



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope

April 2008

Sunday	Apr. 6	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang" continues David Tripp's series on Transcendentalist poets
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "The Elusive Presence"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Monday	Apr. 7	5:00 p.m.	Worship Committee led Faiza Rizkalla
		7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Apr. 13	10:00 a.m.	A forum on "Will U.S. English finish up as a dialect?" led by Ken Sambell
		11:00 a.m.	UU Flower Communion
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	Apr. 14	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Apr. 20	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang" continues a series on "No Excuses: Existentialism and the Meaning of Life" led by Naren Jackson and David Tripp
		11:00 a.m.	Bob Ray Sanders. Star-Telegram columnist, speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	Apr. 21	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Apr. 27	10:00 a.m.	A forum on "The richest man in the world is now a Mexican. Any questions?" led by Ken Sambell
		11:00 a.m.	Rev. Nancy Van Boskirk, an ordained Christian minister who has joined Westside UU Church, speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Last Supper
Monday	Apr. 28	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	May 4	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "The Word as Power"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

Nursery and Sunday School are provided at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday.

AUUC Mission Statement -- Our mission is to provide a nourishing environment:

- In which liberal religious thought and spiritual growth are encouraged; where doubt is welcome and free choice is the rule
- In which we will be motivated to contribute to the betterment of all life
- In which we will teach and promote all of the other Unitarian Universalist values, embodied in the Seven Principles

Pledging: It takes \$50 per pledging unit per month to sustain the Arlington UU Church. Please give what you can. If you choose to make your contribution using the collection basket, use a special envelope or indicate "Pledge" on your check. Thank you for your support.

Meet Malvina Reynolds

Malvina Reynolds (1900-1978) was an American folk/blues singer-songwriter and political activist, best known for writing songs like "Little Boxes," "What Have They Done to the Rain," and "Magic Penny." Often recorded by other artists (such as Joan Baez, Harry Belafonte, and Pete Seeger), her songs were very famous during the 60s and 70s of the past century. In the UU hymnal *Singing the Living Tradition*, she wrote the words for #313, "O What a Piece of Work Are We." Born Malvina Milder in San Francisco to Jewish immigrant parents, Reynolds was raised a socialist and atheist, and married William Reynolds, a carpenter and socialist organizer. She earned a BA and MA in English, and later a doctorate from UC Berkeley. Jobs were scarce during the Depression, even for women with PhDs. Reynolds wrote a column for the *People's World* and eventually took a job on a bomb factory assembly line during WW II while her husband worked as a carpenter in a shipyard. She began her songwriting career in the late 40s after meeting folk singers and songwriters. Ultimately she recorded six albums for adults and three for children. Later in life Reynolds attended Unitarian Universalist churches and was a member of the Berkeley UU Church, where she often sang at services. She is quoted as saying "I don't think of myself primarily as a writer of children's songs. . . . I'm not your nice old grandma. However . . . I have this sharp cutting edge . . . because I do care for people. I care about children, and I think the world is ripping them off, taking away their natural environment and much more than that . . . and leaving them stripped, uneasy, uncomfortable, and in deep trouble, and it's because of that that I'm so sharp."

Adapted from:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malvina_Reynolds and
www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/unitarians/reynolds.html



I was introduced to this song back in the 1970s by Diane Wild, a remarkable woman who was my RE mentor for several years. She moved on to become a UU minister. I recently learned that breast cancer claimed her several years ago. She is, I'm sure, now dancing with the morning stars. Dear Diane, thank you for everything.

*Love,
Clara*

"Magic Penny"

Love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.



It's just like a magic penny,
Hold it tight and you won't have any.
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many
They'll roll all over the floor.

For love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.

Money's dandy and we like to use it,
But love is better if you don't refuse it.
It's a treasure and you'll never lose it
Unless you lock up your door.

For love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.

So let's go dancing till the break of day,
And if there's a piper, we can pay.
For love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.

For love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.

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Arlington UU Church News

We now have a **Worship Committee**, meeting for the first time at 5 p.m., Monday, April 7. Faiza Rizkalla is Chair.

Please bring a flower with you on **April 13**, for a **Flower Communion** service. For details, call John or Clara Blair at 817-265-3429.

Cell phones should be turned off during the service.

Food in the Sanctuary: So we can all enjoy a snack and fellowship afterwards, please do not bring food into the sanctuary during services and forums.

Facilities Use Policy: Permission must be obtained prior to use from the church board or, at minimum, the church president. The fee is \$15 per hour unless another rate or free use is agreed upon by the AUUC Board prior to use. Copies of the policy are available upon request.

Support Group: For our members who are trying to get their lives straightened out or to search for just plain stress relief, we have organized a support group that meets at the church every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact John Reed, our dedicated problem-solver.

Side Porch Counseling: Arlington UU Church is sponsoring counseling services each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For a moderate fee, Dr. John Reed, LPC, provides counseling for personal problems, stress management and relaxation. Call 817-460-6481 for more information or an appointment. Or just drop by.

New Members Welcome: Membership in the Arlington UU Church is open to everyone 12 or older who is in sympathy with our purpose and principles. If you wish to join us, you need only sign a membership form in the presence of an officer of the Church. Active (voting) members must additionally make a financial contribution of record during the year prior to, and be on the roster at least 60 days prior to, any congregational business meeting at which they wish to vote.

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