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Kaleidoscope

April 2010

Sunday	Apr 4	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i> , with "Nasty — Iago's Envy, Othello's Jealousy," led by Naren Jackson
		11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Flower Communion
Sunday	Apr 11	10:00 a.m.	John Blair leads a discussion of our congregation's Policy on Disruptive Behavior
		11:00 a.m.	[Safe Haven collection] David Tripp speaks on "From Reformer to Pope, Radical to Conservative"
Saturday	Apr 17	6:30 p.m.	Emerald Dragon celebrates Full Moon at the church — see Page 2 for details
Sunday	Apr 18	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Gang — David Tripp continues a series of discussions on the literary works of Paul Tillich
		11:00 a.m.	[Monthly collection for a Social Justice project] Lester Robbins speaks on "Quanah Parker and the Peyote Religion"
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Wednesday	Apr 21	7:30 p.m.	AUUC Movie Night features <i>Battle in Seattle</i> — see Page 2 for details
Thursday	Apr 22		Earth Day — see Page 2
Sunday	Apr 25	9:00 a.m.	Early Bird Special: Tai Chi and Qi Gong
		10:00 a.m.	Moe Borougerdi leads discussion on "Rumi and the Sufic Vision"
		11:00 a.m.	Marvin Hilton, member of the UU Church of Fayetteville (AR) and Team SETI, speaks on "The Real Reason for Exploring Mars"
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck — all are invited

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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.

Sunday May 2 10:00 a.m. The Sunday School Gang continues *The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions*, with "A Death in the Family — the Logic of Grief," led by Naren Jackson
11:00 a.m. David Tripp speaks on "A Solitary Life"

*Support Group led by John Reed Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
Nursery Care provided 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. every Sunday.*

NTAUUS Grant News

At the annual NTAUUS awards luncheon on March 27, Barry Hansen, our NTAUUS representative, accepted a \$1,000 grant to improve lighting and air circulation in our sanctuary. The grant application was written by board president John Blair.

Automatic hand dryers for both restrooms have been purchased with funds from a 2008 NTAUUS grant and will be installed shortly.

Movie Night April 21

On Wednesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. we'll view *Battle in Seattle*. With well-integrated archival footage, this docudrama tells the story of a group of anti-globalization activists who arrived en masse in Seattle, Washington, in 1999 for a peaceful demonstration against a meeting of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Although riots and chaos ensued, the demonstrators successfully stopped the WTO meetings. Written by Irish actor and first-time director Stuart Townsend, the film features Martin Henderson, Michelle Rodriguez, Woody Harrelson, Charlize Theron, Jennifer Carpenter, André Benjamin, Connie Nielsen and Ray Liotta. This is a pot-luck snack/hors d'oeuvres event, so bring what you like to munch and sip. (Rated R.)

Adult Literacy Project Now Meets Mondays

In an Arlington Public Library project, our volunteers meet clients at the church 6:30 p.m. Mondays. To participate in this worthwhile project, please contact Patsy Rosen.

Two-Hour Sunday Morning Nursery Care

We now have a professional nursery attendant every Sunday between 10:00 a.m. and noon. Phebe Bearden has 15 years of experience with church nurseries and Sunday schools, plus CPR training. If she is ill or unable to be there, the principal of the church nursery service, Daniela McCreary, will arrange for a replacement. No longer will members, friends or visitors with young children have to mind their children themselves instead of attending the adult service. Nursery care will also be available for those who wish to attend our popular 10 o'clock discussion groups. We look forward to seeing you at the AUUC.

Full Moon Ritual April 17

The Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle celebrates a Full Moon Ritual at the church on Saturday, April 17, starting at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in Wicca, call 817-277-4277 for more information.

Thoughts for Earth Day, April 22, 2010

Recycle 50% of your glass, aluminum, plastic, cardboard and newspapers over the next year, and save the Earth from an average of 2,400 pounds of CO₂. **Wash clothes in cold or warm water** on at least two loads per week and save energy plus about 500 pounds of CO₂ per year. Use the "short cycle" on your washing machine and save 10 gallons of water per load. **Turn your computer off overnight** (power-save mode) and you could save 950 pounds of CO₂ per year. (World Wildlife Fund April 8, 2010)

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

Meet Harold Hitz Burton



Harold Hitz Burton, distinguished public servant, was born in 1888 into a Boston Unitarian family. He graduated from Bowdoin College *summa cum laude* in 1909 and by 1912 had a Harvard law degree, a wife, and two tickets to Cleveland, Ohio —

the state that was to elect and reelect him to public office. At the beginning of his career, Burton practiced law in Ohio and Utah. During World War I, he volunteered, finishing the war a Captain with a Purple Heart and Croix de Guerre. Returning to law practice in Ohio, he added a teaching job at Western Reserve University, then in 1925 established his own firm. All along, his mind was set on a political career. Elected to East Cleveland's Board of Education in 1927, he joined Ohio's House of Representatives the following year, then became Cleveland's director of law. In 1935 Burton was elected mayor of Cleveland and remained mayor until his 1940 election to the United States Senate, working to return economic well-being to Cleveland by combating organized crime and developing employment programs. His reputation for dedication earned him the moniker "the Boy Scout Mayor." In the Senate, Burton was generally liberal in international affairs and conservative in domestic ones. The highlight of his Senate career was sponsorship of the 1943 "B2H2" resolution, calling for the United States to join an organization promoting international peace after the war. In 1945, a seat opened in the United States Supreme Court. Harry Truman chose Burton who, though a Republican, was a moderate and a friend of Truman's. The appointment was unanimous in less than 24 hours. While on the Court, Burton gained a strong reputation for his hardy work ethic and humble adherence to his legal ideals. He

worked 80- or 90- hour weeks, eating at his desk and rarely leaving his chambers except to go home. He tended to vote in favor of government control of social matters and against government control of economic ones. Notably, he advocated racial integration and opposed the increase of union power and antitrust legislation. *Brown v. Board of Education* was, perhaps, the most significant case tried by the Court during Burton's tenure. In this famous case, the nine justices unanimously decided against the constitutionality of racial segregation in public schools. In a letter he wrote to Chief Justice Warren in celebration of the Court's unanimity, Burton said: "I expect there will be no more significant decision made during our service in the Court . . . I cherish the privilege of sharing in this." Diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1957, Burton retired from the Court the following year after holding out to see an Arkansas desegregation case to its close. Burton then served four years in the D.C. Circuit Court before dying in 1964. In his personal life, Burton had also served some years as moderator of the American Unitarian Association. In a 1946 article in *The Christian Register* (Unitarian weekly prior to 1957), he wrote the following: "I believe in Advancing Religious Liberalism because I believe that God is at the foundation of life, and the truest possible understanding of God is the best road to peace and progress on earth. I regard religious liberalism as but another name for search for the truth in the field of religion wherever that truth may be found. My religious faith rests upon two great Commandments — 'Thou shalt love thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind' and 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' The Golden Rule translates these into action. It is our first duty to put that faith to daily practice among ourselves and with all nations."

Adapted from: harvardsquarelibrary.org/unitarians/burton.html

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno

With 342 members, the UU Church of Fresno (CA) a mid-sized congregation, has made big accomplishments in recent years. Over the 12 years he has been minister in Fresno, Rev. Bryan Jessup has helped lead the congregation in exciting new directions. After a long campaign to plan and build a new home with ample space and modern facilities, this community managed to acquire land in a growing area of northeast Fresno and construct a strikingly modern and environmentally friendly building. Occupied just last year, the facility — one of the newest major UU church buildings in the country — has room on its five acres for lots of future expansion. <http://www.uufresno.org/index.html>



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 or the Membership Chair. 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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