

Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church  
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## Kaleidoscope

### March 2010

Sunday	Mar 7	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang continues <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i> , with "Noble? Deadly Sin? Pride and Shame"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "The Artistic Vision"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Wednesday	Mar 10	7:30 p.m.	AUUC Movie Night features <i>Crazy in Alabama</i> — see Page 2 for details
Sunday	Mar 14	10:00 a.m.	Ken Sambell continues a discussion on "Judaism and the Contribution of Liberal Jews" (Lectures 2 & 3 from The Teaching Company will be included)
		11:00 a.m.	[Safe Haven collection] Paul Geisel talks to us about his travels
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Saturday	Mar 20	6:30 p.m.	Emerald Dragon celebrates Vernal Equinox (Ostara) and Full Moon at the church — see Page 2 for details
Sunday	Mar 21	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Gang — David Tripp continues a series of discussions on the literary works of Paul Tillich
		11:00 a.m.	[Monthly collection for a Social Justice project] John Blair presents " <i>Egy Az Isten — God is One — Roots of Unitarianism and Religious Freedom in 16th Century Transylvania</i> "
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee led by Larry Heath
Sunday	Mar 28	9:00 a.m.	Early Bird Special: Tai Chi and Qi Gong
		10:00 a.m.	John Reed leads a discussion on "Human Consciousness and Expanding It — The Shadow"
		11:00 a.m.	Daniel Melendez speaks on "Be a Dignitarian"
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck — all are invited

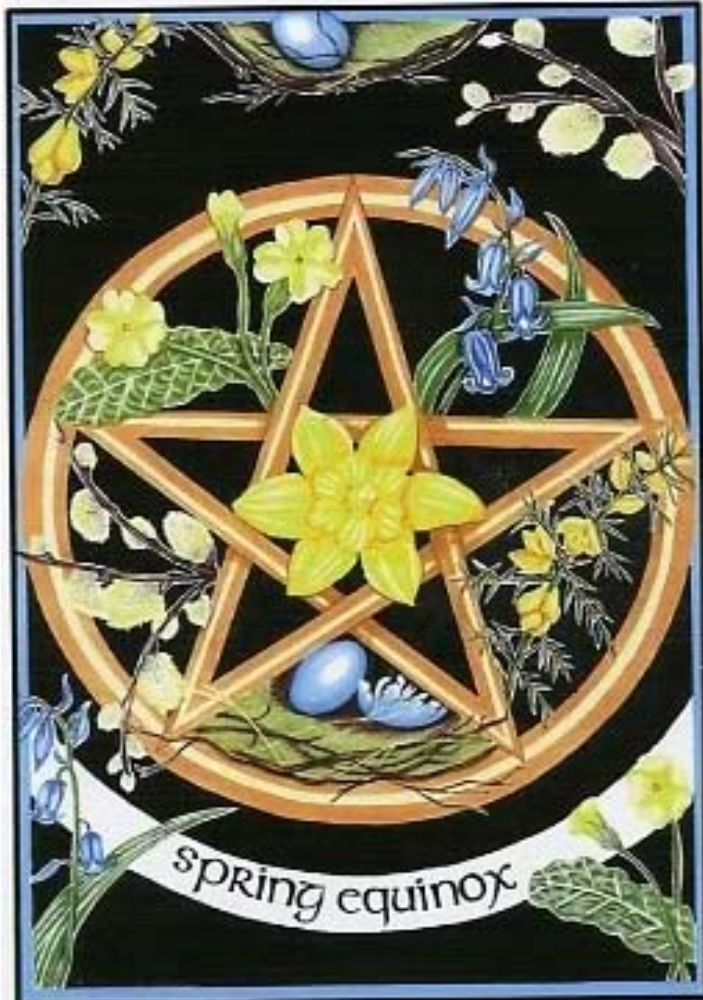
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**Pledging:** It costs in excess of \$55 per pledging unit per month to sustain the Arlington UU Church. Please give what you can. If you choose to make your contribution using the collection basket, use a special envelope or indicate "Pledge" on your check. Thank you for your support.

Sunday Apr 4 10:00 a.m. The Sunday School Gang continues *The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions*, "Nasty — Iago's Envy, Othello's Jealousy," led by Naren Jackson  
 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Flower Communion — see Page 4  
 12:30 p.m. Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

*Support Group led by John Reed Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.  
 Nursery provided at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday.*

Ostara and Full Moon March 20



Emerald Dragon Wiccan Circle celebrates Ostara (Vernal Equinox) and Full Moon Ritual at the church on Saturday, March 20, starting at 6:30 p.m. At Ostara, we welcome the return of the spring goddess from her

long season of dormant sleep. The sap begins to flow, the trees are budding, the ground softens, ice melts, and everywhere the fragrance and color of spring slowly awaken and rejuvenate our own life force. If you are interested in Wicca or Pagan beliefs in general, you are welcome to attend. Call 817-277-4277 for more information.

Reference: [www.witchvox.com/va/dt\\_va.html?a=usma&c=holidays&id=1991](http://www.witchvox.com/va/dt_va.html?a=usma&c=holidays&id=1991)

Movie Night March 10

On Wednesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. we'll be viewing *Crazy in Alabama*, starring Melanie Griffith in a dark comedy that includes a story within the story of the civil rights struggle in the 1960s. An abused wife heads to California to become a movie star while her nephew back in Alabama has to deal with a racially motivated murder involving a corrupt sheriff. This is Antonio Banderas's directorial debut, and the cast includes the acting debut for a young Lucas Black (*Friday Night Lights* and *Tokyo Drift*) as a major supporting actor, as well as David Morse, Peter Joseph, Meat Loaf Aday, Rod Steiger, Richard Schiff, Robert Wagner, Noah Emmerich and Fannie Flagg. This is a pot-luck snack/hors d'oeuvres event, so bring what you like to munch and sip. Rated PG-13 (SLV).

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

## Meet Caroline Severance



Carolina Seymour Severance (1820-1914) was a social reformer, suffragist, organizer, churchwoman and clubwoman who filled her long life with energetic, remarkably varied work that changed the lives of countless people, literally coast to

coast. Born in Canandaigua, NY, Caroline was well-educated and briefly taught at a girls' school before marrying Theodoric Cordenio Severance in 1840 and moving to Cleveland. She credited her marriage with "freeing her from bondage to authority, dogmas and conservative ideas and for making a reformer of her." The Severance household became a gathering place for liberal causes. Caroline maintained a conventional emphasis on woman's role as wife and mother, but increasingly emphasized woman's ability to shape public policy. She and her husband had left the Presbyterian Church soon after their marriage. "[W]e could no longer sit conscientiously under a preacher, or in a fellowship, where the golden rule of Christianity was not recognized as applicable to all men, whatever the color of their skin, or crinkle, or non-crinkle of their hair." They formed the antislavery Independent Christian Church. The congregation grew, drawing other reformist parishioners and ministers, including in 1854 Amory D. Mayo, a noted Unitarian clergyman. Severance soon became involved with woman's rights, lecturing, writing and organizing meetings for the cause throughout Ohio. In 1853 she presided over the first meeting of the Ohio Woman's Rights Association. She became good friends with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. With Lucy Stone and other New England suffragists, she was one of the founders in 1869, at a Cleveland convention, of the American Woman Suffrage Association. The Severance home had also become a regular stop for traveling lecturers such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Wendell Phillips and

Bronson Alcott. Because of her many New England friends, Severance developed a great love for Boston. When her husband was offered a position in Boston's North Bank, the family moved east. Before long she was very much a part of Boston's network of reformers, serving on the first board of the New England Hospital for Women and Children. In 1873 she was one of the founders and first president of the Moral Education Association. She was a founder of the New England Woman's Club, which helped establish the Girls' Latin School and Co-operative Building Association. Severance went regularly to Theodore Parker's sermons and helped organize the Free Religious Association. After Parker's death she was the first woman to speak in the popular Parker Fraternity Lecture Course. In 1875 Severance and her husband left Boston for Los Angeles, where two of their sons had settled. There they founded the city's first Unitarian congregation, Unity Church. Severance raised the social consciousness of the city with her tireless activity on behalf of free kindergartens and a training school for kindergarten workers. She founded the city's first woman's club, whose members campaigned for a juvenile court system and helped establish the Orphan's Home Society in 1883. She helped develop the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, began a city public library system, worked to found UCLA, promoted historic preservation, crusaded for woman's suffrage and championed world peace. The death of her husband in 1892 and her own advancing years barely slowed her. She inaugurated a weekly discussion series in her home, championing Christian Socialism, Progressivism, anti-imperialism and peace. In December 1900, the Los Angeles County Woman Suffrage League was reorganized with Severance as its new president. She served until 1904. In 1911, at the age of 91, she became the first woman to register to vote in California. She died at age 94.

Adapted from an article by Celeste DeRoche at [www.25.uua.org/uuhs/duub/articles/caroline-severance.html](http://www.25.uua.org/uuhs/duub/articles/caroline-severance.html)

## Easter Sunday Flower Communion, April 4

For a number of years now, we have chosen Easter Sunday to celebrate the Flower Communion, first developed in 1923 by Unitarian martyr, Rev. Norbert Čapek, for his congregation in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He died for his conscience in a Nazi prison camp in 1942. Over time, the ritual he began has been modified and celebrated by UUs around the world on Easter Sunday and sometimes during other seasons of the year. It is a celebration of each person's unique value and of the importance of coming together in community to support and encourage one another. We ask each of you to bring a flower or piece of fresh greenery to put into the bouquet at the front of our sanctuary before the service begins. During the service, each of you will be invited to come forward and take



weed from a lawn, or a single flower from the supermarket. Rev. Čapek suggested that his people each bring something of their choice from their gardens or from the wildflowers of the countryside, which were abundant on the morning in June



when he first called his congregation to this ceremony. What is important is the sharing. Let us each bring a little something to represent the amazingly varied bouquet that is our fellowship.



## Adult Literacy Project Now Meets Mondays

In an Arlington Public Library project, our volunteers meet clients at the church 6:30 p.m. Mondays. To participate in this worthwhile project, please contact Patsy Rosen.



something from the vases. It is important that you take something different from the thing you brought. It does not have to be fancy or expensive! It doesn't matter whether it's a daffodil from your garden, a sprig of new shrubbery, a brave little

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 or the Membership Chair. 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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