



**Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church**

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**Kaleidoscope**

**November 2011**

Tuesday	Nov. 1	7:00 p.m.	Noetic Science Group: "Transcendent Man" (DVD and discussion — see page 2 for more details)
Wednesday	Nov. 2	7:00 p.m.	Pagan Open Forum
Sunday	Nov. 6	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang begins the Teaching Company series <i>Emerson, Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement</i> , with Prof. Ashton Nichols of Dickinson College
		11:00 a.m.	Dr. Linda Cameron speaks on "A Sacred Walk with the Animal Kingdom"
Wednesday	Nov. 9	7:00 p.m.	AUUC Movie Night features <i>A Scanner Darkly</i> (Bring snacks to share) — see page 2 for details
Sunday	Nov. 13	10:00 a.m.	Nikki Ashcraft leads a discussion on comparative religion: Islam
		11:00 a.m.	[Safe Haven Collection] Stephen Benavides, organizer for Occupy Dallas, speaks on "The Case for a Youth Labor Movement"
		12:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets
Wednesday	Nov. 16	7:00 p.m.	Pagan Open Forum
Saturday	Nov. 19	6:30 p.m.	Emerald Dragon celebrates the lunar cycle
Sunday	Nov. 20	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang begins the series <i>Practical Philosophy — The Greco-Roman Moralists</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald, Chair of the Department of Linguistics & TESOL at UTA, speaks on "Language Research as Social Justice: Native American Language Communities in the Southwest"
Wednesday	Nov. 23	7:00 p.m.	Drum Circle
Sunday	Nov. 27	7:00 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.	Special Thanksgiving Celebration led by Keven Holt
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck — all are invited
Wednesday	Nov. 30	7:00 p.m.	Fifth Wednesday

*Support Group led by John Reed Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.  
Nursery Care available 11 a.m. to noon.*

## Movie Night at the Church November 9

On Wednesday, **November 9**, at 7:00 p.m., we show

### ***A Scanner Darkly***.

This 2006 film directed by Richard Linklater and based on a novel by Philip K. Dick stars Keanu Reeves, Wynona Ryder, and Robert Downey Jr. An undercover cop in a not-too-distant future becomes involved with a dangerous new drug and begins to lose his own identity as a result. (Bring snacks to share.)



## Noetic Science Group

The Noetic Science Group, dedicated to "nurturing the conversation between science and spiritual values," meets 7:00 p.m. at the church on the **First Tuesday** of each month. **November 1** will be "Transcendent Man" (DVD and discussion). This film outlines Ray Kurzweil's theory of singularity - the point when change occurs so rapidly that humans will need to merge with technology to keep up. The DVD is 84 minutes long, so we will begin showing it at 7:15 to allow time for discussion. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For information contact Sara Horsfall at shorsfall99@hotmail.com. Find a complete list of programs on the Noetic Science page on Meetup.com. Please visit noetic.org.

## Sunday Morning Nursery Care

Nursery care is available on demand. Members, friends or visitors with young children can attend the adult discussions or service.



## UUA President Issues Statement on Occupy Wall Street Protests

The Rev. Peter Morales, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), has issued a statement regarding Occupy Wall Street and accompanying protests around the country. The statement says, in part:

"Unitarian Universalism embodies a long tradition of working for economic justice and workers' rights. Today is another opportunity for us to live our faith, and the Occupy protests are a first step on the road to repairing our country.

"I reach out to Unitarian Universalists everywhere to consider how you might be of service to any among us who are struggling to provide for their families, those who have been cheated and abused by financial institutions, and all those whose backs ache under a burden of debt, unemployment, and fading hope. Let the world see the power of our faith in action." In support of those involved with Occupy protests, a collection of UUA resources related to economic justice is available at <http://www.uua.org/news/pressroom/pressreleases/188398.shtml>

## Epictetus, Marcus Aurelius and That Lot



*Marcus Aurelius*

The Sunday School Gang third Sunday meeting begins The Great Courses series *Practical Philosophy: The Greco-Roman Moralists*, part of the basis of Western Civilization, including such seminal thinkers as Cicero, Seneca, Dio Chrysostom, Epictetus, and Marcus Aurelius. Naren Jackson facilitates.

## 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

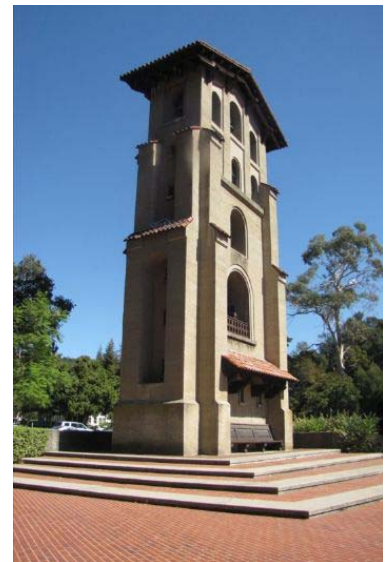
## Meet Aurelia Henry Reinhardt



An expectant audience was not disappointed when Frederick May Eliot, the president of the American Unitarian Association, introduced the first woman moderator to them at the 1940 May Meeting. He called Aurelia Henry Reinhardt "as distinguished a Unitarian as there is in the land." Aurelia

Reinhardt proved herself a distinguished leader of the Unitarian movement, not only through her two-year term as moderator during the bleak years of war in Europe, but throughout her life, which ended in 1948. She was a scholar, an educator, an advocate for women, and a committed worker for international peace. Born in California in 1877, Aurelia Isabel Henry pursued a degree in English literature at the University of California, Berkeley, graduating in 1898. After several years teaching, she completed a Ph.D. at Yale in 1905. Her literary pursuits in higher education were an indication of the determination that would mark all of her achievements in later life. She was among a small group of women who undertook graduate education in the early 1900s and an even smaller number of women who would demonstrate leadership in educational administration, religious life, and civic engagement. Aurelia Henry married Dr. George Reinhardt in 1906. Just six years later, a widow and the single parent of two small sons, she was able to secure a teaching position through the University of California's extension program. Then, in 1916, her life and that of a small, struggling school irreversibly changed when she assumed the presidency of Mills College in Oakland, the first women's college west of the Rockies. She remained as its head for twenty-seven years, retiring in 1943 after a successful program of student and faculty expansion. Today Mills College has a student body of 1450, an academic staff of 190, an endowment of more than \$150 million and is often called "The Vassar of the West." In addition to her work as an educator, Aurelia Reinhardt worked tirelessly for peace. As early as 1919, she publicly declared herself

an advocate for world peace. Although a Republican, she stood behind President Woodrow Wilson's plan for the League of Nations. A member of more than a dozen peace organizations for the next three decades, she served as a delegate to the founding meetings of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945. She spoke to dozens of church and community groups about the imperative of peace and the importance of international collaboration, including the value of cultural and educational exchange exemplified by UNESCO. While engaged in these peace activities and fulfilling her responsibilities as president of Mills College, Aurelia Reinhardt also took a leadership role in civic groups, including serving as president of the American Association of University Women, chairman of the department of education for the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and member of a number of local governmental commissions. Because of her belief in civil society and its responsibilities, she invariably took the side of those individuals who had no resources, who lacked adequate support, or who had in some other way been marginalized by society. She spoke on behalf of youth during the Depression and for women's equal access to education and professional recognition throughout her life. An avid nature lover, Aurelia Reinhardt was also active in environmental preservation groups, including those concerned about the forests of California. Her persistence in warning against the threat to nature from rampant development was relentless and took many forms. This view was based on a theology she believed to be infused by Christian Unitarian understanding. The importance of Unitarian



*Mills College Bell Tower*

religious identity for Aurelia Reinhardt cannot be overstated. Married in the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, she later joined the church to which her family had belonged, the Oakland Unitarian Church, where she even assumed interim ministerial responsibility during a short period in the 1940s. Known for her eloquence and delight in making new friends, she was asked to speak in many Unitarian churches. Aurelia Reinhardt attracted national recognition when she was invited to deliver the Ware lecture at the May Meeting of the American Unitarian Association in 1932, one year after Nobel laureate Jane Addams. Two years later she joined a select group of religious leaders in the movement to prepare the report of the Commission on Appraisal, *Unitarians Face a New Age*. She wrote the chapter on worship, which remains a singular contribution to Unitarian understanding of liturgy and worship. In the same period, she served on the Board of Trustees of the Starr King School for Ministry in Berkeley. She stated this goal for professional religious leadership: "Let us not forget that the future includes more women in the ministry than we have ever known before." She was enthusiastic about this prospect. Some Aurelia Reinhardt quotes: "Women must be the thread which carries the past into the future." "Women need mental muscles." "Woman is more important than anything she knows."

Adapted from an article at:

<http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/unitarians/reinhardt.html>



*Mills Hall*

### Adult Literacy Project

In an Arlington Public Library community outreach project, our volunteers work with clients one on one. For information about this activity, call Patsy Rosen at 817-860-9559.

### UU Wednesdays

We now have regular Wednesday evening programming throughout the month. Pagan Open Forum meets first and third Wednesdays, Movie Night the second, Drum Circle the fourth Wednesday.

**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 16 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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