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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 2014**  
**THEME FOR JULY IS FREEDOM**

- July 6 "Freedom" Robert Van Hook
- July 13 Blueberry Sunday at Linell and Scott Lasiter (See page 8)
- July 20 Michelle Crandell Story and Q&A
- July 27 "Freedom to Die" Denise Henderson

August is for Harmony

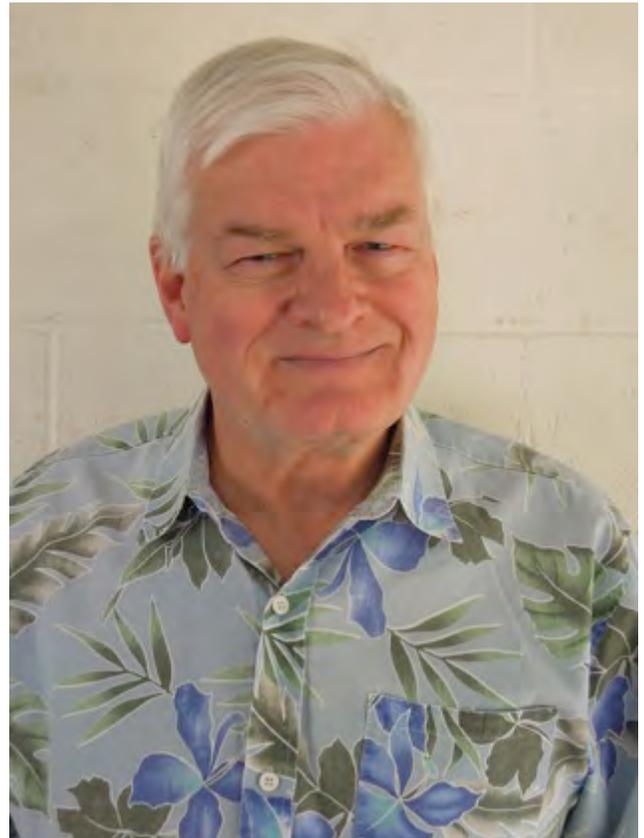
- Aug 3 Joe Sing-Along
- Aug 10 Bud Hearn
- Aug 17 "Harmony with Less" Becca Clark
- Aug 24 Laura Lee Williard
- Aug 31 Congregational Meeting



# PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

In this, my first President's column I would like to first of all express my gratitude to all of you for entrusting me with this responsibility. Though I accepted this position with a certain amount of trepidation I know that with all of your help we will make the coming year a great success for our church. At this time I really don't have a lot to report since we haven't even had our first board meeting yet. That will take place Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. I would like to encourage anyone who has concerns or ideas they wish me to bring up at the board meeting to be sure and let me know so I can put them on the agenda.

For those of you who don't know much about me here is a very brief bio. I was born in Dallas, TX in 1947 at Florence Nightingale Hospital. My mom was a stay at home mom until I started high school at which time she thought my two younger sisters and I were old enough that she could go back to work. I've always thought my childhood was pretty idyllic in that we lived far out in the suburbs. There were fields and creeks across the street from our home until I was about 15 at which time they too became suburbs. After high school I spent an unfruitful but fun year in college then at 19 I joined the Air Force and ended up staying in for 23 years in the Communications-Electronics field. During this time I was stationed at several different bases throughout the United States and around the world. After retiring my wife, my daughter and I moved to Hot Springs to be close to my parents as my father was ill. I've been here since that time. I discovered the UU Church around 1995 and have been coming here ever since. I believe at this time I am the most senior member of the church.



Well there you have it. If you have any problems, questions or concerns please don't hesitate to bring them to my attention. We are all looking forward to an exceptional year.

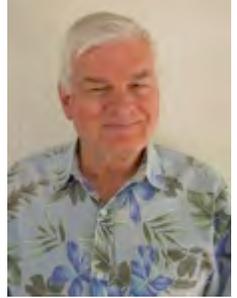
Oliver Driver

Congregation President

## UUCHS Board Members for fiscal year 2014 – 2015

President - Oliver Driver.

Oliver is our longest serving member. Fable has it that he was mowing a vacant lot at this location when someone decided to build a church on it.



Treasurer - Casey Lenahan

Casey is a relatively new to Hot Springs, having moved here last year and joining our little Group (capitalized because it's a religious group) later in the year. Before coming to Hot Springs Casey was Personal Financial Advisor to all the big money on the East Coast.

Secretary - Dorothy Clark

A retired RN, she is another long time member, Dorothy has held several Chair positions in the UUCHS and is a very active member of the Hot Springs community. In addition to being the Secretary of a political Central Committee, she is a volunteer for virtually every charitable organization in town.

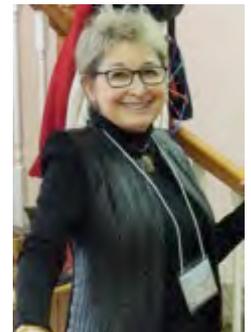


Membership - Hazel Nino

Hazel and John have been members since 2008. She's a Hell'ava Cook (caps again) and thank God has had her fingers in every Luncheon, Dinner, Outing, Feast and Pot-Luck since joining us. Hazel is a horse-woman who grew up in Hot Springs and has interesting ties to its Gangster Past.

Values in Action (Programs) - Jane Hufstedler

Jane and Geary moved here from Texas and joined in 2008. She enjoys being involved in every aspect of church activity from Equal Exchange Coffee to Social Justice. She has held the Program Chair over four years.



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# NEW MEMBERS



## Getting to know new members

**Linda Puckett began life** in central Oklahoma in 1949. She married young, quickly had her first child and by 1970 moved to California where she spent most of the next 35 years. In 2004 she returned to Oklahoma to care for her aging parents. In October 2013 she and husband Charlie moved to Hot Springs Village.

Linda views her life as unfolding in stages. Growing up, child rearing, career, discovery, experiential and whatever comes next. Naturally, some of those have overlapped and intertwined somewhat. Growing up she lived

in one house and led an extremely usual life including one brother and two parents who were married until her father's death in 2012 parted them. She jumped quickly into the child rearing phase when she became a mother at age 17. After 21 years of marriage she chose to be single again and began more earnestly pursuing her career phase. As a Program Developer and Manager in the areas of environmentally conscious transportation and community volunteerism, she worked for corporations and organizations in various areas of California. When her nest was empty she realized she could leave the corporate life and she embarked on her discovery phase by quitting her job and moving to Santa Barbara, CA. There she simultaneously worked at a Bed & Breakfast, for fun, and with a non-profit company for income. Jobs, cities and belief systems altered frequently over the next several years until she settled into a home in Encinitas, CA in 2003. Eleven months later she sold the home and relocated to OK. After more than 20 years of singleness she met Charlie and subsequently married him in 2008. In 2013 they retired and together accomplished her 34<sup>th</sup> move which was to The Village. Linda has 3 children, 4 grands and 6 great grands (not including Charlie's daughter and two grandsons). In this experiential phase she enjoys certification as a Life Cycle Celebrant, Laughter Yoga Leader, Emotional Freedom Therapist and Raindrop Technique Therapist. Cooking, gardening, movies, books, games, decorating, time with friends and family and being her husband's Sweet Pea are some of her favorite things. Soon she plans to add kayaking to that list.

**Charlie grew up in Oklahoma.** He lost his father at the age of 11, His mother was the most important person in his life and he was fortunate to have her until he was 57 years old. After high school, Charlie attended college for 2 ½ years (or at least he was enrolled) before he got an invitation to join the Army. Instead, he decided to enlist in the Air Force where he served for 3 ½ years. During his military time, he was fortunate to see most of the world, including two short hitches in Viet Nam, yet he never missed a Christmas at home. He also was married during his enlistment to his first wife. After the military, he immediately returned to college and completed a degree in accounting. While finishing college, he was active in the Jaycees, was a volunteer counselor at the area youth services facility, had foster children, worked 36 hours a week and played a lot of softball & golf. During his professional career he worked in public accounting in the oil & gas, insurance, construction and convenience store industries. He held positions from assistant controller to CEO/President during his work career with most of the positions as CFO. He also managed to have two additional marriages and from one of them came the pride of his life, his daughter Crystal. Near the end of his career, he met the true love of his life, Linda. They were married in Oct, 2008 and after his retirement moved to Hot Springs Village. Between them (mostly her), they have six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He has served in different capacities with many non for profit organizations as a volunteer and/or board member. Usually these organizations had a great deal to do with children or family. His last was as an advisory board member with the Salvation Army in Enid, OK. Next is to find new charity work, fish, play some golf, travel with Linda and enjoy nature. Life is Good!

*In Loving Memory*  
**Betty Coulter Henderson**  
October 28, 1933 - June 6, 2014



Betty Coulter Henderson, 80, of Hot Springs, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Friday, June 6, 2014. She was born in Lockesburg, Arkansas on October 28, 1933, to Tom and Pearl Smith Coulter.

Betty attended Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana, where she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority. She met “the” Mr. Henderson, the love of her life, while attending Henderson State Teachers College.

Betty taught at Lake Hamilton School for 36 years. She was active in the National Education Association, Arkansas Education Association and the Lake Hamilton Classroom Teachers Association. An unwavering Democrat, Betty was a member of the Virginia Clinton Kelley Democrat Women’s Club and the Garland County Democratic Central Committee and was a recipient of the “Garland County Yellow Dog Democrat Award”. One of her proudest memories was serving as a delegate to the 1984 Democratic National Convention in San Francisco.

She is survived by her two daughters, Denise Henderson of Hot Springs and Ann (Jim) Gilbert of Little Rock.

She had been member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hot Springs since 2006.

We will miss her greatly.

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

This will be a short series, and we are always looking for a new Book, Video, Article, or Series to explore. Please come and share your opinion, bring your ideas, and become part of the exploration.

The dvd is as follows:

- Karen Armstrong -- The Charter for Compassion (which we screened at a church service in June)
  - Lesley Hazelton -- The Doubt Essential to Faith – June 15
  - Michael Shermer -- On Strange Beliefs - July 6
  - Karen Armstrong -- Let's Revive the Golden Rule – July 20
  - Lesley Hazelton -- On Reading the Koran – August 3
  - Kiran Bedi -- A Police Chief with a Difference – August 17
- Your Opinion Is Not Only Welcomed But Sought.

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A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral.  
-Antoine de Saint Exupery - from Judy  
- Photo by Geary

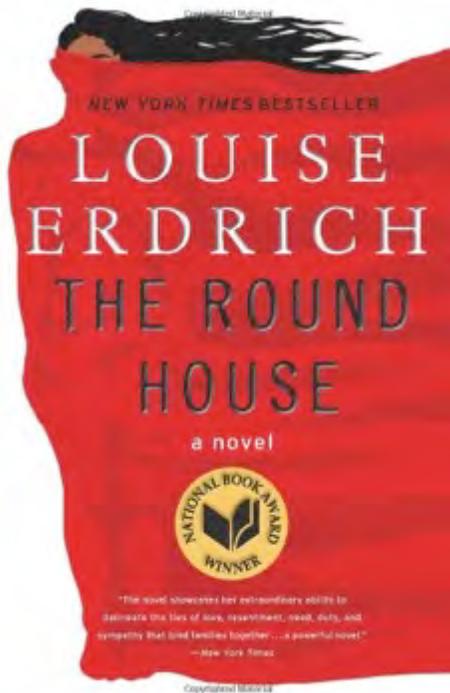


Notice: The Hot Springs Gay Pride Group meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hot Springs on 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome.

## Wisdom Seekers Meet on the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays From 9 to 10

*The Round House* won the National Book Award for fiction.

One of the most revered novelists of our time—a brilliant chronicler of Native-American life—Louise Erdrich returns to the territory of her bestselling, Pulitzer Prize finalist *The Plague of Doves* with *The Round House*, transporting readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota. It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family.



Riveting and suspenseful, arguably the most accessible novel to date from the creator of *Love Medicine*, *The Beet Queen*, and *The Bingo Palace*, Erdrich's *The Round House* is a page-turning masterpiece of literary fiction—at once a powerful coming-of-age story, a mystery, and a tender, moving novel of family, history, and culture.

*This is our "light summer reading" book. We'll be looking for something "Heaven" to get into in the Fall so be on the lookout for a book or topic you'd like to talk about and join the fun.*



We have recently received memorial donations in honor of:

Mary Arthur, Steve Hair and Betty Henderson from Sunnye Davis.  
Anita Byers and Barbara Butler also made donations in Betty's name.  
An additional donation came from the Stepping Stone School for Exceptional Children in Alma, Arkansas.  
Urmil Gupta has made a donation honoring Rosa Sturgill.

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

BLUEBERRY SUNDAY,  
JULY 13TH

Linelle and Scott Lasiter are hosting Blueberry Sunday at their home again this year! This is a wonderful annual event - a tradition for the past 11 years. We used to pick blueberries at the Royal berry farm, but this year Scott will provide the blueberries. Here is the plan:



7:00 a.m. BOAT RIDE - a lovely morning trip up Lake Hamilton toward the dam with mist rising off of the water, a heron rookery and river otters. Please sign up ahead of time. If you own a boat and want to join in a flotilla, call Scott so he knows, and motor over to the Lasiter's house early. If more folks sign up than will fit in his boat we may be able to go out after eating, but there will be lots of traffic on the lake as the day progresses.

9:00 BLUEBERRY SUNDAY SERVICE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Scott will make the batter and provide blueberries, coffee, sauce for huevos rancheros, and some blueberry syrup. We will provide

- tableware (Let's bring our own cups, glasses, plates, and utensils for low-waste again.)
- eggs, bacon and sausage, juice, fruit, butter, extra syrup.

Joe will organize folks to help with preparation, cooking and cleanup. Dee Marion will have a sign-up sheet for food items at the church.

**Directions to Scot and Linell's:** 1534 Treasure Isle Rd.

Drive west on Albert Pike (Hwy 270) 4.1 miles past the MLK Expressway to Treasure Isle Rd. Turn right on Treasure Isle Road and follow it for 3.3 miles. Bear left at the fork - there is a tricky sign there, don't follow it. When you reach the Treasure Isle community look for Scott and Linelle's house on the right where the road turns sharply the left.

You can contact Scott by email, and by phone. Wait for at least 10 rings because it takes that long for voicemail to start.

# THE GO-TO PEOPLE

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

Oliver Driver  
Hazel Nino  
Jane Hufstedler  
Casey Linehan  
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

Pat Jobin  
Claire Beam  
Oliver Driver, Rocky Vannucci  
Claire Beam, Hazel Nino  
open  
Ann Hair  
Joe Sturgill  
Denise Marion, Dorothy Clark  
Joe Sturgill, John Nino  
Geary Hufstedler  
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