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Kaleidoscope

May 2010

Sunday	May 2	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i> , with "A Death in the Family — the Logic of Grief," led by Naren Jackson
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "A Solitary Life"
Sunday	May 9	10:00 a.m.	Daniel Melendez leads a discussion on comparative religion
		11:00 a.m.	[Safe Haven collection] Mother's Day Celebration
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Saturday	May 15	6:30 p.m.	Emerald Dragon celebrates Full Moon at the church — see Page 2 for details
Sunday	May 16	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Gang — David Tripp continues a series of discussions on the literary works of Paul Tillich
		11:00 a.m.	[Monthly collection for a Social Justice project] Bud Kennedy, columnist for the <i>Star-Telegram</i> , speaks — past topics have included local and state politics, social justice, and restaurants!
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee led by Gregory Ellis
Wednesday	May 19	7:30 p.m.	AUUC Movie Night features <i>Religulous</i> — see Page 2 for details
Sunday	May 23	9:00 a.m.	Early Bird Special: Tai Chi and Qi Gong
		10:00 a.m.	Discussion of "The Spectrum of Consciousness and Expanding It" continues, led by Gregory Ellis
		11:00 a.m.	On the 200th anniversary of Margaret Fuller's birth, John Blair reviews <i>The Spirit Leads: Margaret Fuller in Her Own Words</i> , edited by Barry Andrews

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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.

Sunday	May 30	10:00 a.m. UU Basics 11:00 a.m. TBA 12:30 p.m. Monthly Potluck — all are invited 1:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting — See Page 4
Sunday	June 6	10:00 a.m. The Sunday School Gang continues <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i> , with "James and the Bear — Emotions and Feelings," led by Naren Jackson 11:00 a.m. Joe Larkin, professional counselor, speaks on "Anger Management" 12:30 p.m. Finance Committee

*Support Group led by John Reed Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
Nursery Care provided 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. every Sunday.*

Movie Night May 19

On Wednesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. we'll be viewing *Religulous*, satirist Bill Maher's unexpectedly powerful documentary on the current state of world religion, released in 2008. This fast-moving, globe-trotting film bluntly disputes the value of religion in a world made increasingly dangerous by fanaticism of all kinds and our environmental self-destructiveness. With dogged questions about the illogic and negative fallout of doctrines that advocate violence, shun scientific evidence, marginalize minorities or punish anyone who disagrees with any religion's extreme tenets, Maher suggests if atheists and agnostics are afraid to speak out, we may be in dire trouble. This is a pot-luck snack/hors d'oeuvres event, so bring what you like to munch and sip. **Rated R (L,V).**

Full Moon Ritual May 15

The Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle celebrates a Full Moon Ritual at the church on Saturday, May 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in Wicca, call 817-277-4277 for more information.

Two-Hour Sunday Morning Nursery Care

We now have a professional nursery attendant every Sunday between 10:00 a.m. and noon. Phebe Bearden has 15 years of experience with church nurseries and Sunday schools, plus CPR training. If she is ill or unable to be there, the principal of the church nursery service, Daniela McCreary, will arrange for a replacement. No longer will members, friends or visitors with young children have to mind their children themselves instead of attending the adult service. Nursery care will also be available for those who wish to attend our popular 10 o'clock discussion groups. We look forward to seeing you at the AUUC.

Adult Literacy Project Now Meets Mondays

In an Arlington Public Library project, our volunteers meet clients at the church 6:30 p.m. Mondays. To participate in this worthwhile project, please contact Patsy Rosen.



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 Maurine Brown Neuberger



Maurine Neuberger (1907-2000), the first Democratic woman elected to serve in the U.S. Senate without having been appointed, exemplifies the classic ideal of citizen participation in government.

Descendant of Oregon pioneers, Maurine Brown taught in public schools before marrying distinguished Portland author and journalist Richard L. Neuberger, who had been elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1939. She became his chief collaborator, helping with research and photography, and publishing articles of her own. When he was elected to the Oregon State Senate in 1948, and she was disappointed in local support for one of her causes, she recalled, "Dick pointed out to me that the way to accomplish such reform was to participate in the legislative process, to run for elective office. I had never thought of being a 'politician' myself, but that convinced me." She was elected to the Oregon House in 1950. The nation's first husband-wife legislative team made substantial political accomplishments. "Maurine is the real campaigner in the family," her husband said, "a restraining influence." She was re-elected by the largest vote ever cast for an Oregon legislative candidate, serving three terms. Her efforts on behalf of women, children, minorities and senior citizens put her in the forefront as a humanitarian and civil rights legislator. In 1960 when Dick died unexpectedly of a cerebral hemorrhage shortly before the re-election campaign in 1960, she filed instead. Eleanor Roosevelt said: "Maurine Neuberger is a genuine leader in liberalism and enlightened good works. . . . I have always found Mrs. Neuberger to be fair, informed, and vigorous in her approach to issues. Oregon is fortunate to have such a woman among its citizenry." Defeating four primary election opponents Maurine won the general election.

As U.S. Senator (1961-1966), she continued her dedicated championship of civil rights, education, environmental protection, public health and consumer rights. She was the first senator to support legalized abortion and sponsored one of the first bills to require warning labels on cigarettes. She took on meat packers for adding water to hams, bedding manufacturers for selling blankets that weren't flame-resistant, and cosmetics firms for packaging practices. She called for pollution controls on autos years before they became a reality. She sponsored a bill to establish the Oregon Dunes National Seashore. Declining to run for a second term, she continued to serve in many appointive positions, including chair of President Lyndon Johnson's Citizens Advisory Council on the Status of Women and member of the National Board of the American Cancer Society. She taught American Government at Boston University, Radcliffe Institute, and Reed College, and volunteered as a reading tutor for elementary school children in her neighborhood. A member of the First Unitarian Society of Portland, OR, Neuberger wrote in the May 1955 issue of *The Christian Register* an article including these lines: "*Not every woman has the freedom from home and family that I have; therefore she cannot participate by running for public office. But there are women who can and who do make a great contribution to themselves and their community. . . . We women in active politics and you women at home cannot live in this 'changing world' without having a desire and a duty to let your thoughts be known. You have never before had such opportunities to be informed and stirred by the events of each day. . . . This is a far cry from the days of Jonathan Edwards and the ministrations of fire and brimstone. . . . It is a woman's world as well as a man's world, and I see from the evidence around me that women are not going to shirk their part.*"

Adapted from:
harvardsquarelibrary.org/unitarians/neuberger.html

UUA Responds to Arizona's Anti-Immigrant Law

The recent anti-immigrant legislation enacted in Arizona has drawn criticism from secular human rights organizations and a broad range of religious groups, including the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). UUA President Peter Morales denounced the legislation in a statement on April 23, 2010. Morales' statement was included in a press release issued by Faith in Public Life (tinyurl.com/SB1070Release) and was noted in the media (tinyurl.com/SB1070inStatesman). Despite passage of this legislation, the situation in Arizona remains volatile. The law will be subjected to constitutional scrutiny and may well prove to be unconstitutional; the Justice Department is reviewing the law to see if it violates civil rights; and proposed national immigration reform legislation might supersede the Arizona legislation. Representatives from the UUA Board of Trustees, the General Assembly Planning Committee, and the UUA staff are monitoring the situation in Arizona and have been in contact with local Unitarian Universalist congregations and coalition partners. Because the 2012 General Assembly is scheduled to be held in Phoenix, the UUA will consider how best to bear witness against this reprehensible legislation and to support both those groups marginalized by the law and Arizona Unitarian Universalists who are speaking out against it. More information about Unitarian Universalist protests against the Arizona law and the Association's long history of support for immigrants is included in this article

on UUA.org: tinyurl.com/SB1070Protest. If you have questions about this message or if you would like more information on the UUA's work for immigration justice, please write to socialjustice@uua.org.

Our Beloved Community

Please be sure to attend our **Annual Congregational Meeting** on May 30, especially if you are a Voting Member. The main business of the meeting is the election of officers for our Board of Trustees and approval of next year's budget. If you are qualified to vote, you will receive a letter in the mail from our Board Secretary after the middle of May. Here's something to keep in mind as we prepare for our meeting: ". . . a group of people can work together, give of their time and talents, and support each other through life's joys and sorrows not because they're family or even necessarily friends, but because they believe that it's an important part of being human."*

*Jane Roper,
salon.com/life/feature/2010/04/25/family_joins_church



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 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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