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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.

FEBRUARY 2015
THEME IS LOVE

February 1 John Nino The Cremation of Sam Magee
February 8 Bud Hearn
February 15 Pat Jobin, Poetry Interactive Service
February 22 Tucker Steinmetz from UU Little Rock



Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead.

Oscar Wilde

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:



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Sunday January the 18th my daughter and a friend went to a local bar. They were having a Texas Hold'Em poker tournament and since the entry fee was only \$5.00 they thought they would try their luck. She lost her stake fairly early and so she was just standing around waiting when she overheard a conversation at a nearby table. Several people were discussing the recent events and demonstrations in Ferguson, MO. One man said if any demonstrations like that happened in Hot Springs he knew a bunch of "good ole boys" around here who would get

together and take care of the demonstrators because "we don't put up with that kind of shit around here". A little later the manager of the bar asked if anyone else wanted to order anything. He then made the statement "we serve everyone here, even monkeys". His wife who also works there chastised him and told him not to talk like that. Why is this relevant you may ask? A young man (black) was sitting at a nearby table waiting for his girlfriend (white) to get off work. It was obvious the conversation was meant for his ears.

Sometimes it seems the more things change the more they remain the same.

Oliver Driver
Congregation President



Friends can help each other. A true friend is someone who lets you have total freedom to be yourself - and especially to feel. Or, not feel. Whatever you happen to be feeling at the moment is fine with them. That's what real love amounts to - letting a person be what he really is.

Jim Morrison

PROGRAMS

I hear many comments from you that you are happy with most of the Sunday programs and that you are especially happy with the new focus this year on music. We are so fortunate in our small group to have talented folks very willing to share their gifts with us. Please keep participating by suggesting ideas and speakers and also what you think we could do better. Coming up in March we have a month full of great speakers and events. While I am confident they will all be of value, I would like to highlight a couple in particular. On the first Sunday, our dear friend and former part-time speaker, Mac McPherson, has graciously accepted our invitation to come for a visit and share some words of his special wisdom with us. The theme for March is "Justice", and given current events in our country and others, the timing could not be better. His topic, "Why Human Violence?" Violence consist of action in which the perpetrator regards inflicting pain, suffering, fear, distress, injury, maiming, disfigurement, or death as the intrinsic, necessary, or desirable means to the intended ends." -Alan Page Fiske and Tage Shakti Rai. Mac's talk will be followed by a potluck so that we can celebrate his visit with good food and drink as well. There will be more details about pot luck later.



On March 22 a group of women consisting of UUs and others will present a Readers Play, directed and co-written by Ann Hair; "From Stanton to Steinem and Beyond". The play is about the struggle of women in this country to become truly EQUAL citizens. Thanks for all you do in making our Sunday services of value.

Jane

Coming in March, Theme Justice

1 Mac McPherson "Why Human Violence?" Potluck after Service

8 What UUs Believe Geary Hufstedler (Interactive service)

15 Bud Hearn

22 Readers Play "From Stanton to Steinem and Beyond" Director Ann Hair

29 Non-violent Communication- Denise Marion, followed by Congregational Meeting



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 SWU UW 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 SWU UW 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 conference@swuuw.org.



Crafts Club



February 4th and 18th.

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

February 11th and 25th

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.

- Linda Puckett on February 11th.
- Sunnye Davis on February 25th.

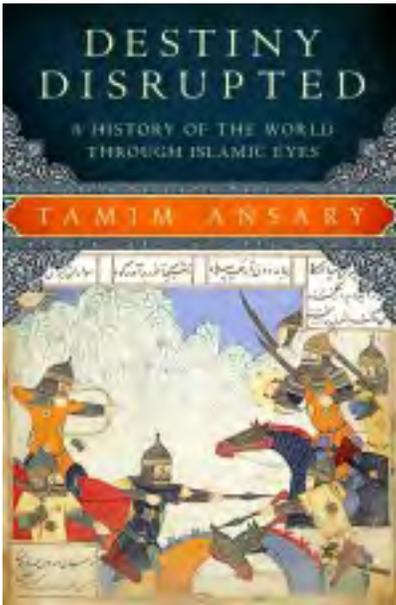


Love is a force more formidable than any other. It is invisible - it cannot be seen or measured, yet it is powerful enough to transform you in a moment, and offer you more joy than any material possession could.

Barbara de Angelis

Religious Exploration
The Religious Exploration Classes / Discussion Group
1st 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 than the book.

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

Favorite Poem Month

This month we're inviting everyone to bring some of their favorite poems. They can be from any source, on any subject, by any poet known or unknown, living or dead, religious or secular, etc We are an Equal Opportunity Poet's Loft.

Come and join us even if you don't bring a poem. The discussion is always interesting t. We always have a good time.

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Immature love says: 'I love you because I need you.' Mature love says 'I need you because I love you.'

Erich Fromm

I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death.

Robert Fulghum

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

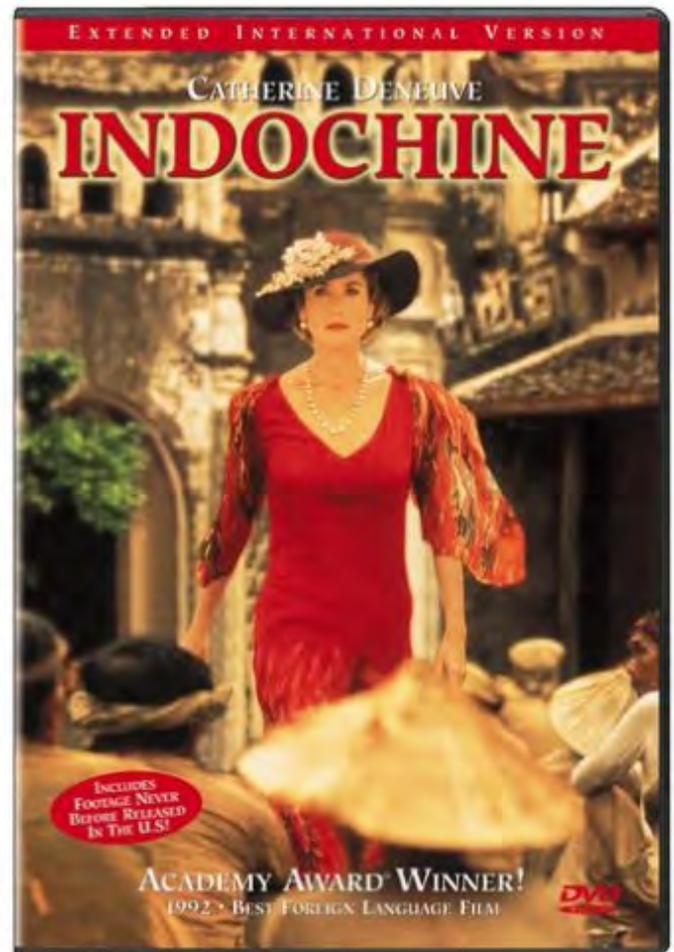
4th Friday Movie Night

The dinner theme is Vietnamese Pot Luck
(Editor: I think Poc Luk is just north of Dang Fud.)

Movie Night

This month our 4th Friday Film Night is on February 27th. Lets have dinner at 6pm and movie at 7pm.

The movie planned is Indochine:
Indochine is a 1992 French film set in colonial [French Indochina](#) during the 1930s to 50s. In colonial-era Vietnam, Jean-Baptiste (Vincent Perez), a dashing French naval captain; Eliane (Catherine Deneuve), a wealthy plantation owner of French parentage; and her adopted Vietnamese daughter, Camille (Linh Dan Pham), are the three points of a cross-cultural romantic triangle. As the struggle against European imperialism sweeps Indochina, Jean-Baptiste and Camille have to choose sides and Eliane faces the emotionally difficult challenge of raising the child of her daughter and ex-lover..



CALENDER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 John Nino "The Cremation of Sam Magee"	2	3 Jason's Music Studies 4:00	4 Craft Club 10:00 AM	5 "BIRDS" Practice 5:00	6	7
8 Bud Hearn, "Prayer"	9	10	11 Women's Club Linda Puckett 10:00 AM	12 "BIRDS" Practice 5:00	13	14
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