



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church
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Kaleidoscope February 2011

Tuesday	Feb 1	7:00 p.m.	Noetic Science Group: "Emotional Freedom Technique" by Linda Effertz, LPC, CMH — see Page 2 (Canceled due to bad weather)
Saturday	Feb 5	12:00 noon	Imbolc festival in our Grove — Eagle Mt. PG (To be rescheduled due to bad weather)
Sunday	Feb 6	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i> , with "Emotions as Ethics," led by Naren Jackson
		11:00 a.m.	David Cozad speaks on "The Price of Gasoline"
Wednesday	Feb 9	7:00 p.m.	AUUC Movie Night features <i>Capitalism: A Love Story</i> — see Page 2
Sunday	Feb 13	10:00 a.m.	Daniel Melendez leads a discussion on comparative religion
		11:00 a.m.	[Safe Haven Collection] Rev. Mark Walz, minister at UU Church of Oak Cliff, speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees, led by John Blair
Saturday	Feb 19	6:30 p.m.	Emerald Dragon celebrates the Full Moon
Sunday	Feb 20	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Gang — Naren Jackson continues <i>Staying Up Much Too Late</i> , by Gordon Theisen
		11:00 a.m.	[Monthly collection for a Social Justice project] John Blair reads "Pastoral Care in Tough Times," by Rev. Jane Dwinell
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee led by Gregory Ellis
Sunday	Feb 27	9:00 a.m.	Early Bird Special: Tai Chi and Qi Gong
		10:00 a.m.	Discussion of "The Spectrum of Consciousness and Expanding It" continues, led by Gregory Ellis
		11:00 a.m.	John Smotherman speaks on "The Consciousness Paradigm — Building A Better Life"
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck — all are invited

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.

Tuesday	Mar 1	7:00 p.m.	Noetic Science Group: "Awakening Heart" by Buddhist Brother ChiSing, M.Div.
Sunday	Mar 6	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i> , with "Emotions as Ethics," led by Naren Jackson
		11:00 a.m.	Bob Ray Sanders, of the <i>Star-Telegram</i> , visits us

*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.*

Noetic Science Group Meets at AUUC

The Noetic Science group meets at 7:00 p.m. at the church on the **First Tuesday** of each month. For **February 1** the program was "Emotional Freedom Technique," by Linda Effertz, LPC, CMH, but was canceled due to bad weather. For **March 1** the program is "Awakening Heart," by Buddhist Brother ChiSing, M.Div. There will be light refreshments. All are welcome. For information contact Sara Horsfall at shorsfall99@hotmail.com. Find a complete list of programs on the Noetic Science page on Meetup.com. Please visit noetic.org.

Imbolc Festival to Be Rescheduled

Eagle Mountain Protogrove ADF was to celebrate Imbolc on February 5, at 12:00 noon in our Grove. Plans changed due to bad weather. Call Chad Martin at 682-365-5198 or visit eaglemountainpg.org for info.



Movie Night at the Church February 9

On Wednesday, **February 9**, at 7:00 p.m., we show *Capitalism: A Love Story*, in which Michael Moore examines the impact of corporate dominance on the everyday lives of Americans (and by default, the rest of the world). The film moves from Middle America, to the halls of power in Washington, to the global financial epicenter in Manhattan. With both humor and outrage, the film explores the question: What is the price that America pays for its love of capitalism? Families pay the price with their jobs, their homes and their savings. Moore goes into the homes of ordinary people whose lives have been turned upside down, and he goes looking for explanations in Washington, DC, and elsewhere. What he finds are the all-too-familiar symptoms of a love affair gone astray: lies, abuse, betrayal...and 14,000 jobs being lost every day. *Capitalism: A Love Story* also presents what a more hopeful future could look like. Who are we and why do we behave the way that we do?" This is also a potluck snack event, so bring whatever you like to munch and sip on.

Full Moon Celebration February 19

The Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle will celebrate the Full Moon on Saturday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. 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 Ethelred Brown



Egbert Ethelred Brown (1875-1956) was the first black person to become a Unitarian minister. (Universalism, a separate denomination until 1961, ordained several blacks earlier.) Born in Jamaica to a highly respected family, Ethelred was the eldest of five children. He

showed promise of having a successful career as an accountant in the civil service; but by 1907, aged 32, at odds with trinitarian beliefs since his childhood and influenced by having read William Ellery Channing's sermon "Unitarian Christianity" and other Unitarian works owned by his uncle and a local physician, he had made the momentous decision to go to the United States to study theology and be ordained into the Unitarian Church. At that point in his life he had never even met a Unitarian, but he wrote for advice to "Any Unitarian Minister in New York City," entrusted the letter to the mail, and rather amazingly got a reply from the president of Meadville Theological School, who told him he would have to come study in the United States. Brown wrote later, however, he was told "as there was no Unitarian Church in America for colored people, and that as white Unitarians required a white minister, he was unable to predict what my future would be at the conclusion of my training." Brown arrived in the United States in September 1910 and started his studies at Meadville, the seventh black to enroll there. Ethelred Brown was ordained a Unitarian minister in 1912. Another Unitarian minister commented that he was "fairly well-educated, seems endowed with tact and great common sense, and is a speaker of considerable eloquence and force." Brown returned to Jamaica, where he spent two years in Montego Bay (1912-14) and six (1914-20) in Kingston trying to establish a Unitarian church. In Kingston he was gradually able to attract members and regularly held meetings and services, often in a park for lack of a

building. By 1920 he was unable, because of financial constraints caused in part by reluctance of American Unitarians to support his efforts, to continue his mission in Jamaica. He decided to go to Harlem to set up a Unitarian church there, the Harlem Community Church. His wife and four children went with him. Brown's struggles, and his total devotion to his beliefs resulted in considerable hardships for his family. In his writings he comments "The Negro...has too much of the wrong kind of religion.... [What is needed is] a religion of the present and the practical profoundly concerned with this world.... The virtue of discontentment is a necessary preliminary to making this earth a place wherein dwell justice and peace and love... [Every one must] shoulder [their] own responsibility...work out [their] own salvation." Brown's Unitarian church in Harlem never had a large membership and he continued to have serious difficulties in his relationship with national Unitarian Church authorities. At that point in Unitarian history, white congregations would never have considered having a black minister; and there were no black Unitarian congregations except the one Brown had founded. However, his church became an important center for debate on current issues in the Harlem community; and Brown, along with other West Indians, was a strong voice for progressive opinion. He continued as minister at his Harlem church until his death in the mid 1950s, which the congregation did not survive. In recent years, Rev. Ethelred Brown has been an example of how Unitarians in past generations struggled and often failed at outreach to the African-American community. In 2008 he was the subject of the book *The Origins of Black Humanism in America: Reverend Ethelred Brown and the Unitarian Church*, by Juan M. Floyd-Thomas, Associate Professor of History, Texas Christian University. You can also read about Rev. Brown in the 1980 book *Black Pioneers in a White Denomination*, by Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed. Hymn No. 116 in *Singing the Living Tradition*, "I'm on My Way," a traditional African-American folk song, uses a

melody "Ethelred" named in belated honor of Rev. Brown. We've come a long way but we still have a long way to go.

Adapted from:

uucnwt.org/sermons/storiesUUBlackHistory.html;
joyousjam.info/yesterdaypeople/id25.html;
uaa.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/faithfuljourneys/session8/sessionplan/stories/132451.shtml

2011 Nominating Committee Elected

At the Midwinter Congregational Meeting held Sunday, January 30, 2011, there were two major items of new business. A number of amendments to the AUUC Bylaws were discussed and voted on. Most passed. Probably the most interesting amendment was to raise the minimum age for Active Membership from 12 to 16. An up-to-date copy of the Bylaws will be posted on the church website at arlington-tx-uu.org later this month. And a Nominating Committee for the current church year was elected. This year's Nominating Committee includes Lea Worcester, Gregory Ellis, and Barry Hansen. The Committee's charge is to nominate a slate of church officers for the upcoming 2011-2012 business year, to be voted on at the Spring congregational meeting on May 29.

Adult Literacy Project

In an Arlington Public Library project, our volunteers work with clients one-on-one. For information about this community outreach activity, call Patsy Rosen at 817-860-9559.

NTAUUS Grant Awarded to AUUC

On January 22, 2011, the North Texas Association of Unitarian Universalist Societies (NTAUUS), our regional church organization, awarded the Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church (AUUC) a matching grant that will enable us to construct a wheelchair-accessible restroom in a space across the hallway from our existing restrooms. This restroom, which will be usable by both women and men, handicapped or not (but giving priority to those with physical handicaps), will be built in the outside half of the existing multi-purpose room. It is designed to generously meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including a wide doorway, plenty of floor space, heavy-duty grab bars, a raised commode, and a washbasin with knee room and wrist-operable faucet handles. More details will be provided as the project progresses. Our heartfelt thanks to the NTAUUS Board for this grant, the most recent and most generous in a series of grants we have received. This restroom project is the latest and most significant in a series of building modifications to make ours a fully handicap-accessible church building.

Two-Hour Sunday Morning Nursery Care

Nursery care is available from 10 a.m. to noon so that members, friends or visitors with young children can attend the adult discussions or service.

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 16 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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