



NESHOBA WEEKLY WEB UPDATE

Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church

May 4, 2008– May 10, 2008

Rev. Bill Neely, Minister

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WELCOME WEB VISITORS! We're glad that you've tracked us down. We are a liberal religious church that expresses the ideals of justice, freedom, and compassion in service to all people. We invite you to join us for worship every Sunday morning at 11 a.m., stay after the service and chat with people, and begin to better know the feel of Neshoba Church. If you're new to Unitarian Universalism or Neshoba Church, we periodically offer a three-part introductory series; *Walking With Neshoba: A Church, A Faith, and You*. Keep an eye on the newsletter and web site (www.neshobauu.org) for details. Our minister, Rev. Bill Neely, is always happy to meet with you. Just call the church office to schedule an appointment (901-266-2626). Again, welcome to Neshoba Church. It's great to be with you.

Common Bodies

Sunday, May 4, 2008

If the body is a temple, it's one that is commonly profaned by secular and religious forces. What might a positive spirituality of the body look like today? Also during the service, we will recognize our wonderful **Our Whole Lives (OWL)** sexuality education volunteers. We will also welcome **New Members** during the service. Please contact Rev. Neely if you are interested in joining Neshoba Church.

Rev. Bill Neely will lead the 11:00 a.m. service

Upcoming Worship Service

May 11 – Common Beauty, Rev. Neely

Diversity brings demands. What are they? How do we fill them? This is also **Flower Communion Sunday**. Please bring a flower, any flower, from your yard, a store, a field, wherever, to exchange during the service.

Our **Monthly Community Offering** will be received during the service. This is also **Potluck Sunday**. Please stay after the service for a community meal and, if possible, bring a dish to share.

This Week At A Glance

Please contact the church office for more information on any event.

Sun	05/04	9:45 a.m.	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>
Sun	05/04	10:00 a.m.	<i>Social Justice Forum</i>
Sun	05/04	11:00 a.m.	<i>Worship and Church School</i>
Mon	05/05	6:15 p.m.	<i>Yoga Class</i>
Tue	05/06	6:30 p.m.	<i>UUWOW Meeting</i>
Wed	05/07	6:00 p.m.	<i>Wed. Night Live</i>
Thu	05/08	7:00 p.m.	<i>Book Club</i>

Like Neshoba? Become a Member!

If you share a commitment to the values of Neshoba and believe that our liberal religious presence is of great importance in our larger community, we invite you to consider membership in Neshoba Church. Please contact Rev. Bill for membership information. We'd love to welcome you into your church during our New Member Recognition ceremony during the May 4 worship service.

Book Signing at the Rostig's

New York author Alan Gompers is in Memphis this week, staying with Markus & Lorena Rostig. His book, *Maximum Security: The True Meaning of Freedom* describes how he found peace, in of all places, while serving 15-years to life in a maximum-security prison. Our own Shannon Neely reviewed the book and her endorsement was chosen by the publisher to be printed in the final copy. Alan will be signing books at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, & Saturday, May 3, and teaching meditation on Sunday and Tuesday (also at the Rostig's.) For more information, please visit www.alangompers.com or contact Lorena directly at 309-6557.



From the Heart Fund

Friends of Trish Olson-Giles have set up the *From the Heart Fund* to help Adrian Giles (Trish's husband) defray the costs of her extensive medical bills. Contact Xan Blackburn at xan@xans-art.com for more information.

Adult Social Justice Forum May Topic –Corporate Personhood

The Sunday morning discussions first focused on the debate over NAFTA and then moved to what an increasing number of activists see as the root cause of the many social problems of injustice – “corporate personhood.” In 2003 the Social Justice Committee of the First UU Church of Columbus, OH founded an organization called Citizens Intent on Reforming Corporate Accountability (CIRCA) to educate the public about the history of corporate power and possible reforms. Their chairman, Michael Greenman has provided us with material to use with our discussions of this topic in May. If you would like to read some of this material you can download it from <http://www.circainfo.org> or contact Penny Williams at EMayWms@aol.com for more information. All are welcome to share their thoughts. This month's meetings are on May 4 and May 18 from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

Who/What Is Neshoba? We Want YOU to Tell Us!

The Futures Committee wants your input after church on June 1, 2008 as we work to “brand” Neshoba. We need a variety of folks to participate in an hour-long exercise designed to help clarify our messages to the broader community and guide our efforts to get more people involved in this faith community. The success of this project will be up to YOU. We need your ideas and insight. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Please plan to spend from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. helping your fellow members with this very important focus group. If you have questions, email Anthony Culver at AWCulv@aol.com (put “Neshoba” in the subject line so he won't delete your message.)

Also, Anthony is looking for folks with a background in media relations, advertising, and graphic design: if you have those talents please let him know if you would volunteer for a limited commitment project.

UWOW



The Unitarian Universalist Women of Wisdom (UWOW) group will meet at Mary Beth VanCleve's home on Tuesday, May 6th. This meeting will be a celebration of our very successful church-wide retreat that UWOW provided for all interested women at Camp Hopewell this past April 4-6. Over 25 women of all ages participated in this wonderful event! Also, Sue Hand has a very special presentation prepared for the this meeting

We invite all women 50 and over who are interested in improving their understanding and appreciation of the challenges and blessings available to us in this third stage of life. Potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m.