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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.

APRIL 2016

April 3rd, Jesse Davis,

April 10th, Vicki Cook, Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relationships,
(Need lay-leader)

April 17th, Bud Hearn, no title nor description yet

April 24th, David Welch, So Immense a Thing as Death, (Need lay-leader)

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“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything. (Sonnet XCVIII)”
– William Shakespeare, Shakespeare's Sonnets

“April is the cruelest month, breeding
lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
memory and desire, stirring
dull roots with spring rain.”

– T.S. Eliot, The Waste Land

President's Letter



The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.

—Harriet Ann Jacobs

Even though we do not have the harsh, long winters I had in the Rocky Mountains, I still feel excited each spring. Tulips, daffodils, jonquils, then red bud trees and dogwoods! And we have so many things going on at church to renew the soul! I love to see so many getting involved, for we all benefit from contributions of each and every person in the congregation.

If anyone gets in the mood to plant flowers and do some gardening, you have our "blessing". Our annuals look beautiful thanks to gardeners in past years.

April means we will be preparing for our Arkansas Cluster guests. So many of our members are helping us get ready for April 29-30. Sheri will organize our meals, so let her know if you can help cook or serve. All are invited to participate in the workshop. Sign up sheets are in the kitchen, and you have received this online. Let me know if you need me to send another registration form and schedule. I think you will definitely benefit from the input of other UUs around the state as well as from our speakers and entertainers.

I will attend the UU Southern District Meeting in Austin April 8-9. I always enjoy learning what others in the district are doing, and I get so many good ideas from many congregations. I encourage you to participate in activities outside Arkansas. Sometimes we liberals can feel a bit isolated in our state.

The multi generational UU camp is July 24-29, but signing up early will help you get a better room. This camp, formerly known as SWUUSI, is now called "The Point". UUs from many states are invited, so you will meet so many new friends. Information has been emailed to you, let me know if you need this again. Location: near Tulsa, OK at Sequoya Park/ Resort.

As you can see, you can certainly keep busy at our church. We have great programs, movies, children's and adult's RE, book group, women's groups, and, hopefully soon, great outings. Let me know if you have ideas.

Enjoy our beautiful Natural State this spring!
Carol Stanfill, Congregation President

Social Justice

31 Lunches served at Jackson House

UU members gathered at Jackson House Tuesday, and prepared and served sack lunches to 131 people.

Volunteers were; Linda Puckett, Dorothy Clark, Joe Sturgill, Geary Hufstedler, Carol Stanfill, and Tiffany Gonzales. Pam Harrison (not pictured) from the UUHSVC assisted us in our maiden voyage. **We will serve lunch again on May 31st.** Thank you for helping in this Social Justice undertaking.



Dorothy Clark

6 Million Pennies

UU members responded to a project undertaken by the 7th grade classes of Vilonia, AR, to **collect 6 million pennies for each life lost due to the Holocaust.** The class plans to use a small portion of the money to build a memorial at their school in honor of the children who were lost and donate the rest to the **Jewish Federation of Arkansas.**



The large vase at church was almost full of pennies and other coins. **The pennies weighed 19 pounds and 2 ounces. There were \$2.60 in other coins.** I'm in the process of finding a way to get the pennies to the school other than by USPS or UPS.

Thank you for participating in this social Justice project.

Dorothy Clark

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Editors Note: In case you haven't done the math, six Million pennies adds up to \$60,000 and weighs about 33,000 pounds or 16.5 Tons.

UU Wednesdays

UU Women, meeting some Wednesdays at 10:00.

April 6, Crafts at the church
April 13, Cards at Charlotte's house
April 20, Crafts at the church
April 27, Something at Linda and Sheri's

Would you like to teach a craft on one of our craft days? Let me know. You can email a supply list for participants.

Also, let me know if you have a fun idea for May
carol.stanfill76@gmail.com



Check out the information on the Multi Generational UU Summer Retreat. (Used to be called SWUUSI)

I have attended twice and am already signed up to go again this year with my 7 year old granddaughter. I can answer any questions. You will see that it's open to a larger geographic area this year! My granddaughter comes all the way from Washington to attend.

<http://www.thepointuu.org/>

Carol

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"October knew, of course, that the action of turning a page, of ending a chapter or shutting a book, did not end the tale.

Having admitted that, he would also avow that happy endings were never difficult to find: "It is simply a matter," he explained to April, "of finding a sunny place in a garden, where the light is golden and the grass is soft; somewhere to rest, to stop reading, and to be content."

— Neil Gaiman, *The Sandman*, Vol. 4: Season of Mists

Hot Springs LGBT Alliance



Announcing:

On Sunday April, 3rd, at 6 pm the LGBT Alliance will have a program/ question and answer session with attorney Joshua Drake.

He is a former candidate for governor here in Arkansas with the Green Party . He has a local law practice specializing in family law.

Mr. Drake will be with us to discuss and answer questions about court decisions and changes in the law as they relate to our community. This will be an informal session beginning at 6:30 with Finger Food and socializing beginning at 6:00.

This gathering will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hot Springs located at 100 Norwalk and Spring Street. This promises to be an interesting and educational session and we hope everyone will attend if possible. We want a good turnout to show our appreciation to Mr. Drake for volunteering to meet with us.

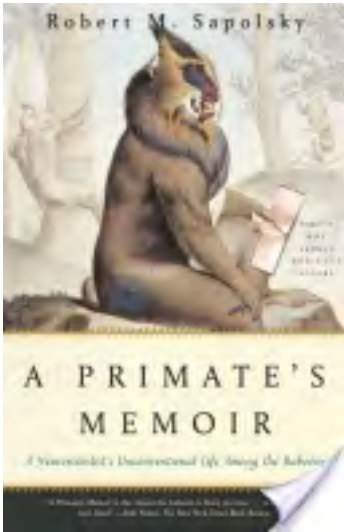
Please Feel free to contribute food or drink.

G. Alan Clark, Education Chairperson
Jason Nickerson-Tinna, Secretary

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“But it is a sort of April-weather life that we lead in this world. A little sunshine is generally the prelude to a storm.”

— **William Cowper, Letters of William Cowper: Chosen and Edited with a Memoir and a Few Notes**

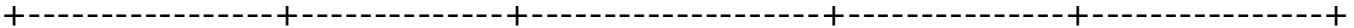
**Wisdom Seekers Book Group
Meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
From 9 to 10**



In the tradition of Jane Goodall and Dian Fossey, Robert Sapolsky, a foremost science writer and recipient of a MacArthur Genius Grant, tells the mesmerizing story of his twenty-one years in remote Kenya with a troop of Savannah baboons.

We're finishing this book on April 10th and a new book will be selected.

Bring your suggestions and join the discussions. The new book will be introduced on April 24.



Religious Exploration

**The Religious Exploration Classes / Discussion Group
1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:00**

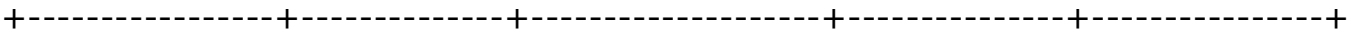


"A Chosen Faith." By John Buehrens and Forrest Church.

"For those contemplating religious choices, Unitarian Universalism offers an appealing alternative to religious denominations that stress theological creeds over individual conviction and belief. In this new edition of the classic introductory text on Unitarian Universalism, which includes a revealing, entertaining foreword by best-selling author Robert Fulghum (*All I Really Need*

to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.) The authors, John Buehrens and Forrest Church, explore the many sources of the living tradition of their chosen faith."

We strongly encourage all especially our new Friends and Members to read and/or join the discussion. Jane will be the facilitator of this book.



The Hand Drum Playshop will continue meeting on Fridays from 1:00-2:15 p.m.

On April 8th Jason will give a frame drum lesson while Dee is at the "Seattle World Rhythm Festival".



Movie Night(s)

Star Wars: The Force Awakens. April 15
Movie only, 7 pm.

Thirty years after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, the galaxy faces a new threat from the evil Kylo Ren (Adam Driver) and the First Order. When a defector named Finn crash-lands on a desert planet, he meets Rey (Daisy Ridley), a tough scavenger whose droid contains a top-secret map. Together, the young duo joins forces with Han Solo (Harrison Ford) to make sure the Resistance receives the intelligence concerning the whereabouts of Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), the last of the Jedi Knights.



Fourth Friday Film Night April 22

Brooklyn

Potluck at 6, movie at 7

An Irish immigrant (Saoirse Ronan) in 1950s New York falls for a tough Italian plumber (Emory Cohen), but faces temptation from another man (Domhnall Gleeson) when she returns to her homeland for a visit.

Academy Award Nomination for Best Actress

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" 'April, April, laugh thy girlish laughter, and the moment after, Weep thy girlish tears, April.' "

— Angus Wilson, *No Laughing Matter*

CALENDER

APRIL

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Jesse Davis RE: "A Chosen Faith" LGBT Alliance Program with attorney Joshua Drake. 6PM	4	5	6 UU Wednesday Crafts at the church 10:00	7 "BIRDS" Practice 5:00	8 Drumming Platshop 1:00-2:15 Movie Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Movie only, 7 pm. 	9
10 Vicki Cook, <u>Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relationships</u> WS: "A Primate's Memoir" Select New Book	11	12	13 UU Wednesday Cards at Charlotte's house 10:00	14 "BIRDS" Practice 5:00	15 Drumming Platshop 1:00-2:15	16
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24 David Welch, <u>So Immense a Thing as Death</u> WS: Start New Brook	25	26 Board meeting, 3:00	27 UU Wednesday Something at Linda's and Sheri's 10:00	28 "BIRDS" Practice 5:00	29 Drumming Platshop 1:00-2:15	30

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