



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope August 2007

Sunday	Aug. 5	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang" (for adults) led by David Tripp and Naren Jackson, focuses on Emerson and Transcendentalism
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Monday	Aug. 6	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Aug. 12	10:00 a.m.	Hoyt West speaks on Universal Health Care and other topics of the North Texas Association of Unitarian Universalist Societies (NTAUUS)
		11:00 a.m.	Bob Chadwick speaks on "Legal Challenges Churches Face Today"
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	Aug. 13	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Aug. 19	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	Ruth Rodriguez speaks on Jane's Due Process, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization ensuring legal representation for pregnant minors in Texas
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	Aug. 20	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Aug. 26	10:00 a.m.	Allan Saxe speaks on "Pros and Cons of Public Financing of Federal Elections"
		11:00 a.m.	Lester Robbins presents a video on "The Creek Indians' Green Corn Ceremony"
		12:30 p.m.	Last Supper (potluck lunch)
Monday	Aug. 27	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Sept. 2	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	Laurie Willis presents "Two Fathers," a sermon by Rev. Victoria Weinstein
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

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

Church Policy on Sexual Harassment, adopted by the Board of Trustees in April 1994 and amended in July 2007, will be posted in the Coffee Room, the foyer and the office, as well as in the restrooms.

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 Clara Barton

Clara Harlowe Barton (1821-1912) has earned a place in history as the angel of Civil War battlefields and founder of the American Red Cross.



Born in a farming community in Massachusetts to an abolitionist family prominent in the local Universalist church, from an early age Clara knew about nursing because her mother and older sister were chronically ill. Then at 11 years of age she got the job of nursing her injured brother for two years. In her late teens she was put to teaching school, with 40 boys and girls, some not much younger than she. Clara taught in Massachusetts for 10 years. Later she started a school in New Jersey, but left after a male supervisor was brought in at twice her pay. She went to Washington, D.C., and became the first woman clerk in the Patent Office, paid the same as a man. Ultimately, however, she lost the job due to illness, overwork, and a change in administrations and went home to Massachusetts. On Lincoln's election, she returned to the Patent Office, again in a trusted position. But on April 19, 1861, she was given the opportunity to care for some wounded Massachusetts troops. Following that experience she began obtaining supplies for soldiers, overseeing their packing and distribution. By summer she got a pass to take 6 wagons of supplies to a battlefield in Virginia where she worked among the wounded for 48 hours with no sleep or food. Later she worked on battlefields throughout the eastern front. Many other women were doing similar work at the time, but Barton is believed to have been the first one with official government approval. Later in the war, after a hiatus due to ill health and resistance from authorities to women on the battlefield, Barton returned to work at the front in Virginia., both in hospitals and in the field. Ultimately she served on a dozen of the bloodiest battlefields of the war. After the war, Lincoln put Barton in charge of locating missing prisoners of war, at which she was very effective, locating (and usually burying) a fourth of those listed as missing. In 1866, Barton began a speaking tour about her

experiences, then joined the growing woman suffrage movement. She also worked for passage of the Fifteenth Amendment (suffrage for Negro men). But from 1870 onward her primary effort was working with the International Red Cross movement. After a long period of ill health, in 1877 Barton began lobbying the US Government and ultimately, in 1881, succeeded in getting federal support for an American Red Cross. It was her idea that the Red Cross provide relief for natural disasters as well as during wars. Barton worked for two more decades to keep the American Red Cross alive and part of the relief efforts for such disasters as the Johnstown flood, the Sea Island and Galveston hurricanes, and various yellow fever outbreaks. There were many problems, and Barton was not always effective in her work; but the movement survived. Although Barton gave up the Red Cross presidency in 1904, she continued attending suffrage conventions and veterans' encampments until her death of pneumonia in 1912.

Adapted from:

uuu.org/uuhs/duub/articles/clarabarton.html

Progress on New Hymnals, Church Library, AUUC website and Church Sound System

Thanks to a grant from NTAUUS, a new bookcase is now in the back of our sanctuary, holding our **hymnals**, including the 10 new ones purchased as part of that grant. The *ad hoc* Library Committee is busily preparing the new books acquired with another NTAUUS grant and compiling a simple catalog of all books owned by the church. We hope to have this task completed by the end of the summer. All books in the **library**, including books given by members and visitors, are being stamped to identify them as belonging to the church library. (Many of us bibliophiles tend to hold on to books so long we forget where we borrowed them!) Shelves will be built to hold the collection, and a system is being developed to ensure ease of use by members and secure tracking of the books. This **newsletter** is now available **online** at **arlington-tx-uu.org**. And, our *ad hoc* Sound System Committee plans to have a **CD player** to add to our setup in the sanctuary by next month.



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. **Newsletter/Publicity:** Clara Blair, 817-265-3429, blairbards@sbcglobal.net