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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 2016

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June 26th Annual Congregational Meeting, and Pot Luck Lunch.

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President's Letter



The busy summer season begins! I hope you have lots of plans for family visits and vacations. I will be traveling with my daughter to Spain June 3 - June 13.

I found all my mom's travel journals after she passed away on Oct. 24, 2015. I had no idea how much she valued our trips together. So, my daughter and I will continue the tradition and travel together to the Mediterranean. She is already talking about our trip NEXT year! She suggested Iceland or Australia! My son is planning a cruise with Charlie and me in the fall.

Bottom line: spend time with your family. None of us know how much longer we will be able to travel and visit.

Our Annual Congregation Meeting will be the last Sunday in June, the 26th. You will receive a packet including the strategic plan and budget. The nominating committee is working on a suggested slate of officers for 2016-17. Let John know if you are interested in a board position. Also, there are many "go to people" needed. Everyone will be asked about volunteering where you are best suited. Of course, you will be rehired in your current position, if you wish. We may even be able to double your salary!

We are looking for suggestions for lunch after the Annual Meeting. Ideas? Please let a board member know.

Don't forget to let Rocky know if you will be attending our 1st (maybe ANNUAL) float trip to the Buffalo River on June 18th. Thanks, Rocky, for all your organization. Herding cats is not easy!

Have a great June!

Carol Stanfill, Congregation President

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Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Marcel Proust

OUTINGS AND BOAT TRIPS

Sunday outing at Brady Mountain Swimming Beach June 5th

On Sunday after church (June 5th) I'm thinking we should get together at Brady Mountain swimming beach so folks who don't own their own boats can see if they can find a boat that fits for them. I will bring out 2 or 3 canoes and 6 or 7 kayaks. Since we'll need to eat, this will also be a pot luck. This will also be an opportunity for those who might want to float the Buffalo to try out a boat and decide one way or the other. This would be an all church get together with swimming, boating, fishing, whatever. Bring your dogs, if you like. Let me know how you feel about all this. rockyvann@yahoo.com or [501-276- 1728](tel:501-276-1728) (leave a voice mail as I usually don't answer).

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A one day Buffalo River float trip Saturday June 18th

The plan is- - We will meet at the church on Saturday June 18th at 8am and departing about 8:30a. We will try and stay in a caravan to help one another out if need be. Make a bathroom, fast food, drink stop in Conway at the junction of Interstate 40 and Hwy 65 North. I will post a list of things to bring for those that haven't floated a river. The #1 thing on the Buffalo is - no glass containers allowed - and "the man" does enforce this rule.



We'll drive about 2 hours 47 minutes or so to Tyler Bend campground, which is on the river off of hwy 65 - - bring a picnic lunch to eat on the river - we will float 1 to 1 1/2 hours

and have our picnic lunch and do some swimming - those who have had enough can return to Hot Springs - those of us who want can float another 1 to 1 1/2 hours to a takeout further downstream.

Rocky V

rockyvann@yahoo.com or [501-276- 1728](tel:501-276-1728) (leave a voice mail as I usually don't answer).



Holding Them In The Light

In May we lost a precious Member, a dear Friend and have had news of two old Friends who are severely ill.



Our sweet Pat Jobin passed away suddenly on May 14th. Pat had been a Member since Feb 2003. She seldom missed services or book discussions and always brought goodies for Coffee-Time. She served on the Membership committee for several years and held the Chair at least twice. She loved her "Church Home" and we will be much less without her.

Many of our newer members did not know Carl Marberger who mover to Denver a few years ago. But Carl and his wife, Barbara Hansen, were a great influence on this church. He was a great leader, organizer and strong advocate for social justice here and indeed his entire life. Among other offices he served as Secretary of Education for the state of New Jersey and Secretary of Indian Affairs in the xxxxxxxx administration. Carl was serving as UUCHS President at the time we purchased our church building. Carl Passed away in May at age 94. Barbara can be reached at 5155 W.QuincyAve.B105, Denver, CO 80236, 303-993-4035, or hansenmarburger@gmail.com

We've also have had bad news about the illness of two other dear Friends, Bonnie Schlabowske and Larry Field.

Bonnie is another of our strong leaders who helped build the church we have today. She served as a Board Member in virtually every position while here. She conducted many services, helped setup the structure and organization and helped write the By Laws. She also wrote the first history of Unitarian Church in Hot Springs. Bonnie has been diagnosed with stage-four cancer. She and her husband Jan are now living in Milwaukee. They can be reached at [414-930-0317](tel:414-930-0317), or janandbonnie@gmail.com



Larry and Glenda too were a strong influence during the first decade of our reorganized church. Larry was with the US Forest Service, served with the Marine Corp in Viet Nam and was an active member in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) during the civil rights movement. While helping with the renovation of the church building, Larry is the man who had the pleasure of removing the cross from the copula. However it did hit him in the head as he removed it.

Larry has also has been diagnosed with cancer and has suffered a stroke while undergoing chemotherapy. Larry and Glenda now live in Wasilla, Alaska. You can contact Larry and Glenda's at 907-457-4676 or gfield09@yahoo.com.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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.

Due to time constraints we've had to skip this month's "Meet The Members" column. But stay tuned next month we promise to have an interesting bio on someone who sits next to you every Sunday.

You'll also noticed we've given the column a more appealing name; "Getting To Know You".

In the meantime start putting together your own short bio. One page, about 300 words or so, is a good length to shoot for. That makes it short and doable.

Linda Puckett has volunteered to assist anyone who is willing to participate in the "Getting To Know You" InSpirit feature. She will write your submission for you, based on either an interview or from your notes. Some of us don't mind being featured, just simply do not like to write, if you are one, please let Linda know, she will be happy to assist. Email her at lindy4laughs@yahoo.com or phone her at [405-627-6840](tel:405-627-6840).

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Mona, Charlotte, and I attended the installation ceremony May 22ed at the UU Church of Little Rock. Now Rev. Jan Nielsen joins Rev. Jim Parrish (Fayetteville) as our TWO UU ministers in Arkansas. We are growing in our state. Maybe someday we'll be big enough to hire a minister.

Carol



UU Wednesdays

UU Women, meeting some Wednesdays at 10:00.

June 1, Crafts and visiting at the church

June 8, Cards at Charlotte's home

June 15,hostess needed...

June 22, Linda's house, Tapping

June 29, Jane's house, Book discussion (See below)

Jane Hufstedler will lead the UUWomen's group in a discussion of the book, "Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart...Thirty Truths You Need to Know Now," by Dr Gordon Livingston. The first session will be Wednesday, June 29, at Jane's, 729 Quapaw Av, from 10:00am-12:00pm, and will continue each month until the book is complete. We hope you will join us.

"Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart...Thirty Truths You Need to Know Now,"

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.



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Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity.

Khalil Gibran

Jackson House Lunches

Every day, seven days a week, including weekends and holidays, the Jackson House serves lunch to between 100 and 150 needy people. Volunteers from churches, clubs and organizations throughout Hot Springs and Garland County contribute their time to help serve.

Every month that has a fifth Tuesday is our church's turn to help prepare and serve. On May 31, Joe Sturgill, Carol Stanfill, Charlotte Gold, Dorothy Clark, Linda Puckett, Sheri Griffin and Jane Hufstedler fed 139 folks. It is fun and does not require a great deal of time. You may want to join us on the fifth Tuesday in August and/or November, the only two months left this year to include our serve date.



I cannot even imagine where I would be today were it not for that handful of friends who have given me a heart full of joy. Let's face it, friends make life a lot more fun.
Charles R. Swindoll

Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.
Helen Keller

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

---- Postponed until September ----

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

---- Postponed until September ----

There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.
Thomas Aquinas

It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

This is posted by Awini Baba on the African Youth Party's Facebook page:

"If you think you are too small, spend the night with a mosquito in your room."
African Proverb
Submitted by Denise Marion



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



Movie Night(s)

MOVIES

June is a busy month. I suggest we have ONE movie-night, on the 4th Friday at the church, with TWO movies ...

One on the small screen in the Wisdom Seekers room
Zootopia for the kids & kids at heart. ...



On the big screen, we can show *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2* for all us older folks.

Parenting and marriage is becoming tougher and tougher for Toula (Nia Vardalos) and her husband Ian. Not only has their relationship lost some of its spark, but they're also dealing with a rebellious teenage daughter who clashes with Greek traditions. On top of that, Toula must contend with aging parents and the endless needs of cousins and friends. When a shocking family secret comes to light, the entire Portokalos clan makes plans to come together for an even bigger wedding than before.

Maybe even have a Greek food feast?

CALENDER

JUNE

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 UU Wednesday Crafts at the church 10:00	2 "BIRDS" Practice 5:00	3 Drumming Playshop 1:00-2:15	4
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26 Annual Congregational Meeting	27	28	29 UU Wednesday Jane's house, Book discussion 10:00	30		

RE = Religious Exploration. 1st and 3rd Sundays 9:00 to 10:00AM (Postponed till September)

WS = Wisdom Seekers. 2nd and 4th Sundays 9:00 to 10:00AM (Postponed till September)