



## Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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# Kaleidoscope

September 2008

Sunday	Sep 7	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	"Sunday School Gang" David Tripp speaks on "Core Values" Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Monday	Sep 8	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Sep 14	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Iris Chan speaks about being an Asian-American in the U.S. Jo Ann Duman speaks about the Arlington Conservation Council Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	Sep 15	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Sep 21	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	"Sunday School Gang" continues a series on "No Excuses: Existentialism and the Meaning of Life" led by Naren Jackson and David Tripp Sandra Lane, guitarist and songwriter, performs for us Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	Sep 22	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Sep 28	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Daniel Polk, incoming NTAUUS president, speaks Mike Ellsberry, outgoing NTAUUS president, speaks on "NTAUUS: What Does It Mean? Why Does It Matter?" Monthly Potluck - all are invited
Monday	Sep 29	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Oct 5	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	"Sunday School Gang" David Tripp speaks on <i>The Courage to Create</i> , by Rollo May Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

*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 Emily Greene Balch



Emily Greene Balch, 1867-1961, third woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, was born to a liberal Unitarian family. She grew up believing in good will, hard work, and hope. "When I was about ten [minister] Charles Fletcher Dole's warm faith in the force that makes for

righteousness became the chief of all the influences that played upon my life. He asked us to enlist in the service of goodness, whatever its cost." In 1892 Balch founded Boston's first settlement house. After a few years, she decided she would be of greatest use to social reform as a teacher. In 1900, Balch began a teaching career at Wellesley, her courses combining politics, philosophy, sociology, and gender. In the early twentieth century, many Americans favored immigration limits for Slavs. In 1904-06 Balch lived in Austria-Hungary and in Slavic neighborhoods in the United States in order to research the conditions of Slavs in the "Old" and "New" worlds. The experience led her to become a socialist. She wrote, "It was in Prague, in 1906, that one unbearably bleak winter morning I saw a man fumbling with his bare fingers in an ash barrel in search of something to eat. Heaven knows I had seen enough of misery, actual starvation in Boston . . . but the bare fingers in the icy ashes were somehow final." Balch's major work, *Our Slavic Fellow Citizens* (1910), was unique not only in presenting the firsthand viewpoints of immigrants but also in countering nativist racial assumptions of U.S. society. In 1913, Balch became chair of Wellesley's Department of Economics and Sociology. Throughout WWI she was an outspoken, active pacifist. In 1915 she attended the International Congress of Women at The Hague, attempting unsuccessfully to gain Woodrow Wilson's support for ICW's plan for continuous mediation as alternative to battle. In 1918, dismissed from Wellesley for her absences and anti-war views, she began writing for *The*

*Nation*. In 1919 she co-founded the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. As a member, Balch contributed to the first public criticisms of the Versailles Treaty. She also joined the Society of Friends (Quakers), in part because of its unwavering pacifist philosophy. In 1926, representing WILPF, she investigated conditions in Haiti, at the time occupied by U.S. Marines. Her report recommended troop withdrawal and self-government. Into the 1930s she continued to press for acceptance of refugees. Her book *Refugees as Assets* (1930) argued for the U.S. accepting refugees from Nazi Germany. She personally helped dozens relocate to the U.S. During the 30s Balch spoke out against isolationism. Deeply disturbed by Hitler's Germany, she reluctantly supported U.S. involvement in WWII, explaining, "Fascism . . . today can be destroyed only through means . . . capable of impressing [its] brutal men . . . We women pacifists have come to recognize this without becoming untrue to our pacifist convictions." In 1942, to Rabbi Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress, upon first learning of the mass murder of Jews in Europe, she wrote, "Those of us who are not Jews . . . too are guilty. We are all answerable in part for . . . a state of things where the moral insanity of Hitler Germany was possible. And . . . where the civilized world can find no better way out than competition in reciprocal slaughter and destruction." During the war years she helped relocate Japanese Americans forcibly interned. For her extraordinary contributions to world peace, she was given the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1946. Gunnar Jahn, in awarding her the prize, stated, "She has shown that the reality we seek must be won through hard work in the world in which we live, but she has shown us more than this; that one does not become exhausted and that defeat gives new courage for the struggle to those who have within them the holy fire."

Adapted from an article by Heather Miller at: [harvardsquarelibrary.org/unitarians/balch.html](http://harvardsquarelibrary.org/unitarians/balch.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 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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