



## Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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# Kaleidoscope

June 2007

Sunday	June 3	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.	Lester Robbins speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Potluck lunch (all invited)
		1:30 p.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting, with New Member Recognition and election of officers
Monday	June 4	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	June 10	10:00 a.m.	Sara Horsfall gives an illustrated talk on "The Secret"
		11:00 a.m.	[Arlington Women's Shelter collection] Bud Kennedy of the <i>Star-Telegram</i> returns to speak to us
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	June 11	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	June 17	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.	Marty Sohl presents "The Metropolitan Classical Ballet: An Undiscovered Jewel of the DFW Metroplex"
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	June 18	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	June 24	10:00 a.m.	"Paradise is Living in a Rustic French Farmhouse" -- Our two resident Francophiles have returned!
		11:00 a.m.	Psychologist Philip Roos returns to us
		12:30 p.m.	Last Supper (potluck lunch)
Monday	June 25	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	July 1	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

*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 \$45 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 Kurt Vonnegut

Kurt Vonnegut, 1922-2007, was famous during his lifetime for humorous and disturbing satirical and science fiction novels such as *Slaughterhouse-5* (based on his firsthand experiences during WWII) and *Breakfast of Champions*, but was also well-known for his environmental activism and strong criticism of the American political system. Vonnegut, a UU, humanist, and atheist, was critical of religious faith and of Christianity in particular. A typical expression of his religious viewpoint: "How on earth can religious people believe in so much arbitrary, clearly invented balderdash? The acceptance of a creed, any creed, entitles the acceptor to membership in the sort of artificial extended family we call a congregation. It is a way to fight loneliness. Any time I see a person fleeing from reason into religion I think to myself, there goes a person who simply cannot stand being so goddamned lonely anymore." (Address to a Unitarian congregation, Cambridge, Massachusetts, January 27, 1980, quoted in *2000 Years of Disbelief, Famous People with the Courage to Doubt*, by James A. Haught.) A recurrent theme in his writing was the misuse of science for evil ends. Originally from Indianapolis, Vonnegut attended Cornell University and Carnegie Institute of Technology, then enlisted in the Army during WWII. He began his career writing articles and short stories for popular magazines, then became well-established as one of the most popular and influential American novelists of the later 20<sup>th</sup> century. Other Vonnegut quotes: "Say what you will about the sweet miracle of unquestioning faith. I consider the capacity for it terrifying." "I am an atheist (or at best a Unitarian who winds up in church quite a lot).

*Sources:* [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kurt\\_Vonnegut](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kurt_Vonnegut), [bellaonline.com/articles/art24921.asp](http://bellaonline.com/articles/art24921.asp), [adherents.com/people/pv/Kurt\\_Vonnegut.html](http://adherents.com/people/pv/Kurt_Vonnegut.html), [boston.com/ae/books/articles/2007/04/29/open\\_hearted\\_in\\_fiction\\_and\\_friendship/](http://boston.com/ae/books/articles/2007/04/29/open_hearted_in_fiction_and_friendship/)



**Housekeeping:** As an all-volunteer church, we must all help keep our facility clean and attractive. Our housekeeper comes just once a month. Day to day, everyone should clean up spills and litter on the spot.

**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](mailto:blairbards@sbcglobal.net)

## Church Library Improvements

The AUUC library, housed in the church office, is adding a large collection of new books this month thanks to a generous grant from NTAUUS (the North Texas Association of Unitarian Universalist Societies). Several dozen new titles, ranging from books about developing your own theology to poems to biographies to histories to guides for running a church will soon be available for borrowing. Along with increasing library resources we soon will be seeing new built-in bookshelves with space for more books and other materials. Part of this project for library improvement includes putting the check-out/check-in process on a more formal basis, to keep better track of book use and make sure books are accounted for. All library materials will be clearly stamped as belonging to the AUUC. A clipboard has been provided for signing out books. Be sure to write the title, your name, the date, and a phone number you can be reached at. When you bring the book back, just add the date returned. We are all responsible for keeping our library functioning efficiently and securely. Thanks!



## Annual Congregational Meeting June 3

1. President's Report
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Building & Grounds Chair Report
5. Program Chair Report
6. Publicity Chair Report
7. Social Justice Chair Report
8. Religious Education Report
9. NTAUUS Report
10. Website Committee Report
11. Membership Chair Report

### **Old Business**

1. Report of Nominating Committee
2. Election of Board Members

### **New Business**

2007 UUA General Assembly in Portland, OR  
Please notify Daralyn Jackson if you have an item to add to the agenda.