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Kaleidoscope

February 2010

Sunday	Feb 7	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i> , with "We Are Not Alone—Compassion and Empathy" led by Naren Jackson
		11:00 a.m.	John Blair speaks on "The Other 'U' in 'UU' — George de Benneville and the Roots of Universalism in America"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Wednesday	Feb 10	7:30 p.m.	AUUC Movie Night features <i>What the Bleep Do We Know?</i> — see Page 2 for details
Sunday	Feb 14	10:00 a.m.	Discussion led by Ken Sambell on "Judaism and the contribution of liberal Jews" (A 30-minute recorded lecture on Judaism by The Teaching Company will be included)
		11:00 a.m.	[Safe Haven collection] Rev. Marcia Shannon, of the UU Church of Oak Cliff, speaks on "Standing on the Side of Love"
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Saturday	Feb 20	6:30 p.m.	Emerald Dragon New Moon Ritual at the church
Sunday	Feb 21	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] David Tripp on "Speaking of God in the 21st Century"
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee led by Larry Heath

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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	Feb 28	9:00 a.m.	Early Bird Special: Tai Chi and Qi Gong led by Gregory Ellis
		10:00 a.m.	Martha Fiddes presents a program called "Good Vibrations," explaining how breathing exercises can be a great form of mindful meditation
		11:00 a.m.	"The Feast of Purim and Why It Should Matter to UUs" — One of the most joyous holidays in the Jewish calendar, commemorating a time when the Jews of Persia were saved from extermination, as told in the Old Testament Book of Esther
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck — all are invited
Sunday	Mar 7	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues the series <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i> , with "Noble? Deadly Sin? Pride and Shame"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "The Artistic Vision"
		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.*

Movie Night on February 10

The February Movie will be *What The Bleep Do We Know? (a Quantum Adventure)*, the original theatrical version, followed by some of the interviews from the *Down the Rabbit Hole* version (108 minutes, DVD). We look forward to time for discussion, socializing, and potluck hors d'oeuvres. Bring what you like to munch and sip on. This highly controversial film about quantum physics and the nature of reality (1,295 customer reviews on Amazon.com) is "Not Rated" but not for little kids. Showtime is 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 10, at the church.

Nominating Committee

At the Midwinter Meeting on January 31, in accordance with our By-Laws, a quorum of the AUUC voting members elected the following to the Nominating Committee: Gregory Ellis, Phyllis Gillette, and Daniel Melendez. These three will propose a slate of nominees to the Annual Meeting on May 30, 2010.

New Moon Ritual on February 20

The Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle celebrates a New Moon Ritual at the church on Saturday, February 20, 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.



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 Horace Greeley



Horace Greeley (1811-1872), Universalist journalist, reformer and politician, is best known as the innovative publisher and editor of the *New York Tribune*. Born in New Hampshire, Greeley was largely self-educated. In 1831 he went to New York City to seek his fortune as an editor. Soon he launched a literary and news weekly, the *New Yorker* and, in 1840, a Whig campaign weekly, the *Log Cabin*. Shortly after coming to New York City, he joined the Universalist church on Orchard Street. In 1841 Greeley founded the *New York Tribune*. By 1861 circulation had risen to more than 250,000, and the *Tribune* became the most influential newspaper in the country. To news reports, Greeley added editorials and commentary on social and political issues, hiring top newspaper men and literary stars like Margaret Fuller, who wrote reviews and social commentary, later serving as a European correspondent. Greeley taught her to write rapidly and tersely; she lectured him on woman's rights. He was at first skeptical. "So long as she shall consider it dangerous or unbecoming to walk half a mile alone by night — I cannot see how the 'Woman's Rights' theory is ever to be anything more than a logically defensible abstraction." Eventually his opinion shifted. In 1850 he gingerly endorsed the First National Woman's Rights Convention. Greeley came to espouse a wide variety of liberal causes, including abolishing slavery and capital punishment, improving working conditions, and free-soil homesteading. An admirer later wrote, "Greeley labored with the world to better it, to give men moderate wages and wholesome food, and to teach women to earn their living."

Greeley was famous for promoting western development and emigration. Misquoted as saying, "Go West, young man," he actually said: "If any young man is about to commence in the world, with little in his circumstances to prepossess him in favor of one section above another, we say to him . . . go to the West; there your capacities are sure to be appreciated and your industry and energy rewarded." He helped organize the Republican Party in 1856 and campaigned for Lincoln in 1860. Greeley's political and social views reflected his strongly held religious views, aiming at creating a society in which men and women would be inclined toward actions that "shall ultimately result in universal holiness and consequent happiness." A pacifist, in 1861 he nevertheless came to believe the South had to be resisted with force. He applied public pressure on Lincoln to immediately emancipate slaves. In an 1862 editorial addressed to the president, "The Prayer of Twenty Millions," he wrote that he was "sorely disappointed and deeply pained by the policy you seem to be pursuing with regard to the slaves of rebels." Lincoln famously answered, "If I could save the Union without freeing any slaves, I would do it — if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it — and if I could do it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that." When Lincoln published the Emancipation Proclamation, Greeley rejoiced: "It is the beginning of the new life of the nation." Throughout the war he alternately castigated and lauded Lincoln. "I do not suppose I have any right to complain," Lincoln remarked. "Uncle Horace agrees with me pretty often after all; I reckon he is with us at least four days out of seven." Since his death in 1872, Greeley has been remembered as his country's greatest newspaper editor, an outstanding popular educator, and a notable champion of the downtrodden and dispossessed.

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www.25.uua.org/uuhs/duub/articles/horacegreeley.html

First UU Society of San Francisco

This historic big-city church dates back to Gold Rush days and was the site of Thomas Starr King's powerful ministry in the 1860s. Located on Franklin at Geary, with Starr King Way on a third facade, the church buildings combine grand Gothic stone architecture (with three stained-glass rose windows) and modern additions in a unified enclave of liberal religion in the heart of town just eight blocks west of Union Square. At 458 members, First UU ranks as a larger congregation while still being small enough to have a sense of community.



Thomas Starr King statue on the grounds

Adult Literacy Project Now Meets Mondays

In cooperation with the Arlington Public Library, volunteers from our church meet clients at the church at 6:30 p.m. Mondays. 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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