

October 2018

# IN SPIRIT NEWSLETTER

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS CHURCH OF HOT SPRINGS

Welcoming Congregation for Religious  
Liberalism

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### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our congregation! We as Unitarian Universalists welcome you, whomever you are, regardless of race, creed, 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? 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.

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



### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Dear Congregation: I am reminding all of you that our 5<sup>th</sup> principle includes the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. We can demonstrate our commitment to this principle by exercising our rights (and moral obligation) to vote. The deadline for registration for general election is October 7<sup>th</sup>. If you need to register you can do so by going to room 101 (fourth floor of the courthouse). You can call 501-622-3616 if you have questions, or to see if you are currently on the voter rolls. Also, you may go to the following [link](https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/).  
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*Jesse Davis, President*

## TREASURER'S REPORT



In October we will make our Community Action donation to the "Imagination Library of the Ouachitas". This group is part of an organization founded by Dolly Parton, the Country Singer. It provides opportunities for all Garland and Montgomery County children from birth through 5 years of age, to dream more, learn more, care more and be more by receiving a monthly gift of their own book delivered to their home. This is a wonderful organization which contributes directly to the mental growth of all children in Garland and Montgomery counties.

Another issue has come to my attention. There has been some issue about the meaning of a "Contribution of Record" by church members. A Contribution of Record is a donation of funds by each church member or pledge unit (i.e. Family) on an annual basis that can be identified to a specific individual's name. There is no specified amount for a Contribution of Record; it can be any amount at all. It serves to ensure that members remain in good standing with the ability to vote at any meetings of the church body or to serve as an elected staff on the church board. Generally, at tax preparation time, when contribution reports are prepared verification of Contribution of Record takes place.

*John Nino, Treasurer*

## JACKSON HOUSE

Dorothy Clark states that UU Volunteers will be preparing lunches for approximately 150-190 people on **Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is our Social Justice effort to be active in our community. She states that **6 volunteers are needed** to help prepare and serve the lunches. Side note, any Halloween treats donations for the children would be appreciated.

**Please contact Dorothy Clark at 318-3210 to inform her if you are available to volunteer.**



## SCHEDULED SPEAKERS FOR OCTOBER

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>** – Earl Barbie will explore the complicated notion of freedom as it relates to equality, order, responsibility, and determinism.

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**- New Member Ric Hudson will speak about "Meditations on Impermanence". Ric's topic discusses the constant change in everything (e.g. mind, body, society, etc.,) and how we can be at peace through acceptance of change.

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** – Bud Hearn will be speaking about "The Straw that Broke the Camel's back". Luther's 95 thesis intent was to simply to register a protest, however, the consequences had far greater impact than intended.

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** – Janie Smith, Jackson House, will talk about the programs they serve, what they need as far of donations and volunteers. She will also take questions.



**Eleanor Klugh Jackson House for Crisis Intervention** to individuals and families in crisis. Known as "Jackson House" is an interfaith community crisis which provides short-term emergency assistance with the basic needs- food, clothing, shelter, and medicine without regards to race, creed, or sex.



**Pic from Rebecca’s Presentation**

### RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

**Religious Exploration** will begin at 9:00 am to 10 am the first and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Join us to discuss various Ted Talks. Feel free to bring Ted Topics that you would like to recommend for discussion.

**Wisdom Seekers** meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 9:00 to 10:00 each month. The book currently being studied is “Fantasy Land, How America went Haywire”.



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### THE BIRDS

Meet each Thursday night at 5:15 for practice. Come join Us!

### CIRCLE SUPPER

Claire Beam hosted the September Circle Supper and had a big crowd of UU church members and friends. The food was great, and everyone had a good time getting to know the new members and each other better!

**On October 13, 2018**, Jessica Dicus and Audrey Smelser will be hosting Circle Supper at the Church. The theme for the party will be “World Buffett”. Audrey will be providing a mild Indian dish and Jessica will be cooking up something great. Guest are being asked to bring a world dish or a favorite dish of their own. Teas and soft drinks will be served. Please feel free to BYOB.

Festivities will begin at 6:30. Contact Audrey at 547-2714 or Jessica at 538-4254.

### OTHER SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

**MUSIC THEORY** – Jason Nickerson is teaching a Musical Theory class on the second and fourth Monday nights beginning at 6:00 at the church.

**CRAFT NIGHT** – Is held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:00 pm at the church. Bring your craft and/or learn Medieval Art skills such as Calligraphy. Cookies are served.



**Yoga Classes** – Bryan will start up Yoga classes again on Wednesday nights starting at 6:00 in November. Bryan and Trevor are currently on an expedition to Turkey.

### EMOTIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

The Hot Springs Unitarian Universalist Church has started a Group Support Meeting for Persons with Depression/Anxiety. Jason Nickerson, Church Membership Chair, had received requests from members asking for help to start this group. At its first meeting, the group decided to meet on a weekly basis on Friday nights beginning at 6:00 pm. The group will be selecting a self-help book to study and plan to have a fun field trip scheduled for one Friday each month. Thank you, Jason, for starting this well needed support group. The Church appreciated all that you do to plan activities for UU members!





**THE HOT SPRINGS LGBTI HALLOWEEN PARTY**

The LGBTI Alliance invite you to a Halloween Fund raiser to help benefit the Children at Ouachita Children’s Center and the LGBTI Community. You can become a sponsor, supporter, friend, or ally by donating the following:

**SPONSOR** - \$200-dollar donation- listed on flyers and mailers as a sponsor, listed on the roster at the event and two admission tickets.

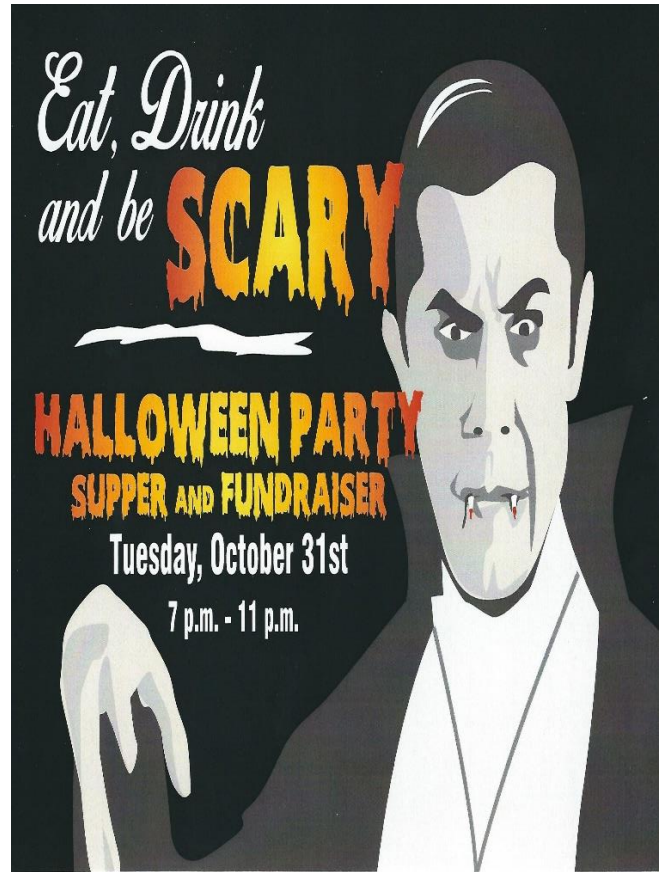
**SUPPORTERS**- \$100-dollar donation – listed on the roster at the event and two admission tickets.

**FRIENDS**- \$50-dollar donation – listed on the roster at the event.

**ALLIES**- \$25-dollar donation – listed on the roster at the event.

We had loads of fun last Halloween and will have more this year!

**You can make an impact by partnering with the LGBTI Alliance!**



**The UU Women’s Group** took a break during September. Look for upcoming events for October in your mailbox!

**UU MEMBERS HAVING FUN!**



**REBECCA BINGHAM’S PRESENTATION**

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**LUNCH AFTER CHURCH SERVICE**



Audrey Smelser, Newsletter editor

*"Remember, Love Will Conquer All"*

Please send me suggestions for the Newsletter to [crowha07@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crowha07@sbcglobal.net)



ALLAN & JOE'S NEW PUPPY- ISABELLA!

(Allan is pictured with Isabella)



*Has arrived.*

# October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:00 Craft Class	3	4 5:15 pm Birds Practice	5 6:00 Group Support Meeting	6
9:00 Religious Explo... 7 10:30 am- Earl Barbie "Freedom"	8 6:00 Music Theory	6:00 Craft Night	10	11 5:15 pm Birds Practice	12 6:00 Group Support Meeting	13 6:30 pm – Circle Supper at Church
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