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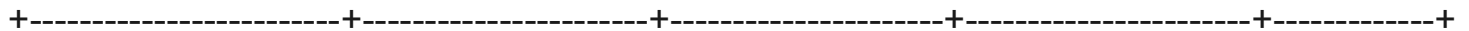


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The UU church of Hot Springs is a certified *Welcoming Congregation*. We welcome you, whoever you are, or whatever the birthplace of your ancestors. We welcome you whether you are young or old, man or woman. We welcome you no matter what your spiritual beliefs or physical needs. We welcome you,

NOVEMBER 2016

- Nov 6 John Nino, Veteran's Day Program
- Nov 13 Jesse Davis, Nuclear Plant Accidents
- Nov 20 Joe Sturgill, On Being Thankful
- Nov 27 Bud Hearn



We were well represented along with the Hot Springs LGBT Alliance as a few of our members joined the Pride Parade in Little Rock



President's Letter



Fall colors and the beginning of a busy holiday season. What a great time of year! November will be busy and fun at our church.

The UU Village Church has invited us again to the special service and Thanksgiving potluck lunch on November 20th. We always enjoy visiting our UU neighbors in Hot Springs Village. Details will be emailed.

The Ninos have invited us to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, November 24, at their beautiful home, with a potluck supper. Watch your email for details.

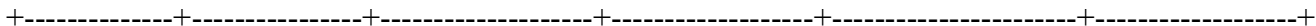
Oliver and his team are working hard to organize our annual rummage sale, November 18 & 19. You can bring items for sale and start stacking them on the kitchen tables. Discuss large items with Oliver.

Thanks to all who participated in our "World Cafe" discussion groups on October 30. The ideas generated were wonderful! Your board of directors will coordinate responses and distribute a summary mid-November.

We have 5th Sunday programs in January, April, July, October, and December in 2017.

Be sure to check your email, our website, uuchurchhotsprings.org, and our Facebook Group, UU Church Hot Springs, so you can keep in the loop.

Enjoy our beautiful autumn.
Namaste,
Carol Stanfill, president



Arkansas Cluster

Carol, Quincy, and Dorothy attended the Arkansas Cluster fall get-together at Mt. Sequoyah retreat in Fayetteville.



Social Justice

Lunches served at Jackson House

UU members will gather at Jackson House Tuesday Nov 29th, and prepare and sack lunches to over 100 people.



Volunteers needed to serve lunch on Nov 29th. Thank you for helping in this Social Justice undertaking.

Dorothy Clark

Editors Note: Jackson house serves about 125 lunches everyday. Our turn to serve is only on the 5th Tuesday of a month.



Hello fellow UUs. I thought it would be a good idea to remind everyone about the upcoming Annual UU Fall Sale. This year it will take place on Friday November the 18th and Saturday November the 19th. We will be setting up and preparing for the sale Monday November the 14th through Thursday November the 17th. If you have items you want to donate we can start bringing them in and storing them on the tables downstairs. Also we will be able to pick up items November 14th through 16th but please let us know in advance so we can arrange it. However we will not be able to pick up very large items like refrigerators, sofa beds or riding lawnmowers. We will accept them for the sale its just that we can't transport them for you.

We will need lots of volunteers to assist with setting up, transporting items, pricing, arranging and working with the money. I have placed a signup sheet on a table downstairs and I just know everyone will be eager to help. Looking forward to a great sale. I just quiver with antici.....pation.

UU Wednesdays

UU Women, meeting most Wednesdays at 10:00.

Ongoing Wednesday drawing class. Dian is an excellent teacher.

Nov. 2 crafts

Nov. 8 cards with Sara

Nov. 16 art with Dian

Nov. 22 Skip to enjoy Thanksgiving with family

Nov. 30 Book discussion with Jane

Details will follow in your email



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



Getting to Know You

I'd like to introduce Ric Hudson as one of our newest members. He's been joining us since this summer and has been a regular at Religious Exploration and Wisdom Seekers. So we can know a little more about him here's a short Bio.

I'm a long time resident of Hot Springs area and live in Royal.

Work at All American Classics/Community Connect in Jessieville doing fundraising primarily for children's hospitals.

Graduate of Harding University (BA Bible and Religion and Bachelor of Ministry).

Former minister with Churches of Christ.

Member of Hot Springs Freethinkers.

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

Beginning Sunday Nov 20th, we will begin a TED Talk viewing and discussion, with "A scientific defense of spiritual & religious faith." Please join us for this new series. And let us know if you have TED Talks you would like to recommend.

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

A poignant account of growing up in a poor Appalachian town, that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. Part memoir, part historical and social analysis, J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elogy* is a fascinating consideration of class, culture, and the American dream. At times funny, disturbing, and deeply moving, this is a family history that is also a troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large portion of this country.

This book has already generated a lot of discussion around the country and I'm sure it will for us as well. Come join us even if you haven't read the book. The discussions are the best part anyway.

We'll finish this book and be looking for a new one to start in December.

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Thanksgiving Quotes

I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual.
Henry David Thoreau

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.
William Arthur Ward

Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence.
Erma Bombeck

Congregational Meeting


As usual we had our Congregational Meeting on the fifth Sunday of the month. But for a change from “Open Floor” discussion format we used the “World Cafe” format. That is, we broke up into small groups lead by a facilitator. Each facilitator had a list of topical questions that was presented to the group and notes taken on the discussion. After a predetermined time a bell would ring and people would mix up and switch to a new group.

After attending all three groups the important stuff started; LUNCH. In the meantime your diligent Board Members will compile all the notes and publish them in the December InSpirit.

Because we are lucky enough to have kids in the congregation and because it was Halloween-eve they wore their costumes, which added a certain ambience to an otherwise Plain-Ole-Pot-Luck lunch.



CALENDER NOVEMBER

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 UUWednesday Crafts at the church 10:00	3 “BIRDS” Practice 5:00	4	5
6 John Nino, Veteran's Day Program RE TED Talk	7	8	9 UUWednesday Cards with Sara at church 10:00	10 “BIRDS” Practice 5:00		12
13 Jesse Davis, Nuclear Plant Accidents WS <i>Hillbilly Elegy</i>	14 Rummage Sale Set-up	15 Rummage Sale Set-up	16 UUWednesday Art with Dian at the church 10:00 Rummage Sale Set-up	17 “BIRDS” Practice 5:00 Rummage Sale Set-up	18 Rummage Sale 	19 Rummage Sale
20 Joe Sturgill, On Being Thankful RE TED Talk	21 Board meeting, 3:00	22	23 UUWednesday Skip to enjoy Thanksgiving with family	24 “BIRDS” Practice 5:00 Thanksgiving with Ninos		26
27 Bud Hearn WS <i>Hillbilly Elegy</i>	28	29	30 UUWednesday Book discussion with Jane			

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