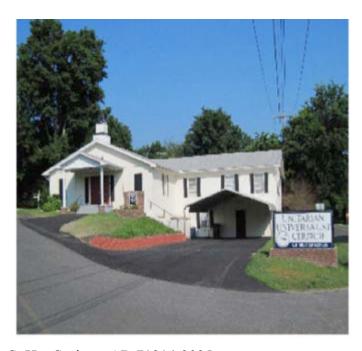
# ImSpirit Unitarian Universalist Church of

Hot Springs 100 Norwalk Norwalk and Spring St



Located at the corner of Norwalk and Spring St Hot Springs, AR 71914-3095 501-625-3095 WWW.uuchurchhotsprings.org

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.

# MARCH 2015 (REVISED) THEME IS JUSTICE

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If one really wishes to know how justice is administered in a country, one does not question the policemen, the lawyers, the judges, or the protected members of the middle class. One goes to the unprotected--those, precisely, who need the law's protection most!--and listens to their testimony.

JAMES BALDWIN, The Price of the Ticket

# **PROGRAMS**



The difficult road conditions caused by this latest round of cold weather has caused Bud McPherson to postpone his trip here to Hot Springs. While we are very sad, we sure would not want him or his son-in-law to be at risk on the road. Mac has agreed to rebook a Sunday when the weather will likely not be a factor. We look forward to seeing and hearing him whenever he can be here. Ann Hair has graciously agreed to step in this Sunday, Mar 1 and will deliver a talk entitled, "Re-imagining the American Dream." On March 8, seven UUCHS ladies will be attending the SWUUWomen's Conference in San Marcos, Texas and Geary Hufstedler will deliver a power point interactive service entitled, "What UUs Believe." Bud Hearn will return on March 15, with a talk he calls, "The Sunday Morning Experience and The Monday Morning Reality Check." March 22 will be a special Sunday. Ann Hair will direct a Readers Play, "From Stanton to Steinem and Beyond." The play depicts the struggle

and history of women in America to achieve equal status with men. On the fifth Sunday, we will hold a Congregational Meeting following Denise Marion's talk on "Non-Violent Communication", sounds like a good theme to precede our meeting. Our meeting will be followed by a PotLuck. More details will follow.

April's calendar has one opening and I am asking for your suggestions to fill April 19. If you have an idea for a service, I will be happy to help you get it together. If you know someone I should ask to speak, I will gladly do that. In the meantime on April 5, our own Jesse Davis will be presenting a service he calls, the Mindless Menace of Violence, and is based on a speech that Robert Kennedy gave after the death of Martin Luther King. Bud Hearn will return with more words for thoughtful musing and Annie Showalter will present "Giraffe Ears" to equip us with more suggestions for effective communication on April 26.

The snow outside is gorgeous all fluffy and light. I admit I am torn by the wish for Spring and the enjoyment of the beauty of this late morning snow. Enjoy what is here in this moment is the message for me right now and so I will.

Jane

To have the power of forgetting, for the time, self, friends, interests, relationship; and to think of doing right toward another, a stranger, an enemy, perhaps, is to have that which men can share only with the angels, and with Him who is above men and angels.



Women and Maidens 13 years old and older - please join us March 6-8, 2015, at the San Marcos Conference Center at Embassy Suites Hotel and Spa in San Marcos, Texas for a SWUUW Conference to remember. (Gentlemen, please share with the women in your life). Register soon, as the discounted registration fee of \$165 goes up after February 4. The registration fee also includes your SWUUW membership dues of \$25 for the year.

#### Register Now

Come early and stay late in the gem that is San Marcos, Texas. Hosted by the Southwest Unitarian Universalist Women, the San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and the Comal County Unitarian Universalist Society, we've put together a fun and educational weekend featuring the world-renowned Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker and special guest musician Terri Hendrix, one of the best and most popular singer-songwriters around. The Saturday workshops are stellar, you'll have trouble making up your mind. Relax and recharge in the Red Tent Room, and browse the unique offerings in the Taste of Texas Bazaar.

The Embassy Suites offers complimentary made-to-order breakfast, a hosted manager's "happy hour" each evening, free parking, and free shuttles to the nearby Premier and Tanger Outlet Malls, one of the top tourist destinations in all of Texas. Or just find a spot on the beautiful, sparkling San Marcos River to relax and soak it all in during your downtime. For more Information, contact conveners Jeannie Lewis and Jan Estes at <a href="mailto:conference@swuuw.org">conference@swuuw.org</a>.



### **Crafts Club**

March 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

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 Club

March 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

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.

- Jane Hufstedler on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Sharing Favorite Easter Stories.
- Claire Beam on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Painting Class.

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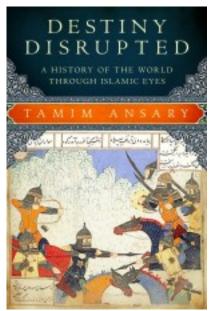
"Some one planted a nut It grew into a tree. If some one planted me I wonder what I'd be."

id (Isabell Dierk)

For some of our newer members, Isabell is Dorothy Clark's mother. She was a feisty little 100 year old member that we just lost a couple years ago. She would tell stories about how she was always scraping with a house full of brothers. And how her mother would dress her up and send her off to school with the words "Now don't be fighting today". But she always did anyway. When Dorothy would bring her to church, which was every Sunday up to the end, people would say "Hi Isabell, how you doing?" she would always respond "How much time've you got". We miss her a bunch. Thanks for sharing Dorothy.

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

Our new book views world history not from London, Paris and Rome but from Bagdad, Damasks and Cairo.



**Destiny Disrupted, A History of the World Through Islamic Eyes** takes, as its point of departure, the following question: "What are the key events of world history and the shape of the overall story if one assumes that the center of the world is not Europe but the Islamic heartland?" Following from this premise, it sets forth a provocative "alternative" history of the world that is as compellingly readable as any novel. **Destiny Disrupted** won the Northern California Book Award for Best General Nonfiction of 2009, and it has been translated into nine

languages, including Russian, Dutch, Indonesian, Korean, and Italian.

"It's one of those "fascinating new fact every paragraph" books. Would you like to know how the Shiite-Sunni schism happened? It's all here. Rumi the poet? He's here. Empires, sultanates, wars, atrocities, cities of great beauty now lost forever, the whole deal. Even the chapters on theology are enjoyable, and I'm not big on the minutiae of belief systems."

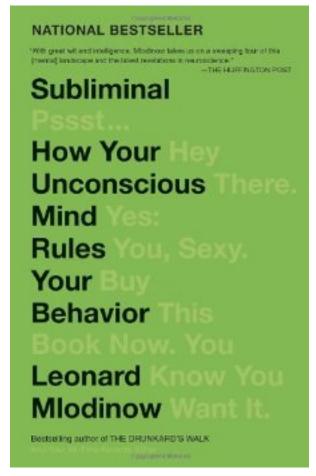
—Jon Carroll, Columnist

We think this is an exciting and illuminating book that will not only educate but generate a lot of discussion. Come join us. You don't even have to have read the book. The discussions themselves are worth the price of admission, and usually better then the book.

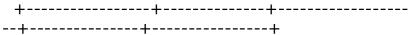
#### Wisdom Seekers Book Group Meet on the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays From 9 to 10

#### Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior

#### Winner of the 2013 PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award



Over the past two decades of neurological research, it has become increasingly clear that the way we experience the world--our perception, behavior, memory, and social judgment--is largely driven by the mind's subliminal processes and not by the conscious ones, as we have long believed. As in the bestselling The Drunkard's Walk: How Randomness Rules Our Lives, Leonard Mlodinow employs his signature concise, accessible explanations of the most obscure scientific subjects to unravel the complexities of the subliminal mind. In the process he shows the many ways it influences how we misperceive our relationships with family, friends, and business associates: how we misunderstand the reasons for our investment decisions: and how we misremember important events--along the way, changing our view of ourselves and the world around us.





Notice: The Hot Springs Gay Pride Group meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hot Springs on 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 5pm. All are welcome.

## 4th Friday Movie Night

#### "So I married an axe murderer"

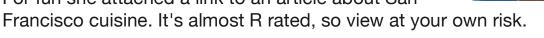
#### March 27<sup>th</sup> - Dinner at 6pm and movie at 7pm

Sherri is hosting movie night this month, and showing "So I Married an Axe Murderer" with Mike Myers and Nancy Travis. PG-13.

It's a comedy, love story, murder mystery, set in San Francisco. So she suggested for dinner we could have clam chowder in sourdough bowls. And, she found a web site that sells "Cubby Wubby Womb Room" tea (also referenced in the movie) so we must have that. Plus, she has a popcorn maker, so she'll bring that and make popcorn for everyone.

Contrary to the TV ad, Rice-a-roni is NOT the San Francisco treat. So, let's not go there. But salads and desserts would be terrific pot luck items.

For fun she attached a link to an article about San



21 Food Things Only San Franciscans Would Understand (copy this into your browser)

The need for justice grows out of the conflict of human interests. That is to say, if there

were no conflict of interests among mankind we should never have invented the word justice, nor conceived the idea for which it stands.

THOMAS NIXON CARVER, Essays in Social Justice

You know, the courts may not be working any more, but as long as everyone is videotaping everyone else, justice will be done.

MARGE SIMPSON, The Simpsons

# CALENDER

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Re-imagining the American Dream", Ann Hair	2	3 Jason's Music Studies 4:00	4 Craft Club 10:00 AM	5 "BIRDS" Practice 5:00	6	7
8 "What UUs Believe", Geary Hufstedler	9	10	Women's Club at Jane's 10:00 AM	12 "BIRDS" Practice 5:00	13	14
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Revised Calendar for March 2015