



## Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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# Kaleidoscope

October 2007

Sunday	Oct. 7	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	Oct. 8	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Oct. 14	10:00 a.m.	Dave Gant reviews <i>The Coming Generational Storm</i> , by Laurence Kotlikoff and Scott Burns
		11:00 a.m.	[Safe Haven (Women's Shelter) collection] Bud Kennedy of the Fort Worth <i>Star Telegram</i> speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	Oct. 15	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Oct. 21	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	[Association Sunday collection] Jim Varnum, Texas Master Naturalist and a board member of the Texas Land Trust Council, speaks on "Preserving Habitat in the Urban Setting"
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	Oct. 22	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Oct. 28	10:00 a.m.	Sara Muñoz leads a discussion on Humanism
		11:00 a.m.	Psychologist Philip Roos speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Last Supper (potluck lunch)
Monday	Oct. 29	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Nov. 4	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks
		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 Mary White Ovington

Mary White Ovington, 1865-1951, a lifelong Unitarian from Brooklyn, was a suffragette, socialist, journalist, and co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Her life spanned the era from Lincoln's assassination to the first stirrings of the Civil Rights movement of the 50s, from emancipation to just three years before *Brown v. Board of Education* desegregated public schools. White's early Unitarian training to think and question, question and think, figured strongly throughout her life and writings. Her Unitarian teacher parents were supporters of women's rights and involved in the anti-slavery movement. She became involved in the campaign for civil rights in 1890 after hearing Frederick Douglass speak in a Brooklyn church. She worked with Roy Wilkins, W.E.B. DuBois, Richard Wright, Unitarian minister John Haynes Holmes and a host of others in promoting liberation, civil rights, and economic justice. Joining the Socialist Party in 1905, she wrote for such radical newspapers as *The Masses* and *The Call*. Following a race riot in 1908 she joined a group effort that eventually led to establishment in 1910 of the NAACP, whose executive secretary she became. Later she worked in the movements for women's suffrage and against America's involvement in WWI. She served the NAACP a total of 38 years as board member, executive secretary and chairman. In the 1915-1923 period in particular, early in her career with them, the NAACP won three important cases before the U.S. Supreme Court concerning voting rights and housing for blacks. Ovington wrote several books in her long and busy life, including a study of black Manhattan, *Half a Man* (1911); *Status of the Negro in the United States* (1913); *Socialism and the Feminist Movement* (1914); an anthology for black children, *The Upward Path* (1919); biographical sketches of prominent African Americans, *Portraits in Color* (1927); an autobiography, *Reminiscences* (1932); and a history of the NAACP, *The Walls Came Tumbling Down* (1947). A recent book about her is *Inheritors of the Spirit: Mary White*



*Ovington and the Founding of the NAACP*, by Carolyn Wedin (New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1997).

*Adapted from:*

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary\\_White\\_Ovington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_White_Ovington)

### Association Sunday

Association Sunday is a request for all congregations to recognize and support the UUA's national work. It's an opportunity for us to come together to grow our faith and our influence in the world. At AUUC we will ask for a second offering for Association Sunday October 21. Of funds raised this year, 50% will go to a national marketing effort (the first in 50 years) in *Time* magazine and on *Time's* website; 25 % will go to congregations that call ministers of color, and the ministers they call; 25 % will go to congregations as grants for growth outreach projects. Four subsequent Association Sundays (one per year) will be devoted to growth in diversity, witness, spirit and leadership.

See more information at

[uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/marketing/index.shtml](http://uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/marketing/index.shtml).

### Church News

The **CD player** has finally been added to our setup in the sanctuary and has been enjoyed for several Sundays now. Also, ten good used **chairs** have been purchased from the Oak Cliff Fellowship to supplement sanctuary seating on busy Sundays. Our **church library** has been cataloged by author/editor and we are working on another list by title. We want to make it simple to borrow a book. There is a ring binder on one of the bookshelves. Just write the title of the book, your name, phone number or e-mail address, and the date borrowed. If you wish to keep the book longer than three weeks, please go back to your first entry and add a note. Another binder holds the list of books by author/editor. Your patience and help are appreciated.



**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)