



InSpirit

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 here.

THEME FOR MAY IS PEACE

- 5/5 Cinco de Mayo Glenda Field
- 5/12 Mothers Day Claire Beam
- 5/19 Bud Hearn with Kenny Peck on Guitar
- 5/26 Memorial Day Service John and Hazel Nino

Carol Stanfill	President
Alan Clark	Treasurer
Dorothy Clark	Secretary
Pat Jobin	Membership
Jane Hufstedler	Values in Action

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:



Over 40 members of our church and the UU Church of Hot_Springs Springs Village attended our

First Annual UU Picnic on Sunday, April 21.



We met at Stephen's Pavilion near Blakely Dam, and all had a great time. Jane led a nice outdoor service for our group, and then the Village Church members arrived around noon. The weather was perfect and we met many new friends.

Thanks to everyone who brought food and helped with planning. Special thanks to Dane, our guitar player, and Denise M., our drummer.



Our maintenance committee is planning to tackle several tasks in June, including plumbing, painting, and power washing. Oliver or Alan will let you know how you can help.

Your board is preparing materials to send out to members before our Annual Congregational Meeting. We will be voting on a few small changes to the bylaws, mainly concerning committee structure. We will also go over a new policy on Church Safety, concerning concealed weapons and church security. Alan will present the budget report. Election of officers will take place. If you would like to nominate someone for one of the five board positions, please let Dorothy, Mary, or Oliver know. You can mark your calendar now for the meeting on June 9th. The day will involve a short church service, lunch, and a meeting for all members. If you have an issue for the agenda, please let me know soon.

I will email details on a special viewing of a new UU documentary film called "Two who Dared". We will set a date soon. The plan is to invite the community and nearby UU churches. The film tells the never-before-told story of Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, an American Unitarian minister and his wife, who boldly committed to a life threatening mission in Europe to help save Jews and refugees at the beginning of World War II.

Summer is traditionally a time for houseguests, so we'd love to have yours come visit our church. And when you travel, why not visit other UU churches and get new ideas?

Happy Mothers' Day. Happy Memorial Day. Happy Spring!

Carol Stanfill, President

PROGRAMS

-Services for May-

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May's theme is PEACE. Here is the definition, "Freedom from disturbance; quiet and tranquility." That is what we offer you at our services set for May.



Glenda Field will share a story on May 5, in honor of Cinco de Mayo, entitled "Welcome to the Borderlands." It is a story of immigration and of the changing demographics in these United States of America. Claire Beam, will lead the Mother's Day service, which will be an interactive service as we share with each other some of our best stories about Moms. Bud Hearn will give one of his thought provoking talks on May 19 and Kenny Peck will be our guest singer musician. Kenny is Denise Marion's brother. To close our month,

John and Hazel Nino have graciously agreed to provide the Memorial Day service again this year, which I know will be a fine tribute.

Thank you to all our members and friends who continue to support our church with quality programs that put smiles on our faces, love in our hearts, leave us with ideas to ponder and cause us to want to keep coming back!

Jane

Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where people are free, and where individuals and nations are free.

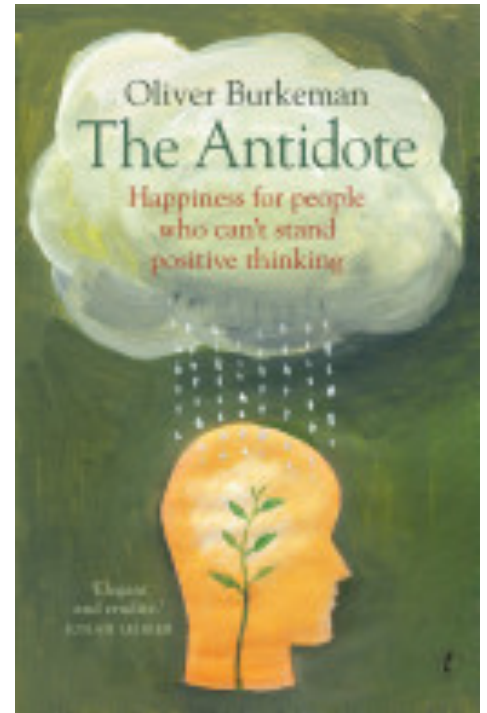
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Wisdom Seekers
Meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
From 9 to 10

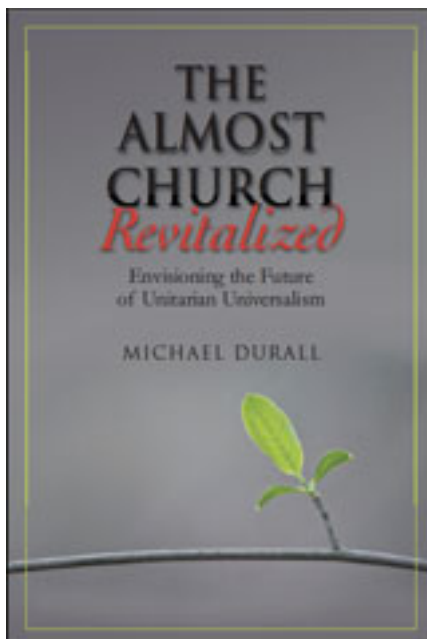
Wisdom Seekers have selected:

The Antidote: Happiness for People Who Can't Stand Positive Thinking,
By Oliver Burkeman.

From the Amazon review: “*The Antidote* is a series of journeys among people who share a single, surprising way of thinking about life. What they have in common is a hunch about human psychology: that it’s our constant effort to eliminate the negative that causes us to feel so anxious, insecure, and unhappy. And that there is an alternative “negative path” to happiness and success that involves embracing the things we spend our lives trying to avoid. It is a subversive, galvanizing message, which turns out to have a long and distinguished philosophical lineage ranging from ancient Roman Stoic philosophers to Buddhists.”



The Antidote will be discussed over the next few weeks



Next we'll look at, **The Almost Church Revisited** by Michael Durall. A controversial UUA look at who UU's are and where we're going, or not.

Religious Exploration

The Religious Exploration classes are on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:00 with DVDs from Great Courses.

The Course is titled "**Jesus to Constantine**", by Bart D. Ehrman.



Jesus to Constantine is a study of the first 300 years of Christianity. How it started as a small Jewish cult *of* an apocalyptic preacher, in a remote corner of the empire, to a major political and religious influence *about* that preacher. The series has been very enlightening and generated a lot of interesting dialog. Everyone is invited to come join us. If you've missed some (or all) of the previous lectures you can easily catch up by viewing the missed DVD(s) on your one. This month we'll be covering:

Lecture 13 *Christian Reaction to Persecution*

Lecture 14 *The Early Christian Apologists*

Services for June - Peace

- 6/2 Sacredness of Water Denise Marion
- 6/9 Short Service, Pizza Lunch, Followed by Annual Meeting
- 6/16 Kyle Acosta CASA Director
- 6/23 Bud Hearn
- 6/30 Cal Lawson "The Vanishing Congregation"

THE GO-TO PEOPLE

1. President - emails, Website	Carol Stanfill
2. Circle Suppers	Pat Jobin
3. Fouth Friday Film	Claire Beam
4. Grounds, Street	Oliver Driver, Larry Field, Rocky Vannucci
5. Kitchen	Claire Beam, Hazel Nino, Glenda Field
6. Langston School	Jane States
7. Church Library	Mary Arthur and Ann Hair
8. Music and Sanctuary	Joe Sturgill
9. Parliamentarian	Denise Marion, Dorothy Clark
10. Sound, a.v. Equipment	Joe Sturgill, John Nino
11. Membership directory	Geary Hufstedler
12. President	Carol Stanfill
13. Membership chair	Pat Jobin
14. Values in Action chair	Jane Hufstedler
15. Stewardship chair	Alan Clark
16. Secretary	Dorothy Clark
17. InSpirit newsletter	Geary Hufstedler
18. Local newspapers	Jane Hufstedler
19. Mail	Alan Clark
20. Historian, advisors	Betty Henderson, Oliver Driver, Jane States, Dorothy Clark, Denny Hemphill

Peace is not a passive but active condition, not a negation but an affirmation. It is a gesture as strong as war.

Mary Roberts Rinehart