

InSpirit
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,

DECEMBER 2016

Dec 4th, Christmas Carol Kick-off with Joe
Dec 11th, Human Trafficking with Melissa Glenn
Dec 18th, Bob Van Hook "What Happened to Christmas."
Dec 24th, Christmas Eve Service with Joe Sturgill, 5pm
Dec 25th, Christmas Service

Kid's Christmas Party

Kids' Party on Dec. 23, 1-6 P.M. All kids and friends are invited for movie, crafts, dinner, games, and music. Parents may drop their kids off and have a little last minute time for themselves or for those last minute stocking stuffers.



President's Letter



The winter holidays are always my favorites. This year we will have many chances to celebrate with our church friends.

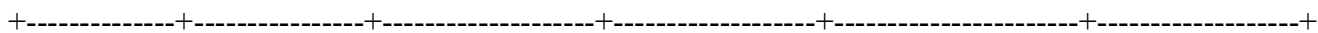
I will be inviting all the children and teens and their friends to a Kids' Christmas Crafts party, with supper, a Christmas movie, and lots more. Friday, December 23rd from 1:00 to 7:00. Parents are encouraged to drop their kids off at the church and then have the afternoon off for last minute Santa stuff. More details later via email. Mark your calendars now.

We must say "good bye" to our good friends, Geary and Jane Hufstedler. Sunnye and Pat will host a going away party on December 17th.

Come sing and celebrate Christmas with two services this year, both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

As Unitarian Universalists we have many different ways to celebrate the holidays. So, however you find the joy of the season, best wishes for a great December.

Carol Stanfill, president



PLEASE JOIN US ONE AND ALL

AS WE GATHER TO BID FAREWELL TO
JANE AND GEARY HUFSTEDLER

Saturday, December 17
Anytime from 5 to 9 PM

Sunnys Davis and Pat Patterson
300 Houston Drive

Directions from 270 West: Left between Shell and McDonalds onto Thornton Ferry. Drive two miles. Left on Anderson. First right onto Houston. House on right about 1/2 mile on Houston

Please Reply if Declining [501-760-2143](tel:501-760-2143)



Social Justice

Lunches served at Jackson House

The number 151 is the total number of sack lunches prepared and served by the UUCHS volunteers on Nov. 29th at Jackson House. The great group that prepared the lunches were: Linda, Oliver, Audrey (not pictured), John and Dorothy. We also had two interns from the Hospitality Center. Thank you all for your giving of your time to help others.

We prepare the sack lunches on the 5th Tuesday of the month. The next one is January 31, 2017.

Thanks, Dorothy



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Jackson House has many needs but a food item they really need is peanut butter. Could we have a peanut butter Sunday and maybe have the youth build a Christmas tree from the jars of peanut butter donated? Just a thought.

Warm regards,
Dorothy



A huge thanks to Oliver and all who pitched in to help make the Annual Rummage sale another big success again this year.

We netted \$2055 for church projects and local charities. Again, many thanks to all who contributed and volunteered to make the sale great.

Programs

Joe Sturgill as Programs Chair along with other members of the Board have formalized guidelines for our Sunday services. We also want to announce the availability of the Wireless Projector for presentations.

Criteria for Sunday Service Programs

All UUCHS Sunday programs shall be based on one or more of the following:

- One of the Seven UU Principles
- The Core Value of fun/laughter
- Social Justice
- A holiday or a celebration for one of the world religions
- Musical
- Environmental issues
- Socially relevant theme
- Various religious themes

Programs will not contain:

- Business or personal agenda promotions
- Political platform or statements

Programs using the Wireless Projector:

Programs in PowerPoint and PDF format can now be presented via the Wireless Projector we use for Fourth Friday Film Night.

Presentations can be made from an iPhone, iPad, a MAC or a PC.

A presenter only need down load a couple of free APPs beforehand.

The required APPs are device specific so the perspective presenter should coordinate their presentation with the Programs Chair. Because we're new at this, it would be a good idea to do a test run before Sunday morning.

Speakers that use a DVD, such as a TED TALK, can also use the projector / DVD player in part of their presentation.



UU Wednesdays

The Women's Group met one last time at Jane's for chapters 16-18 of the book "Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart." It was a fun and poignant time among very good friends. There will be no other Women's Group meetings this year, Carol canceled the Christmas gathering at her house on Dec 14, since everyone will be attending the party for the Hufstedlers at the Patterson's on Dec 17. Look for January schedule coming with your next InSpirit from new editor-in-chief Eileen Martinez!

Hazel is having a cookie exchange on Dec. 23 at her house.

Christmas Day Circle of Friends Luncheon

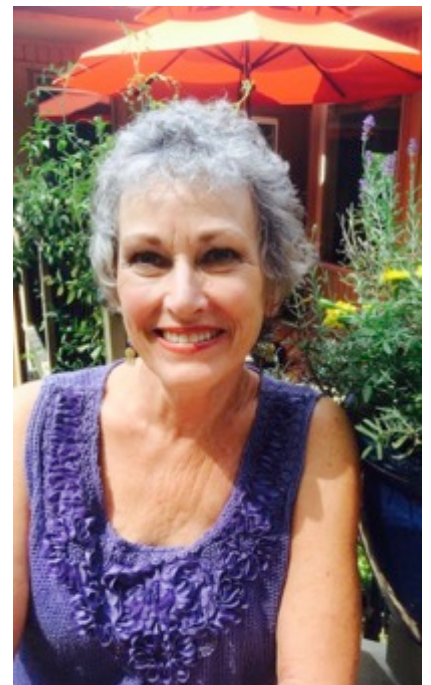
Linda Puckett's House - 25 La Granja Circle, Hot Springs Village

Gathering time - Right after Sunday service - Noonish

Roasted Cornish Hens and beverages will be provided.

Please email, text or phone Linda to let her know you are coming and to let her know what you will be bringing to share with the group.

lindy4laughs@yahoo.com



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

Beginning Sunday Nov 20th, we began 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

Wisdom Seekers are looking for a new book to start in January.

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New Membership Committee Members and Chair Person

Hazel Nino has volunteered to assume the responsibilities of Membership Chair.

Eileen Martinez will be our new InSpirit Editor, and news media contact. Please send all your News, Articles, Quotes and Photos to eileengmartinez@gmail.com.

And Joy Freeman has agreed to take over responsibility of the UUCHS Directory. Information on new Members and Friends as well as change of addresses, phone numbers and eMail addresses should be sent to joy@pagesbyjoy.com.

Editors Note: It's been fun being the Editor (that's French for The-Cut-And-Paste-Guy) of the InSpirit for the last three and a half years. I appreciate you letting me have fun with it and do it my way. I hoped you'd enjoy the quotes and jokes I dug up. I hope you found some inspirational, some funny and others just plain irreverent, that was the point. Again it's been an honor, thank you.

*Oh and by the way, being Membership Chair was nearly as much fun.
Geary*

Congregational Meeting

Here are some board decisions based on input from our Congregational Meeting, October 30

1. We will have a "Capital Improvement" Committee. \$1000 from Rummage Sale Profits will be placed in an account to begin our fund for improvements to our building. So far Jesse has agreed to be on the committee, but he will need several more . If you are interested in working on this, please respond to Jesse at : jesseandmaryd@gmail.com. This committee will be on going, so if you have any ideas or time, please help out. The group will make all decisions as to how money will be spent and what projects to tackle first.
2. The other \$1000 from the rummage sale will be donated to a local cause or two. This will be decided in January, so let Carol know if you have a suggestion. carol.stanfill76@gmail.com (Rummage sale profits were \$2000 so far. A few more items may be sold on Ebay or on a local "swap shop" site.)
3. The congregation expressed interest in starting "Circle Suppers" again in January. We are looking for a coordinator. This does not mean you have to do the suppers just get them started. Let me know if you can take on this responsibility and if you'd like to be a January or February host.
4. The group who participated in the "World Cafe" is interested in reviving Movie Night at the church once a month. The majority wanted to make it simple and order pizza or something. Send suggestions for movies to Sheri at sherigriffinokla@yahoo.com. We saved several "Kids Videos" from the sale so we can have two movies going at the same time.
5. Most of us decided we do not want to close the church on Sundays. Activities away from the church need to be at other times, not Sunday morning.
6. Joe is looking for committee members to help him with our church decor. If you are interested in our interior design, let Joe know. This committee will be making all decisions.

A lot of good ideas were generated at our meeting on Oct. 30, so thanks to all who participated!

Carol Stanfill, president