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Unitarian Universalist
Church of
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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.

NOVEMBER 2014
THEME FOR NOVEMBER IS THANKSGIVING

November 2 Joe and Rebecca Present a Harp Service

November 9 Veteran's Day Tribute John Nino

November 16 Bud Hearn

November 23 At Village Church for Thanksgiving Service

November 30 Short Service followed by Congregational Meeting



Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

Henry Van Dyke

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:



Well happy fall everyone. As you probably know we have our pre Christmas sale coming up on the 21st and 22nd of November. We will be setting up on the 19th and 20th so will need lots of help. We will have signup sheets at the church for all you volunteers. Then on Sunday the 23rd we will not have a service as the UU church in Hot Springs Village has invited us to join them at their service with a pot luck to follow.

This is such a great time of year what with the warm days and the cool nights. I don't know about you all but the leaves in my yard have started to change colors and fall. Soon I'll be out there with a

leaf rake fighting to keep up. On second thought maybe I'll just see if my grandson wants to make some money. Luckily he can just dump them on the lot next door which I also own. I guess they frown on burning leaves now days due to concern about out of control fires and smoke pollution. I always loved the smell of burning leaves but times have changed and I'm sure they will continue to change I guess we'll just have to hope they change for the better. Happy Autumn everyone.

Oliver Driver
Congregation President



Guest at Your Table

Guest at Your Table is in its 40th year! A season of harvest and gratitude -- a time for many special gatherings--is upon us. This year **Guest at Your Table** is highlighting grassroots partners who are leading innovations in sustainability. Each year, involvement in **Guest at Your Table** has grown--strengthening UU connections to our shared principles and helping to challenge injustice throughout the world.

UU congregations in the United States and around the world participate in this important annual tradition. They come together, learn about people directly connected to human rights work, and raise funds to support this work. Together, members of these congregations inspire people to join UUSC and help raise funds to support our shared vision.

A special "**pass the plate**" collection will be taken on **November 9th and again on the 16th in support of Guest at Your Table**. The special collection will be in support of

UUSC

Crafts Club

November 5th and 19th.

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. *Perhaps even photography.* Men and women come together to share projects and help each other learn new skills. Of course, the fellowship is most important, too.



Women's Group

Reminder: our second Wednesday Women's Club will meet this time at Elsie's at 10:00, November 12:
141 Arlington Drive, Hot Springs [713-747-7260](tel:713-747-7260) [832-969-5878](tel:832-969-5878)

We'll skip our fourth Wednesday Women's group because it's the day before Thanksgiving.



Special Invitation : Charlie and Carol will host Thanksgiving at their home this year. Details will follow. You can sign up to attend this potluck during the next two Sundays or email Carol at carol.stanfill76@gmail.com

Reminder: Mark your calendar for Thanksgiving service and lunch with our friends at the Hot Spring Village Church on Sunday, November 23

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You may have heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. There's another day you might want to know about: Giving Tuesday. The idea is pretty straightforward. On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, shoppers take a break from their gift-buying and donate what they can to charity.

**Annual Gently Used Goods Sale
November 21st and 22nd**



We will hold our Annual (Rummage) Gently Used Goods Sale on Friday, November 21st and Saturday, November 22nd. While doing your Fall cleaning, house, yard and garage, please think of others who may desire and also benefits from your saved treasures and donate them, to the church sale.

Good sellers in the past have been:

- **Basic linens: towels, sheets, blankets and pillows**
- **Tools, sports gear, lawn care items**
- **Electronic items - TV's, radios, appliances**
- **Furniture- chairs, small tables, bookshelves, futons**
- **House wares, dinnerware, small appliances**
- **Children's toys and games**
- **Jewelry, Books, Clothing, Mirrors and Christmas items.**

You may bring smaller items to the church and put them in the storeroom across from the Library. Larger items such as furniture and TV's, please hold on to them for now. We will arrange for a time to bring them to church or have someone pick them up nearer to the sale date.

On Wednesday the 19th and Thursday the 20th we will set up and arrange and price items for our sale. You may bring items to the church to the room across from the library. Larger items may be arranged to be picked up. We need help in setting up and on the sale dates. Sign up sheets will be available on Sunday. All proceeds go to charitable organizations.

Co-Chairs -

Pat Jobin (760-6030) and

Dorothy Clark (318-3210 c or 760-1264 h)

Religious Exploration
The Religious Exploration Classes / Discussion Group
1st and 3rd 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.

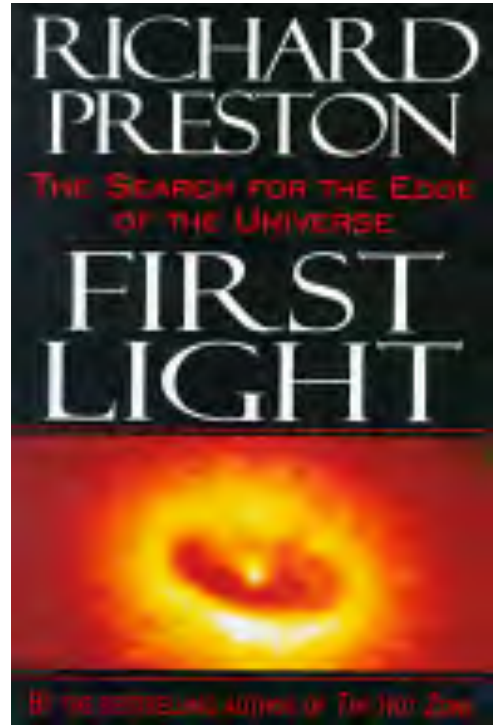
Your Opinion Is Not Only Welcomed But Sought.

I celebrated Thanksgiving in an old-fashioned way. I invited everyone in my neighborhood to my house, we had an enormous feast, and then I killed them and took their land.

Jon Stewart

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

First Light is perhaps the best book about astronomy ever written. It tells the story of the men and women at the Palomar Observatory in the San Gabriel Mountains of California who peer through the amazing Hale Telescope at the farthest edges of space, attempting to solve the riddle of the beginning of time. "Science is a lot weirder and more human than most people realize", Preston writes in his foreword to this revised and updated edition of his first book, and he skillfully weaves together stories of the eccentricities of his characters and the technical wonders of their work to create a riveting narrative about what scientists do and why they do it. The telescope itself is the main character. It is huge, seven stories tall, the heaviest working telescope on earth, with a mirror that is two hundred inches wide and took fourteen years to cast and polish. The telescope is used by astronomers like James E. Gunn, a "gadgeteer" who scavenges for junk parts and fashions them into sensitive instruments he uses to look into the glittering depths of the universe. Preston's rendering of the obsessions and adventures of Gunn and his colleagues is a witty and illuminating portrait of scientists in action and a luminous story of what modern astronomy is all about.



Come and join us even if you haven't read the book. The discussion is always more interesting than the book itself. We always have a good time. Please come and join us.



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.

Jane and Geary would like to thank you for many expressions of concern, love and support over the past several months of Mom's illness and then following her passing. You fed us, you sent lovely notes, called and visited with us and overall made us know that you truly care. These expressions mean so much when the pain is most acute. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. She left us with a storehouse of memories of laughter and fun. We are grateful.

We Say Goodbye



Mary Jane Erwin
February 3, 1925-October 26, 2014