



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope

November 2009

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| Sunday | Nov 1 | 10:00 a.m. | The Sunday School Gang continues a series by the late Professor Robert Solomon, <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i> , with "The Wrath of Achilles," led by Naren Jackson |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Jeff Rodriguez, of Westside UU Church of Fort Worth, speaks on "Easy to Be Hard" or great moments in internal dissension, and offers some ways to avoid this common pitfall |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | Finance Committee led by Larry Heath |
| Sunday | Nov 8 | 10:00 a.m. | Ken Sambell poses the question: "Remove Myth and Superstition From the Major Religions and What Is Left?" (A 30-minute recorded lecture on Islam from "Science and Religion," by The Teaching Company will be included) |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | [Safe Haven collection]
Suzanne Wills of Drug Policy Forum of Texas speaks on "Drug War: How We Got Into This Mess and the Special Interests That Keep Us Here" |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | Board Meeting led by John Blair |
| Sunday | Nov 15 | 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. | Bud Kennedy, columnist for the <i>Fort Worth Star-Telegram</i> , is our guest speaker |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | Social Justice Committee led by Larry Heath |
| Saturday | Nov 21 | 6:30 p.m. | Emerald Dragon New Moon Ritual at the church |
| Sunday | Nov 22 | 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. | John Blair tells the story of "The Little Quaker Bear of the Miami Indians" |

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Sunday	Nov 29	10:00 a.m. UU Basics 11:00 a.m. Lester Robbins, college professor and retired minister, speaks on "The Sins of King David" 12:30 p.m. Monthly Potluck — all are invited
Sunday	Dec 6	10:00 a.m. The Sunday School Gang continues <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i> , with "It's Good to be Afraid" led by Naren Jackson 11:00 a.m. David Tripp speaks 12:30 p.m. Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

*Support Group led by John Reed Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
Nursery provided at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday.*

Adult Literacy Project

Our Adult Literacy Program, led by Patsy Rosen, continues on Wednesday evenings at the church. Volunteers from our church help adults who want help in improving their reading skills in an initiative supported by the Arlington Public Library. To participate in this very worthwhile community outreach project, please contact Patsy or call the Blairs at 817-265-3429.

Happy Thanksgiving!



New Moon Ritual November 21



The Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle celebrates a New Moon Ritual at the church on Saturday, November 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. This event is both a celebration and a study session. If you are interested in Wicca or Pagan beliefs in general, you are welcome to attend. Call Joe Tesoro or Tu Le at 817-881-6327 for more information.

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 Melissa Harris-Lacewell



"We need our arms flung wide to the sky embracing the whole earth with reverence and hope, and we also need enough sense to remember that crabs are in the sand beneath our feet."

"... I firmly believe that we cannot rely solely on our rationality. We also need to envision something for which we have no evidence at all. We must believe that something greater is possible. We must believe we are not alone, and that we can still be part of great movements that can redeem us all." Melissa Harris-Lacewell, 2009 Ware Lecture, UUA General Assembly

A lifelong Unitarian Universalist, Melissa Harris-Lacewell delivered the prestigious Ware Lecture at the 2009 Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly, becoming the youngest woman to do so. Associate Professor of Politics and African American Studies at Princeton University and author of the award-winning book, *Barbershops, Bibles, and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought* (Princeton 2004), she is currently at work on a new book: *Sister Citizen: A Text for Colored Girls Who've Considered Politics When Being Strong Wasn't Enough* (Yale University Press). Her academic research is inspired by a desire to investigate the challenges facing contemporary black Americans and better understand the multiple, creative ways that African Americans respond to these challenges. Her work is published in scholarly journals and

edited volumes and her interests include the study of African American political thought, black religious ideas and practice, and social and clinical psychology. Her creative and dynamic teaching is also motivated by the practical political and racial issues of our time. Her course entitled "Disaster, Race and American Politics" explored the multiple political meanings of Hurricane Katrina. Having taught students from grade school to graduate school, she is recognized for her commitment to the classroom as a site of democratic deliberation on race. Professor Harris-Lacewell appears regularly on MSNBC, providing expert commentary on U.S. elections, racial issues, religious questions and gender concerns for both *The Rachel Maddow Show* and *Countdown with Keith Olbermann*. She is also a regular guest on other television and radio shows both in the United States and around the world. Her writings have appeared in newspapers throughout the country and she is a regular contributor at *TheNation.com*, on NPR, *The Root* (*theroot.com*), and kept a political web log titled *The Kitchen Table*. She travels extensively and works on behalf of local and national efforts for justice, speaking to colleges, organizations and businesses in the United States and abroad. In 2009 she became the youngest scholar to deliver the W.E.B. Du Bois Lectures at Harvard University. She received her B.A. in English from Wake Forest University, her Ph.D. in political science from Duke University and an honorary doctorate from Meadville Lombard Theological School. She is currently a student at Union Theological Seminary in New York. She lives part-time in New Orleans with her partner, James Perry, and her daughter, Parker Lacewell.

Adapted from:

melissaharrislacewell.com/about.html

Please read her complete Ware Lecture, "Faith and Reason: Race, Justice, and American Politics," at:

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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Tyler

This month we continue an occasional feature of pictures of other UU churches around the country and around the world. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Tyler, established in 1954, helps keep the chalice lit in the piney woods of East Texas. Carefully placed on its wooded grounds, the church has lots of windows to let in light and the beautiful view.



Roadside Sign



Front view



Two views of the sanctuary interior



The Fireside Room

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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