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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.

**JUNE 2015**  
**THEME IS COURAGE**

June 7 Joe Sturgill "Sing Along with Joe and Rebecca"  
June 14 Bud Hearn  
June 21 Tucker Steinmetz  
June 28 Annual Meeting

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*Quotes:*

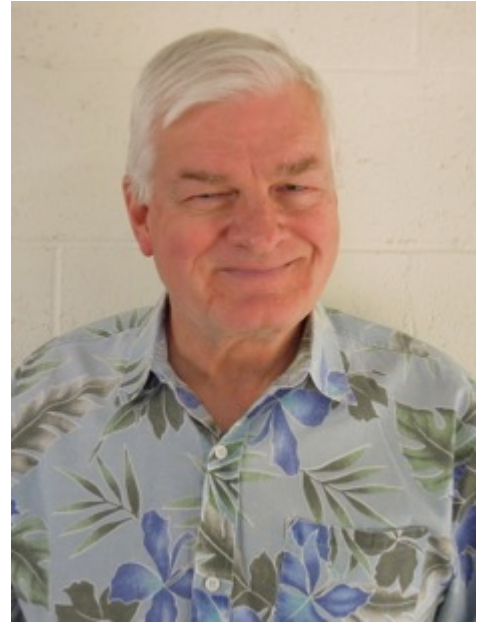
*Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point. ~C.S. Lewis*

*Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. ~Winston Churchill*

# Presidents Letter


Hello everyone here I am again to wish everyone a happy swamp fest. Hope all of you are doing well and nobody has washed downstream during the recent rains never to be heard from again.

I was very happy the Hot Springs Non-Discrimination Ordinance passed so easily and by such a wide margin. It made me feel good about Hot Springs and the people who live here. I saw lots of old friends that I haven't seen for a long time at the demonstration outside the meeting. It was actually a lot of fun although I had to leave before the vote because my back was starting to hurt. I was proud of our church for unanimously voting to support the ordinance. Unfortunately I hear the opposition has a petition drive going to put it up for a vote. I can't be sure but if that happens they might just be surprised. Look what happened when Eureka Springs put it up for a vote. It passed overwhelmingly.



Oliver Driver  
UUCHS President

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A yellow sign on a wooden post with a black arrow pointing right. The sign says "RUMMAGE SALE" in black capital letters. The sign is set against a background of green grass.

A reminder that we plan to have our Annual-Gently-Used-Items (Rummage) Sale this fall. If you are spring cleaning, sorting or downsizing; the church would like to have your items. We do have a small room across from the library to store items. The proceeds from the sale go to **community outreach programs**.

Dorothy Clark

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*Spiritual power can be seen in a person's reverence for life - hers and all others, including animals and nature, with a recognition of a universal life force referred to by many as God.*  
—Virginia Satir

# PROGRAMS

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that this is my last report as your Values In Action Committee chair. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as Sunday service planner for our church. Your feedback and support have been invaluable to me and I know that you will continue to provide the same for our next chair person starting in July. Our goal is to bring you speakers and programs that will inspire you, heal you, strengthen your sense of connectedness and even make you smile. Hopefully, you have experienced at least some of these emotions and feelings and if we are lucky you may have learned something you didn't know along the way. I know I have. The entire experience has been a learning experience for me, and those learnings I will have with me always as well as the good memories of you and your smiling and loving faces.



Our last month of this fiscal calendar year will be a really good one. A Sing-Along with Joe and Rebecca will lead off our month June, which is "COURAGE." Bud Hearn will share his knowledge and wisdom with us on June 14, Flag Day, and Tucker Steinmetz, will be returning on Father's Day, June 21. We will end the month with our annual meeting on June 28, when we will elect and install our 2015-2016 Board. We will follow the Annual Meeting with a delicious Pot Luck and hope that you will plan to join in the fun!

Please mark you calendar, as we will have our annual Blueberry Pancake breakfast at Lake Hamilton hosted again by Scott and Linell Lasiter. I will be sending around a sign up sheet for you to select items to bring to round out the breakfast. It will be great fun, and Scott will again take a boat-load of early birds on a ride around 7am. More details will be out to you soon. Just mark your calendar and plan to join us!

Jane

July Freedom  
5 Bob Van Hook  
12 Bud Hearn  
19 Blueberry Pancake Breakfast at the Lasiters  
26 Michelle Crandell

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## News from Members and Old Friends.

This new from Barbara and Carl (Old Friends):

*I just returned from a field trip in Taos, NM for a class I took on the Taos Society of Artists - the founders of the art colony that has existed there since the turn of the 20th century. It was a great trip in spite of the rainy weather that has plagued this part of the country for weeks now. We are beginning to think in terms of building arks.*

*You won't be seeing me at the music festival this year. Carl & I are heading off to Montana and Glacier Nat'l. Park on Tuesday for two weeks and keeping fingers crossed that the weather will improve. I'm not anxious to drive thru snow covered roads in the mountains. At least you won't have to face that possibility at the music fest.*

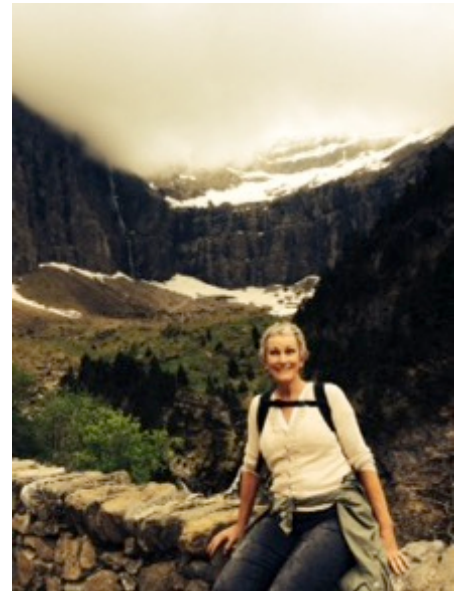
*Give my love to the church folks, please. I miss you all.  
Barbara*

Barbara and Carl are old friends of UUCHS. They were with us for many years until moving to Denver in 2011. While members they held several offices, and Carl was President when the church building was purchased. We miss them too.  
Editor

### **Linda in Europe**

Hello and much love to everyone,

On this day, the last in May, my travel companions, Mike and Gail Olds of Irvine, CA, and I travel by train from Toulouse, France to Barcelona, Spain. Announcements are made in French and Spanish. Fortunately, Mike speaks both languages. Train service here is simple to understand, reliable, clean, modern, efficiently operated and affordable. Sensible. I had thought we would pass over the Pyrenees Mountains but instead we shot under them through a tunnel. It reminded me of riding the BART transit system under the bay between San Francisco and Oakland.



The two weeks in France were marvelous, as we all knew they would be. Visits to cathedrals, abbeys, medieval mountainside and mountain top villages and many fine restaurants, patisseries and chocolatiers have been delightful. Having a temporary residence in the country village of Sion proved to be a wise decision and an incredibly warm experience. It has left each of us with special memories.

This afternoon begins a two week exploration of Spain, mostly by car. From oui to si in a three hour train ride. We will all be speaking our broken Spanish in French style until an adjustment takes place in our minds and translates to our mouths. We attempt to be travelers more than tourists, absorbing the individual cultures and making new friends wherever we go.

I look forward to returning home and, at the same time, will greatly miss the adventure of visiting unknown places.

Love to all Linda

# Wedding Bells

Sunnye and Pat have tied the knot.



The ceremony was on the Belle of Hot Springs in the middle of Lake Hamilton. Also in the middle of a big storm. Just as the Captain said "I now pronounce you man and wife", the God of Thunder announced his approval. They rented the whole ship for us, a few friends and their 932 family members. Which the God of Rain graciously drenched, on the upper deck, as we prepared for the bride and groom.

It was a marvelous wedding. Everyone had a wonderful time and we are all so proud of the happy couple.

Congratulations, and as my Irish Grandmother use to say "Many happiness to ya' and may ye both be in Heaven an hour before the Devil knows you're dead".



# Crafts Club

June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> .

UUCHS Crafters meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 at the church.

UUCHS Project for Homeless

Hazel Nino has recommended a new project for the Wednesday Craft group to consider. Clarice Harvill has been involved with a group who are making sleeping mats out of plastic grocery bags for the homeless. This Wednesday, Jane and Charlotte will explain the project and get it started. Please bring your grocery bags and a pair of good scissors. Each 3'X6' mat takes 700 plastic bags. So our first step will be to cut and tie the bags into "parn" (plastic yarn), which will be crocheted into mats, in step two. Charlotte and Jane were happy to know that we could be crafty girls just by knowing how to cut and tie! So please come and for a fun project that will also produce an item of use for those in our community who have no place to call home. The Craft group meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10:00am at the church.



<http://www.finecraftguild.com/craft-for-humanity-crochet-a-plastic-sleeping-mat-for-the-homeless/>

# Women's Club

June 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<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 served by the hostess.

- June 10<sup>th</sup> Dorothy
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Jane



# SOCIAL JUSTICE HEAD LINES

This is a new column that will feature news headlines that will reflect advancements or declines in social Justice that have come to our attention. Hopefully the column will give us encouragement that the world is moving in a positive direction.

The editor also encourages you to contribute any headlines you feel shows this to be true.

Generally only the Head Lines will be shown. If I have a URL I'll include it. If not, and you have the time and interest, "Thank god for GOOGLE".

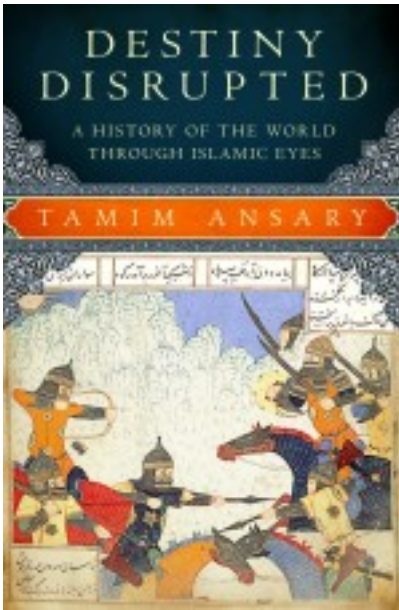
- **NABRASKA ENDS LICENSE BAN FOR ALIEN YOUTH** (Last of the 49 to lift restriction). <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/nebraska-ends-ban-drivers-licenses-immigrant-youths-31367494>
- **ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT DENIES SECOND ORAL ARGUMENT ON SAME SEX MARRAGE.**  
<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/may/29/no-oral-arguments-court-says-20150529/>
- **FOUR STATES AND TWO CITIES HIKE THEIR MINIMUM WAGE RATES.**  
<http://www.mondaq.com/unitedstates/x/353112/employee+rights+labour+relations/Four+States+And+Two+Cities+Hike+Their+Minimum+Wage+Rates>
- **WALMART INCREASES WAGES UP TO \$15 AVERAGE FOR FULL TIME WORKERS.** [http://corporate.walmart.com/working-at-walmart?utm\\_source=gs&utm\\_medium=ads&utm\\_content=81826416011&utm\\_campaign=AprilOpp&gclid=Cj0KEQjw4qqrBRDE2K\\_z7Pbvjo8BEiQA39AImatOrFN8GN8sIIE-hqRD691SwFH0cgfaEJ9MsKqiTs8aAp7V8P8HAQ](http://corporate.walmart.com/working-at-walmart?utm_source=gs&utm_medium=ads&utm_content=81826416011&utm_campaign=AprilOpp&gclid=Cj0KEQjw4qqrBRDE2K_z7Pbvjo8BEiQA39AImatOrFN8GN8sIIE-hqRD691SwFH0cgfaEJ9MsKqiTs8aAp7V8P8HAQ)

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*Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow. ~Mary Anne Radmacher*

**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, Damascus 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

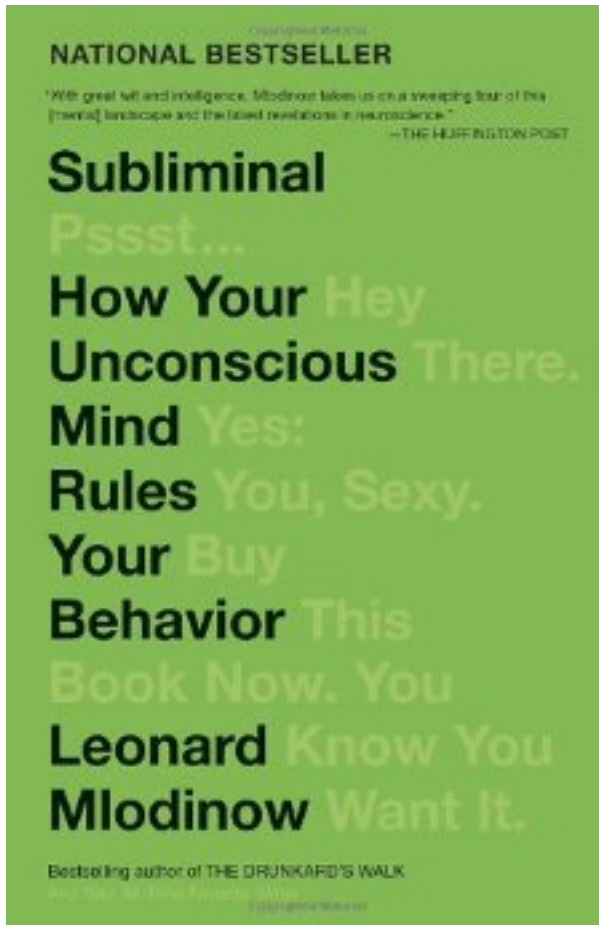
We think this is an exciting and illuminating book that will not only educate but generate a lot of discussion. Come join us. You don’t even have to have read the book. The discussions themselves are worth the price of admission, and usually better than the book.



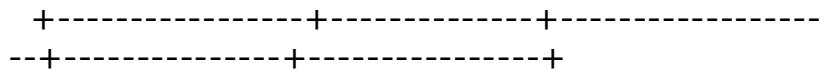
Wisdom Seekers Book Group  
Meet on the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
From 9 to 10

**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.

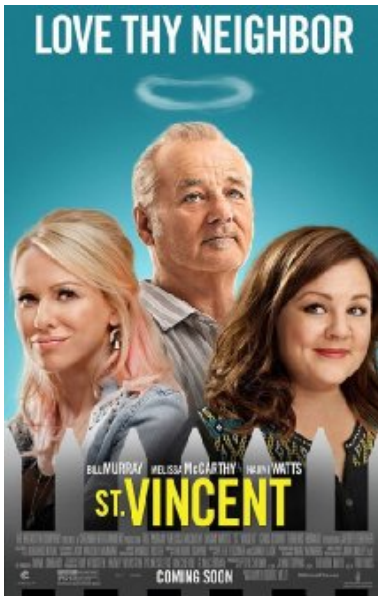


Notice: The Hot Springs Gay Pride Group meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hot Springs on 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 5pm. All are welcome.

# 4th Friday Movie Night

## St. Vincent

June 26<sup>th</sup> - Dinner at 6pm and movie at 7pm



Maggie (Melissa McCarthy), a single mother, moves into a new home in Brooklyn with her 12-year old son, Oliver (Jaeden Lieberher). Forced to work long hours, she has no choice but to leave Oliver in the care of their new neighbor, Vincent (Bill Murray), a retired curmudgeon with a penchant for alcohol and gambling. An odd friendship soon blossoms between the improbable pair. Together with a pregnant stripper named Daka (Naomi Watts), Vincent brings Oliver along on all the stops that make up his daily routine - the race track, a strip club, and the local dive bar. Vincent helps Oliver grow to become a man, while Oliver begins to see in Vincent something that no one else is able to: a misunderstood man with a good heart.

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Quotes:

*Every day you either see a scar or courage. Where you dwell will define your struggle. ~Dodinsky, [www.dodinsky.com](http://www.dodinsky.com)*

*It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare. ~Mark Twain*

*People are made of flesh and blood and a miracle fibre called courage. ~Mignon McLaughlin, The Neurotic's Notebook, 1960CDN*

# CALENDER

## JUNE

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Craft Club 10:00 AM	4 “BIRDS” Practice 5:15	5	6
7 Sing Along w/ Joe Sturgill and Rebecca Ricks  RE: Destiny Disrupted	8	9 “Dealing with Change” w/ Michelle. 2-3  Jason’s Music Studies 4:00	10 Women’s Club at Dorothy’s 10:00 AM	11 “BIRDS” Practice 5:15	12	13
14 Bud Hearn with Rebecca Ricks  WS: Subliminal	15	16	17 Craft Club 10:00 AM	18 “BIRDS” Practice 5:15	19	20
21 Tucker Steinmetz w/ Rebecca Ricks  RE: Destiny Disrupted	22	23 Jason’s Music Studies 4:00	24 Women’s Club at Jane’s 10:00 AM	25 “BIRDS” Practice 5:15	26 Fourth Friday Movie: “St. Vincent”. Dinner at 6pm and movie at 7pm	27
28 UUCHS Annual Meeting followed by Pot Luck  WS: Subliminal	29	30				

RE = Religious Exploration. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 9:00 to 10:00AM

WS = Wisdom Seekers. 2<sup>ed</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 9:00 to 10:00AM