



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope November 2007

Sunday	Nov. 4	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang" (for adults) will begin David Tripp's series on the Transcendentalist poets introduced in the previous series on Emerson, Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement. Today David starts with the poetry of Emily Dickinson
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Monday	Nov. 5	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Nov. 11	10:00 a.m.	"Near Death Experiences" forum led by Sara Horsfall
		11:00 a.m.	Lester Robbins speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	Nov. 12	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Nov. 18	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang" begins a series on "No Excuses: Existentialism and the Meaning of Life"
		11:00 a.m.	Donna Rose speaks on Transgender Issues
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	Nov. 19	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Nov. 25	10:00 a.m.	"What Is Ecclesiastes Doing in the Bible?" forum led by Larry Heath
		11:00 a.m.	Social Justice Committee members give presentations with a focus on the death penalty and equal protection under the law
		12:30 p.m.	Last Supper (potluck lunch)
Monday	Nov. 26	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Dec. 2	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	Lester Robbins speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

Nursery and Sunday School are 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 takes \$50 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 Lewis Howard Latimer

Lewis Howard Latimer (1848-1928) was an African-American inventor and draftsman, recognized in his lifetime for contributions to the improvement of the electric light bulb to a form practical for everyday use and for his work as a patent draftsman with Thomas Alva Edison, Alexander Graham Bell and Hiram Maxim. Born in Massachusetts to a freed runaway slave, Latimer joined the Union Navy in 1864 as a cabin boy at the age of 16. For the rest of his life he was proud of his service and honorable discharge the following summer. While still in his late teens, he joined a patent law firm as an office boy. There he learned the use of drafting tools, specializing in patent drawings, which were essential to patent applications in a time before computers or easy photography. By 1878, when he was 30, Latimer had become head draftsman at the firm. Even before then (1874) he had successfully filed as copatentee on his first invention, an improved toilet system for railroad cars (U.S. Patent 147,363, the first of his many inventions and patents). He is widely credited with drafting the necessary drawings for Alexander Graham Bell's application to patent a telephone in 1876. In 1882 (after moving to Bridgeport, Connecticut) he patented a "Process of Manufacturing Carbons", an improved method for production of carbon filaments for light bulbs, the first practical material for this purpose. Latimer was the only black member of the Edison Pioneers, a group honored for contributing to the success of the electric utility industry. During his later years, Latimer corresponded with black intellectuals, always insisting on full citizenship and integration of African Americans into society. Following his success, he bought a large house in the mostly white borough of Queens, which is now a museum in his honor. And in 1908 he helped found what



is now the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Queens, who celebrate their centenary next year. Latimer's portrait hangs in the sanctuary.

Adapted from wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_Latimer, ideafinder.com/history/inventors/latimer.htm and famousuus.com

The Sunday School Gang News

Sunday, November 4, at 10 o'clock, David Tripp will start a series (on the **first Sunday of each month**) explicating and analyzing some of the transcendental poets identified in our previous sessions on Emerson, Thoreau, and the Transcendental Movement. He begins with the poetry of **Emily Dickinson**, who apparently has made a great impression on several members of our congregation, and David will welcome any reactions, questions or comments during his presentation.



On the **third Sunday of each month**, David, along with Naren Jackson, will begin a series of Teaching Company lectures by the late Professor Robert Solomon of the University of Texas at Austin, "No Excuses: Existentialism and the Meaning of Life"). In the meantime, for those who might be interested in the connection between transcendentalism and **existentialism**, we encourage you to read *Nietzsche and Emerson: An Elective Affinity*, by George J. Stack. In this book, Stack traces the sources of ideas and theories that have long been considered the exclusive province of Friedrich Nietzsche to the surprisingly radical writings of the American essayist and poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson.



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. **Newsletter/Publicity:** Clara Blair, 817-265-3429, blairbards@sbcglobal.net