



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope

June 2008

Sunday	June 1	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang" continues David Tripp's series on Transcendentalist poets
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp on "Twilight of the Idols"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Monday	June 2	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	June 8	10:00 a.m.	"Two-Word Summaries of the Ism's" led by Ken Sambell
		11:00 a.m.	Lester Robbins speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	June 9	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	June 15	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.	Father's Day Service
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	June 16	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	June 22	10:00 a.m.	"The Unique Magna Carta" led by Ken Sambell
		11:00 a.m.	Do-It-Ourselves service: Please bring something thought-provoking to share
Monday	June 23	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	June 29	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday discussion on Unitarian Universalism
		11:00 a.m.	Program to be announced
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck - all are invited
Monday	June 30	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
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

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 Adlai Stevenson

Adlai Ewing Stevenson (1900-1965), politician, diplomat and Unitarian, twice ran as Democratic Party candidate for President of the United States. One of the greatest political orators of his time, he brought freshness, depth, passion, wit and vision to American politics and to international diplomacy. In 1945, Stevenson helped formulate the preparatory documents for the United Nations. Later he became Chief of the US delegation to the UN Preparatory Commission, then senior advisor to the US delegation at the General Assembly's first meeting, then delegate to the General Assembly in 1946 and 1947. Elected Governor of Illinois in 1948, he was credited with cleaning up much corruption. Following his term as Governor he was drafted in 1952 to run for President against Eisenhower. In his acceptance speech Stevenson appealed: "Let's talk sense to the American people . . . the truth, that there are no gains without pains, that we are now on the eve of great decisions, not easy decisions, like resistance when you are attacked, but a long patient, costly struggle which alone can assure triumph over the great enemies of man - war, poverty, and tyranny." Again the Democratic nominee in 1956, he received the largest popular vote of any losing candidate in American history. In 1961 President Kennedy appointed him Ambassador to the UN, in which post he died, July 14, 1965. President Lyndon Johnson and other national and international notables attended the memorial service, where the eulogy called Stevenson a "universal citizen." Stevenson attributed his "insulation from any religious feeling of partisanship or religious prejudice" to "the liberal influence of the Unitarian church on me from my infancy." He considered that his religious faith provided him an appreciation for compromise and the value of differences. He



wrote that "the power of the liberal way" consisted "in helping ourselves and others to see some of the possibilities inherent in viewpoints other than one's own." "If a liberal wishes to win friends and influence people . . . one thing he cannot afford is the luxury of dogmatism." "Our reasonableness . . . must always be motivated by the urge to learn, to share and to find common ground." His faith informed both his public utterances and his efforts for a more peaceful world. "If we really want human brotherhood to spread and increase until it makes life safe and sane, we must also be certain that there is no one true faith or path by which it may spread." He thought that the "basic faith in liberty of conscience . . . is, in fact, our bond of unity with all free men." He was passionate about democracy as the most generous form of government and about the United Nations as "our only ultimate shield against disastrous war." "Man in his civil society," he said, "has learned how to live under the law with the institutions of justice, and with a controlled strength that can protect rich and poor, weak and strong alike." Stevenson reasoned that what worked for individuals might also be made to work for nations. "For the first time in human history, we are attempting the same safeguards, the same framework of justice, the same sense of law and impartial protection in the whole wide society of man." He described this as the "audacious meaning of the United Nations." "Either we shall make it grow and flourish," he warned, "or I do not know what power or institution can save us."

Based on an article by Richard Henry at:
25.uua.org/uuhs/duub/articles/adlaistevenson.html

Arlington UU Church News

At the annual meeting May 25 all officers were re-elected: President John Blair, Vice-President Larry Heath, Secretary Daralyn Jackson, Treasurer Joyce Rury, Past-President Lea Worcester. Clara Blair and Faiza Rizkalla continue as Members at Large. Steven Bush was voted 3-year Member at Large replacing Patsy Rosen, whose term had ended. Bylaws revisions and officially changing our name to "Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church" both passed.

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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