



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope  
January 2012

Sunday	Jan. 1	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues the series <i>Emerson, Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement</i> , with "Emerson and the Idea of America"
		11:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Celebration
Tuesday	Jan. 3	7:00 p.m.	Noetic Science Group: "Daoism: Wisdom from the Past that Feels Very New" with speaker Craig Ledger
Wednesday	Jan. 4	7:00 p.m.	Pagan Open Forum
Sunday	Jan. 8	10:00 a.m.	Comparative religion: Islam, led by Nikki Ashcraft (last session by Nikki)
		11:00 a.m.	[Safe Haven Collection] Paula Shutman speaks on "The Inner Child — It's Never Too Late to Have a Happy Childhood"
		12:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets
Wednesday	Jan. 11	7:00 p.m.	AUUC Movie Night features <i>A Prairie Home Companion</i> (see page 2 for more information)
Sunday	Jan. 15	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues the Teaching Company lecture series <i>Practical Philosophy: The Greco-Roman Moralists</i> , with "Dominant Themes and Metaphors"
		11:00 a.m.	Gregory Ellis speaks on "Resolutions and Revolutions: Constructive Consumerism Unleashed"
Wednesday	Jan. 18	7:00 p.m.	Pagan Open Forum
Sunday	Jan. 22	10:00 a.m.	Discussion of "The Spectrum of Consciousness and Expanding It" continues, led by Gregory Ellis
		11:00 a.m.	Rev. Tony Lorenzen speaks
Wednesday	Jan. 25	7:00 p.m.	Drum Circle
Sunday	Jan. 29	10:00 a.m.	Basics of UUism
		11:00 a.m.	Lyndsay Mitchell, Planning Project Manager of the Arlington Urban Design Center, speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck — all are invited
		1:00 p.m.	Midwinter Congregational Meeting

*Support Group led by John Reed Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.*

*Nursery Care available 11 a.m. to noon.*

### Noetic Science Group

The Noetic Science Group, dedicated to "nurturing the conversation between science and spiritual values," meets 7:00 p.m. at the church on the **First Tuesday** of each month. **January 3** will be "Daoism: Wisdom from the Past that Feels Very New," with speaker Craig Ledger. Craig, a long time Daoist, hosts two different Meetup groups in the Dallas area. There is much wisdom to be mined from this ancient tradition. Light refreshments will be served. 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.

### Sunday Morning Nursery Care

Nursery care is available on demand. Members, friends or visitors with young children can attend the adult discussions or service.



### More Than One Place to See What's Happening at AUUC

Besides the calendar published in our monthly *Kaleidoscope* newsletter, which is a snapshot of planned coming events taken just before press time, all during the month you can visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/ArlingtonUU> and our Meetup pages at <http://www.meetup.com/unitarians-125/> for more information. We update these as details become available.

### Adult Literacy Project

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

### Movie Night at the Church January 11

On Wednesday, **January 11**, at 7:00 p.m., we show *A Prairie Home Companion*, a Robert Altman film starring Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, Woody Harrelson, Tommy Lee Jones, Kevin Kline, Virginia Madsen and others in an ensemble company. A look at what goes on backstage during the last broadcast of America's most celebrated radio show, where singing cowboys Dusty and Lefty, a country music siren, and a host of others hold court. With Garrison Keillor as himself. Bring whatever you like to munch and sip on.



### Annual Midwinter Meeting

Our Annual Midwinter Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, following the monthly Potluck Luncheon. The main business of this meeting is the election of a three-member Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees to be elected by voting members at the Annual Meeting on the last Sunday in May. According to our By-Laws, Active (voting) members must make a financial contribution of record during the year prior to, and be on the membership roster at least 60 days prior to, any congregational business meeting at which they wish to vote.

### UU Wednesdays

We have regular Wednesday evening programming throughout the month. Pagan Open Forum meets first and third Wednesdays, Movie Night the second, Drum Circle the fourth Wednesday.

### 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 Mary Rice Livermore



She held up her vision of "the great, grand time . . . [when] we shall have but one worship, that of the Universal Father, who embraces in His nature every form of love known to us . . . ; when we shall recognize the great tie of brotherhood the world over; when we shall be done with wars and

battles; when we shall come together as one people, with the Lord God our Father and our Leader." Mary Ashton Rice Livermore (1820-1905) was a key organizer for the United States Sanitary Commission during the Civil War and afterwards a leader of the woman suffrage and temperance movements and a popular lecturer on social reform. Born in Boston into a strict Calvinist family, Mary had taken religious questions seriously as a child, but eventually reached a crisis of faith. As a young woman she tried to find a new life by working as tutor on a plantation in Virginia, but three years living in the South taught her that slavery was as "demoralizing and debasing" to white slaveowners as it was hard and painful for blacks. By the time she returned to New England, Mary was an ardent abolitionist. On Christmas Eve in 1843, she was attracted into a Universalist church by the cheerful singing. On entering she found herself uplifted by the message she heard. Afterward she introduced herself to the church's young minister, Daniel Livermore. With books borrowed from Daniel's library, Mary "was soon deep in a course of theological reading and study." She met with Daniel frequently, embraced Universalism and they fell in love. They wed in 1845, and their strong marriage lasted for over half a century. Daniel served a succession of churches. His stands on slavery, women's rights and temperance often caused tension with his parishioners. Mary, strongly supporting her husband's views, but unhappy with her role of minister's wife, found an outlet in writing and won two prizes for her *stories—Thirty Years too Late*, 1845, on temperance, and *A Mental Transformation*, 1848, about "changes

wrought in one's life and character by a vital change of religious belief." In 1857, frustrated with parish life, the couple moved to Chicago, where they lived for the next thirteen years. There, Mary, with Daniel's help and encouragement, came into her own as a competent, self-confident woman with an important role to play in the reshaping of society. A turning point came when, during a cholera epidemic in the city, she determined to stay and volunteer her help rather than leaving Daniel and fleeing with her daughters. She quickly developed organizational skills, and when the Civil War broke out she was recruited by Henry Whitney Bellows, head of the U.S. Sanitary Commission, to become coordinator of the Northwestern branch. During the next four years she organized a far-flung volunteer support network for the Union hospitals, visited the hospitals, wrote letters "by the thousands" for soldiers, escorted wounded soldiers from hospitals to their homes, and raised large sums of money in support of the Commission's work. During the war, Mary became "aware that a large portion of the nation's work was badly done, or not done at all, because woman was not recognized as a factor in the political world. . . . [M]en and women should stand shoulder to shoulder, equal before the law." Women, she concluded, needed the right to vote. When the war ended, Mary rose to leadership in the woman suffrage movement, writing and traveling widely as she lectured and chaired meetings. In 1868 she organized the first





woman suffrage convention held in Chicago. In 1869 Mary served as editor of the woman's rights periodical, the *Agitator*. It was not long, however, before she was encouraged to full-time lecturing. For almost a quarter of a century, until her retirement in 1895, Mary devoted herself to this new career, speaking on women's rights and other reform topics "in every part of the country from Maine to Santa Barbara." Her lectures, delivered without manuscript or notes, addressed a wide variety of topics, ranging from women's rights and temperance to immortality. While reflecting her Universalist convictions, all were crafted for broad appeal to a general audience. In "Concerning Husbands and Wives" she held up a model of marriage between equal, complementary partners. In "The Battle of Life" she shared her vision of the better world that was to come and encouraged her listeners to move in its direction. In "Does the Liquor

Traffic Pay?" she described the huge social cost of alcohol and called on her audience to join her in winning the temperance battle. In "Has the Night of Death no Morning" she affirmed her belief in the soul's immortality, a belief to be fostered by noble living. In "What shall we do with our Daughters?" she called on her listeners to prepare the next generation of women to take their rightful place in the affairs of the world. The last was delivered more than eight hundred times. Immensely popular as a public speaker, Mary became known as "the Queen of the American Platform." She was the author of two substantial books: *My Story of the War*, published in 1887, an account of her work with the Sanitary Commission, and *The Story of My Life*, published in 1897. In 1873, Mary was chosen as the first president of the Association for Advancement of Women. In 1875 she became president of the American Woman Suffrage Association and began her twenty-year presidency of the Massachusetts Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mary often spoke from Universalist pulpits and at denominational and interdenominational meetings. As a major speaker at the Murray Centennial celebration at Gloucester in 1870, she shared her expectation that "through the doctrines of Universalism" sin will be overcome.

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**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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