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Unitarian Universalist
Church of
Hot Springs
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Norwalk and Spring St



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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,

MAY 2016

May 1st, May Day, Denise Marion, Flower Communion

May 8th, Mother's Day, Bob Van Hook, Mother's Day

May 15th, Melanie Bell

May 22nd, Bud Hearn

May 29th, Memorial Day, Jesse Davis and Carol Stanfill, Memorial Plaque Installation

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Here are a few other dates

All Church Memorial Day Picnic, Entergy Park, May 29, after church, details follow, we have the pavilion rented from 12:00 to 3:00.

Rev. Jan Nielsen will be installed as minister of the UU Church of Little Rock on May 22, 11:00. A few of us plan to attend. Let me know if you'd like to come along, We'll do lunch, of course.

President's Letter



We're a "family sized church". So, if you need something, if you're sick or having medical issues, let me know . We do want to be a family that helps, but if we don't know what's going on, we won't be there for you. And we really want to be there. (We need a volunteer or two, who want to be our "go to persons" for Congregational Caring)

We'll serve food at Jackson House again on May 31. Let Dorothy know if you can help. 10:00-1:00. Last time we helped 131 individuals! It feels mighty good.

Congregation Meeting and Memorial Day Celebration, May 29th. Plans are in the works for a picnic after church. We will remember those we have lost, with flowers cast into the water. Location and details to follow. (Who wants to help us plan a fun outing on May 29?)

Arkansas Cluster Meeting was April 29-30. So many in our church worked diligently before and during the meeting. It was well attended, with 41 guests coming from Benton, Fayetteville, Little Rock, Jonesboro, and Hot Springs Village. I have had terrific praise from all who attended. Here are just a few of the jobs that went into the planning:

- Food: purchasing, preparing, serving, and cleaning up (a very popular crew with our guests)
- Painting and cleaning in the church, cleaning Spring Street, parking cars, getting the flashlight gifts ready, making nametags, gardening (have you noticed how great the church looks?)
- Inviting speakers, participating
- Presenters : Laura Lee Williard, Dee Marion, Ann Hair and the ladies of the readers' theater, Professor Aneeq Ahmed and his daughter Professor Arsala Ahmed, Rev. Morgan Golden, and Kai Coggin

And all I did was supervise and organize! For many, this was their first time at our church. We received so many compliments. I am proud as can be to be a part of this church family.

Carol Stanfill, Congregation President

Social Justice



Arkansas Literacy Council
of Garland County

Press Release



May 3, 2016

You are invited to our Literacy XPrize Open House

In collaboration with the Hot Springs Middle School EAST Initiative, we invite you to our

Literacy XPrize Open House Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 5:30-6:30pm

Literacy Council of Garland County 119 Hobson Avenue – just one block off Central, in Hot Springs, AR 71901

For more information

Please contact Laura Lee Williard, Executive Director,

at 501-624-7323.

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Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend. Albert Camus

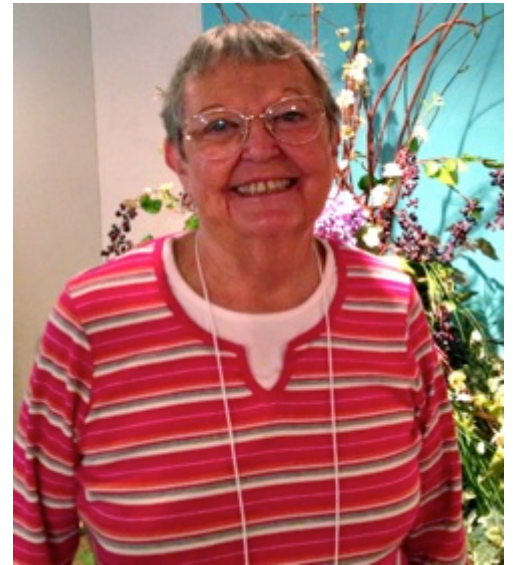
Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. Ralph Waldo Emerson

MEET THE MEMBERS

This is a new series of articles about the person sitting next to you on Sunday mornings. Of course we know them as friends of ours but not much about their history. Long time member Pat Jobin has stepped forward to be the first to tell us about her journey.

Patricia Jobin

I was born on July 13, 1937, seven years younger than my sister Helen. When I was about six or seven, I began to notice my family was different from those of my friends. We always lived in basements. We didn't have a car or nice furniture. We didn't have hot water except one day a week: washing day, bath day. As I started to notice these differences, I found out neither of my parents had finished elementary school. I began to put these differences together and figured out why we were so poor.



I loved school and studied very hard. I did graduate elementary and high school. Assumed college was next until my sister told me in my second year of high school that I would have to transfer to a commercial school to learn to take dictation, file, and type. When I got a job, I would be expected to turn my money over to help support the family. This never happened as I got married ten days after my eighteenth birthday, My married life had many twists and turns, but I never again lived in a basement and had hot water everyday of the year, I finally got my chance, starting community college and received my associate's degree in May, 1983. I never stopped until I graduated cum laude in 1986, earning a B.A. in Education. I finally broke the yoke that held me down for so many years, and that makes me feel proud of myself.

I have the diplomas, with family pictures, hanging on a wall by my desk in the kitchen.

If ever you wish to continue my story, I would be pleased to do so, however, I'm hoping that other members will be motivated to share a short story of their own life during any era that is important to them, a time that made a tremendous impact on what came after.

Each Sunday when I'm able to get to church, I am happy and content that I have chosen the correct path for my religious life.

Your friend, Pat

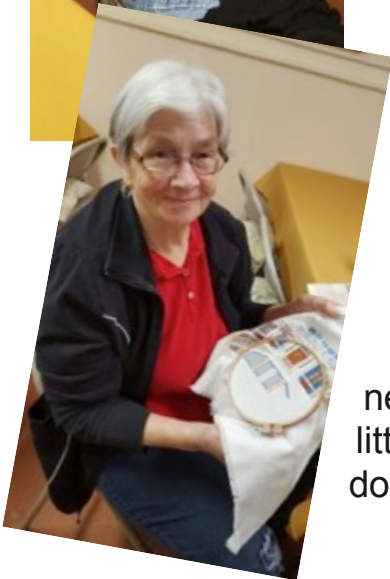
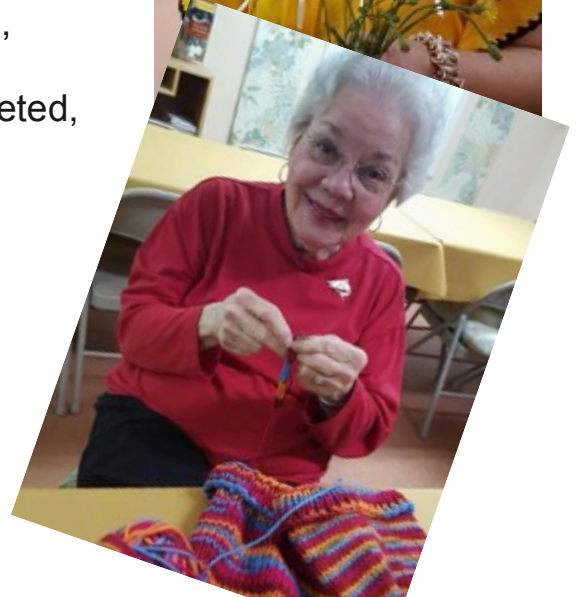
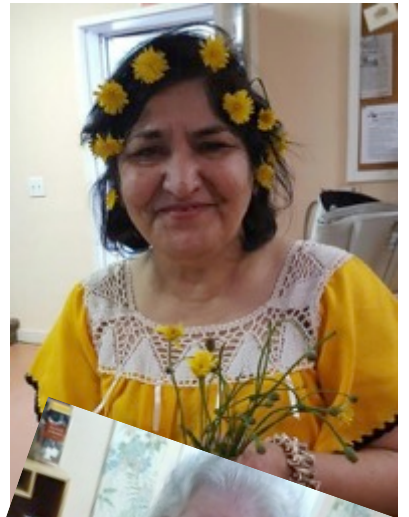
UU Wednesdays

UU Women, meeting some Wednesdays at 10:00.
May 11 at Elsie's home, let her know if you can attend.
May 18 at Jane's home, let her know if you can attend.
May 25 at Sara's home, let her know if you can attend.

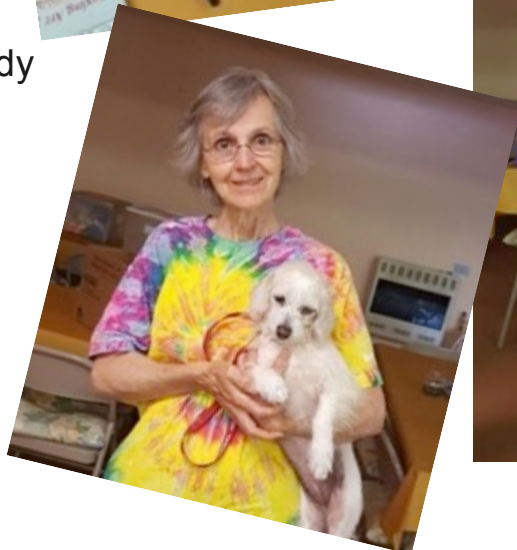
I am sorry if you had to miss our crafters' day at the church on the first Wednesday. We had a great time!

Mona worked on flower accessories,
Hazel worked on her adult coloring book.

Elsie and I
knitted,
Dian
crocheted,
Judy
took
care
of a



needy
little
dog,



Clarice worked on cross
stitch

So, you see , anything
goes!
Carol

Arkansas UU Cluster Meeting



Our church had the honor of hosting the spring meeting of the ARKANSAS Cluster of UU Churches on April 29-30.

We had Forty-one attendees from six Arkansas churches. We had speakers and entertainers that helped make our event a great success.

Our speakers were Professors Aneeq Ahmed and his daughter Arsala, Pastor Morgan Golden. We were entertained by poet Kai Coggin, folksinger/ teaching-artist Laura Lee Williard, drum circle facilitator Dee Marion, and Ann Hair with the readers' theater group performing *From Stanton to Steinem and Beyond*.

Our hard working kitchen staff, and other volunteers, provided three amazing meals.

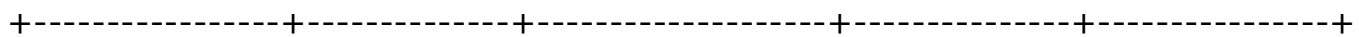
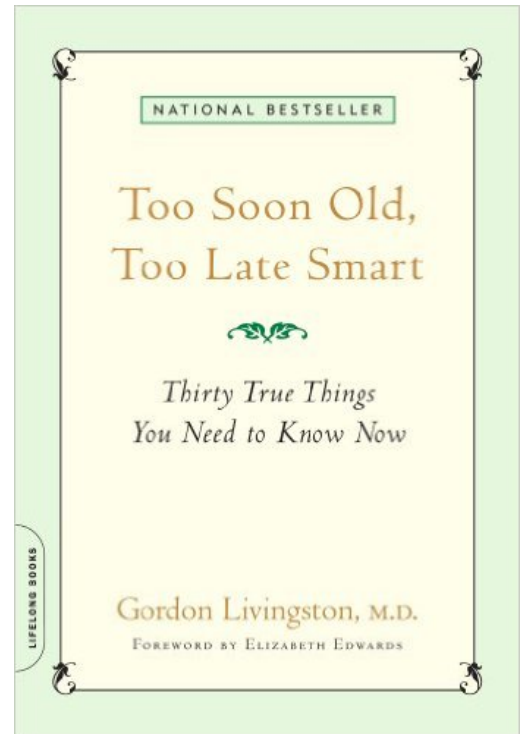
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If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading. Lao Tzu

No one saves us but ourselves. No one can and no one may. We ourselves must walk the path. Buddha

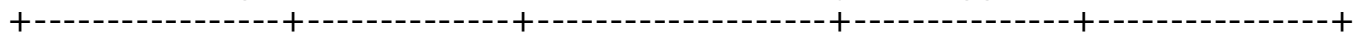
**Wisdom Seekers Book Group
Meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
From 9 to 10**

After service in Vietnam, as a surgeon for the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in 1968-69, at the height of the war, Dr. Gordon Livingston returned to the U.S. and began work as a psychiatrist. In that capacity, he has listened to people talk about their lives - what works, what doesn't, and the limitless ways (many of them self-inflicted) that people find to be unhappy. He is also a parent twice bereaved; in one thirteen-month period, he lost his eldest son to suicide, his youngest to leukemia. Out of a lifetime of experience, Gordon Livingston has extracted thirty bedrock truths eg. *We are what we do*, *The perfect is the enemy of the good* and *Only bad things happen quickly*. Livingston illuminates these and twenty-seven others in a series of carefully hewn, perfectly calibrated essays, many of which focus on our closest relationships and the things that we do to impede or, less frequently, enhance them. Again and again *Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart* offers solace, guidance, and hope to everyone ready to become the person they'd most like to be. **I guarantee everyone will LOVE this book. Come and grow with us.**



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

We are looking for a new book. Please come with your suggestions.



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



Movie Night(s)

MOVIES

The Jerk, starring Steve Martin on Friday the 13th.

Navin (Steve Martin) believes he was born a poor black child in Mississippi. He is, however, actually white. Upon figuring this out, he heads north to St. Louis to find himself. After landing a job at a gas station, Navin is excited to discover his name printed in the new phone book. This ratification of his existence leads him from one misadventure to another -- as he invents

gadgets, dodges bullets, joins the carnival and seeks love in the arms of beautiful Marie (Bernadette Peters).



The Hundred Foot Journey on the 27th. We could potluck Indian or French food.



Hassan Kadam (Manish Dayal) is an extraordinarily talented and largely self-taught culinary novice. When he and his family are displaced from their native India and settle in a quaint French village, they decide to open an Indian eatery. However, Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren), the proprietress of an acclaimed restaurant just 100 feet away, strongly objects. War erupts between the two establishments.

CALENDER

MAY

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Denise Marion, <u>Flower Communion</u>	2	3	4 UU Wednesday Crafts at the church 10:00	5 “BIRDS” Practice 5:00	6 Drumming Playshop 1:00- 2:15 Movie The Jerk Movie only, 7 pm.	7
8 Bob Van Hook, Mother’s Day WS: “Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart”	9	10	11 UU Wednesday Something at Else’s house 10:00	12 “BIRDS” Practice 5:00	13 Drumming Playshop 1:00- 2:15	14
15 Melanie Bell RE: Start New Book	16	17	18 UU Wednesday Something at Jane’s house 10:00	19 “BIRDS” Practice 5:00	20 Drumming Playshop 1:00- 2:15 Fourth Friday Movie: The Hundred Foot Journey. Potluck at 6, movie at 7.	21
22 Bud Hearn WS: “Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart”	23		25 UU Wednesday Something at Sara’s house 10:00	26 “BIRDS” Practice 5:00	27 Drumming Playshop 1:00- 2:15	28
29 Memorial Day, Jesse Davis and Carol Stanfill, Memorial Plaque Installation and Picnic	30	31 24 Board meeting, 3:00				

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