



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope

March 2009

Sunday	Mar 1	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues the series <i>No Excuses: Existentialism and the Meaning of Life</i> , with "Sartre on Emotions and Responsibility," led by Naren Jackson
		11:00 a.m.	Lester Robbins speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Sunday	Mar 8	10:00 a.m.	Larry Heath reviews <i>The Tyranny of Dead Ideas: Letting Go of the Old Ways of Thinking to Unleash a New Prosperity</i> , by Matt Miller
		11:00 a.m.	[Monthly Safe Haven collection] Bud Kennedy, <i>Star-Telegram</i> , speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Sunday	Mar 15	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Gang - David Tripp continues to lead a study of Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay, <i>The American Scholar</i>
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "Loneliness and Solitude"
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee led by Larry Heath
Sunday	Mar 22	10:00 a.m.	"Exploring Consciousness," led by Gregory Ellis
		11:00 a.m.	Craig Leger, organizer of Dallas Taoist Meetup, speaks
Sunday	Mar 29	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday UU basics
		11:00 a.m.	Social Justice Sunday
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck - all are invited
Sunday	Apr 5	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues the series <i>No Excuses: Existentialism and the Meaning of Life</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Psychologist Linda Cameron speaks on "Spiritual Abundance: Undoing Negative Feelings that Block It"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

*Support Group led by John Reed Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.
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 William Howard Taft



Many people think of William Howard Taft as the fat President who got stuck in a bathtub and played a lot of golf. But Taft was the President who actually accomplished a lot of the reforms that Teddy Roosevelt had championed. Being President when the

Standard Oil trust was busted (along with dozens of others), when the graduated income tax was instituted, and when direct election of Senators was added to the Constitution, is remarkable. Born in Cincinnati to a prominent Ohio family, Taft was raised in the Unitarian church and remained an active, enthusiastic Unitarian all his life. The only person to serve as both President of the United States and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the sole Unitarian President since Millard Fillmore, Taft (1857-1930) remains the only Unitarian Chief Justice. After receiving his Law degree in 1880, Taft held various public offices before being appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Ohio. He was already widely known as an amiable and likable man, exceedingly bright and capable. In 1890, under President Benjamin Harrison, Taft became Solicitor General of the United States, then, in 1891, a judge of the newly created Sixth District of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. In 1896 he was appointed Professor of Law and Dean at the University of Cincinnati Law School. In 1900 President William McKinley appointed Taft chairman of a commission to organize a civilian government in the Philippines (ceded to the United States following the Spanish-American War). Taft told the President that his real ambition was to serve on the Supreme Court. Besides, he had been against annexation of the islands. McKinley promised that he would appoint him to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court following the Philippines mission. The Tafts moved to Manila, where the commission's work was completed. In 1901, Taft was made Civil Governor of the Philippines. Theodore Roosevelt, who became President when McKinley was assassinated in 1901, admired the job Taft was doing in the Philippines. He nevertheless

kept McKinley's promise by twice offering Taft appointment to vacancies on the Supreme Court, but Taft turned Roosevelt down when groups of Filipinos begged him to continue as Governor in Manila. Roosevelt appointed him Secretary of War in 1904. During the next four years Roosevelt used Taft as his foreign affairs troubleshooter, sending him on a delicate mission to Russia, China and Japan; appointing him temporary Civil Governor of Cuba to restore order following a revolt; and putting him in charge of supervising the initial construction work on the Panama Canal. Not only did Roosevelt admire Taft's administrative skills, but he liked his genial presence. Having renounced running for reelection in 1908, the immensely popular President Roosevelt anointed Taft as his successor. With the President's support, Taft defeated William Jennings Bryan handily in the election. His one-term presidency (with which he was very uncomfortable) was characterized by trust-busting (80 antitrust lawsuits), strengthening the Interstate Commerce Commission, expanding the civil service, establishing a better postal system, and promoting world peace. In 1911, Taft broke with Roosevelt over what he viewed as Roosevelt's radicalism, leading Roosevelt to run as a third-party candidate in the election, which Woodrow Wilson easily won. Later, Taft became Dean and Professor of Law at Yale Law School. A supporter of President Wilson's war policies, he spoke widely in support of the League of Nations. In 1921 President Warren G. Harding finally fulfilled Taft's long-term ambition by appointing him Chief Justice of the United States. First as President, then as Chief Justice, Taft helped make the federal courts, especially the Supreme Court, much more powerful in shaping national policy. In 1930, illness forced him to resign from the Supreme Court, and he died soon after. His funeral was held in All Souls Unitarian Church. He was interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

Adapted from an article by Walter Herz:
www.25.uua.org/uuhs/duub/articles/williamhowardtaft.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 sponsors 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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