



GLACIER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

We celebrate our GUUF community, our sharing of work and play together, our delight in watching the children participate in our programs and services, our stretching out to learn, our caring and support for one another, and our coming together for the following services and programs:

Schedule of Services and Events

GUUF will offer lay-led services in July and August. In addition to the meditation services on the first Sunday of each month, we will hold services from the “Evensong” series on the second, third and fourth Sundays. Our annual summer service at Fish Creek Campground in Glacier National Park will be held Sunday, Aug. 30. *Note: Religious education for children will be provided on the second, third and fourth Sundays.*

“The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence.”
-Thich Nhat Hanh

Evensong is offered with the belief that these words of the Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh are true. When we offer others the gift of our presence, they open up the truths of their lives to us, and in return we also may speak our own truth. This spirit of mutuality and reciprocity nurtures respect, safety, trust, and mutual regard. Evensong offers participants the chance to share their life experiences, emotions, and doubts with other members of their congregation in an atmosphere of attentive listening without judgment. Listening is at the heart of Evensong. Listening is a way to show respect and grow in love.

Meditation

July 5 – Come join us for a silent meditation. We will start with a sharing of our varied meditation styles, followed by 20 to 30 minutes of silent meditation. We will do announcements and candles of joy and concern. Then the leader will share information for discussion. Tea will be served afterward. Led by Kasey [...].

Evensong #3: “Prayer and Spiritual Practice”

July 12 – Led by Judy [...]

Evensong #4: “Fear”

July 19 – “What are you afraid of? What do you desire?” This will be an interactive service of readings and response. Together

we can learn from our sharing and live joyously. We’ll join Judy [...]’s song and deepen our responses to it. Led by Kasey [...].

Evensong #5: “Generosity”

July 26 – Led by Walter [...]

The Social Action Committee invites those who attend this service to consider bringing donations for the Flathead Food Bank and/or the Samaritan House as we continue our history of donating to these two agencies over the past few years.

Meditation

August 2 – We will have a 20 to 30 minute silent meditation led by Tami [...], followed by a brief service. Come join us for reflection and renewal of spirit through our group meditation.

Evensong #6 “Hospitality and the Stranger”

August 9 – Led by Sara [...]

Evensong #7: “Being Alive”

August 16 – “Life was meant to be lived, and curiosity must be kept

alive.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

Come share your experiences of being alive. Led by Laura [...].

Evensong #8: “Belief and Action”

August 23 – Led by Paula [...]

Fish Creek Campground Service in Glacier Park

August 30 – Starting at 11 a.m., this intergenerational service on the shore of Lake McDonald will include drumming and music. A potluck and play time will follow the service. Arrive at GUUF by 10 a.m. for carpooling to Glacier Park. Bring food for the potluck and any lake toys you like. Led by Kathy [...] and Kasey [...].



Erica [...] welcomes new GUUF member Paige [...].

President's Corner

by Sandy Gray



I would like to extend a hearty welcome to our new board members and committee chairs. At our annual meeting on May 31, we elected officers and at-large board members for July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, as well as announced the committee chairs recruited by the resourceful Recruitment and Recognition committee. These are the folks who

generously commit their time and energy to make sure GUUF continues to be the vibrant community we all love:

Board of Trustees

President.....	Sandy Gray
VP	Sandy Alessi
Secretary	Tami Randall
Treasurer	Don Egnor
Member	Toni
Member	Wes
Member	Carol

Committee Chairs

Membership.....	Erica Wirtala
Religious Education	Janice Alexander
	Sandy Anderson (co-chairs)
Recruitment & Recognition.....	Ned Cooney
Social Action.....	Kathy Neff

Additionally, we have three committees (Program, Building and Communications) that currently have open chair positions. We hope that when these committees meet this summer/fall, they can select someone amongst themselves to fill the role of chair.

I offer the fellowship's deep gratitude for those who have ably served us over this past year and are "retiring" from formal GUUF roles for now: Chris Holdhusen (VP and Building Chair), Cathy Cooney (Treasurer), Anne Scott-Markle (Program Chair), Dan Kohnstamm (Social Action Chair) and Ben Long (Communications Chair). Your tireless efforts to lead and support our fellowship have made a difference for all of us.

Alas, June 14 was Antonia's last service with us as consulting minister. During her brief eight-month tenure with us, she inspired us with her sermons, opened our eyes to new ways to be more inviting to visitors, reached out to other religious groups in the Flathead, and helped us develop spiritually and as a congregation. We will miss her, wishing her growth and fulfillment as she moves back home to Vancouver and continues on her ministerial journey.

So with those welcomes, thank-yous and a farewell, I wish you all a glorious summer season in the Flathead, hoping to see you at GUUF between your sojourns to experience the wild and the beautiful.

From the Treasurer's Desk

By Cathy Cooney, GUUF Treasurer



The end of the fiscal year is here and I will be passing the job of Treasurer to Don Egnor. Thank you, Don, for committing to serving as our Treasurer.

Please continue to mail pledge sheets, contributions or other finance-related items to our GUUF address at **P.O. Box 2778, Kalispell, MT 59903.**

If you weren't at our Annual Meeting, below is the budget that our Fellowship approved for our 2009-10 fiscal year.

Expenses

Administration	2,242
Building	15,613
Communications & Membership Outreach	2,850
Dues	5,480
Minister	30,000
Religious Education	2,650
Program	2,400

Total \$61,235

Revenues

Membership Pledge Donations	50,000
Rental income	6,960
Cash Donations	1,000
Fundraisers	1,500
Miscellaneous	100
MT NPR Fundraiser	2,000
Interest from bank account	1,200

Total \$62,760

The bottom line is we expect to have a \$1,525 surplus.

We will be a little more dependent on pledge donations since we won't have the extra revenue from the Waldorf School anymore. Our budget for pledge donations next year is \$50,000 and, thus far, we have pledges of \$35,310 with a dozen pledge forms still outstanding. Thank you for your generosity. We have many GUUF members who are pledging more this year, despite the recession, to help our Fellowship thrive and to ensure the resources to hire a new minister.

On another positive note, the Steering Committee's decision to incorporate an offertory into our services this year is having a beneficial effect on our finances. The contributions from visitors have steadily increased every month and we have raised almost \$1,000 this year through "passing the basket." This should guarantee that we finish the year in the black. I know it was difficult to change a long-standing tradition of not asking for contributions, but with a number of GUUF members experiencing unusual and unexpected hardship during this recession, our visitors really helped reduce the financial pressure on our members.

Religious Education News

For July and August, RE will provide a “one-room schoolhouse” for kids of all ages, with curriculum activities on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month. The crying room will be available every Sunday.

Youth will be contacted over the summer as youth group summer events are planned.

Please join us on the two summer work days (Monday, July 13 and Monday, August 10) [for] cleaning, organizing, and preparing the RE classrooms. Come help any time from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OWL Update: The “Our Whole Lives” (OWL) program will hold a retreat Aug. 29-30 for those youth in grades 7-9 and 10-12 whose parents have registered them for the OWL program.

Questions? Contact Sandy [...] at [...] or [...], or Janice [...] at [...] or [...].

Search Committee News

by Betsy Kohnstamm, chair

The Search Committee has been busy over the last month. We proposed to our GUUF steering committee that we continue our search for a more permanent minister at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly at the end of June. GA will be in Salt Lake City and Sandy [...], Walter [...] and Betsy [...] will attend representing the search committee. We have designed a brochure to distribute to all UU ministers still looking for employment. We’re hoping to interview some people there and possibly invite someone to visit us in July. Wish us the best and we’ll keep you posted in July.

Fall study groups

Now is a great time to be considering study group ideas for fall. Do you have a favorite book that would make a good study? A topic you are interested in? Think about leading a study group in the fall. Let a program committee member know of your interest.

Summer Lake Potlucks

There will be two summer potlucks with food, swimming and boating this summer. Feel free to come to either one or both, but please RSVP to the host ahead of time so they know how many to expect. All ages are welcome.

Saturday, July 25 on Bitterroot Lake (west of Kalispell), Dave and Julie [...] invite GUUF members from 12 to 4 p.m. for a potluck lunch followed by swimming, sailing, and canoeing. Please call Julie at [...] to RSVP and ask for directions if needed. Consider carpooling to save on parking!

Sunday, August 2, Mike and Jill [...] invite GUUF friends to their home at [...] from 12 to 3 PM. Bring a potluck item for lunch and your bathing suit. Jill warns us the trail to their lake is a little narrow, with no hand rails. Please call Jill to RSVP at [...]. Carpooling is encouraged.

Multi-Faith Summer Celebration July 11

The Flathead Valley Multi-Faith group of ten congregations will join together for a Summer Animal Blessing Celebration on Saturday, July 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Woodland Park’s Eastside Pavilion in Kalispell.

“We are inviting everyone to bring their pets, join us in prayer, tell stories about our animals, sing and play together,” said Rev. Darryl Kistler of the Flathead Valley United Church of Christ. “We will also offer blessings for animals that have passed on during the past year. Their names will be read and blessed with a special prayer.”

Tom Harris, a guitarist and folk song troubadour, will lead songs. Lunch will be available through local vendors in the park. For additional information, contact Ina [...], [...], [...].

Summer Tea Time

Drop by Toni’s for tea and talk!

Summer tea times continue on the first and third Tuesdays in June, July and August. Stop in anytime between 2 and 5 p.m. Teakettle’s on! [...]. Welcome!

Summer Sorting at GUUF

Two summer workdays are scheduled for volunteer help inside and outside of GUUF. On Monday, July 13 and Monday, August 10, come help any time from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Outside work possibilities include mowing, garden bed weeding and watering. Inside are some closets to sort, kitchens to clean and rooms to rearrange. We will also be cleaning, organizing, and preparing the RE classrooms. Bring a sack lunch and work clothes. Children are welcome to come along and paint rocks we’ll use to line the gazebo garden.

JULY 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

July Schedule of Events

- 5th — Meditation Service
- 7th — Tuesday Tea with Toni, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 11th — Multi-Faith Summer Celebration; 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Woodland Park's Eastside Pavillion
- 12th — Evensong #3: "Prayer and Spiritual Practice"; Led by Judy
- 13th — Summer cleaning, sorting, and organizing; 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.
- 19th — Evensong #4: "Fear"; Led by Kasey
- 21st — Tuesday Tea with Toni, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 25th — GUUF Potluck; Hosted by Dave and Julie; RSVP to 257-7586; carpooling is encouraged.
- 26th — Evensong #5: "Generosity"; Led by Walter



Kids and a companion take in a Sunday morning children's story.

AUGUST 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

August Schedule of Events

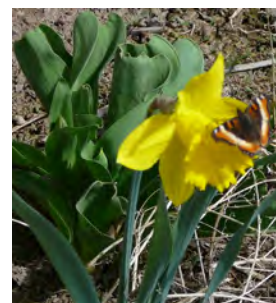
- 2nd — Meditation Service
- 2nd — GUUF Potluck; 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Hosted by Mike and Jill; RSVP to 862-8070; carpooling is encouraged.
- 4th — Tuesday Tea with Toni, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 9th — Evensong #6: "Hospitality and the Stranger"; Led by Sara
- 10th — Summer cleaning, sorting, and organizing; 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.
- 16th — Evensong #7: "Being Alive"; Led by Laura
- 18th — Tuesday Tea with Toni, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 23rd — Evensong #8: "Belief and Action"; Led by Paula
- 29th-30th — "Our Whole Lives" (OWL) retreat
- 30th — Fish Creek Campground Service; Glacier Park; Starts 11:00 a.m.; Arrive at GUUF by 10:00 a.m. for car pooling.



[...] sing in the choir.



Parents and their children participate in RE Appreciation service. From left: [...]. Foreground: [...].



A daffodil attracts a butterfly outside the fellowship.

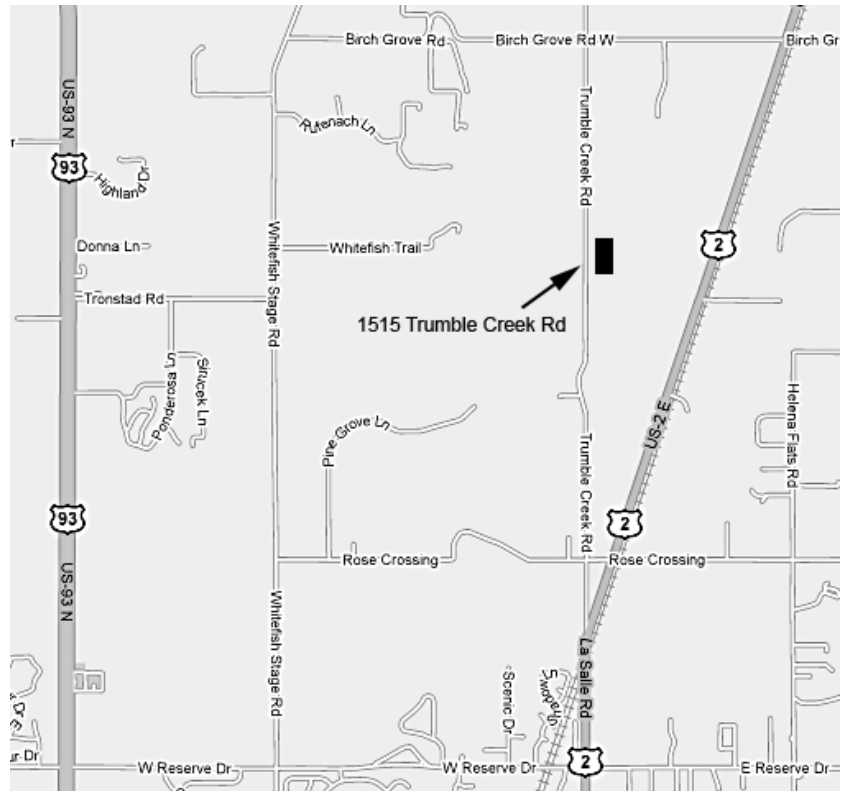
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Visitors Welcome!

We meet at 1515 Trumble Creek Road — see the map for details on how to find us. We are south of the main airport and north of Evergreen. We meet at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday. (Meditation for adults is on the first Sunday of each month.) For the most up-to-date information please call our information line at (406) 755-9255.

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Visit our website at www.glacieruu.org



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