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www.oruuc.org

Sunday, June 7, 2009

10:00 AM Summer Service “Julian in the Deep End” Rev. Jake Morrill, Preaching

For many, summer is a time to head to the lake, the pool, or the ocean. For some, jumping into the water is as natural as falling off a log. But for others, jumping into the water is an act of faith. Julian of Norwich was a 14th-century mystic who is remembered for the prayerful words, "All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." When you are in the deep end, do Julian's words really hold water? The world being as it is, how could such a bold claim help to buoy you up?

Please note - Our Summer Sunday Schedule will run through Labor Day; during this time period there will be a single service at 10 AM.

Rummage Sale Schedule: Ready, Set, Sale!

- Saturday, June 6th – Large Item Pickup from 9 AM to noon. Trucks, strength and donations needed.
- Sunday, June 7th – You may bring your great contributions of “stuff” from 11 AM to 5 PM
- Sunday, June 7th after church – We need strong bodies to help move furniture and other heavy items for set up
- Next week, June 8th to June 11th – You may bring your contributions all next week between 9 AM and 8:30 PM, Monday through Thursday
- We need your help the anytime next week! Sign up sheet is in the Social Hall – join in the fun.
- Friday, June 12th – The preview sale starts at 6 pm
- Saturday, June 13th – The regular sale is from 9 AM to 2 PM
- Rummage Sale Cleanup – Saturday from 2 PM till finished!



Next Year's Budget: Make Your Voice Heard

This Thursday after potluck (June 4th at 7:00 PM) and next Sunday after worship, you will have a chance to hear about different budget scenarios being drafted by the church financial leadership. These two sessions are your chance to learn about the process and give your own input. If you're not able to attend, but have questions or comments, please communicate with Rev. Jake Morrill, Melissa Blalock (Board President), Martin Bauer (Finance Chair), or Bob Highfill (Treasurer).

ORUUC Summer Schedule Begins Monday, June 8th

Our office hours will be switching to the summer schedule beginning Monday, June 8th. During this time, the office will be open Monday through Friday from 9 AM until 1 PM, and will continue this schedule until August 17th. Also, as part of the summer schedule, The Exponent will be printed once a month in June and July. An Online News will be sent out weekly to make sure that the congregation remains informed on special events and announcements. Also, there will be information on the ORUUC website at www.oruuc.org.

Other Summer News Items:

- Rummage Sale Preparations going on from Sunday, July 7th to Saturday June 13th
- Rainbow Camp is Monday, June 29th through Friday, July 3rd

During these times, the church is very busy and full of things and people. Henceforth, there will be no potluck on June 11th or July 2nd.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Our Rummage Sale is Friday, June 12th, Preview Sale from 6 to 8 PM, and Saturday, June 13th from 9 AM to 2 PM.

We will start accepting your wonderful contributions of “stuff” after church this coming **Sunday, June 7, from 11 AM to 5 PM**. After church on June 7, we also need strong bodies to help move furniture and other heavy items for set up.

You may bring your contributions all next week, (June 8 to June 11) between 9 AM and 8:30 PM, Monday through Thursday. The preview sale starts at 6 PM Friday (June 12). The regular sale is from 9 AM to 2 PM Saturday (June 13).

We need help with sorting and pricing all the wonderful contributions all next week! There is a Sign Up Chart in the Social Room. Please sign up on the chart if you

know when you can work, but you don't have to sign up to come help work! Every hour you can help will help us prepare for our sale.

We will need lots of help during the sale, both Friday evening, and during the day on Saturday. We will also need clean up help on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday afternoon during clean up, the Habitat Store truck will come, with the understanding that we will help load it, and help unload it at the store.

We have already been told that some people will be out of town for the rummage sale – so PLEASE - if you will be here during the sale, come help with the sale any time you can!

This is a major fund raiser for our church. Please help us when and however you can! It's also a lot of fun!

If you have questions, call or email Betsy Bauer (Bauerec@bellsouth.net). Next week (June 7 – 12), **call church (483-6761)** and ask for Betsy. Thanks!

PS: We would appreciate your loan of card tables. Thank you!

Thomas Jefferson District of the UUA Annual Meeting

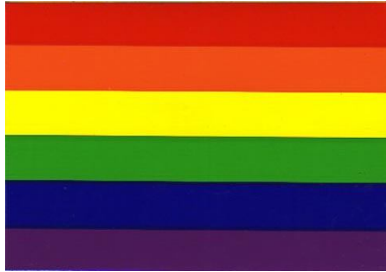
Tandy Scheffler, received the Laurel Amabile Award

The 2009 TJD Annual Meeting and Multi-generational Family Retreat, held May 8 - 10, 2009 in Haw River State Park, near Greensboro, NC, proved to be a great success. 83 adults and 19 children and youth, representing 30 congregations (27 in TJD and 3 outside), joined together and experienced the richness of working and playing in multi-generational community. Participants attended workshops on stewardship and campus ministry (just to name two of nine) while some took advantage of the wilderness survival and low-ropes courses offered by the Park Service.

The TJD Annual Awards were presented at the retreat and **Tandy Scheffler** was awarded the Laurel Amabile Award. This was presented by the RE Committee Chair, Kate Beasley. Congratulations, Tandy!

Welcoming Congregation Panel Discussion

**Sunday, June 14th
12:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**



Everyone is invited to join the Welcoming Congregation Group on June 14th at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for a panel discussion. We want to provide the opportunity for those with any remaining questions and/or concerns to voice them before the Congregational Meeting on June 21st when we will vote to become a Welcoming Congregation to bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender individuals.

Beginning the Journey!

Join Lucy Nickel at 8:30 am to begin the day with breakfast drinks and bagels while you get to know each other and share some life stories. You will then hear some Unitarian Universalist history and theology from Rev. Jake Morrill; followed by lunch as we wrap up the day with the nuts-n-bolts of Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church. We do want to make sure we have enough lunch for everyone, so if you haven't registered yet, please contact the church office or call me directly to attend this class from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 20.

Would You Like to Host an Exchange Student?

Peeraya, an AFS exchange student from Thailand will be coming to Oak Ridge in August. She has been accepted and enrolled at Oak Ridge High School. Eva Wike, an Oak Ridge AFS volunteer, is seeking a HOST FAMILY for Peeraya for the 2009-2010 school term. The family does not have to have a teenage child in order to be a host family. For more details about this AFS hosting experience contact Eva at 482-2545 or at jimwike@comcast.net.

Eva M. Wike, Ph.D.
AFS Hosting Coordinator - East Tennessee

Welcoming Congregation Vote

Last year, our congregation voted unanimously to establish the Welcoming Congregation Social Action Workgroup and begin the Unitarian Universalist Association's Welcoming Congregation program. We have had almost a year of intense activity, education, fun, and amazing support from the congregation during our transformative journey of becoming inclusive and affirming of bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender (BGLT) persons. Now it is time to ask for your support for submitting our work to the UUA in order to apply for its official designation as a Welcoming Congregation.

At the Congregational Meeting on June 21, you will be asked to vote "yes" to the following resolution:

Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church (ORUUC) is committed to being a Welcoming Congregation as defined by the UUA's volunteer Welcoming Congregation program. That means we are actively and intentionally supportive and affirming of bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender (BGLT) people, specifically in the areas of education, congregational life, and community outreach. We will proactively continue this evolutionary and transformative process of being purposely inclusive and will work toward eliminating prejudice against BGLT individuals and families.

If the vote for the resolution passes, Linda Sullivan will send formal application to the UUA for us to become a Welcoming Congregation.

Please make plans to attend the Congregational Meeting on June 21, and support the Welcoming Congregation effort!

Oak Ridge Festivals - Continuing to Make them Green

Dear friends of Earth Day-

Thanks so very much for your support of our Earth Day festival in April. It was a tremendous success, thanks in no small part to the volunteer effort you all put forth. We are immensely grateful to you all for your help making Earth Day the special festival it has become.



As you may know, beginning last year, the City of Oak Ridge began working towards making the Secret City Festival a green event. The Secret City Festival is on June 19 and 20 this year, and the recycling effort is being led by Pat Imperato of Keep Anderson County Beautiful. Secret City is a large festival, and many volunteers are still needed to help manning recycling booths and doing site cleanup during the event. If you have any time available either of those days and would be willing to volunteer to staff a booth, please contact Pat (psimperato@aol.com) as soon as possible. Pat's description of the

Recycling approach for Secret City Festival 2009 is provided below. I encourage everyone to contact her and sign up to help at the event!

Thanks so much for supporting Oak Ridge's green initiatives. Together we are making a difference.

Angie Palau
Earth Day 2009

Secret City Festival June 19-29, 2009:

There will be 6 recycling/waste stations (Teen area at AMSE, playground, Friendship Park, arts & crafts by library - stream side, food court, and concert site). There will also be a volunteer check in table command station (and dumpster oversight) in the parking lot behind the food court (civic center parking lot – grass median). There will be no un-monitored trash/recycling stations in the festival site.

Festival hours will be Friday 11- 7, Saturday 10 to 7. Concert hours on Friday and Saturday will be 6 to 10 PM. The city will have a tent, table and 2 chairs set up at each station. Volunteers are asked to work 2-hour shifts. Volunteers should bring their cell phones to aid in communications. Some walkie-talkies will be available. If we put only 1 person at each station, we will need 40 volunteers plus 4 to 6 people to help at the command station.

Our job will be to help festival attendees properly sort their discards into the brown recycling carts or the waste containers. Each volunteer station will have a list of what's recyclable and what is not. We will not be sorting out compostable material. We are also being asked to help keep the event litter-free by picking up what is near each station or better yet, get others to do it.

The city has contracted a service to remove full waste and recycling containers from each of the collection sites throughout both days. Replacement containers will be at the sites. Additional containers will be stored by the main dumpsters in case of heavy need. The contractors will also be helping pick up litter and they will pickup after each night's concert.

There will be water stations at each of the recycling stations for people to refill their water containers and get water with city-provided paper cups which can then go into the recycling containers. The city has set up a simple system to refill the water jugs using recently installed plumbing. It will be our responsibility to refill the water jug. Jon assures me that it will mean just turning a valve – NO lifting of 5-gallon water jugs. There will be some bottled water sold by vendors but no massive water give-aways by non-profits.

Looking for Work? The OR Library Might Help

The library is offering a free program to help people recover during this financially uncertain economy. If you have friends or family who are looking for work, I hope you will tell them about this program. This is a free service, not a "promotion" of any kind.

Learn how to market your skills, create competitive resumes and cover letters, and be the candidate employers are seeking. Come to the Oak Ridge Public Library on Saturday, June 6th from 3-4 in the Library Auditorium to learn how to get ahead of the competition.

Mr. Michael Curry, an Assistant Professor of Management at Tusculum College, is also a counselor with Career Coach Online. He will provide a free and comprehensive "e-manual" for all who attend the program and have an email address. For more information, contact the Oak Ridge Public Library at (865) 425-3455.

June Caring Coordinators

If you need transportation, are ill and need support, or need home-health or baby equipment, please call the Caring Coordinators for the month of June.

Madge Newton
(482-1279)

Or

Judy Van Winkle
(483-4808)

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