

InSpirit

January 2017

Unitarian Universalist Church of Hot Springs

100 Norwalk, Hot Springs, AR 71901
(at the corner of Norwalk and Spring St.)



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 here.

January 2017 Services:

1/1 - Linda Puckett, The Burning Bowl
1/8 - Rick Hudson, Addiction
1/15 - John Nino, UUs and Tolerance
1/22 - Bud Hearn, TBA
1/29 - Carol Stanfill, Congregational Meeting

Religious Exploration

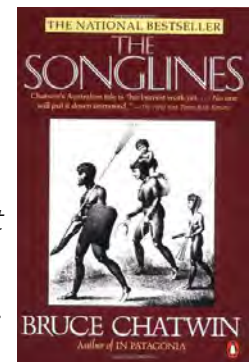
Meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 9am-10am

Join us to watch and discuss various TED Talks. Feel free to bring suggestions for TED Talks you would like to recommend.

Wisdom Seekers Group

Meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9am-10am. Starting January 8th, we will begin our book discussion on *The Songlines* by Bruce Chatwin:

Bruce Chatwin—author of In Patagonia—ventures into the desolate land of Outback Australia to learn the meaning of the Aborigines' ancient "Dreaming-tracks." Along these timeless paths, amongst the fortune hunters and redneck Australians, racist policemen and mysterious Aboriginal holy men, he discovers a wondrous vision of man's place in the world.



I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.

--Neil Gaiman (author)

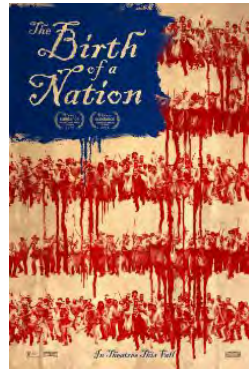
Volunteer(s) Needed:



The Birds are looking for a Soprano! So warm up your pipes and join us every Thursday at 5:15pm at the church to help lead our congregation in song! A special thanks to the Birds for working so hard to put on a wonderful Christmas Eve program!

Circle Suppers 2017

This is an opportunity to get to know members of our fellowship in a more intimate setting over a shared meal with usually between 4 to 8 attending. The host will prepare the entree, and attendees are asked to bring side dishes to pass. January's host, date and location are to be announced. Please look for an announcement and sign up sheet coming soon!



Movie Night:

Join us Friday, January 27th for Movie Night!

Potluck at 6pm – please bring a warm comfort food dish to pass.

Movies at 7pm – Birth of a Nation

Set against the antebellum South, The

Birth of a Nation follows Nat Turner (Nate Parker), a literate slave and preacher, whose financially strained owner, Samuel Turner

(Armie Hammer), accepts an offer to use Nat's preaching to subdue unruly slaves.

As he witnesses countless atrocities - against himself and his fellow slaves - Nat orchestrates an uprising in the hopes of leading his people to freedom.

Secret Lives of Pets (for the children) will be showing on a separate screen.



Getting to Know You



Joy Freeman and Quincy Adams have recently joined our membership. They both participate in the choir, and Joy has taken on the position of librarian and will also be producing the member directory. Joy works in publishing, doing book layout and editorial for a science fiction publisher. She grew up in Hot Springs, then attended Hendrix College, where she dabbled in a bit of everything, finally majoring in psychology. Hobbies include hiking, knitting, and most recently, sewing. Quincy attends Lake Hamilton Junior High and plays trombone in the band. Hobbies include drawing, writing, and cosplaying (costumed portrayal of fictional characters). They live in Royal with their two cats and a dog.

President's Letter

Happy New Year, 2017!

Our little church loses members and gains members. But, even when you move away, we remain friends. So, our little church's influence continues to go out to the world! As we spread our UU values, I think we really make the world a better place. Know how important you are!



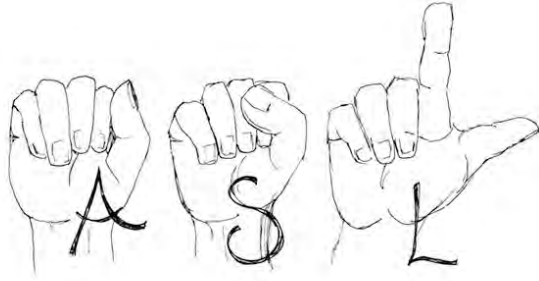
Here are a few notes for January:

1. We are reorganizing our "Go To People" list. Let me know where you fit in. There are lots of ways for members and friends to get involved at our church.
2. The Women's Walk is nation-wide. The big event will be in Washington, D. C. Arkansans who cannot travel to D. C. will be able to make your statement heard at the Arkansas Capitol on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 11 AM - 4 PM. The solidarity walk for women's rights will make it known to our new president that we will stay strong and will not go backward. You can learn more by contacting me or checking the Facebook page on Arkansas Women's Walk
3. The Southwest U U Women's annual conference is in Dallas this year. Check your email for details or go to SWUUA to register. It will be Feb. 10-12 in Dallas. In 2018 the conference will be in Austin. Then the big event is: 2019 in Hot Springs, AR, when WE will host. It would be good to attend several conferences to help us plan ours in a couple years. There was a lot of enthusiasm when we volunteered to host in 2019, so I expect a great conference in Hot Springs. Let me know if you will attend in Dallas.
4. We welcomed Garth, Audrey, and Joy as new members recently. YAY! We have several other new folks and many of us need help with names. Please wear your church name tag each Sunday. Let Hazel know if you don't have a name tag.
5. Barbara Thexton could use our support. She had to let Pete go to an assisted living situation for a few months while she gets ready for her surgery. We hope all goes well for you, Barbara. bthexton@cablelynx.com
6. In January, Sunnye will begin organizing Circle Suppers again and Sheri will re-start Movie Night. Watch your email for details. We are always open to new ideas for social activities, so let one of us know if you think of something fun for us to do.

Hoping all goes well for you in 2017!

Carol Stanfill, president





Learn American Sign Language!

Join us January 9th at 6pm at the church for the first meeting of the new ASL club! See Tiffany Gonzales for more information.

The
Hot Springs LGBT Alliance
will have a potluck at the church
January 8th at 5pm and will elect
new officers. The LGBT
community and allies are all
welcome to attend.

Church Decorating Committee
January 3rd at 3pm at the church. All those
interested are invited. Please contact Joe
Sturgill, committee chairperson, 501-802-
4111 or alanjoseph@hotmail.com.



The Literacy Council of Garland County is a 501 (c)(3) educational nonprofit that has been providing tutoring for over 33 years to adults in Garland County to learn how to read, write or speak English. More than 10,000 adults in Garland County have been identified as “functionally illiterate” and nearly 5,000 speak a language other than English.

The council relies on funding from individuals, community partners, fundraisers, and through grant writing efforts. They have, in the past, benefited from a small state grant, but the structure of this grant has recently changed and they anticipate a drastic reduction during this next granting season. Funding sources are more competitive, and funds are more likely granted if there is substantial local support.

Four Ways to Support the Literacy Council of Garland County:

1. The Amazon Smile program contributes a portion of your purchase price to our Literacy Council each time you shop. It costs you nothing extra and you enjoy the same low prices as normally offered by Amazon. To participate, simply start your Amazon shopping experience at <https://smile.amazon.com> and select the Literacy Council of Garland County as your charity of choice. Amazon sends us the proceeds from this program quarterly.
2. There is a similar program at Kroger, and you must go online to select the Literacy Council of Garland County as your charity to support. Thereafter, just present your Kroger card when you shop, and Kroger will send proceeds on a quarterly basis.
3. Send a check today to the Literacy Council of Garland County, 119 Hobson Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71901.
4. Host a fundraiser.



Women's March for Arkansas

Saturday, January 21st 11am-4pm

<https://www.facebook.com/WomensMarchforArkansas/>

“On January 21, 2017 we will unite in Little Rock, Arkansas for the Women’s March for Arkansas. We stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families -- recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country. “

All are welcome. For more info, visit the event Facebook site and register on Eventbrite.com for a free ticket.

UU Women's Wednesdays Join us for crafts, cards, games and fellowship every Wednesday in January!

January 4, TBA, meet at church
January 11, TBA, meet at church
January 18, meeting at Audrey's house
January 25, cards at Charlotte's house

Jackson House Lunches Tuesday, January 31st

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve sack lunches for Jackson House on Tuesday, January 31st from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. We usually prepare between 125 - 150 sack lunches. Five volunteer's are needed. Please email Dorothy Clark (dclark1620@att.net or call (501-618-3210) if you are able to help.

December in Pictures:



January 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Linda Puckett - <i>Burning Bowl</i> <i>Ceremony</i> Religious Exploration: Ted Talk 9am	2	3 Church Decorating Committee 3pm at the church	4 UU Women 10am at the church	5 “Birds” Practice 5:15pm at the church	6	7
8 Ric Hudson – Addiction Wisdom Seekers 9am Hot Springs LGBT Alliance 5pm	9 American Sign Language Club 6pm at the church	10	11 UU Women 10am at the church	12 “Birds” Practice 5:15pm at the church	13	14
15 John Nino – UUs and Tolerance Religious Exploration: Ted Talk 9am	16	17	18 UU Women 10am at Audrey's	19 “Birds” Practice 5:15pm at the church	20	21 Women's March for Arkansas 11am-4pm in Little Rock
22 Bud Hearn, TBA Wisdom Seekers 9am	23	24	25 UU Women 10am at Charlotte's	26 “Birds” Practice 5:15pm at the church	27 Movie Night Potluck 6pm Movies 7pm	28
29 Carol Stanfill – Congregational Meeting	30	31				

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. He is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense.

This new day is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.”

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Volunteer List of Go-To People

<i>Volunteer Assignment</i>	<i>Name</i>
Adult RE	Alan, Eileen
Children's RE	Carol
Circle Supper Coordinator	Sunnye
Coffee, prepare and stock supplies	Tiffany
Facebook Group, Email Distribution	Carol
Film Fests	Sheri
Grounds, mowing, gardening	Jesse, Eileen, Carol
Kitchen organization, supplies, fridge	Sheri, Sunnye, Bai, Audrey
Librarian	Joy
Local Newspaper, publicity	Eileen
Maintain building, repairs	Jesse, Jay, Oliver, John
Membership Directory, nametags	Joy
Music, Choir	Joe, Jason
Nominating Committee 2017	John, Oliver, Dorothy
Pastoral Care	Jason, John
Pews, restock and organize	Ann
Rummage Sale 2017	Oliver
Sanctuary supplies, décor, flowers	Joe, Linda, Jason
Social Action	Tiffany, Charlotte, Carole
Social Justice	Charlotte, Dorothy, Carol
Sound, AV equipment	John, Eileen, Joe
Street Clean-up	Dee
Website	Webmaster Don Watson, Rob, Eileen
Other, as needed	Pat, Ann, Jay

Children's RE
Teachers: Carol, Charlotte, Oliver, Ann, Dee, Tiffany and on occasion, Rocky and Audrey

Board Members, 2016-2017
Carol, Linda, Jesse, Joe, Hazel

If you are interested in volunteering,
please contact Carol or ask any member – we'll happily put you to work!