

Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Religious Language



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Order of Service

Welcome		Pat Jobe
Chalice Lighting		Gordon Branson
Prelude		Jim Davis
Opening Words		Pat Jobe
*Opening Song	# 20 <i>Be Thou my Vision</i>	All Sing
New Member Ingathering Ceremony		
Children's Benediction	# 413 <i>Go Now in Peace</i>	All Sing
Words for Reflection/Silence		Gordon Branson
Community Caring	<i>Please share your joys and sorrows in our Community Memory Book before or after the Service</i>	
Anthem	<i>Hallelujah</i> Leonard Cohen	Choir
Offertory		Jim Davis
Sermon	<i>Religious Language</i>	Pat Jobe
*Closing Song	# 123 <i>Spirit of Life</i>	All Sing
Closing Words		Pat Jobe
Postlude		Jim Davis
Benediction		Pat Jobe

Please turn off cell phones, pagers, etc. before our service begins.

"Joys and Sorrows" – You may write your Joys or Sorrows in the Memory Book on the table in the front of the sanctuary. These will be read during the "Community Caring" segment of the service. If you are not inclined to write in the book, you may simply light a candle in silence.

~ *Thanks to Our Service Associates* ~

Worship Associate	Gordon Branson
Luminary	Mary Christenbury
Accompanist	Jim Davis
Ushers	Sarah Fletcher & Diane Lawrence
Sound Crew	Richard Fuller & Teresa Hall
Sound Crew Assistants	Dillard Robertson & John Robertson
Flower Ministry	Sylvia Skipper & Hilda Howerton

Gordon Branson, a 16-year member of the Fellowship, has served as Board President. He presently leads a Covenant Circle and sings with the Choir.

Mary Christenbury, daughter of Damon and Laura Christenbury, is a 7th grader at the Charles Townes Center. Mary is on the YMCA swim team and at school she is active in the BETA CLUB and Youth in Government. She will be going to Columbia this week to present her bill. She loves to spend time with her cats Sagwah, Artemis and Apollo.

- **Newcomers!** To learn more about our Fellowship, please fill out the yellow card and drop it into the offering basket.
- **Recordings of Sunday Services** may be ordered and picked up opposite the wooden entrance doors to the sanctuary where the Audio Stand is located or by email to the Fellowshipsermons@gmail.com



Highlights in Lifespan Religious Education From Babies to Sages November 17, 2013 Classes and Events Today

9:30: Childcare Opens, Choir Practice
CYRE Committee Meeting—Junior High Classroom

9:45: Discussion Group—Founders Room
Tai Chi for Beginners—Memorial Garden Labyrinth, or (if rain) Spirit
Play Room 2 (Old Senior High Room)
A Course in Miracles—4th-5th Grade Classroom

11:00: Middle School (6th-8th Graders) *You, the Creator* – with Chantal Haskell. Today:

Senior High (9th-12th) Today: *Leadership Lessons*—with Kirsten Robertson

11:20: After the Story for All Ages

Pre-School (3-4 Year Olds) Preschool children are invited to remain in childcare for the whole time, or begin in the regular service with their parents. After the Story for All Ages, a volunteer will go to the Playroom to be joined by the 3-4 year olds from the nursery for a special story and short activity. After story time, children return to childcare. This week, *In November*, with Cathy Jaggars

Spirit Play (K⁵-1st) with Kat Carrig and Valerie Dansereau

Spirit Play (1st-3rd) with Kelly Brown and Amy Daniels

Living the Promises (4th-5th) Stories from the Old Testament, from a UU Perspective, with Mark and Jennifer Hauser. Today: *Jacob, part 2*.

Parents, please remember that our RE classes run until 12:15, so please wait until then to pick up your child.

WHO ARE THE STRANGERS ON THE SANCTUARY HALL WALL?

They are the creations of some of our Spirit Play children! Our first UU Principle, or as the children call it, "The Red Promise", reminds us that "All people are important." Children in our classes created outlines of themselves and then filled them with the images and words of people who are important in their lives.



DID YOU EVER HEAR OF A GRATITUDE TREE? This year, the holiday tree in the CYRE common area will become **The Gratitude Tree**. Our wonderful youth of all ages have begun making ornaments by writing things for which they are grateful on the ornaments, and then adding creative decorations. We invite anyone in the congregation to add to

their efforts! You will find blank paper ornaments in a bag, basket, or box at the end of your pew. Count your many blessings! Simply fill out an ornament and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Fall/Winter Youth CONS at The Mountain: Please register online at www.mountaincenters.org. Junior High dates: November 22-24. Senior High dates: December 6-8.

**** If your teen will be using scholarship or travel fund credits, please contact Laura Christenbury at rea@greenvilleuu.org or Kathleen Anderson at dre@greenvilleuu.org before registering online.*

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING JUNIOR HIGH IS TODAY, NOVEMBER 17. DEADLINE FOR SENIOR HIGH IS NOVEMBER 30.

December 15: Children go directly to classes at 11:00. Parents, please escort your children to their classes *before the regular service* begins. Children will have a short lesson, and then join members of our Earth Spirit Group at the fire circle for a Winter Solstice Ceremony. The children will get to participate by making their own offerings to the fire. After the service, please pick up your children outside. Adults are welcome.



We always need volunteers to help with classes for CYRE classes. If you want to volunteer, and who doesn't? Go to our fabulous **SIGN UP GENIUS**, at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E45AFAE2C7-calendar> and sign up! You can also contact Kathleen Anderson at dre@greenvilleuu.org, or 864-494-3205. CDs of worship services are available immediately following the service for those who would like them.

Ongoing Adult Religious Education

Discussion Group

Facilitator: Herb Reeves

9:45 AM Founders Room, Welcome all.

For more information, contact Herb Reeves at [@gmail.com](mailto:herb@greenvilleuu.org)

A Course In Miracles

Facilitator: Jean Blank

9:45-10:45 Sundays, Spirit Play Room 2, All are welcome.

Participants work with the practice of forgiveness. Contact Jean Blank at jeanblank@yahoo.com for information.

Tai Chi for Beginners

Facilitator: Todd Couillard

9:45-10:45 Sundays, Labyrinth or Spirit Play Room 2 (Old Sr. High Room). All are welcome.

Todd is a certified Tai Chi instructor, and wants to share the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of this ancient practice. Wear loose comfortable clothes and shoes, and come with open heart and mind. For more information, contact Todd at todd.guffingham@gmail.com.

Buddhist Meditation Group

Tuesday Evenings 7:30-9:00PM, Facilitator: Jim Lawrence

Stressed? Worried? Feeling all right? Whatever your state, you are welcome. Newcomers are welcome--we'll give you a short orientation to help you get started. Contact jimlawrence@bellsouth.net for information.

Fall Yoga Classes

Facilitator: Bruce Cable

Mondays, November 18th, 7-8:30 PM, (sanctuary)

Join Bruce Cable, M.Ed., a certified Sivananda Method teacher with 25 years of experience as a Hatha Yoga instructor. All skill levels welcome.

Donations gratefully accepted. For more information, contact Bruce at brucecable@hotmail.com.

After Monday's class, Bruce's yoga classes will be on hiatus until January.

Benefit Bank

"Need help? Food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, TANF (welfare), FAFSA (student aid), etc. You may be eligible for these benefits. To find out more contact Ethan Johnstone, our AmeriCorps member to schedule an appointment at ethanjohstone@gmail.com or 864.275.7659"

ANNIE'S HOUSE CELEBRATION – 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 17, Nicholtown Missionary Baptist Church, 327 Ackley Road. Walk from there to 58 Baxter St. for open house. Join the Fellowship's Green Committee in celebrating near completion of the GAIHN Transition House, an interfaith community project in sustainable living. For information, visit www.sustainingway.org/projects.

The UUA and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee are making a joint appeal for aid to The Philippines. If you would like to donate online, please click on the link below. If you prefer to mail a check to Boston, please designate for help in The Philippines and make checks payable to the UU Service Committee, 689 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139-3302.

You can also donate through the office or the collection baskets. Just note clearly on your check memo line "Help For The Philippines."

Here is the link:

https://secure2.convio.net/uusc/site/Donation2;jsessionid=55D51A2FC3FA27EA9EF6EDDD88053274.app261a?df_id=3581&3581.donation=form1

Thanks, Pat

OUR Mission Statement

The Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a welcoming and accepting liberal religious community. We embrace freedom of thought, encourage spiritual growth and practice social responsibility.

Congregational Care Items

We extend our loving support to:

- Luella Bauer, dealing with end-stage lung cancer

And keep in your hearts:

- Annie Pal, still awaiting rebuild of her second knee
- Sabrina Walker, undergoing repeated hospital stays for chemo and bone marrow biopsies for leukemia
- Paul Ziemer, battling liver cancer

Next Sunday:
What We Can Learn From Almost Dying
Pat Jobe & Jeff Knox

A dialogue between a young man who nearly died and our minister about the lessons of near-death experiences.

Our Unitarian Universalist Principles

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- 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 with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

Religious Language Speaking about God Part 1 Why Religious language? The concept of a God is: We talk of things using our knowledge that is acquired through our experience. Something other Something timeless If something is "other" and "timeless" it is by definition not part of our experience How then can we talk of something that does not belong in our world? In British Quakers and Religious Language, Rhiannon Grant explores the ways in which this community discusses the Divine. She identifies characteristic patterns of language use and, through a detailed analysis of examples from published more. In British Quakers and Religious Language, Rhiannon Grant explores the ways in which this community discusses the Divine. She identifies characteristic patterns of language Issues of religious language relate to topics across the whole philosophy. are Freud's claims about the primal horde, the Oedipus complex and. specification, so it is worth considering their wider application. Religious language poses a philosophical problem because of its unique status " it consists of making claims about the unknown, unseen and wholly other, while remaining limited by language which is also used to speak of the physical, known and here and. Do they make use of anti-realist language?