



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church  
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## Kaleidoscope

December 2009

Sunday	Dec 6	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i> , with "It's Good to be Afraid" led by Naren Jackson
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Sunday	Dec 13	10:00 a.m.	Discussion led by Ken Sambell on "Comparing Christianity & Buddhism" (A 30-minute recorded lecture on Buddhism by The Teaching Company will be included)
		11:00 a.m.	[Safe Haven collection] Bob Ray Sanders, columnist for the <i>Fort Worth Star-Telegram</i> , speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Saturday	Dec 19	6:30 p.m.	Yule (Winter Solstice) and New Moon Ritual both celebrated at the church by the Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle — see Page 2 for details.
Sunday	Dec 20	9:00 a.m.	Early Bird Special: Tai Chi and Qi Gong led by Gregory Ellis
		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.	"A Unitarian Christmas" presented by John Blair
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee led by Larry Heath
Sunday	Dec 27	10:00 a.m.	TBA
		11:00 a.m.	"Do-It-Ourselves" service: Please bring something thought-provoking to share
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck — all are invited

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Sunday Jan 3 10:00 a.m. The Sunday School Gang continues the series *The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions*, with "Lessons of Love — Plato's Symposium"  
 11:00 a.m. David Tripp speaks on "Turning the Page"  
 12:30 p.m. Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

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

Yule Celebration on December 19



Yule is a time to celebrate the rebirth of the Sun in the depth of midwinter. At Yule we choose what to take into the New Year and what to leave behind. It is a time of relaxation, retreat and feasting, of introspection and planning for the future. Yule is the ancient Saxon word for this festival, and many of the traditions that are still observed today have their origins in pre-history. A feast follows the ceremony.

New Moon Ritual Also on December 19

The Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle celebrates a New Moon Ritual at the church on Saturday, December 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. This event is both a celebration and a study session. If you are interested in Wicca or Pagan beliefs in general, you are welcome to attend. Call 817- 277-4277 for more information.



The Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle will celebrate Yule, the Winter Solstice, on Saturday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the church. One of the most evocative and significant festivals for Wiccans and Pagans,

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 Whitney Young



*I grew up with a basic belief in the inherent decency of human beings.*  
— Whitney Young

Whitney Moore Young, Jr., Executive Director of the National Urban League for the critical decade of the 1960s, was born in Kentucky in 1921 into a family of

educators. After college in 1944, Young joined the Army and found himself in an all-black regiment with a white captain. Often he mediated between the captain and the troops, defusing racial tension and cultivating his eventually legendary skill as a "powerbroker" between whites and blacks. He later said "It was my Army experience that decided me on getting into the race relations field. Not just because I saw the problems, but because I saw the potentials, too." While studying social work at the University of Minnesota, Young was introduced to the Urban League. Accepting a position as executive secretary of the Omaha Urban League, he taught at the University of Nebraska and Creighton University. The opportunity to become directly involved on the civil rights battlegrounds of the South arrived when he became dean of the Atlanta University School of Social Work. Young enlarged the faculty and the budget, created additional training programs, and reshuffled the leadership. In 1960 Young received a Rockefeller grant at Harvard University; in 1961 he accepted the presidency of the National Urban League. He revolutionized the League's inner workings, tapping funding sources like the Rockefellers. The League's budget increased tenfold, the staff quadrupled, and the number of regional offices increased 50%. In 1963 when the League was asked to support the March on Washington, the League's board members perceived the March as radical; but Young convinced them the League's influence would actually serve to neutralize the radical elements. The League emerged successfully at the leading edge of the civil rights movement. In a *New York Times Magazine* article, Young pointed out that the

average white family earned more than twice as much as the average black family and observed, "For more than 300 years the white American has received special consideration or 'preferential treatment'... over the Negro. What we ask now is that for a brief period there be a deliberate and massive effort to include the Negro citizen in the mainstream of American life." As Executive Director of the Urban League, Young devised the Domestic Marshall Plan, which provided the conceptual basis for many of the Johnson Administration's anti-poverty programs. In 1969 he was awarded the highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom. Young wrote two books: *To Be Equal* and *Beyond Racism*, in which he developed his vision of an open society. He envisioned a pluralistic society, not simply an integrated one, that would thrive on ethnic and cultural diversity, and ensure economic and racial justice. In Omaha in the early 1950s, Young and his wife, Margaret Buckner, had joined the Unitarian Church. When they moved to Atlanta, they were the first black people to join the Unitarian Universalist Church. Young asked the minister, Ed Cahill, to help him on the Greater Atlanta Council of Human Relations. The two of them, with the rest of the Council, brought about the desegregation of the airport, the public library and eventually the public schools. After Young was chosen to be National Director of the Urban League and the Youngs moved to Rye, NY, they joined the White Plains Unitarian Church. In March 1971, while attending a conference in Lagos, Nigeria, Young died of a heart attack while ocean swimming. His funeral was held in New York's Riverside Church and attended by an estimated 4,500 mourners, with hundreds more standing outside. Afterwards the White Plains Church held a memorial service, which Ed Cahill came to conduct, along with Bob West, then President of the UUA.

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[highstreetchurch.org/Sermon%20Archive/Stamp%20Collecting%20for%20UUs.pdf](http://highstreetchurch.org/Sermon%20Archive/Stamp%20Collecting%20for%20UUs.pdf)

**First Parish Church, Unitarian Universalist,  
Ashby, Massachusetts**

This classic New England UU church has been in Ashby since 1809, when it was built on the village common to a design by architect Asher Benjamin, designer of scores of houses and churches in New England. With a congregation today of only about 35, the church maintains a full program of services and other activities each month with a regular ministerial presence and even provides recordings of each service on their website for shut-ins to download and listen to.



*Congregants, First Parish Church, Ashby*

**Adult Literacy Project Now Meets Mondays**

In an initiative supported by the Arlington Public Library to assist adults who want help in improving their reading skills, volunteers from our church meet clients at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the church. To participate in this very worthwhile community outreach project, please contact Patsy Rosen or call the Blairs at 817-265-3429.

**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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