

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!*

Membership Summit

Sunday, Feb. 12 at 12:15-2pm

Membership Chair Stephen Guenther and Rev. Cynthia Prescott will be co-hosting a "membership summit." The goal of the meeting is twofold:

1. To identify the basic tasks of welcoming and nourishing new members and delegate people to take responsibility for them. You must be present or otherwise accounted for to do this. No fantasy volunteers, please.
2. To explore suggestions for strengthening the membership function at Neshoba, these to be taken up in greater depth at regular Membership Committee meeting on another date where they can't be folded immediately into something Neshoba is already doing.

This is not an attempt to ensnare you to join the Membership Committee, although if you are so moved we'd be delighted to have you join us. In accordance with what was said at January's congregational meeting, I hope everyone will come prepared to say "I will" rather than "Someone should". For additional information, please contact Rev. Cynthia or Stephen Guenther by e-mailing membership@neshobauu.org

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Feb. 19th, following the service

The Stewardship Committee invites you to be one of the leaders who assists with this year's canvass. Training will be provided in a two hour session on Sunday, February 19th after church. Please contact one of the members of the Stewardship Committee if you would like to serve: Will Batts, Sheila Ferguson John Stinchfield or George Woodbury at stewardship@neshobauu.org

Connection Council Meeting

ATTENTION all committee chairs and members as well as other interested Neshobans. The Board of Directors will sponsor a, "Connection Council" meeting to plan and coordinate upcoming efforts between the different committees. The meeting will be held at Neshoba on Saturday, February 25th from 9 AM to 12 PM. A light breakfast & childcare will be provided.

Wednesday Night Live! Feb 15th

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: **VESPERS**

VESPERS – Feb 15th @ 7pm

A Vespers service or Readings and Reflections will be offered this evening at 7:00PM, led by Rev. Cynthia.

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. 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.

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.

CALL FOR PANTRY ITEMS

We would like to help stock the pantry at the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center. Here is a list of things they need: Chef Boyardee products (both larger cans and smaller microwavable ones), Chunky soup, Easy Mac, Fruit cups or small cans of fruit, Spaghetti (pasta and sauce), Packages of tuna (individual foil packs, cans or self-contained tuna salad products), Multi-packs of individual cereals. Just bring to church. We'll have a collection box in hallway. See Lorena if any questions, or call the church at 266-2626.

Board Meeting

Tue, February 21, 7pm

The Neshoba Boards meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The general membership is encouraged to attend these meetings. Please note: The agenda is set at least one week prior to the meeting. For more information, please e-mail president@neshobauu.org

Parents Time Out

February 12, 12pm – 4pm

Parent's Time Out is a great opportunity to catch a movie, have a quiet bite to eat, or run errands while your kids pester someone else for a change! You deserve a break, and your kids deserve a chance to create lasting relationships with other mini-Neshobans. Participants are expected to volunteer to watch the kids for an afternoon in the near future & might need to chip in for lunch/snacks (this might be up to \$5 per child & not more than \$10 per family). We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 12pm-4pm. Please sign up at least a week in advance so we can plan accordingly (for food, volunteers, etc.) For more information, please contact office@neshobauu.org or call 901-266-2626.

Ink Jet Recycling

Neshoba can earn \$3 for each undamaged **HP, Dell or Lexmark ink or toner cartridge**. The cartridges can be dropped off in the green box on the shelf immediately to the left of the entrance by the office. Neshoba has received several hundred dollars of benefits from past donations so keep those cartridges coming. For more info, please contact Markus at markus.rostig@neshobauu.org

Grocery Connection

Do you shop at Kroger? If your answer is yes, and you don't have a Neshoba card, please see Victor Lendermon after church or call the office at 266-2626.

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