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Unitarian Universalist
Church of
Hot Springs
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The UU church of Hot Springs is a certified *Welcoming Congregation*. We welcome you, whoever you are, or whatever the birthplace of your ancestors. We welcome you whether you are young or old, man or woman. We welcome you no matter what your spiritual beliefs or physical needs. We welcome you, whomever you love. May you find the warmth and connection you seek.

JULY 2015
THEME IS JUSTICE, EQUITY AND
COMPASSION IN HUMAN RELATIONS

5 Bob Van Hook (Plus Flower Communion*)
12 Bud Hearn
19 Blueberry Pancake Breakfast at the Lasiters
26 Michelle Crandell

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* The Flower Ceremony is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. In this ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower on the altar or in a shared vase. The congregation and minister bless the flowers, and they are redistributed. Each person brings home a different flower than the one they brought. Celebrating the Flower Ceremony is an excellent opportunity for Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations to express our commitment to our Sixth Principle: *We covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.*

Presidents Letter

I will be busy this summer, preparing for a great year as president. I think we have an excellent board, and we look forward to working for our congregation. I am attending the UU Presidents' Convocation in Dallas July 10-12. This is a nation-wide conference, held in four locations simultaneously. I plan to have many questions answered and come back with lots of ideas for our congregation. Then, July 19-24, I will attend the UU Multi-generation camp, known as SWUUSI, with my two granddaughters from Washington. They are extremely excited to spend a week with other UU kids. I always get inspired when I attend UU functions. So, I may miss a few of our church activities in July, but, as a retired teacher, I am used to using my summers for more training.



Carol Stanfill



A reminder that we plan to have our Annual-Gently-Used-Items (Rummage) Sale this fall. If you are spring cleaning, sorting or downsizing; the church would like to have your items. We do have a small room across from the library to store items. The proceeds from the sale go to **community outreach programs.**

Dorothy Clark



PROGRAMS

Congregation and friends,

July 2015

I hope you all are having delightful days this summer filled with ice cold watermelon and lemonade. Can't you just see the lemonade on the front porch table next to the rocking chairs with the ceiling fan creating a cool breeze.

Now, back to reality it's hot, hot, HOT! Remember the church is nice and cool on these Sunday mornings. Although that's not the reason to come. It is because we have a bang up group of services for July. We have the honor of hosting Bob VanHook, Bud Hearn, and Michelle Crandell. And we have the pleasure to be the guests of Linell and Scott Lasiter at their community room for our annual Blueberry Pancake Breakfast.

We have a good line up of programs for Sundays coming up in August, as well. We have the privilege of hosting Anna Wilson, Denise Marion, and Rick Harder-Ward next month.

The theme of the month for July is our principle, "Justice, equity and compassion in human relations." I hope we can explore each of our principles over the next few months.

There is no way I can begin to do the job like Jane has. She is always so gracious and has a smile on her face. Looking at problems as opportunities she is an inspiration. Thank you, Jane.

I've been reading about programs on the UUA website and am learning about many things I did not know. UUA defines the term "Worship—a time and place we affirm core and shared values, explore life's puzzles, celebrate our being together, and sustain one another in returning to the daily world and all its challenges." That's what we have done in the past. It is just put down in writing.

I want to thank all of you for your support and help with programs. Please let me know if you have any program ideas.

Joe



“Law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice and when they fail in this purpose they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress.”

—[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)



New Officers

At the Annual Meeting we elected new officers for fiscal year 2015.



President Carol Stanfill

Treasurer Jesse Davis



Secretary Linda Puckett



Programs Joe Sturgill



**Membership
Pat Jobin**



Crafts Club

July 1 and 15

UUCHS Crafters meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 at the church.

UUCHS Project for Homeless



Brittany Russell, Jane and Geary's granddaughter from San Francisco, was on hand to help with the homeless sleeping mat project that the craft group has underway. Judy, Elsie, and Jane assisted with making the "pam", which of course is plastic yarn, while Carol began crocheting the

first mat. We hope you will join us for this fun and worthwhile project. Of course you may bring your own projects as usual to share. The Craft group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10:00am at the church.
<http://www.finecraftguild.com/craft-for-humanity-crochet-a-plastic-sleeping-mat-for-the-homeless/>



Women's Club

July 8 and 22

UUCHS Women's group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10:00. We go to different homes each time and the topic of discussion varies. Conversations are always stimulating and informative. Watch your email for locations and topics each time. Light refreshments are served by the hostess.

- July 8 Jane
- July 22 D Marion

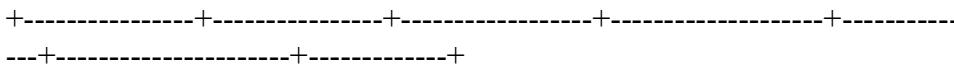


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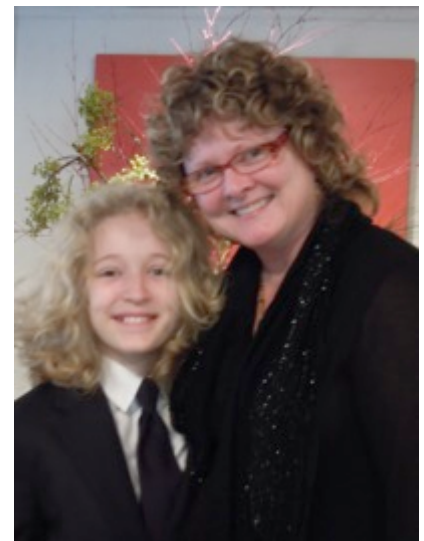
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- **Supreme Court Upholds Same-Sex Marriage 5 to 4.**
<http://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2015/06/26/the-latest-high-court-affirms-right-to-same-sex-marriage>
- **Supreme Court Upholds Key Part of Affordable Care Act**
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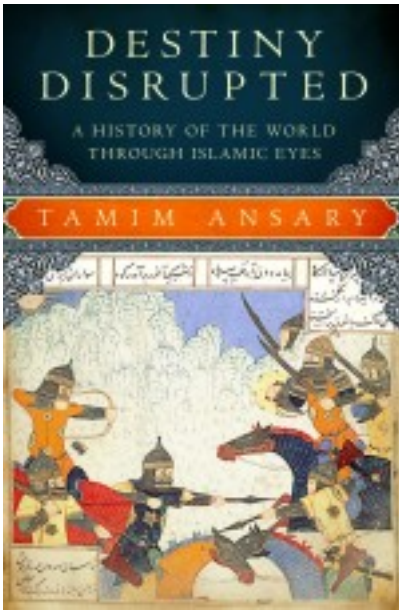


Our own Laura Lee Williard has taken the position of Director of the Literacy Council of Garland County. LCGC is a non-profit organization that assists adults with learning to read, write, and speak English. Lessons are free to everyone.



Religious Exploration
The Religious Exploration Classes / Discussion Group
1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:00

This book views world history not from London, Paris and Rome but from Bagdad, Damascus and Cairo.



Destiny Disrupted, A History of the World Through Islamic Eyes takes, as its point of departure, the following question: “What are the key events of world history and the shape of the overall story if one assumes that the center of the world is not Europe but the Islamic heartland?” Following from this premise, it sets forth a provocative “alternative” history of the world that is as compellingly readable as any novel. *Destiny Disrupted* won the Northern California Book Award for Best General Nonfiction of 2009, and it has been translated into nine

languages , including Russian, Dutch, Indonesian, Korean, and Italian.

“It’s one of those “fascinating new fact every paragraph” books. Would you like to know how the Shiite-Sunni schism happened? It’s all here. Rumi the poet? He’s here. Empires, sultanates, wars, atrocities, cities of great beauty now lost forever, the whole deal. Even the chapters on theology are enjoyable, and I’m not big on the minutiae of belief systems.”

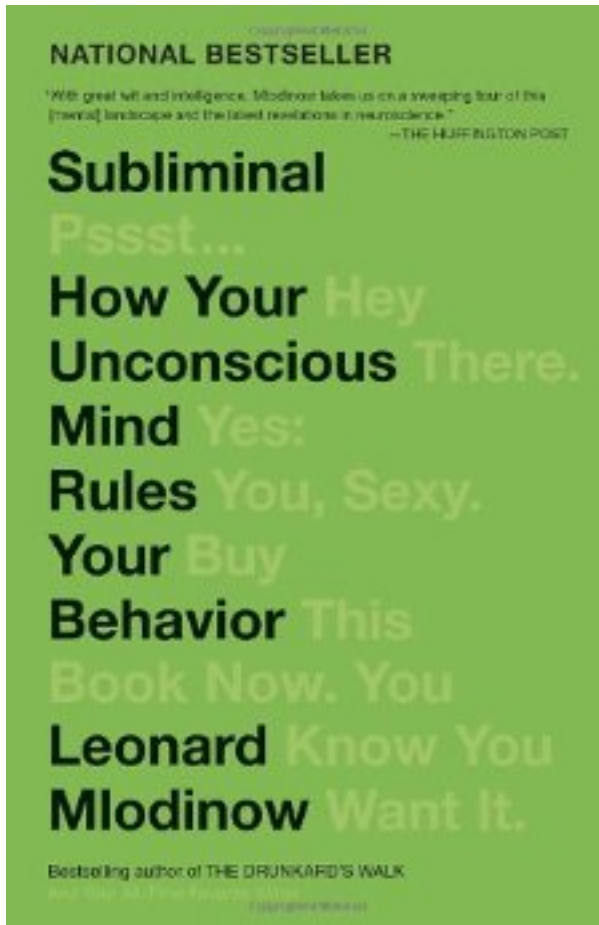
–Jon Carroll, Columnist

We think this is an exciting and illuminating book that will not only educate but generate a lot of discussion. Come join us. You don’t even have to have read the book. The discussions themselves are worth the price of admission, and usually better than the book.

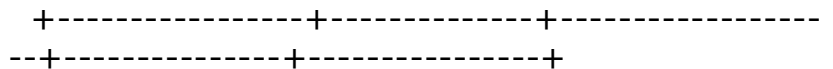
Wisdom Seekers Book Group
Meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
From 9 to 10

Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior

Winner of the 2013 PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award



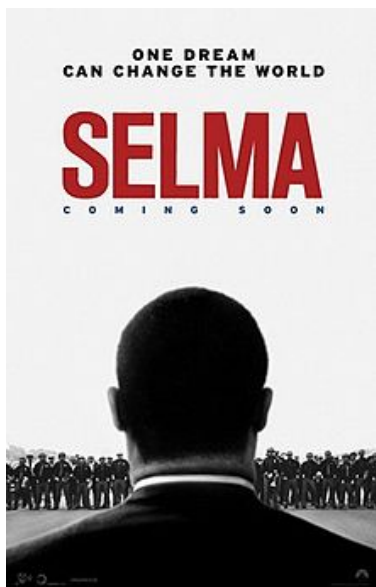
Over the past two decades of neurological research, it has become increasingly clear that the way we experience the world--our perception, behavior, memory, and social judgment--is largely driven by the mind's subliminal processes and not by the conscious ones, as we have long believed. As in the bestselling *The Drunkard's Walk: How Randomness Rules Our Lives*, Leonard Mlodinow employs his signature concise, accessible explanations of the most obscure scientific subjects to unravel the complexities of the subliminal mind. In the process he shows the many ways it influences how we misperceive our relationships with family, friends, and business associates; how we misunderstand the reasons for our investment decisions; and how we misremember important events--along the way, changing our view of ourselves and the world around us.



Notice: The Hot Springs Gay Pride Group meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hot Springs on 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 5pm. All are welcome.

4th Friday Movie Night

SELMA



July 24th - Dinner at 6pm and movie at 7pm

The unforgettable true story chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery culminated in President Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. Director Ava DuVernay's "Selma" tells the story of how the revered leader and visionary Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and his brothers and sisters in the movement prompted change that forever altered history.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015 ONLINE

The theme for General Assembly 2015 (June 24-28) is "Building a New Way."

No one from our congregation is attending this year, but you can get tons of information and inspiration from attending virtually.

(Thanks, Judy, for sharing the web address.)

<http://www.uua.org/ga/virtual/2015>

CALENDER

JUNE

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Craft Club 10:00 AM	2 “BIRDS” Practice 5:15	3	4
5 Bob Van Hook (Plus Flower Communion*) and Rebecca Ricks RE: Destiny Disrupted	6	7 “Dealing with Change” w/ Michelle. 2-3:00 Jason’s Music Studies 4:00	8 Women’s Club at Jane’s 10:00 AM	9 “BIRDS” Practice 5:15	10	11
12 Bud Hearn with Rebecca Ricks WS: Subliminal	13	14	15 Craft Club 10:00 AM	16 “BIRDS” Practice 5:15	17	18
19 Blueberry Pancake Breakfast at the Lasiters 7:AM Early Boat Ride RE: No Meeting	20	21 Jason’s Music Studies 4:00	22 Women’s Club at D’s 10:00 AM	23 “BIRDS” Practice 5:15	24 Fourth Friday Movie: “SELMA”. Dinner at 6pm and movie at 7pm	25
26 Michelle Crandell with Rebecca Ricks WS: Subliminal	27	28	29	30	31	

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