



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.

MARCH 2014
THEME FOR MARCH IS JUSTICE

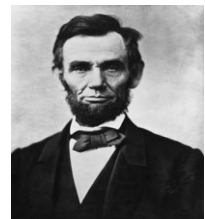
- Mar 2 Interactive Service with John Nino
- Mar 9 "Sundays with T J" with Janis Kearney
- Mar 16 Orson Cook "The story of the Grimke family"
- Mar 23 Bud Hearn
- Mar 30 Congregational Meeting



"When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion"

-Abraham Lincoln

Submitted by Judy Walters – Thanks Judy



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

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:



March means SPRING and an end to a cold, icy winter, I hope. Spring always means doing more outdoors, beautiful flowers, and green trees. I am eager! We have some activities in the planning stage.

Our annual picnic with our friends at the Hot Springs Village Church will probably be in May or June. We'll hope for beautiful weather. Unless you have a better idea, we'll use the park at the base of Blakely Dam again. It worked out well last year and it's centrally located.

Our Congregational Meeting is traditionally held the fifth Sunday of a month. So, we'll have a meeting for all members and interested friends of our church on March 30th. I'll send details later, but let me know if you have something in mind for discussion. This will be our regular Sunday service, so we can either have a potluck afterwards, or go out to lunch.

Our Annual Meeting will be June 22. Our fiscal year begins July 1st. The nominating committee (Geary Hufstедler, Oliver Driver, and Denise Marion) is beginning to work on our slate of new board members. It's not too early to start thinking about serving on the board. I have not heard of any by-law changes, but let me know if you have any concerns.

I am happy to hear that the Gay Pride group meeting at our church on Sundays is growing. I'd like to see the building used more often for meetings and activities. You can notify a board member to inquire about using our church facility during the week.

A New Members' Orientation Class will be held right after church on March 23. If you are thinking about becoming a member of our church, let me know. This is a meeting just to see if membership is right for you and to answer questions about Unitarian Universal Churches. Please let me know if you will attend, so I can make packets for each participant. ([501-538-5816](tel:501-538-5816) or carol.stanfill76@gmail.com)

Enjoy our flowers, green trees, sunshine, warm weather. As Mae West said, "Too much of a good thing...is Wonderful!"

Namaste,
Carol Stanfill, congregation president

PROGRAMS

I picked a bunch of Daffodils from the yard this week and became excited about the month of March and the blooms of Spring. We have some lovely blooms to share this month as well with a garden full of lovely programs.

John Nino will provide an Interactive service on the first Sunday with a discussion on how dialogue supports a non-Judgmental approach to improved understanding, based on a sermon by Rev. Renee Ruchotzke.

Janis Kearney, author, presidential memoirist and proud daughter of cotton sharecroppers of the southeast Arkansas Delta, will be back with us on March 9. She will discuss the amazing life of her centenarian father Thomas James "TJ" Kearney. In her fourth personal memoir, "Sundays with TJ", Kearney shares the lessons learned and the stories passed on, from the iconic southern figure who, with his wife, Ethel, challenged and surpassed the obstructions of race, class and economic realities as they raised 17 children with unconditional love, and non-negotiable expectations for success.



On March 16 we will welcome our own, Orson Cook, who will share the story of the Grimke family. Angelina and Sara Grimke, the daughters of a prominent white South Carolina slave owning family, were probably the most effective advocates of antislavery and women's rights in the nineteenth century. Less well know, but no less important, were their black nephews who were among the leaders of the early civil rights movement a generation later. This relationship between reform and race raises some fascinating and intriguing questions that remain alive and well in our time.

Bud Hearn will return on March 23, to share another sermon that is always thoughtful and well prepared. We are fortunate to have Bud with us on a fairly regular basis and we hope to continue as long as he is willing.

Our fifth Sunday will be a Congregational Meeting, which you will be hearing much more about very soon. The service that Sunday will be very short as the meeting will be the primary focus for this fifth Sunday. We do have lots going on and a lot to discuss so we hope that you will be able to join us. We need your input of ideas, comments and concerns.

As always, I am indebted to those who so graciously support our Sunday services, though sermons, music, book group and RE, food and drink preparation and clean-up.

There are dates in April still open so please see me if you have an idea for a service.

Don't forget to Spring Forward and set your clock ahead one hour before you lay down to sleep on March 8, otherwise you might miss Janis Kearney's beautiful stories of TJ!

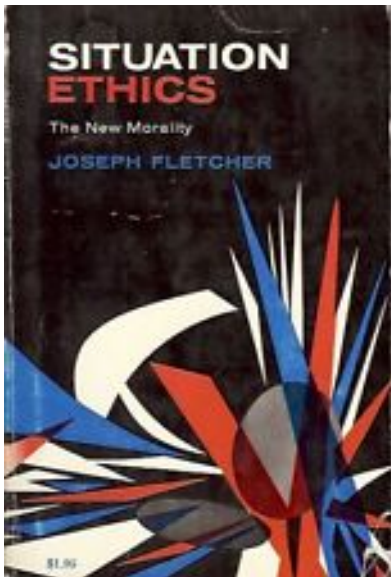
Happy Spring March 20!

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

We are reading and discussing the controversial book *Situation Ethics* by Joseph Fletcher. Here is a synopsis.

Igniting a firestorm of controversy upon its publication in 1966, Joseph Fletcher's *Situation Ethics* was hailed by many as a much-needed reformation of morality--and as an invitation to anarchy by others. Proposing an ethic of loving concern, Fletcher suggests that certain acts--such as lying, premarital sex, adultery, or even murder--might be morally right, depending on the circumstances. Hotly debated on television, in magazines and newspapers, in churches, and in the classroom, Fletcher's provocative thesis remains a powerful force in contemporary discussions of morality.



Let's talk about what almost 50 years has done to those *controversial views* since Viet Nam, The Sexual Revolution, Watergate, Trickle Down Economics, AIDS, Dr. Jack Kevorkian, Helen Gurley Brown, "I Did Not Have Sex With That Woman", 9/11, The Internet, Smart Phones, Iraq / Afghanistan, and Obama Care.

Books available on Amazon and eBay.

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Circle Suppers Are Back (see page 7)

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

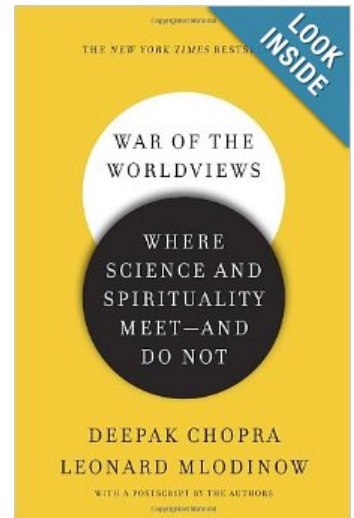
Wisdom Seekers
Meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
From 9 to 10

The Wisdom Seekers are starting a new book this month.

War of the Worldviews: Where Science and Spirituality Meet – and Do Not, by Deepak Chopra and Leonard Mlodinov. Both print and Kindle editions are about \$12. There are 18 chapters and we could take 3 or 4 chapters at a go, which would be 5 or 6 sessions. Denise Marion will facilitate.

Dr. Depak Chopra, holistic health and new age spiritualist, and Dr. Leonard Mlodinov, American physicist, author and screenwriter, explain and defend their respective world views in essays on a wide range of philosophical questions. Chapters include: Is the Universe Conscious?; Did Darwin Go Wrong?; Is the Brain Like a Computer?; and What is the Future of Belief?

“A tension exists between the way that we think about the laws of physics and our own subjective experience. Chopra and Mlodinow ponder both perspectives in their lively debate, leaving the reader enriched to see the world with a new depth. War of the Worldviews offers clear choices for these rapidly changing times.” – Jeff Tollaksen, Dir. Center of Quantum Studies, Schmid College of Science, Chapman Univ.



Notice: The Hot Springs Gay Pride Group meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hot Springs on 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome.

Garland County Habitat For Humanity



Serving lunch for the Volunteer's

Our UU Church has been asked to serve lunch on Saturday, March 15th for the volunteer workers building a home for a family in our community. We have provided lunches for 15 + years to this wonderful program. Joyce Ingle, Administrative Assistant will let me know the location of the building site, the time and number of expected volunteer's we will be serving. Please mark the date March 15th. The serving time is usually around 10 a.m. I will have a sign up sheet prior to the March 15 th date, at church with directions to the building sire. .

Dorothy M. Clark
Member of Value's in Action

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Geary Hufstedler March 1

Linell Lasiter March 6

Mary Arthur March 20

John Nino March 26

Movie Night 4th Friday

Friday, March 28
Pot Luck at 6:00, Movie at 7:00
1 hour 10 minutes

"Raw Faith", about a female UU minister and her progressive beliefs.

"This documentary provides a candid look at the life of Marilyn Sewell, a Unitarian minister, as she follows her faith and progressive beliefs. While searching for meaning, she also searches for love, a sense of belonging and companionship."

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Circle Supper at Claire and Curtis Beam's

Saturday March 8th

6:00

Call Claire to; 1) Let her know you're coming; 2) Ask her what you should bring; and 3) If you've not been there before, how to get there.

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THE GO-TO PEOPLE

. President	Carol Stanfill
. Membership chair	Pat Jobin
. Values in Action (Programs) chair	Jane Hufstedler
. Stewardship (Treasurer) chair	Alan Clark
. Secretary	Dorothy Clark
. Circle Suppers	Pat Jobin
. Fourth Friday Film	Claire Beam
. Grounds, Street	Oliver Driver, Rocky Vannucci
. Kitchen	Claire Beam, Hazel Nino
. Langston School	Jane States
. Church Library	Mary Arthur and Ann Hair
. Music and Sanctuary	Joe Sturgill
. Parliamentarian	Denise Marion, Dorothy Clark
. Sound A/V Equipment	Joe Sturgill, John Nino
. Membership directory	Geary Hufstedler
. InSpirit newsletter	Geary Hufstedler
. Local newspapers	Jane Hufstedler
. Mail	Alan Clark
. Historian, advisors	Betty Henderson, Oliver Driver, Dorothy Clark
. Website, eMail	Carol Stanfill

A man had been shipwrecked on a remote island in the Pacific, and was alone for 20 years. When a ship finally arrived, his rescuers were impressed with the three buildings he had built and asked him about them.

"Well," the man replied, "this is my house, and that building over there is my UU church. It's a wonderful church and I hate to leave it."

"And what is the third building yonder?" a rescuer asked.

"Oh, that is the church I used to go to," the man replied.

— *via Palmer Stiles* ✈ *Melbourne, FL (UU added by EDITOR)*