IN SPIRIT NEWSLETTER

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF HOT SPRINGS**

**Welcoming Congregation for Religious Liberalism**

SPEAKERS

Our Sunday Services begin at 10:30 a.m. We are located at the corner of ***Norwalk and Spring Street***. Our guest speakers for August will be as follows:

**August 5th- Penny Bead**. Dr. Beed, Hot Springs Village, will speak about the value of early reading experiences to brain development and will discuss a video clip **Imagination Library of the Ouachita’s,** a program in which all children birth through five years are eligible to receive free, age appropriate books free in the mail every month.

**August 12- Alan Clark.**  Alan will be the lay- leader and will show a very interesting video presentation featuring a Unitarian Universalist Minister from Tulsa.

**August 19- Bob VanHook.** Bob will present a homily entitled, “I am Weary” about issues that upset us.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our congregation. We as Unitarian Universalists welcome you, whomever you are, regardless of race, creed, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or physical or mental ability. We strive together as a community to celebrate diversity and to investigate together the spiritual questions that concern us all.Why are we here? What is our purpose? Is there a creator? How are we all interconnected to the world and the universe surrounding us? We as a spiritual community seek to find meaningful answers to these questions and many more.

As a community of religious liberalism, we offer many different activities that offer you the opportunity to fellowship with UU members.

**WELCOME!**

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TREASURER’S REPORT

Report from John Nino, Hot Springs UU Congregation Treasurer “A special Thank you for those of you who responded to my letter of appeal for pledge to the Church for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. We surpassed our goal of $24,000. Remember your pledges keep our church solvent and provide for our ongoing expenses. Included in our Budget Plan are contributions to our Social Justice activities, our Capital Improvements Fund, and our church Savings Fund. We appreciate and everyone of you for your assistance”. ***John Nino, Treasurer***

COMMITTEES

We will print the committee assignments in next month’s newsletter. Please contact one of the Church board members to let them know if you can volunteer to participate in one of these committees. The Church needs help with janitorial, yard work, restocking of supplies, child classes, social justice activities, etc.

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Speakers (cont.)

**August 26st- Jesse Davis.** “A Lesson from Uncle Henry and What it Might Mean Today.” Jesse will start with a story about his poorly educated, but wise, Uncle Henry and his lesson from years ago on how to judge others. Then the talk will relate how this lesson may be applicable on our everyday lives.

**August 26th- Pot Luck!** Yum! Yum! Bring a dish and join us for food and conversation.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

**August 5th – The Hot Springs LGBT Alliance will screen the film “Call me by your name”. The film will begin its showing at 3:00 p.m. Come join us! Feel free to bring a comfortable folding chair.**

**August 18th – House Selling Celebration!** Ann & Dave Hair are hosting a celebration of food, wine, and good conversation. All church members and friends are invited. Plan to bring something to share. Call or email Ann for directions to their home (520-0224, annhair@cablelynx.com) and to let her know you are coming. The festivities will begin at 6:30.

CRAFT NIGHT/MUSIC THEORY CLASS

The SCA is hosting craft night at the church every Tuesday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. For information contact Jason.

Music Theory class is also being taught by Jason on the second and third Monday nights beginning at 6:00 p.m.



WOMEN’S UU GROUP

The Hot Springs Women’s UU Group will be hosting the Regional UU Women’s Conference during February 2019 here in Hot Springs. Linda Puckett is hosting a Women’s group planning meeting. Her scheduled event is as follows:

**Let your whimsy show at Whimisical** **Creations**. All UU women are invited.This Fun gathering will also serve as a time for those who have volunteered to help with the 2019 SWUUW to pow-wow and catch up on planning.

Thursday, August 9th, 10:00 a.m. Whimisical Creations, Joyce Coon Owner. Linda Pucket will be the host. Location will be 3925 N. Hwy 7,Suite B, Hot Springs Village

The cost to creat your whimisical art is $20.00. If this is not in your budget, come anyway. A few scholarships are being provided. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Please rsvp to: lindy4laughs@yahoo.com. Joyce will be grateful because she will be able to set up work stations and plan for our arrival

 

MORE ACTIVITIES

HOT SPRINGS UU CHURCH CHOIR“*THE BIRDS”*

“The Birds” meet every Thursday evening at 5:15 at the church for next Sunday’s practice. If you have a voice like a bird (or not) please join the group. Singing promotes endorphins and is the best way to lift everyone’s spirits.



Wisdom Seekers/Religious Exploration

Religious Exploration will begin at 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. the first and 3rd Sunday of each month. Join us to discuss various Ted Talks. Feel free to bring Ted Topics that you would like to recommend.

Wisdom Seekers meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 9:00 to 10:00. The book currently being studied is **“Fantasy Land, How America went Haywire”.** It is a history of how the United States ended up today, socially and politically.

WORD OF WISDOM/SPIRIT SPEAKS

 *Our Truth is an ancient one: That loves endures and overcomes; that hatred destroys; that what is obtained by love is retained, but what is obtained by hatred proves a burden.*

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

*Speak Truth to Power*

*The Peace Bible edited by Stephen Scholl*

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Please send me suggestions for our Newsletter to crowha07@sbcglobal.net.

If you have a favorite recipe or Words of Wisdom, please feel free to send it to me.

Thank you and stay cool!

Audrey Smelser, Church Newsletter Editor

