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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.

**SEPTEMBER 2014**  
**THEME FOR SEPTEMBER IS HOMECOMING**

Sept 7 Homecoming Sunnye Davis

Sept 14 Water Communion Oliver Driver

Sept 21 Bud Hearn

Sept 28 Alan Ward - The Rhubarb Club

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“I'm home and safe and filled with the comfort of being somewhere I've already been. The ruckus of homecoming is brutally enjoyable and everyone makes me feel like a champion. And all I had to do was stay away long enough.”

— Miguel Syjuco, *Ilustrado*

# PRESIDENT'S NOTE:



Hello friends, some of our members have had a tough time lately what with two deaths and several illnesses in the congregation. I'm sure all of our hearts go out to those affected. Many thanks to all of those who contributed food and love to the families in their time of need. Linda has said any memorial donations for Charlie should be made to The American Heart Association or the Beckwith-Wiedemann Children's Foundation.

I've been watching the show "The Sixties" on CNN lately and I must say it makes me rather sad. We, the boomers that is, were so sure we could change the world into a better place, you know "peace, love and rock and roll" but as is often stated it seems the more things change the more they remain the same. Sure there have been improvements in the USA, Western

Europe, Japan and other areas but it seems to me other areas have actually regressed and are headed back into a more violent past. Once again we face a threat from fanatics who think they should rule the world because nobody else's opinion counts. I guess we'll just have to wait until humanity evolves some more before we stand a real chance of obtaining John Lennon's dream as stated in "Imagine".

Hope I didn't make anyone too depressed, I promise next month I'll try to have a happier message.

Oliver Driver

Congregation President



"They both seemed to understand that describing it was beyond their powers, the gratitude that spreads through your body when a burden gets lifted, and the sense of homecoming that follows, when you suddenly remember what it feels like to be yourself."

— Tom Perrotta, *The Leftovers*

*You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will become too late.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



— Submitted by Judy Walters

# WOMEN'S CLUB

UUCHS Women's group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10:00. We go to different homes each time and the topic of discussion varies. Conversations are always stimulating and informative. Watch your email for locations and topics each time. Light refreshments are usually served by the hostess.



## Crafts Club

UUCHS Crafters meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 at the church. Folks bring all sorts of crafts to work on: knitting, crocheting, weaving, jewelry making, sewing, painting, and others. Men and women come together to share projects and help each other learn new skills. Of course, the fellowship is most important, too.

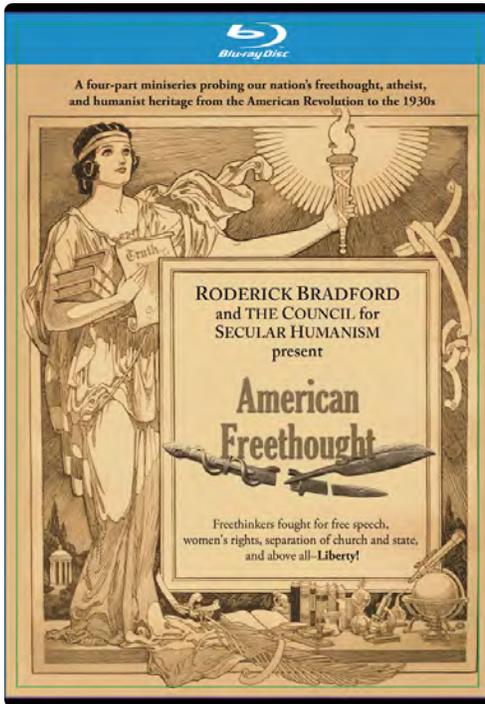


# Religious Exploration

## The Religious Exploration Classes / Discussion Group

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9:00

The Religious Exploration Group will be viewing the documentary “American Freethought”.



***Freethinkers fought for free speech, women's rights, separation of church and state, and above all - liberty.***

Introducing a major new 4-part documentary exploring the history of secularism and censorship in America.

**Part 1:** The founding of the nation, rich in religious contradictions. (Ethan Allen, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Elizur Wright, Lucretia Mott)

**Part 2:** The abolition movement seeds the women's rights and freethought movements. (Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Matilda Joslyn Gage, Charles Darwin,

Anthony Comstock, D.M. Bennett, Robert Green Ingersoll)

**Part 3:** The mainstream press and the alternative press. (Victoria Woodhull, *The Truth Seeker*, Thomas Huxley, Abraham Lincoln, National Liberal League, National Defense Association (ACLU), Edward B. Foote, Ezra Heywood, D.M. Bennett)

**Part 4:** Rise of Roman Catholicism. (Sunday Laws, Haymarket tragedy, McKinley assassination, WWI, Emma Goldman, Scopes Trial, Clarence Darrow, William Jennings Bryan, *Godless Girl*, H.L. Mencken, Billy Sunday)

Each **Part** is an hour long so we'll be breaking them into two sessions so we'll have enough time to discuss what we've just seen. This series should take us through the end of the year, but you don't have to start at the beginning to come and participate. I already have an opinion and haven't seen the first one yet. Come join us and share your opinion.

Your Opinion Is Not Only Welcomed But Sought.

“Everyone has their own ways of expression. I believe we all have a lot to say, but finding ways to say it is more than half the battle.”

Criss Jami, *Salomé: In Every Inch In Every Mile*



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

As of print time the next book had not yet been decided upon. Bring your suggestions for a good book to discuss. It doesn't necessarily have to be a *good* book just one you think might generate some good discussion.

We always have a good time Please come and join us.



“It's one thing to develop a nostalgia for home while you're boozing with Yankee writers in Martha's Vineyard or being chased by the bulls in Pamplona. It's something else to go home and visit with the folks in Reed's drugstore on the square and actually listen to them. The reason you can't go home again is not because the down-home folks are mad at you--they're not, don't flatter yourself, they couldn't care less--but because once you're in orbit and you return to Reed's drugstore on the square, you can stand no more than fifteen minutes of the conversation before you head for the woods, head for the liquor store, or head back to Martha's Vineyard, where at least you can put a tolerable and saving distance between you and home. Home may be where the heart is but it's no place to spend Wednesday afternoon.”

— Walker Percy, *Lost in the Cosmos: The Last Self-Help Book*

{Well, maybe not everybody enjoys a homecoming. – Editor}



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.

# PROGRAMS

September has arrived and with it we hope to have more cool mornings and milder days. After only a few weeks of real summer, we are ready for fall weather and the Fall Equinox September 22. September is a special time at our church as we return from summer travels and enjoy a month of Homecoming! Sunnye Davis will grace the first Sunday with her beautiful story of "What Homecoming Means to Me". I asked her to do a repeat performance as we have many new members and also longtime members who missed it last year. On the second Sunday, Oliver will lead us in the annual Ingathering Water Communion service. Please bring the water you have collected from your experiences over the summer to add to the community water collection. Bud Hearn will return on September 21 with a fresh and thoughtful message. And the last Sunday we will welcome back Allan Ward who will share stories of The Rhubarb Club with us. If you have no idea what I am talking about then you must come to find out. Those who know are already smiling and will look forward to this talk.

As your Program Chair I want to thank you for your support and patience in accepting my less than thorough performance over the summer. Clearly my focus has been elsewhere and my intention is to now be able to give the work the attention and care it deserves. Many of you have stepped up to be speakers, planners, lay leaders, musicians and coordinators and I so very much appreciate you. Thank you again and happy Homecoming!

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## Programs for October

October is Forgiveness

Oct 5 Michelle Crandell - Forgiveness

Oct 12 Forgiveness Cheryl Batts

Oct 19 Pat Jobin

Oct 26 Bud Hearn

# Fourth Friday Movie s

September 26

6:00 Pot Luck 7:00 Movie



Kevin Kline, Danny Glover, Mary McDonnell, Steve Martin, Mary-Louise Parker, Alfre Woodard

After attending a Lakers basketball game, an immigration lawyer named Mack (Kevin Kline) finds himself at the mercy of potential muggers when his car breaks down in a bad part of Los Angeles late at night. The muggers are talked out of their plans by Simon (Danny Glover), a tow truck driver who arrives just in time. Mac sets out to befriend Simon, despite their having nothing in common.

In the meantime, Mack's wife Claire (Mary McDonnell) and his best friend Davis (Steve Martin) (a producer of violent action films) are experiencing life-changing events. Claire encounters an abandoned baby while jogging and becomes determined to adopt her. Davis suddenly becomes interested in philosophy rather than box-office profits after being shot in the leg by a man trying to steal his watch, vowing to devote the remainder of his career to eliminating violence from the cinema.

The film chronicles how these characters—as well as various acquaintances, co-workers and relatives—are affected by their interactions in the light of life-changing events. In the end, they visit the Grand Canyon on a shared vacation trip, united in a place that is philosophically and actually "bigger" than all their little separate lives.

Homecoming:

“[I]n Wirklichkeit [war er] nicht zurückgekehrt, sondern hergebracht worden.”

— *Julio Cortázar*, *Hopscotch*

{Just thought I'd through this one in to see if anybody's watching. - Editor}

# 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 Pick Up  
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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Jason Nickerson-Tinna  
Rob Tinna  
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Carol Stanfill  
Joe Sturgill  
Denise Marion, Dorothy Clark  
Joe Sturgill, John Nino  
Geary Hufstedler  
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Jane Hufstedler  
Casey Linehan  
Oliver Driver, Dorothy Clark  
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Charlie Puckett  
1946 -2014

Charlie and Linda moved to Hot Springs Village last Fall and started visiting us in the Spring. They liked what they saw and so did we. So they joined us and we were happy to have'em. Now he's gone. He will be sorely missed.

We're thankful that we still have Linda and we'll keep her close to our heart.