



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope

April 2009

Sunday	Apr 5	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues the series <i>No Excuses: Existentialism and the Meaning of Life</i> , with "Sartre on Emotions and Responsibility," led by Naren Jackson
		11:00 a.m.	Psychologist Linda Cameron speaks on "Spiritual Abundance: Undoing Negative Feelings that Block It"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Sunday	Apr 12	10:00 a.m.	Steve Bush reviews <i>Train Your Mind, Change Your Brain: How a New Science Reveals Our Extraordinary Potential to Transform Ourselves</i> , by Sharon Begley
		11:00 a.m.	[Arlington Women's Shelter collection] Easter Sunday Flower Communion
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Sunday	Apr 19	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang" - David Tripp continues to lead a study of Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay, <i>The American Scholar</i>
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "The Priestly and Prophetic Tensions of Religion"
		12:30 P.M.	Social Justice Committee led by Larry Heath
Sunday	Apr 26	10:00 a.m.	Gregory Ellis speaks on "Solitude: What Good Is It?"
		11:00 a.m.	Daniel Melendez speaks on "Tolerance"
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck - all are invited
Sunday	May 3	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues the series <i>No Excuses: Existentialism and the Meaning of Life</i> , with "Sartre's Phenomenology." led by Naren Jackson
		11:00 a.m.	Bob Ray Sanders, Star-Telegram, speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

*Support Group led by John Reed Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.
Nursery provided at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday.*

AUUC Mission Statement -- Our mission is to provide a nourishing environment:

- In which liberal religious thought and spiritual growth are encouraged; where doubt is welcome and free choice is the rule
- In which we will be motivated to contribute to the betterment of all life
- In which we will teach and promote all of the other Unitarian Universalist values, embodied in the Seven Principles

Pledging: It costs in excess of \$55 per pledging unit per month to sustain the Arlington UU Church. Please give what you can. If you choose to make your contribution using the collection basket, use a special envelope or indicate "Pledge" on your check. Thank you for your support.

Meet Lucy Stone



Lucy Stone (1818-1893) is the American protofeminist. The first woman in Massachusetts to earn a college degree and the first woman in the U.S. to keep her own name after marriage, Lucy was born to a large, male-dominated family. Rebelling against her upbringing, Lucy earned her

way by housework and part-time teaching to a four-year degree from Oberlin College in 1847. She gave her first public speech from the pulpit of her brother's Congregational Church in Massachusetts.

"I expect to plead not for the slave only, but for suffering humanity everywhere. Especially do I mean to labor for the elevation of my sex." A year later she was hired as an agent of the American Anti-Slavery Society and, in this paid position, traveled giving speeches on abolition. By including speeches on women's rights, Lucy created so much controversy within the Anti-Slavery Society that she had to separate the two, speaking weekends on abolition and weekdays on women's rights. Her radicalism brought large crowds and hostility. People tore down posters for her talks, burned pepper where she spoke, and pelted her with prayer books and other things. Although raised in the Congregational Church, she was unhappy with their refusal to recognize women as voting members of congregations and condemnation of women speaking in public. Finally expelled by them for her views and public speaking, Lucy joined the Unitarians. She was a leader in organizing the first national woman's rights convention. At the 1850 convention, her speech is credited with converting Susan B. Anthony to the cause of woman suffrage. Later, Julia Ward Howe adopted women's rights along with abolition, and Frances Willard credited Stone with her joining the suffrage cause. A free soul who had decided to remain free, in 1853 Lucy met Cincinnati businessman Henry Blackwell on one of her speaking tours. He was anti-slavery and pro-women's rights. After two years, Lucy accepted his offer of marriage but wrote to him, "A wife should no more take her husband's name than he should hers. My name is my identity and must not be lost." Henry agreed: "I wish, as a husband, to renounce all the privileges which the law confers upon me, which are not strictly mutual. Surely such a marriage will

not degrade you, dearest." So, in 1855, they married. At the ceremony, the minister, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, read a statement by the bride and groom renouncing and protesting marriage laws of the time and announcing that she would keep her name. Higginson (the same man known for his connection to Emily Dickinson) published the ceremony widely, with their permission. Inactive in the suffrage movement during the Civil War, Stone and Blackwell became active again when the war ended and the 14th Amendment was proposed, giving the vote to black men. For the first time, the Constitution would mention "male citizens" explicitly. Most women's activists were outraged, seeing the passage of this Amendment as setting the cause of woman suffrage back, and the movement split. The National Woman Suffrage Association, led by Anthony and Stanton, decided to oppose the 14th Amendment, because of the language "male citizen." Stone, Howe and Blackwell led those who sought to keep the causes of black and woman suffrage together. In 1869 they and others founded the American Woman Suffrage Association. The next year, Lucy raised enough funds to start a weekly suffrage newspaper, *The Woman's Journal*. She found working on a newspaper far more compatible than the lecture circuit with family life, later telling her grown daughter, Alice Stone Blackwell: "I do believe that a woman's truest place is in a home, with a husband and with children, and with large freedom, pecuniary freedom, personal freedom, and the right to vote." In 1890, Lucy's daughter, by then a leader in the woman suffrage movement in her own right, engineered a reunification of the two competing suffrage organizations into the National American Woman Suffrage Association, with Stanton as President, Anthony as Vice President, and Lucy Stone chairman of the executive committee. "I think, with never-ending gratitude, that the young women of today do not and can never know at what price their right to free speech and to speak at all in public has been earned."

http://womenshistory.about.com/od/stonelucy/a/lucy_stone.htm

Cell phones should be turned off during the service.

Food in the Sanctuary: So we can all enjoy a snack and fellowship afterwards, please do not bring food into the sanctuary during services and forums.

Facilities Use Policy: Permission must be obtained prior to use from the church board or, at minimum, the church president. The fee is \$15 per hour unless another rate or free use is agreed upon by the AUUC Board prior to use. Copies of the policy are available upon request.

Support Group: For our members who are trying to get their lives straightened out or to search for just plain stress relief, we have organized a support group that meets at the church every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact John Reed, our dedicated problem-solver.

Side Porch Counseling: Arlington UU Church is sponsoring counseling services each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For a moderate fee, Dr. John Reed, LPC, provides counseling for personal problems, stress management and relaxation. Call 817-460-6481 for more information or an appointment. Or just drop by.

New Members Welcome: Membership in the Arlington UU Church is open to everyone 12 or older who is in sympathy with our purpose and principles. If you wish to join us, you need only sign a membership form in the presence of an officer of the Church. Active (voting) members must additionally make a financial contribution of record during the year prior to, and be on the roster at least 60 days prior to, any congregational business meeting at which they wish to vote.

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