

Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope

September 2009

Saturday	Sep 5	6:30 p.m.	Emerald Dragon Full Moon Ritual at the church
Sunday	Sep 6	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues discussion of <i>Existentialism and the Meaning of Life</i> with "From Existentialism to Postmodernism," led by Naren Jackson
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp on "Created in the Image of God: to Create"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Sunday	Sep 13	10:00 a.m.	Ken Sambell leads a discussion on "From Vietnam to Afghanistan. What Have We Learnt?"
		11:00 a.m.	[Safe Haven collection] Nancy Van Boskirk on "What Do We Do Now?"
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Saturday	Sep 19	4:30 p.m.	Mabon (Autumn Equinox) celebrated at the church by the Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle — see Page 2 for details
Sunday	Sep 20	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Gang — David Tripp continues a series of discussions on the literary works of Paul Tillich, focusing on "ecstatic reason"
		11:00 a.m.	Larry Heath reviews <i>The Family</i> , by Jeff Sharlet — an exposé of the self-described "Christian mafia," their power base in our nation's capital and their admiration of Stalin, Mao and Hitler
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee led by Larry Heath
Sunday	Sep 27	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.	Clara Blair speaks about "Troy Davis and the Death Penalty in Georgia and in Texas"
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck — all are invited

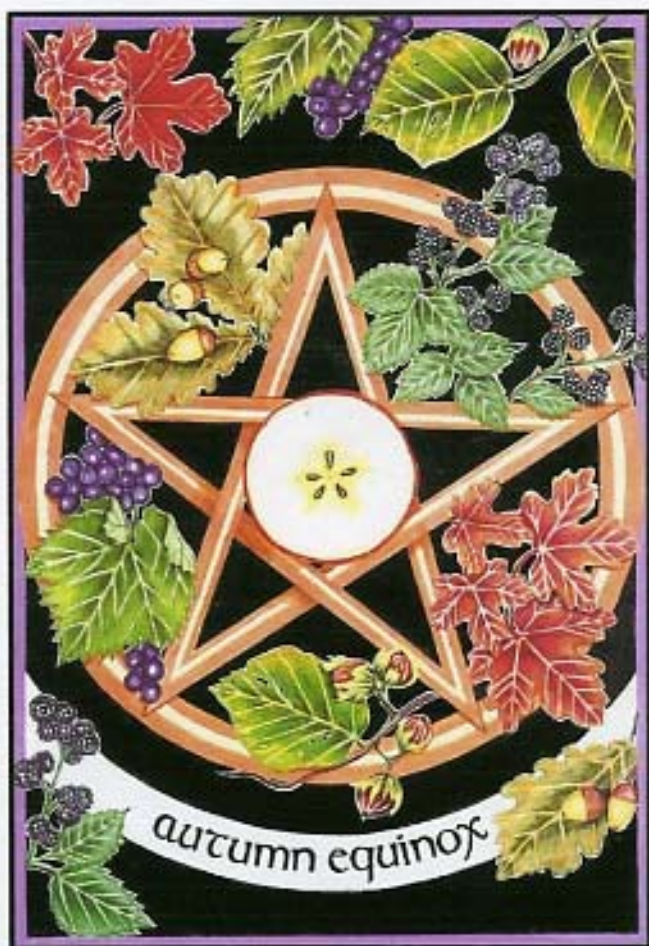
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Sunday Oct 4 10:00 a.m. The Sunday School Gang begins a new series by the late Professor Robert Solomon, *The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions*, with "Emotions as Engagements with the World," led by Naren Jackson
 11:00 a.m. David Tripp speaks
 12:30 p.m. Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

*Support Group led by John Reed Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.
 Nursery provided at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday.*

Mabon

The Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle will celebrate Mabon, the Autumn Equinox, on Saturday, September 19, at 4:30 p.m., at the church. It is the time when meats are cured (by drying, smoking, salting) in preparation for the dark days of winter, when the Dark Lady reigns. A feast follows the ceremony.



Full Moon Ritual September 5



A Full Moon Ritual will be celebrated by the Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle at the church on Saturday, September 5, 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.

Yard Sale Season

The Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle are planning a yard sale sometime this fall. Half the proceeds will go to A Wish With Wings, which grants special wishes for Texas children with life-threatening illnesses. The sale will be held at 2009 Shepherds Glen Lane, Arlington, dates and times depending on sales and weather. Call Joe or Tu at 817-881-6327 if you wish to leave donated items for them at the church.

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 Susan B. Anthony



What you should say to outsiders is that a Christian has neither more nor less rights in our Association than an atheist. When our platform becomes too narrow for people of all creeds and of no creeds, I myself shall not stand upon it. — Susan B. Anthony

Susan Brownell Anthony (1820-1906) played a pivotal role in the 19th-century movement to

gain women the vote in the United States. Born in Massachusetts to a strict Quaker abolitionist family, she was inculcated with self-discipline, principled convictions, and belief in one's own self-worth. Anthony was a precocious child who learned to read and write at the age of three. She was taught in a "home school" set up by her father but run by a woman teacher who offered a new image of womanhood to Anthony and her sisters — independent, educated and holding a position traditionally reserved to young men. Ultimately, Anthony was sent to boarding school near Philadelphia. Then she taught at a female academy, Eunice Kenyon's Quaker boarding school, in upstate New York from 1846-49. She settled in her family home in Rochester, NY, where she began her first public crusade, on behalf of temperance, one of the first expressions of feminism in the United States as it dealt with the abuses of women and children who suffered from alcoholic husbands. In 1849, Anthony gave her first public speech for the Daughters of Temperance, then helped found the Woman's State Temperance Society of New York. In 1851 she went to Syracuse to attend a series of antislavery meetings. During this time she met Elizabeth Cady Stanton, became fast friends and joined Stanton and Amelia Bloomer in campaigns for women's rights. Stanton, married and mother to a number of children, served as writer and idea-person. Anthony, who never married, was more often the organizer and the one who traveled, spoke widely, and bore the brunt of antagonistic public opinion. From 1854 to the outbreak of the Civil War, she devoted herself

to the antislavery movement, serving as an agent for the American Anti-slavery Society. After the War, she collaborated with Stanton in publishing the New York liberal weekly, *The Revolution* (1868-70), which called for equal pay for women. In 1872, Anthony demanded that women be given the same civil and political rights that had been extended to black males by the 14th and 15th amendments. She led a group of women to the polls in Rochester to test the right of women to vote. She was arrested two weeks later. While awaiting trial, she engaged in highly publicized lecture tours and, in March 1873, she again tried to vote in city elections. After being tried and convicted of violating the voting laws, she succeeded in refusing to pay the fine. From then on she campaigned endlessly for a federal woman suffrage amendment through the National Woman Suffrage Association (1869-90), the National American Woman Suffrage Association (1890-1906), and by lecturing throughout the country. In 1881-1902, along with Stanton and Matilda Joselyn Gage, she published the *History of Woman Suffrage* in four volumes. In 1888 she organized the International Council of Women and in 1904 the International Woman Suffrage Alliance. Although she did not live to see the consummation of her efforts to win the right to vote for women, the establishment of the 19th amendment is deeply owed to Anthony's efforts. Though born a Quaker, Susan B. Anthony attended the Rochester First Unitarian Church for many years. In an 1892 letter on the occasion of the church's 50th anniversary, she wrote (in part) "[Some] of the pleasantest memories of Rochester — my home — the past forty years — are associated with the ministers and friends who will have honorable and loving mention during . . . the gatherings of these two days."

Refs: lib.rochester.edu/index.cfm?PAGE=4117;lkwdpl.org/wihohio/anth-sus.htm; womenshistory.about.com/od/anthonySusanB/a/anthony.htm; womenshistory.about.com/cs/quotes/a/qu_s_b_antony.htm

Adult Literacy Project Begins in September

Patsy Rosen is leading volunteers from our church in an initiative supported by the Arlington Public Library to help adults who want to improve their reading skills. Screened by the Library, clients will be matched with trained volunteers using materials provided by the Library. For info about this very worthwhile community outreach project, contact Patsy or call the Blairs at 817-265-3429.



New Emergency Exit Doors

In August two emergency exit doors were installed in our church building, one in the sanctuary, the other from the conference room to the north porch. It is the first project of our Long-Range Planning Committee, formed earlier this year for strategic and tactical planning for facilities and programs. The money came from our Building Fund. The doors, replacing wood doors with sliding bolts, are extra-wide and all-metal, with metal frames and sills and sturdy "panic" bars for opening. **A cautionary note:** Although the doors do not have automatic closers, if you do close them behind you, you'll be locked out. This is a special concern for the door to the porch on days other than Sunday. So keep your front door key with you if you go outside. The doors are tentatively dedicated to Michael Servetus (the sanctuary door) and Jan Hus (the porch door), who were burned alive for independent religious thought.

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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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