



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope

May 2008

Sunday	May 4	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang" continues David Tripp's series on Transcendentalist poets
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "The Word as Power"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Monday	May 5	5:00 p.m.	Worship Committee led Faiza Rizkalla
		7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	May 11	10:00 a.m.	Larry Heath leads a forum on "AlterNet Ideas"
		11:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Service
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	May 12	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	May 18	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.	Paul Geisel speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	May 19	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	May 25	10:00 a.m.	There is no forum today
		11:00 a.m.	Sheldon Lampson speaks on "Reflections on the Bible"
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck - all are invited
		1:00 p.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday	May 26	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	June 1	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "Twilight of the Idols"
		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 Caroline Veatch

Caroline Veatch (1870-1953) never could attend a Unitarian church. But a bequest from her transformed the congregation she joined late in life, and the denomination. Born Caroline Evans in Evansville, Indiana, in 1902 she wed another Evansville native, Arthur Veatch, who taught geology but left academia to work in oil exploration. In 1919 they built a house in Plandome, Long Island. By 1926 Arthur was working in Germany, where he acquired royalty rights in oil fields he discovered. After Arthur died in 1938, Caroline continued living in Plandome with her sister Della, but spinal arthritis left Caroline unable to walk and needing physical therapy. Her therapist (a Unitarian) made a suggestion that led Caroline to contribute in 1945 toward a building for the nearby, new, North Shore Unitarian Society (now the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock). The congregation's minister, Gerald F. Weary, started visiting the homebound widow at least twice a month, which he continued the rest of her life. "I sensed at once that she was a person of poise and dignity, and as well of warmth and friendliness" he later wrote. Caroline continued to give generously and said she wanted to remember the Society in her will. "In the past two or three years I have become interested in your church. I like what it is doing . . . and believe a splendid future lies ahead for it. But in order to make a bequest I shall have to have a lawyer rewrite my existing will." Weary recommended a church trustee, James Nickerson. At her request, Nickerson put a provision in the will that half her estate go to her sister, the other half to the North Shore Unitarian Society. At that point Weary invited her to join his church, which she did March 28, 1948. During their visits Caroline talked about many topics, including recollections of her husband, and mentioned the royalty rights he had left.



For years there had been no payments. She offered the church half the overdue sum if an attorney in the congregation could help obtain the royalties. After two years, James Nickerson sorted out the case and, in 1952, remitted \$7,168 to Veatch. She kept her promise, then continued to share subsequent payments, saying she intended not only to split future royalties as long as she lived, but to will her oil rights to the church. When Veatch died in 1953, Weary conducted a memorial service at North Shore. Then natural gas was discovered in the German oil fields. The Veatch bequest skyrocketed in value. By 1973 annual returns reached \$10 million, climbing to \$20 million by 1976. From the beginning, the North Shore Society had mirrored Veatch's generosity by giving loans and grants to neighboring Unitarian congregations. It also made substantial gifts to the UUA, keeping it from bankruptcy on two separate occasions and making possible the publication of *The Pentagon Papers* in 1971. Today the Veatch Board approves and supervises all Veatch grants; the congregation decides how much to allocate. In 1979 the Society gave the UUA a block grant of \$20 million and in 1983 an extra \$11 million. This money has funded many new programs and services; grants and loans have been made to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Beacon Press, the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office, the International Association for Religious Freedom, and other denominational organizations and activities.

More information about the Veatch Program can be found at: uucsr.org/veatch

Adapted from an article by Warren Ross at: uua.org/uuhs/duub/articles/carolineveatch.html



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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