



## Get Involved!

--There are sign up sheets for babysitters, lay leaders, service leaders, and members of the board to become that "special person of the week" in being the Sunday Greeter. Anyone wanting to hostess the Girlfriends Souper Supper, see Lisa Schaffer at the service, or contact her at schaf3434@aol.com. AND, if there is any other area of involvement of interest to you, please contact any board member!

TUPELO GROUP: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Tupelo meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11a.m. at Temple B'Nai Israel 1301 Marshall St. Tupelo. We would love to have you come over. Check out our website [www.UUTupelo.org](http://www.UUTupelo.org)

### Late Sep and Oct 2004 Sunday School schedule

Sunday school currently includes children from 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades with participation by older children as they wish. We will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> the Sundays in Sept/Oct and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in Nov/Dec.

We are tentatively planning to use the UU curriculum:

"We Believe – Learning and Living our Unitarian Universalist Principles" and the accompanying We Believe workbook. Ken is looking into some other curricula possibilities

For more information, contact Ken Sleeper or Susie Adams.

**Sep 26: 9:45 - 10:45** Taught by Ken Sleeper

**Oct 3: 11:00 - 12:00** Blessing of the animals - Bring your (harmless) pets

**Oct 10: 9:45 - 10:45** Taught by Ashley Brewer

**Oct 24: 9:45 - 10:45** Taught by Susie Adams

**The High School UU Youth** are off to a busy and good start this year! We welcome all highschool youth who may be interested exploring their spirituality in a fun, educational environment. In particular we offer support for each other in a

nonjudgmental setting. We plan on having an exciting year with outings (rock climbing, kayaking maybe camping), speakers, discussions and opportunities for community service.

Our usual meeting time will be from 6:30-8:00 on Wednesday evenings. Some meetings will be at UU hall, others will be in people's homes.

The two youth leaders for the High School UU Youth are Gail Stratton and Larry Shaffer. We want to extend a big welcome and thank you to Larry!

Here is how to contact Larry or Gail:

Gail Stratton 281-0868 (home) or 915-5786 (work); email: <[byges@olemiss.edu](mailto:byges@olemiss.edu)>

Larry Shaffer 281-8663 (home) or 281-8153 (work); email: [lshaffer@northwestms.edu](mailto:lshaffer@northwestms.edu)

Please contact either of us with questions or concerns.

First meetings

**Sept. 22.** We are invited to go to the picnic for German Exchange students at Avent Park from 5:30-7:30. There will be games; BBQ will be provided by Handy Andy. Although this will not be a formal meeting, several of our youth have exchange students and will be at this picnic. We checked and it is fine for others of us to come.

**Sept. 29.** Meet at UU Hall; program and discussion.

**Oct. 6.** Meet at the Turner Center for recreation and fun. If you are a member of the Turner Center, bring your ID. For those whose families are not members, you can enter as my guest but it costs \$5.00.

**Oct. 13.** TBA

**Oct. 20** Meet at the Ford Center to see the US Army Field Band. (Sometime, but not this evening, we will be able to get a tour of the Ford Center and see what goes on behind the curtains!).

>>>>>> **ANNOUNCEMENTS** <<<<<<<

**VISIT FROM OUR FRIENDS:**

What a treat to have Toni and Billy with us for a short time! We would have been happy with just their company, but we do thank them so much for kicking off our renovation celebrations. Toni's Saturday meditation class raised \$100 and a lot of peaceful spirit for UUCO, and the Saturday night dance with Slow Burn was FUN.

**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL**

Many of us are familiar with the work of Amnesty International, and it can be a source of pride for Unitarians that Amnesty International-USA's current leader is Bill Schultz, former president of the UUA.. Amnesty International now has a Mississippi coordinator, Trisha Starbrook, living in Oxford. She would like to help us form a local chapter. If you're interested, please contact Luanne at 234-3833, 915-6923, or lbuchana@olemiss.edu.

**FOOTBALL PARKING FUND RAISER**

\$250 raised for UUCO!!

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** to raise another \$500!

A hearty thank you to Marty Vinograd for donating football parking spaces to raise money for UUCO. Thanks also to Elaine Gelbard for organizing volunteers to park.

Special thanks to Margarete, Elaine, Bobby, Jillian and Ruby who parked cars in the rain on September 4, and to Gail, Margarete, Bobby, and Jean, who parked cars on September 18.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED--** please contact Elaine (egelbard@olemiss.edu) to volunteer to park cars on October 2 or October 16.

**PFLAG Informational Meeting**

A representative from PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will be speaking at an informational meeting at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Thursday, September 30th at 7:00 pm. Oxford does not currently have a PFLAG chapter and the possibility of forming a local chapter will be one of the topics discussed at the upcoming meeting.

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with

an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

For more information about PFLAG go to [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org).