenvilleuu.org.



ENVIRONMENT/GREEN SANCTUARY

We're kicking things off with the 2019 Spartanburg Earth Day Festival sponsored by our friends at the UU Church of Spartanburg. Meet us on Saturday, May 4 at 9 am in the GUUF parking lot. To RSVP, contact Phil Dingus at phildingus@hotmail.com.

After our Earth Day venture, we have many UU campus initiatives that include the entire Fellowship. General cleaning and rehabilitation of wooded areas is scheduled,

including a service project with our youth. A few weeks ago, we had a number of tall, dead and dying pine trees cut down for safety reasons. The heavy equipment left several areas with significant tracks. The youth will work on these areas, so they look like woods again, and to re-define the trails through the woods.

Also on the agenda is the creation of new flora and fauna habitats. All of these activities will enhance our Green Certification project. Excitement will ensue! Come join the fun.

POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS

IHN was very successful! Thank you to the 50+ GUUFers who came and offered compassionate hospitality to our homeless families. It was a gift to see GUUF volunteers handing out so much kindness and support to our guest parents and children throughout the week.

We primarily cared for two families from April 7-14. The father of one family had the night shift from 7 pm to 3 am and our GUUF volunteers came in early, so that their family could arrive at the Fellowship in time for him to get some much-needed sleep before working all night. Not every place they've stayed could accommodate this and they were so very grateful. His wife shared they were usually the ones helping folks, instead of being on the receiving end. The process had been humbling, but she was thankful for our flexibility.

We saw our volunteers play, entertain, comfort, and care for

these families, and really try and meet them where they were in their journey. One of the guest mothers shared that "A lot of churches don't really interact or talk with us. But you all do, and it's nice." I can't think of too many things I'd like to hear more than that. So again, many thanks to the volunteers who opened their schedules and hearts to our guests.

If you have a specific experience you'd like to share, or an idea about how to improve our guest experience or hosting guidelines, please email Lesley Lindstedt-Sullivan at Les.Lind@zoho.com

IMMIGRATION/DACA

Plans are underway to visit the Stewart Detention Center in the fall of 2019. Sign up is now. Spaces are limited, so contact Pat Chaney to reserve your space at laxrax@gmail.com.

In our ongoing support for DREAMers, we invited DACA recipient, Sarai Bautista to speak to us about her experience crossing the U.S. border with her mother and two younger siblings. During the Q&A period, someone asked her what we could do to help the situation. She urged us to contact our SC representatives about House Bill 3404. (This bill would grant DREAMERS in-state tuition and professional licensure.)

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SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

If you haven't done so already, please email your SC rep now! For a complete list of representatives. go to <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php> It's important to let him or her know the economic benefits of supporting this bill. Here are a couple of bullet points to help you get started:

- Approving in-state tuition for DACA recipients would make it easier for them to earn a bachelor degree. Earning a bachelor degree leads to higher paying jobs and higher tax revenue for SC.

- Granting professional licensure to DACA college graduates ensures that the talent STAYS in South Carolina.

Finally, a couple of group members have initiated contact with the local Hispanic community. A potluck is in the works.

The purpose of the gathering is to open the door to dialogue between members of the Hispanic community and the Greenville community of faith—organizations that haven't collaborated before, but are looking to do so involving immigration and DACA issues.

Want more information about our Social Justice Groups? Please

contact SJC

at sjc@greenville.org, or feel free to contact the action group leaders directly:

- Chris Corry
(Poverty/Homelessness Leader)
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- Lesley Lindstedt
(IHN Leader)
lesleyhlindstedt@gmail.com

- Pat Chaney
(Immigration/DACA Leader)
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- Phil Dingus
(Environment Leader)
phildingus@hotmail.com

- Ernie Glenn
(Green Sanctuary Leader)
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SPECIAL EVENT: OUR NEW BÖSENDORFER IMPERIAL GRAND PIANO

What a story! On this past New Year's Eve, our former president, Tommie Reece, was fielding the Pastoral Care telephone line. She answered a call from an 88-year-old gentleman who lived in the Chicago area, inquiring whether our Fellowship would be interested in accepting a gift of his personal piano.

Turns out that the caller, Rembert Stokes, is a Greenville native who went to Greenville High School and then studied engineering at Clemson College. He is a very loyal Clemson alum, and when he has been down for his reunions he has occasionally attended our Fellowship, unbeknownst to many of us. And it turns out that the piano is a Bösendorfer Imperial Concert Grand piano, made in Vienna in 1988, which is one of the largest and finest pianos made in the world. It is 290cm (9ft 6in) in length and has nine more keys in the bass than regular pianos (which are black so

that pianists who are used to 88 keys don't get confused).

After graduating from Clemson in 1953, Mr. Stokes was hired by Bell Telephone Laboratories in Summit, New Jersey, which is where he found the Unitarian Universalist Church, after a journey from Baptist roots. He worked for Bell Labs for 25 years and then worked for Motorola until his retirement in 1994, garnering 22 patents in telephony and mobile telephony (and invented the laminated coinage used by the U. S. Treasury since 1964). In the course of his career, he was transferred to various parts of the country and got involved in development of UU churches at every turn. He has written three books: *Systematic Approach to Problem Solving*, *Cultivating Generosity: Giving What's Right, Not What's Left*, and *From God to DNA*.

Mr. Stokes has been a fine amateur pianist all of his life. He purchased the Bösendorfer after it

had been in a Chicago concert hall for four years, and he and his late wife Lee had it in their home until they moved into a retirement community. He wanted to find a good home for the piano, and we are the lucky recipients!

To celebrate this generous gift and to meet Mr. Stokes and thank him in person, we are planning a special day on Sunday, June 9. Mr. Stokes will deliver a sermon at the Fellowship that morning and looks forward to meeting our congregation at the coffee hour. Then at 4 pm the same day, we will welcome all to an extraordinary concert played by a young Juilliard graduate, Zachary Hughes, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Please mark your calendars for this very special Sunday, June 9. Service at 11:00; concert at 4:00. This will be a grand occasion!

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 with a copy to minister@greenvilleuu.org.

Requests to use the projector other than Sunday Service must be sent to Communications at comm.@greenvilleuu.org.

COMMUNICATION CHANGES

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Commencing July 2019 all news, events, happenings and writings will be published for the upcoming week(s) in the e-newsletter (online edition). We will continue to publish snippets from the e-newsletter in the printed newsletter (which is now an insert in our Sunday Order of Service).

From June 1, all requests to publish news, events or information should be sent to this email address: 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 ex-

plain 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 website, 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.

More detailed information will be presented by the Communications Committee to the Program Council in our May and/or June meetings.

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 and take a look around.

YAHOO GROUPS

During the week of May 27, we're moving 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.

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 - c. 864-304-7590) or Hal Smith (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.

DISCUSSION GROUP— More info contact adultre@greenvilleuu.org.

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

INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM—9:00-10:45 am, May 5 and May 19, Founders Room (105). Associate Professor of Religion at Furman University, Dr. Alfons Teipen, leads the sessions.

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.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING—Monthly (May 5), 10 am, RE Common Area (001) with our Youth Director

FELLOWSHIP EAT 'N' GREET & AUF WIEDERSEHEN TO BIBI & WADE—May 5, after service, Fellowship Hall (112). As part of our monthly Fellowship Eat 'n' Greet for May, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Bibi and Wade Harris, who will be moving to Germany in June for Wade's new job. They plan to be away for **three whole years** and we just can't let them go without a farewell party. The festivities will take place immediately after service on May 5. Whether or not you know Bibi and Wade, all are welcome to attend to say goodbye to old friends, and to welcome new ones! Bring a dish to share if you can, and those of you who have talents in preparing tasty appetizers are encouraged to bring them to the party for all to enjoy.

COA BAKIN' FOR BOSTON—Fellowship Hall (112), May 12, after service.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—May 19 (proposed), Fellowship Hall (112), after service.



MONDAY PARIS MOUNTAIN DINING FOR WOMEN —

normally held monthly on the last Monday of the month. This month we'll

meet on May 20, Fellowship Hall (112), at 6:30 pm.

This month's featured recipient will be Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation. The funded project is The Razia Jon Institute which will train young, talented students to become midwives who will be on the front lines of providing essential healthcare services and education in their communities. The project's emphasis is on providing young, talented, and needy students with the opportunity to continue their education, develop skills, and become role models in their communities. This project will have a direct and profound impact on maternal and infant health outcomes in Afghanistan. Razia's Ray of

Hope improves the lives of young women and girls through community-based education in the rural district of Deh'Subz, Afghanistan. Built on the knowledge that education is key to positive, peaceful change for current and future generations, it provides learning and growth in a safe, nurturing environment, empowering girls and women through education and resources so that they may work toward brighter futures—in their own villages and beyond.

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 DFW grantees. Your donation (any amount in check or credit card) will augment all the others made.

For more information check out their website 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/ or contact Luci Fernandez at lucia4gaia@gmail.com.



YOGA—Weekly 7:00-8:30 pm, in the Sanctuary (101). Classes run until May 28. 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

MEN'S GROUP—First and Second Wednesday of each month, in the Conference Room (103), 5-7 pm. Come and join Paul Westin for this twice monthly group. Questions? Please contact adultre@greenvilleuu.org.

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). Want more info? Contact www.sierraupstate.org.

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. Please contact Ken and Virginia Flanagan to reserve seats for yourselves and your friends (864) 529-1326, daisytripod@yahoo.com.
NO RESTAURANT DINNER GROUP THIS MONTH. Check back in June.

FRIDAY

DINNER AND A MOVIE—Second Friday of the month, Fellowship Hall (112), 6 pm potluck dinner, 7 pm movie. Join us May 10 for *The Descendants* (Rated R). A land baron tries to reconnect with his two daughters after his wife is seriously injured in a boating accident. This 2011 film starring George Clooney won a Best Adapted Screenplay Oscar.

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 May 24 for *Certain Women* (rated R).

The lives of three women intersect in small-town America, where each is imperfectly blazing a trail. A 2016 film starring Michelle Williams, Kristen Stewart, and Laura Dern.



SATURDAY

CROSSING OVER (AKA "GOING, GOING ... GONE?")—May 4, 10:30 am, Founders Room (105). Exploring reports of life beyond death with Sandy Westin.

MONEY MATTERS

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

Thank you for your support of the Fellowship.

Hilary Nelson, CFO, cfo@greenvilleuu.org



Income and Expense Statement OPERATING 01, March 2019

	Current Period	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Difference	Annual Budget Percentage	YTD Prior Year
INCOME						
PLEDGES/PLATE	\$21,924	\$299,441	\$368,200	(\$68,759)	81.3%	\$292,268
FUND RAISERS/MISC	\$19,121	\$42,462	\$46,200	(\$3,738)	91.9%	\$55,563
BUILDING USE	\$219	\$4,667	\$3,000	\$1,667	155.6%	\$2,628
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	\$0	\$1,040	\$0	\$1,040	0.0%	\$570
DONOR RESTRICTED	\$1,178	\$13,334	\$9,000	\$4,334	148.2%	\$10,873
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$0	\$12	\$0	\$12	0.0%	\$8
RESTRICTED CONTR RELEASE	(\$814)	(\$9,268)	\$0	(\$9,268)	0.0%	(\$7,686)
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$112	\$723	\$1,000	(\$277)	72.3%	\$3,136
RELEASE FROM RESTRICTION	\$814	\$9,268	\$0	\$9,268	0.0%	\$7,686
TOTAL INCOME	\$42,553	\$361,680	\$427,400	(\$65,720)	84.6%	\$365,046
EXPENSES						
PERSONNEL - COMPENSATION	\$20,970	\$190,699	\$266,057	\$75,358	71.7%	\$150,259
UTILITIES	\$2,136	\$15,875	\$19,370	\$3,495	82.0%	\$15,348
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$13,331	\$28,194	\$26,734	(\$1,460)	105.5%	\$23,645
PROGRAMS	\$3,224	\$26,742	\$32,941	\$6,200	81.2%	\$34,358
ADMINISTRATION	\$690	\$15,195	\$19,957	\$4,762	76.1%	\$13,848
DENOMINATIONAL DUES	\$5,227	\$15,679	\$24,471	\$8,792	64.1%	\$10,840
MISCELLANEOUS	\$386	\$2,566	\$3,270	\$704	78.5%	\$2,410
DONOR RESTRICTED	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$3,478
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$45,963	\$294,949	\$392,800	\$97,851	75.1%	\$254,186
TRANSFERS	(\$1,842)	(\$26,308)	(\$37,000)	(\$10,692)	71.1%	(\$28,047)
EXCESS INCOME \ EXPENSES	(\$5,251)	\$40,422	(\$2,400)	\$42,822	(1684.3%)	\$82,813

2019-2020 BUDGET DRIVE



How has GUUF
changed your life?

Hearty thanks to all
who made pledge
commitments dur-

ing March. It was a joy to celebrate with you on
Commitment Sunday!

If, somehow, you missed the opportunity to pledge
in March, don't worry, YOU CAN STILL PLEDGE for

2019-2020, just follow the [link](#), or contact Marion
Grier, Bibi Harris (bdc@greenvilleuu.org) or the Fel-
lowship office (office@greenvilleuu.org, or 271-
4883) for a paper form.

Again, sincere thanks from your Budget Drive Team
– it takes a village, and we're proud of ours!

UU WORLD OF CHILDREN

At the UUWoC we spend as much time outside as possible, we understand the importance of connecting our children with the world around them. The studies agree that children who play outside are smarter, happier, more attentive, and less anxious than children who spend more time indoors. Cognitive functioning and mood improvements occur, as well as social emotional developments when children spend time in nature.

With the earth waking up all around us, now is the perfect time to explore our precious natural resources with our children. More and more research has come out on the importance of spending time together as a family and spending time outdoors. Study after study proves that spending time in the outdoors is beneficial for families, by building strong family bonds, and creating deep connections and memories.

Today there is concern about children spending too much time indoors. Children spend significantly more time inside than outside and this is largely due to technology. The average American child spends 4 to 7 minutes a day in unstructured play outdoors, and over 7 hours a day in front of a screen.

Many recent studies explore the benefits, and the necessity of spending time outdoors, both for children and adults. When children spend time in nature the play is a lot less structured than most types of indoor play. There are infinite ways to interact with outdoor environments, from the backyard to the park to the local hiking trail or lake. Outdoor play promotes creativity and imagination. This unstructured style of

play also allows children to interact meaningfully with their surroundings. They can think more freely, design their own activities, and approach the world in inventive ways. It teaches responsibility, entrusting a child to take care of the living parts of their environment means they'll learn what happens when they forget to water a plant or pull a flower out by its roots. It provides different stimulation, nature activates the senses, you can see, hear, smell, and touch outdoor environments. It gets kids moving, many ways of interacting with nature involve exercise. Spending time outside helps children focus, which is especially beneficial for children with ADHD. Nature creates a unique sense of wonder for kids that no other environment can provide. The phenomena that occur naturally in backyards and parks everyday make kids ask questions about the earth and the life that it supports. Spending time in nature reduces stress and fatigue and creates feelings of pleasure.

Unfortunately, due to our hectic schedules so many parents aren't able to spend quality time with their children outdoors during the week, it is hard to imagine that some parents only see their children right before work in the mornings and just before bed at night. In our extremely fast paced life so many families aren't getting the quality time they need to grow and bond. As Greenville continues to develop and suburbs continue to expand, our children seem less inclined to spend time in a fenced-in yard or walk in the woods. This can be easily solved by just a small amount of mountain air and sunlight. We are lucky that there are so many ways to

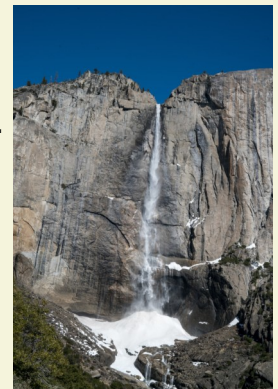
reconnect with our family while enjoying the great outdoors that living in Greenville affords us this spring. We are nestled into the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and are surrounded by some of the most beautiful natural scenery on the planet. I love to discover new trails in the mountains and explore waterfalls just a short and beautiful car ride away with my family. We try to get out as much as possible, we love rafting with Merridee and friends. When families spend time outside, they work together to achieve moments of discovery and investigation.

Here are a few ways families can reconnect in the outdoors

- ◆ Visit a nature center.
- ◆ Go for a forest picnic.
- ◆ Enjoy your own backyard.
- ◆ Take regular family camping trips.
- ◆ Visit a local zoo.
- ◆ Take walks together.
- ◆ Visit the beach.
- ◆ Zip lining and high ropes courses.
- ◆ Visit your local park and playground.

Being present with your child in the outdoors will build lifelong memories that lead to lifelong family connections.

Whatever you choose to do and where ever your travels bring you this spring, just remember to use sunscreen and drink plenty of water.



THE BOARD AND YOU



We're still striving to have the Congregational Annual meeting on May 19. To do so will require us to make good progress on our pledge drive so the Board can present you with a realistic budget. The nominating committee must complete their work. If we can't advance these important objectives enough, we may have to delay the meeting until June 16.

At the moment, the nominating committee is making good progress with some work left to do. The canvass has benefitted from a significant number of pledgers who have increased their pledge (thank you all, you know who you are!). Even with those acts of generosity we'll likely fall below our target at the rate as of this writing. The new items that your pledge will help get GUUF if we meet our goal are featured below.

The Board will be considering how to meet these needs after the canvass is complete and we have a better estimate of our next year's income.

This year there will be a motion to approve the

sale of GUUF's Sky Valley time share that has been proposed by the Finance Committee and accepted by the Board.

If you have business that you want the congregation to consider at the annual meeting, please inform John Melson or another Board member. GUUF bylaws require introducing any business to be considered at the meeting must be announced at least 10 days beforehand to the membership in the meeting notification.

Are any of you planning to attend the UUA 2019 General Assembly? If you would like to be considered for being a GUUF delegate, please inform a Board member. The Board must certify GUUF delegates. This year GUUF can authorize off site delegates if anyone is interested and will pay the \$160 registration fee (due before August 30 to the UUA see <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration/off-site>). If you can do so, and are willing to familiarize yourself with the issues to be voted on, please inform a Board member (contact details can be found on page 15).

John Melson, President

Item	Details	Net Increase
Music Director	Total est. salary: \$10,500 + benefits	\$4,306
Compensation Adjustment	Staff salary increases (4% av)	\$6,635
Subtotal Buildings & Grounds		\$34,500
	Correct 1st floor water infiltration \$27,500	
	RE floor repair \$6000	
	Annex Door (security) \$1000	
Safety Team	Video security installation	\$3,500

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 a still one year away, the work needed is an

ongoing endeavor. The ECRF steering committee meet monthly on the 3rd 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
We would love to hear from you!

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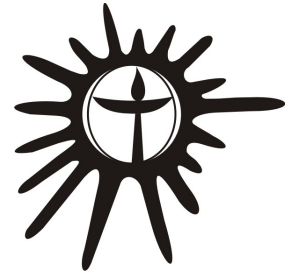
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- ♥ The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- ♥ Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- ♥ Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- ♥ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning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