

Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope December 2007

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| Sunday | Dec. 2 | 10:00 a.m. | "Sunday School Gang" - Clara Blair offers her personal appreciation of poet Emily Dickinson |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Lester Robbins speaks |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | Finance Committee led by Larry Heath |
| Monday | Dec. 3 | 7:30 p.m. | Support Group led by John Reed |
| Sunday | Dec. 9 | 10:00 a.m. | Another translation of "The Sermon on the Mount", by Ken Sambell, with thanks to David Tripp |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | David Tripp speaks [Arlington Women's Shelter collection] |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | Board Meeting led by John Blair |
| Monday | Dec. 10 | 7:30 p.m. | Support Group led by John Reed |
| Sunday | Dec. 16 | 10:00 a.m. | "Sunday School Gang" continues a series on "No Excuses: Existentialism and the Meaning of Life," led by Naren Jackson and David Tripp |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | To be announced |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | Social Justice Committee meeting |
| Monday | Dec. 17 | 7:30 p.m. | Support Group led by John Reed |
| Sunday | Dec. 23 | 10:00 a.m. | Something strange and wonderful from Ken Sambell and Larry Heath |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Christmas Celebration featuring live music and readings from members and friends - also singing, cookies, hot cider and cocoa |
| Monday | Dec. 24 | 7:30 p.m. | Support Group led by John Reed |
| Sunday | Dec. 30 | 10:00 a.m. | The Fifth Sunday UU Newcomers' Program offers a discussion of UU history and ideals - All are invited |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Do-It-Ourselves service: Please bring something thought-provoking to share |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | Last Supper (potluck lunch) |
| Sunday | Jan. 6 | 10:00 a.m. | "Sunday School Gang" continues David Tripp's series on Transcendentalist poets |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | David Tripp speaks |

Nursery and Sunday School are 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

Meet Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin

When Cecilia Payne was five years old, she saw a meteor and immediately decided to become an astronomer. "I was seized with panic at the thought that everything might be found out before I was old enough to begin." Before she was 30, she had published two major, enduring books on astronomy. Born in England in 1900, Cecilia was unusual for the times and her social position in her fierce interest in science. A scholarship student at Cambridge, she pursued her doctorate at Harvard in the USA where there were more opportunities for women at the time. After just two years there she became the first student, male or female, to earn a Ph.D. from the Harvard College Observatory. Her 1925 thesis, *Stellar Atmospheres*, articulated her surprising discovery that stars were homogeneous throughout the universe and not similar to the Earth in their chemical structure. At the time it was called "the most brilliant Ph.D. thesis ever written in astronomy." Although she became an American citizen in 1931, she didn't receive an official faculty position at Harvard until 1938. In the interim she had met and married the Russian refugee astronomer Sergei Gaposchkin and wangled him a position at Harvard. Eventually Cecilia became the first woman in the history of Harvard to receive a corporation appointment with tenure, and the first woman department chair, in 1956. By that year she had become a member of First Parish and Church, Unitarian, in Lexington, Massachusetts. She remained chair of the Astronomy department and a full professor at Harvard for ten years until becoming Professor Emeritus in 1967. Other books she published include *Stars of High Luminosity* (1930), *An Introduction to Astronomy* (1954), and *The Galactic Novae* (1957). Her autobiography, *The Dyer's Hand*, describes a career marked with slow promotions and low salaries. What sustained her were her intellectual interests and the rewards of her work. She wrote, "I simply went on plodding, rewarded by the

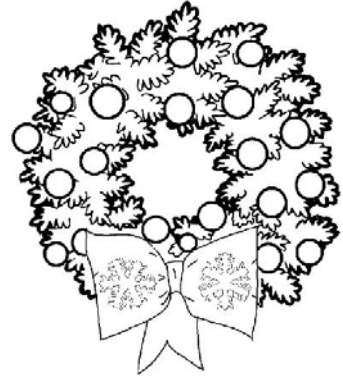


beauty of the scenery, towards an unexpected goal." To fellow scientists she advised, "Your reward will be the widening of the horizon as you climb. And if you achieve that reward, you will ask no other."

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Christmas Celebration

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 23, for our Christmas party. Music will be provided by our regular keyboardists, plus some surprises. Song sheets will be available. All are invited to bring holiday treats to share.



Christmas Dinner

If you find yourself far from family and loved ones on Christmas Day, you are welcome to come to a holiday dinner at the church at 4 p.m. on Dec. 25. Patsy Rosen will provide turkey, ham, stuffing and potatoes. Bring a side dish or condiments if you'd like. Call John Blair at **817-265-3429** for more information. Patsy will put a sign-up sheet at church.

Pledging

It takes \$50 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.



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. Newsletter/Publicity: Clara Blair, 817-265-3429, blairbards@sbcglobal.net