



## Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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# Kaleidoscope

July 2008

Sunday	July 6	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "Reading the Bible with New Glasses"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Monday	July 7	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	July 13	10:00 a.m.	Larry Heath reports on <i>Just How Stupid Are We?: Facing the Truth About the American Voter</i> , by Rick Shenkman
		11:00 a.m.	Psychologist Phil Roos speaks on "Happiness"
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	July 14	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	July 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.	Steve Bush speaks on "How I Would Teach History"
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	July 21	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	July 27	10:00 a.m.	Conversation with a representative from the DFW branch of NORML about revising marijuana laws
		11:00 a.m.	Sheldon Lampson speaks on "Reflections on the Bible"
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck - all are invited
Monday	July 28	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Aug 3	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "Inspiration In Spite of Everything"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

*Nursery 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 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.*

## Meet Ida Maud Cannon



Ida Maud Cannon, 1877-1960, pioneer in the hospital social service movement, played a pivotal role in developing the theory and practice of medical social work, established the first social work department in a hospital in the USA and created a durable model of social work that spread throughout the world. Born in Milwaukee, she was raised in St. Paul in a home filled with books, a respect for knowledge, and a sense of social responsibility. Ida first trained and worked as a nurse, then extended her education to include sociology and psychology. She was the first visiting nurse for St. Paul Associated Charities, 1903-06, where she began to see the interconnections between illness, poverty, and other social ills. In 1906, Ida enrolled at the new Boston School for Social Workers. In 1907 she took a job as a social worker at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and in a year was head social worker. She dealt with casework involving people who had to cope with TB, VD, industrial accidents, single parenthood and other problems of the poor. She began each case with a thorough investigation of the patient's health, family life, financial situation, living conditions, and capacity for work. Then she offered patients a variety of services provided by collaborating agencies, such as lessons in hygiene and self-care, financial help, and "friendly and understanding counsel." In 1913 she published the seminal text of the medical social work field, *Social Work in Hospitals: A Contribution to Progressive Medicine*, presenting the history to then of hospital social service, common "medical-social problems," record-keeping, organization, choice of workers, and community relationships. She also developed the

first medical social work curriculum to be offered by a school of social work in the USA. At the Boston School for Social Work she directed the hospital social service program from 1912 to 1925, and taught until 1945. In 1914 she became Chief of Social Service at MGH. After moving to Cambridge, Ida had joined First Parish Cambridge (Unitarian). Ida believed that spiritual exploration and scientific research could not yield meaningful knowledge if pursued independent of one another. She applied this principle to her work in the hospital. "Social service for the sick is not a new function of the church. But there has come a weakening of the tie between the church and those who would profit by their ministrations. Also there is, with the broadening interest of Unitarian Churches in social service, an opportunity for much helpfulness - not on the basis of denominationalism, but on the basis of human interest and a sense of social responsibility." For Cannon, religion was a way of living. She strove to apply her faith to her daily work. Every person, she believed, was an indispensable part of God's plan. It followed that every person had value and was born equal - two of professional social work's foundational ideas, both then and today. She emphasized every person's duty to find their own vocation and make a unique contribution to the world. For her, pursuing one's vocation without self-consciousness was the path to human perfection and the fulfillment of one's part in the divine plan. In 1918, she co-founded the American Association of Hospital Social Workers (now the National Association of Social Workers). She served as president of this and worked in many capacities in other social work organizations, commissions, councils, committees and conferences. For her generation, Cannon was the symbol of hospital social service, and even today is celebrated for her remarkable contributions to medical social work. It has been said that, given the basic idea of hospital social work, Cannon made it happen. From an article by Amy Dahlberg Chu at: [25.uua.org/uuhs/duub/rarticles/idamaudcannon.html](http://25.uua.org/uuhs/duub/rarticles/idamaudcannon.html)

**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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