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Unitarian Universalist
Church of
Hot Springs
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Norwalk and Spring St

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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.

APRIL 2014
THEME FOR APRIL IS RENEWAL

- 6 Silvia Dickey Smith "Renewing Power of Story"
13 Bud Hearn "Such is Life"
20 Joe and Alan "Karen Armstrong and TED Video" Interactive Service
27 Denise Marion "Giraffe Ears"

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

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:



We don't often say “we” all believe a certain way at the UU Church. In many churches, one hears, “We don't believe women should be priests”, or “ We believe no one should have an abortion for any reason”, or “ We believe homosexuals should change their lifestyle”, or “ We women only wear Levi skirts”. I am always surprised when someone tells me “we”, as if they represent the thinking of every person in their church. I wonder if everyone really believes that way. I think, if a church dictates how and what you believe, there is something wrong with this picture!

But, I do think there are some things “we “ all believe. We believe in lowering our carbon footprint. We believe in peace. We believe in the worth of every person. We believe in equal rights. We believe in making a difference in our community. I think we “walk the talk”.

We lost one of our original members, Mary Arthur, in March. She was so influential in our church, and I will miss seeing her in the pews. But, memories of her will live on. Just today, when working in the church garden, we nurtured “Mary's lilies” that are coming up again. I will “see” her in that last row each Sunday, too.

On a happy note, we gained seven new members in March. I am so excited to see these enthusiastic new folks. With an ever-changing membership, a church can be so much more dynamic!

Enjoy these spring days,

Namaste,
Carol Stanfill, congregation president

NEW MEMBERS



Wow nine new members. Seven Signed on in March and two returning members in April. Back row from left - Barbara and Peter Thexton (returning after a six years hiatus), Bill Smith, Rob Tinna, and Jesse Davis. Front row – Sylvia Dickey Smith, Jason Nickerson, Judy Walters, and Lin-Mros, Pai Yin (Bai).

We're expecting even a couple more by the end of the month.

Welcome, welcome, welcome everybody. And welcome back Thextons. We can't wait to learn more each one of you.

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There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his.

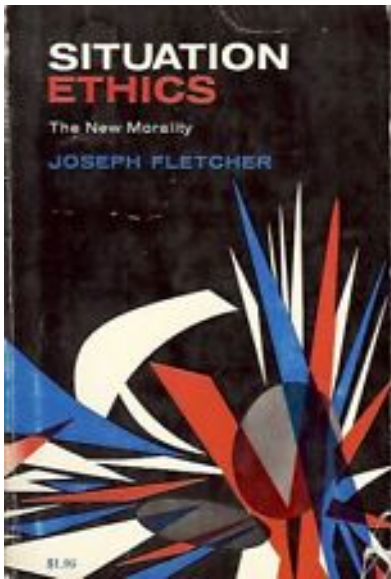
-Helen Keller

Submitted by Judy Walters. Thanks Judy

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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Programs for May

May is for Peace

- 4 "Cinco de Mayo"
- 11 Carol Stanfill "Flower Communion and Mother's Day"
- 18 Allan Ward "Our Personal Quest for Peace"
- 25 "Memorial Day Service"

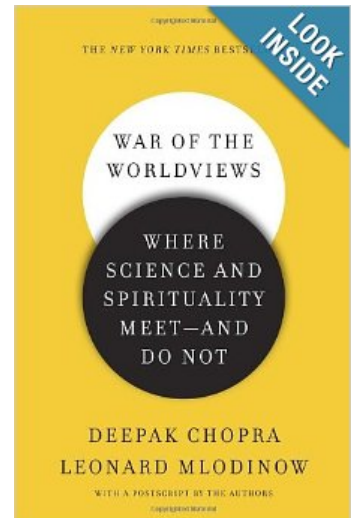
Wisdom Seekers
Meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
From 9 to 10

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 Mlodinow. 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. Deepak Chopra, holistic health and new age spiritualist, and Dr. Leonard Mlodinow, 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.

Serving lunch for

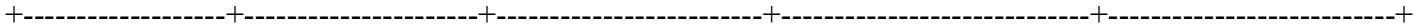


the Volunteer's

Approximately 50 volunteer workers for Habitat for Humanity were served lunch on site, by our UU members. The volunteers were working on two homes located side by side. We enjoyed the interaction with one of the new home owners and his two teenage sons. They were working hard (and enjoying it) toward their sweat equity contact with Habitat for Humanity. Thank you UU members for your participation in this event. The Habitat for Humanity staff at the Restore also enjoyed the remaining lunch.



Dorothy M. Clark
Member of Value's in Action



Thanks to Oliver, Bai, Claire and Carol the yard around the church looks so much better.

THE GO-TO PEOPLE

- . President
- . Membership chair
- . Values in Action (Programs) chair
- . Stewardship (Treasurer) chair
- . Secretary

Carol Stanfill
Pat Jobin
Jane Hufstedler
Alan Clark
Dorothy Clark

- . Circle Suppers
- . Fourth Friday Film
- . Grounds, Street
- . Kitchen
- . Langston School
- . Church Library
- . Music and Sanctuary
- . Parliamentarian
- . Sound A/V Equipment
- . Membership directory
- . InSpirit newsletter
- . Local newspapers
- . Mail
- . Historian, advisors
- . Website, eMail

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Claire Beam, Hazel Nino
Jane States
Ann Hair
Joe Sturgill
Denise Marion, Dorothy Clark
Joe Sturgill, John Nino
Geary Hufstedler
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Jane Hufstedler
Alan Clark
Betty Henderson, Oliver Driver, Dorothy Clark
Carol Stanfill

BIRTHDAYS

IN APRIL

Casey Linehan April 17

Dori Braithwaite April 18

Sylvia Dickey Smith April 23