

Neshoba Church

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation



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WELCOME VISITORS! *We're glad that you've joined us this morning. We are a liberal religious church that expresses the ideals of justice, freedom, and compassion in service to all people. We invite you to stay after the service, chat with people and begin to better know the feel of Neshoba Church. Again, welcome to Neshoba Church. It's great to be with you!*

Welcome New Members

Welcome new members *Rachel Farmer, Heather & Karl Lettow*. They signed the Membership on January 22nd! Welcome to Neshoba.

Social Media Workshop TODAY at 12:15pm (Florence Nightingale Rm)

The Communications Committee is sponsoring a Social Media Workshop. Learn how to use the Neshoba online calendar, Facebook Page, and Twitter to promote your Neshoba events and activities. All levels of experience welcome. Led by Shirley Nunley, all Committee chairs, Staff, & Board Members are encouraged to attend, but everyone is welcome!

Book Club

The Neshoba Book Club will discuss "A Prayer for Owen Meany," by John Irving at our next gathering on February 9th. It's a great book for a great chalice circle. Please join us if you are interested.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts are back! Any girls who would like to join the Neshoba Girl Scout troop please contact Janet Eich, janet@feldenkraismemphis.com, 901-359-3972. And-- the cookies are coming! We will have boxes for available for purchase beginning February 29th.

Wednesday Night Live! Feb 1st

Join us every Wednesday night for social time, inspiration, and learning opportunities from 6-9pm. Childcare is available. Dinner is served from 6-7pm with a \$5 per person or \$15 maximum donation. This week's special event: **Neshoba Coffee House**

Neshoba Coffee House – 7pm

Neshoba Church is full of talented people. Join us tonight as we let several Neshobans showcase their musical talents for us. Enjoy a relaxed coffehouse atmosphere and share in the joy their gifts bring us.

If you would like to share your talent email Lorena at office@neshobauu.org

Garden Group

Gaia Garden Group is collecting the following:
Newspaper: We are currently collecting newspaper in a large box in the northeast corner of the sanctuary. **Compost:** Please bring us your kitchen scraps: vegetable/fruit waste, eggshells, coffee grounds, teabags, nut shells (but NOT any sort of meat or fish, bones, oils, peanut butter, or dairy)
For more info, please contact Chris Turnbow.

Bring a Friend Sunday: Feb 5th

WOW – Feb 1, at 6:30pm

We'll be exchanging Valentines at the WOW meeting, on Wednesday, February 1 at Cheryl Cholvachuk's. We gather at 6:30 and potluck dinner begins at 7:00. Bring Valentines to distribute—a classroom package, home-made, whatever tickles your fancy. Address them to a particular individual with a personal message, or write in a “fortune cookie” message and leave the envelope blank for a Valentine surprise. Just be sure to sign them. For more info, contact Linda Woodbury at wow@neshobauu.org or the Neshoba office

The Religious Education (RE) Program needs YOU!

Our spring semester is just around the corner and we still need a few volunteers. Our spring semester runs January 29th through May 27th. We have open volunteer spaces for nursery caregivers, class assistants in the elementary and pre-k classes, hall monitors and teachers in the pre-K class. We ask volunteers to select 4 dates to serve throughout the semester—that's just one date a month! An information and signup table will be set up in foyer after the worship service for you to view curriculum, session topics and dates available for volunteering. If you're not sure about volunteering or have some questions, please see Sarah Osborne, our Director of Religious Education. Our cooperative program cannot succeed without you. Sign up today or contact Sarah at dre@neshobauu.org for any further questions.

Neshoba Homeschoolers Co-op

The Neshoba Homeschoolers Co-op meets every Tuesday from 10am-12noon. All families with children ages preschool through middle school are invited to participate. You must pre-register to attend. Each week families will take turns presenting a variety of educational activities. For more information, contact Sarah Osborne dre@neshobauu.org

The Crisis Center Needs Volunteers

The contact information for those interested in volunteering is volunteers@crisis7.org or 901-649-8572.

Items Needed:

When you are out shopping think about picking up items that may be used at Neshoba. These items are always used and we never have enough!

Roll paper towels

Toilet paper

Pinesol cleaner

Dishwashing detergent

Hand sanitizer

Liquid hand soap

Copy paper (white and colors)

Pens and pencils

Paper towels for bathroom dispensers (C-fold - available at Costco and Sams)

Women's Retreat 2012

“Celebrating Our Spiritual Journeys”, our annual Neshoba women's retreat, is scheduled for the weekend of April 27th through the 29th at Brigadoon Farms in Olive Branch, MS. All women, age 18 and older are invited to join us for what promises to be a fun and meaningful time together. As in the past, there will be a lighted labyrinth, drumming, a Red Tent room, craft activities, and lots of time to relax, reflect and enjoy the company of other amazing women. We hope you'll join us.

The fee for the weekend is \$120 for two nights lodging and meals on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a reduced fee for women who come just for the day on Saturday – but we encourage you to spend the weekend with us – you don't want to miss anything! There is a discount for early registration and partial scholarships will be available. We are working on the brochure and it will be available soon.

We are in the process of planning activities that will help you explore and celebrate your spiritual path so that each of you will have the best possible weekend. Anyone who would like to help with the organization of this event is encouraged to contact Sue Hand – there is room for you on our planning committee!

To be included in the next Weekly Bulletin, please e-mail 50 words or less, cut & paste ready to office@neshobauu.org by 10am on Wednesday