

InSpirit

February 2017

Unitarian Universalist Church of Hot Springs

100 Norwalk, Hot Springs, AR 71901
(at the corner of Norwalk and Spring St.)



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 here.

February 2017 Services:

Feb 5th - Ann Hair - Visit to Cuba

Feb 12th - Tiffany Gonzales w/ Poetry

Feb 19th - Pat Farnan on Social Justice

Feb 26th - Linda Puckett on Love

Religious Exploration

Meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 9am-10am

Join us to watch and discuss various TED Talks. Feel free to bring suggestions for TED Talks you would like to recommend.

Bird's Practice Sessions

Sing with the Birds every Thursday at 5:15pm to practice our songs for upcoming services.

Wisdom Seekers Group

Meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9am-10am at the church. This month, we will continue our book discussion on *The Songlines* by Bruce Chatwin.

Arkansas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry

Meeting at UUCHS
February 12, 2017

Arkansas Universalist Unitarian Justice Ministry Officers will visit our church Sunday, February 12, 2017. The officers, Bruce Hill, Jade Elledge and Steve Rittenmeyer plan to attend our service, then @ 2:00 p.m. conduct a meeting with local representatives and congregants in attendance. This is to maintain momentum in advancing ARUJMJ projects and priorities.

Dorothy Clark, AUUJM Board of Directors

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (The Apostle Paul, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Nominating Committee

Soon June will be here and it will be time to elect Church Officers for 2017-2018 period. Our officers include:

President
Treasurer
Secretary
Membership Committee Chair
Values in Action Committee
Program Chair

Please think about how you would like to serve the church. Let me know which office you would consider.

John Nino
Nominating Committee Chair
johnnino090@gmail.com or 525-0907

Movie Matinee:



Movie Nights are now Movie Matinees!

One the 4th Saturday of each month, there will be a potluck at 1pm and the movie will begin at 2pm. February's movie will be on the 25th! Please join us for a family friendly event – we will be watching the Dreamworks movie “Trolls”.

Circle Suppers 2017

This is an opportunity to get to know members of our fellowship in a more intimate setting over a shared meal with usually between 4 to 8 attending. The host will prepare the entree, and attendees are asked to bring side dishes to pass.

On February 18, Joe and Alan will be hosting (seating is full).

The following hosts have volunteered for upcoming months:

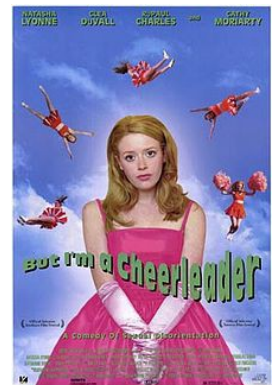
March: Charlotte Gold (# attendees, tbd)
April: Ann Hair (6 attendees welcome)
May: Sara Naslund (12 attendees welcome)
June: Linda Puckett (# attendees, tbd)
Sept.: Carol and Charlie Stanfill (All church)

If you would like to host, please contact Sunnye Davis at sunnyesdavis@aol.com with the month you would like to host (multiple suppers can happen the same month).

Hot Springs LGBT Alliance

On Sunday, February 12th at 3pm, the Hot Springs LGBT Alliance will be showing the movie “But I’m a Cheerleader” at the church.

Megan considers herself a typical American girl. She excels in school and cheerleading, and she has a handsome football-playing boyfriend, even though she isn't that crazy about him. So she's stunned when her parents decide she's gay and send her to True Directions, a boot camp meant to alter her sexual orientation. While there, Megan meets a rebellious and unashamed teen lesbian, Graham. Though Megan still feels confused, she starts to have feelings for Graham.



February, the month of LOVE.

Of course, U U Churches are always "Standing on the side of LOVE". But, I hope it will be a month to send the feeling all around the world.

Many from our church attended the Women's March in Little Rock, a demonstration of love, acceptance, and strength. I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of participants. I had no idea there were so many concerned Arkansans. This gives me hope. We must stay vigilant. We must speak up, march, write and call legislators, educate others, and become educated ourselves. The most positive part of this past election cycle is that it will drive all Americans to get more involved as we go forward.

President's Letter



This phone number will make it easy to call your Congressmen: (202) 224-3121. It will put you through to our senators and representative from Arkansas. I was in D.C. in an Arkansas senator's office a few years ago. I saw that they DO take phone messages. The senator will not listen to them, though. The aid just adds a tally mark on a paper and gives that to the congress person. So, you can keep your message brief and to the point.

There are ways to get more involved in our church and in the UUA. All members should be receiving the U U World Magazine. Let me know if you are not. I will also forward emails about events happening in the area.

On February 10-12, Dorothy and I will attend the U U Women's Conference in Dallas. Mark your calendar now for General Assembly (GA) in New Orleans, June 21-25. I will send information on registration when it is available. I will be attending with my 17 year old granddaughter. There are wonderful activities there for youth and children. On January 31, I attended the Legislative Briefing at our Capitol. This was sponsored by the Faith Voices of Arkansas. I wanted to be a part of this, so that ALL religions will be represented when making legislative decisions in Arkansas.

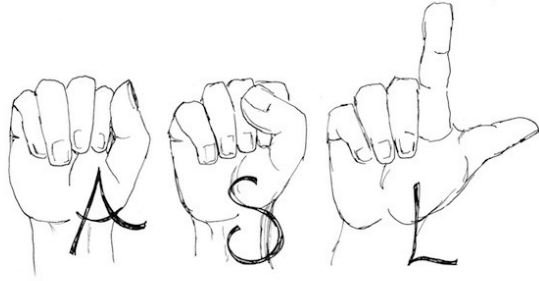
There are so many ways to get more involved in our church, too. Let me know if you have an idea or if you want to join a committee on our "Go To People" list (last page of your newsletter).

Happy Valentine's Day! Speak up! Get involved!

Namaste

Carol Stanfill, president





Learn American Sign Language!

ASL Club will be held every Monday at 6pm downstairs at the church. See Tiffany Gonzales for more information.

UU Women's Wednesdays

Join us for crafts, cards, games and fellowship every Wednesday in February!

February 1, Ann's Home, 106 Camelot Point, bring a favorite recipe

February 8, Visiting and crafting, at the church

February 15, Brunch at Megan's Restaurant on Albert Pike Street

February 22, Card game at church

A Letter from Sarah Burns:

Akau and I want to thank everyone who attended his feature at Wednesday Night Poetry. We were really touched by the large group who came from UU. Akau said, "They only met me once, and they were so supportive! Wow!" It meant a lot to both of us. We also want to invite anyone who has an interest in writing poetry to attend Kai Coggin's Words and Wine classes in February. This is where Akau started writing poetry. This is a great class for beginners and veteran poets alike. \$12 per session – bring wine!

Guided Creative Writing
with Poet, Kai Coggin
Tuesdays in FEBRUARY
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

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On January 21, 2017, millions of people across the world: women, men and children, united to affirm our shared humanity and to send a bold message of resistance and self-determination. We thank our members that participated in the march in Little Rock, AR and those friends and strangers, in the U.S. and around the globe, that stood up for equal, inalienable rights for all.

“We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back.” ~Dr. Martin Luther King



February 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 UU Women 10am Ann Hair's Home	2 Birds Practice 5:15pm at the church	3	4
5 <i>Ann Hair – Visit to Cuba</i> Religious Exploration: Ted Talk 9am	6 ASL Club at the church 6pm	7	8 UU Women 10am Crafts and Conversation at the church	9 Birds Practice 5:15pm at the church	10	11 Full Moon
12 <i>Tiffany Gonzalez – Poetry</i> Wisdom Seekers 9am AR UU Justice Ministry 2pm LGBT Movie Matinee 3pm @ the church	13 ASL Club at the church 6pm	14 Valentine's Day!	15 UU Women 10am Brunch at Megan's Restaurant	16 Birds Practice 5:15pm at the church	17	18
19 <i>Pat Farnan – Social Justice</i> Religious Exploration: Ted Talk 9am	20 ASL Club at the church 6pm	21	22 UU Women 10am Cards at Church	23 Birds Practice 5:15pm at the church	24	25 Potluck at 6pm, “Trolls” movie at 7pm at the church.
26 <i>Linda Puckett – Love</i> Wisdom Seekers 9am	27 ASL Club at the church 6pm	28				

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.® Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

~Margaret Mead (used with permission)

Volunteer List of Go-To People

<i>Volunteer Assignment</i>	<i>Name</i>
Adult RE	Alan, Eileen
Children's RE	Carol
Circle Supper Coordinator	Sunnye
Coffee, prepare and stock supplies	Tiffany, John, Hazel
Facebook Group, Email Distribution	Carol
Film Fests	Sheri
Grounds, mowing, gardening	Jesse, Eileen, Carol
Kitchen organization, supplies, fridge	Sheri, Sunnye, Bai, Audrey
Librarian	Joy
Local Newspaper, publicity	Volunteer Needed
Maintain building, repairs	Jesse, Jay, Oliver, John
Membership Directory, nametags	Joy
Music, Choir	Joe, Jason
Nominating Committee 2017	John, Oliver, Dorothy
Pastoral Care	Jason, John
Pews, restock and organize	Ann
Rummage Sale 2017	Oliver
Sanctuary supplies, décor, flowers	Joe, Linda, Ann, Barbara
Social Action	Tiffany, Charlotte, Carol
Social Justice	Charlotte, Dorothy, Carol
Sound, AV equipment	John, Eileen, Joe
Street Clean-up	Dee
Website	Webmaster Don Watson, Carol, Rob, Eileen
Other, as needed	Pat, Jay

Children's RE
Teachers: Carol, Charlotte, Oliver, Ann, Dee, Tiffany, Rocky and Audrey

Board Members, 2016-2017
Carol, Linda, Jesse, Joe, Hazel

If you are interested in volunteering,
please contact Carol or ask any member – we'll happily put you to work!