



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope

February 2008

Sunday	Feb. 3	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang" continues David Tripp's series on Transcendentalist poets
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Monday	Feb. 4	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Feb. 10	10:00 a.m.	Forum on "Your funniest incident or memory" led by Ken Sambell. Humor is hard to retell but we will listen to your gems! Also touch on Woody Allen's gems!
		11:00 a.m.	Mark Walz, minister at Oak Cliff UU Church, speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
		5:00 p.m.	Interfaith Buddhist Lunar New Year Celebration of Joy led by Br. ChiSing at Unity Church in Dallas. See back for details
Monday	Feb. 11	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Feb. 17	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.	Naren Jackson speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	Feb. 18	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Feb. 24	10:00 a.m.	Larry Heath reviews <i>The Dip: A Little Book That Teaches You When to Quit (and When to Stick)</i> by Seth Godin
		11:00 a.m.	Byron Bounds speaks on "The Sanctity of Marriage"
		12:30 p.m.	Last Supper
Monday	Feb. 25	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Mar. 2	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
		4:00 p.m.	Dedication of new building at Westside UU Church. See back for details

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

***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.*

Meet Julia Ward Howe

Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) famously wrote the incredibly popular "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" (for which she was paid \$5) but deserves remembrance for much more than that. During her life, she was an active poet, essayist, lecturer, reformer and biographer.



She worked to end slavery, helped to initiate the women's movement in many states, and organized for international peace, all at a time, she noted, "when to do so was a thankless office, involving public ridicule and private avoidance." Born in a well-to-do, conservative New York family, she had two great-grandfathers who had been colonial governors of Rhode Island. Influenced by Channing's sermons, Emerson's lectures, and Margaret Fuller's conversations, "I studied my way out of all the mental agonies which Calvinism can engender and became a Unitarian." In 1843 she wed Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe, founder of Perkins Institute for the Blind (now Perkins School for the Blind), having been introduced by Charles Sumner and Longfellow. As a young wife and mother she began writing, with a very well-received volume of poetry published in 1854, and in 1857 another book of poems and a produced play. Meanwhile, she became active in antislavery work. Her most famous poem, written during the Civil War in 1862, won almost overnight popularity with Union supporters and has been sung (in the North) ever since. After the war Howe focused on pacifism and women's suffrage, speaking frequently in public. She helped found the New England Woman's Club and the New England Woman Suffrage Association, which she served as president for many years. In 1869 she and Lucy Stone formed the American Woman Suffrage Association. In 1870 Howe was the first to proclaim Mother's Day (originally Mother's Peace Day) with her "Mother's Day Proclamation" (reading 573 in *Singing the Living Tradition*). From 1872 to 1879, she assisted Stone and Henry Brown Blackwell in editing *Woman's Journal*. "During the first two thirds of

my life I looked to the masculine idea of character as the only true one. I sought its inspiration and referred my merits and demerits to its judicial verdict . . . the new domain now made clear to me was that of true womanhood - woman no longer in her ancillary relation to her opposite, man, but in her direct relation to the divine plan and purpose, as a free agent, fully sharing with man every human right and every human responsibility. This discovery was like the addition of a new continent to the map of the world, or of a new testament to the old ordinances." During her lifetime Howe published several prose works, including a biography of her husband, an autobiography and the book *Woman's Work in America*. On January 28, 1908, she became the first woman elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. In 1970, she was inducted posthumously into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Late in life, when asked for advice by a young woman, Howe reportedly replied "Study Greek, my dear; it's better than a diamond necklace."

Adapted from:

www25.uua.org/uuhs/duub/articles/juliawardhowe.html and en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julia_Ward_Howe

Arlington UU Church News

At the Midwinter Meeting on Jan. 27, Byron Bounds, Daralyn Jackson and Lea Worcester were elected to the Nominating Committee, who will nominate officers and one at-large member to be voted on by the congregation at the Annual Meeting on May 25.

Celebration at Westside UU Church

On Mar. 2, at 4 p.m., our friends at Westside UU Church will dedicate their new building on the west side of Fort Worth. Dr. Russell Elleven, who began to serve the congregation on a part-time basis in 2005, has now been called to full-time ministry. For more information, call 817-924-6988 or go to westsideuu.org

Interfaith Buddhist Lunar New Year

Celebration of Joy will be led by Br. ChiSing Sunday, Feb. 10, 5 p.m. at Unity Church of Dallas. More information at intermindful.com 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. **Newsletter/Publicity:** Clara Blair, 817-265-3429, blairbards@sbcglobal.net