

Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope January 2008

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
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Monday	Jan. 7	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Jan. 13	10:00 a.m.	Forum led by Ken Sambell on "What changes do you recommend in our government and/or Constitution?"
		11:00 a.m.	Paul Geisel speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	Jan. 14	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Jan. 20	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.	Psychologist Linda Cameron speaks on her book, <i>Cosmic Surfing: An Experience of Wholeness</i>
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	Jan. 21	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Jan. 27	10:00 a.m.	Forum led by Steve Bush on "Universal Health Care: What choice do we have?"
		11:00 a.m.	Lester Robbins speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Last Supper followed by Midwinter Congregational Meeting and election of Nominating Committee
Monday	Jan. 28	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Feb. 3	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

Nursery and Sunday School are provided at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday.

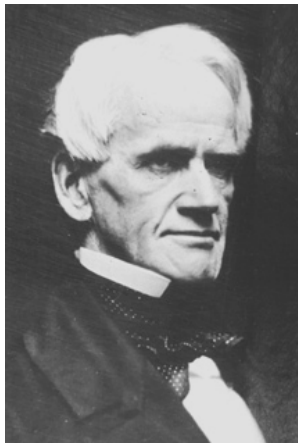
AUUC Mission Statement -- Our mission is to provide a nourishing environment:

- 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 Horace Mann

Horace Mann, born in Massachusetts in 1796, is often called "the father of American public education" for having greatly advanced the cause of universal, free, non-sectarian public schools. In addition, he advocated temperance, abolition, hospitals for the mentally ill, and women's rights. But his preferred cause was always education, once remarking that while "other reforms are remedial, education is preventive." Raised in a stern Calvinist religion, Mann suspended his Calvinist beliefs at 14 when his elder brother drowned and the funeral oration emphasized the hell that awaited those dying in an unconverted state. At that point, Mann adopted his own life-long belief in the kindness and ethical integrity of God. He joined a Unitarian church in 1823. About the same time, in a local Independence Day address, he outlined the basic principles he continued to hold for the rest of his life: that education, intelligent use of the elective franchise, and religious freedom are the means by which American liberties are preserved. After his first wife's death in 1832, Mann moved to Boston, where he met and befriended many prominent Unitarians including William Ellery Channing and Theodore Parker. In 1837 he became Secretary to the Massachusetts Board of Education. His educational policies, which stemmed from a belief in the perfectibility of humanity and society through adherence to naturally revealed moral law and that education allowed persons to discern the ethical demands of natural law, thereby creating a responsible and moral citizenry, led him to increasing the funding available to schools, improving the preparation and support of teachers, and advocating compassionate discipline rather than harsh physical punishment for students. Mann's reforms included establishment of a single state school system, separate classrooms for students at different levels of learning, more and better-equipped school houses, schooling to



age 16, and a wider curriculum. His most controversial reform involved advocating nonsectarian religious education. His approach was a compromise that allowed teaching only those doctrines common across all Christianity. Many since his day have blamed him for the eventual move to complete secularization of public schools. In 1848, the year he became a U.S. congressman, Mann moved to West Newton, Massachusetts, where he helped establish the First Unitarian Church. In Congress he made ringing indictments of slavery while continuing to push for universal public education. "Slavery would abolish education, if it should invade a free state; education would abolish slavery, if it *could* invade a slave state." In 1851 he became president of Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, which for a time was supported by the Unitarian Church. He spent the rest of his life there, supporting liberal education reforms. He is remembered especially for his words during his last Antioch commencement address, in 1859: "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."

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Arlington UU Church News

Please mark your calendar for our **Midwinter Meeting**, which will be held after our monthly Last Supper potluck on **January 27**. The main item of business is the election of the Nominating Committee.



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