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June 25, 10:30 am

Art Aldrich

Our Visual Culture:

How We Lost Our Literary Heritage

What has happened to the grand dialogues carried on through the ages, imparting the wisdom of Aristotle, Plato and later philosophers and scholars? A profusion of images, delivered instantly, seems to have replaced the rich literary heritage that has inspired and enlightened Western liberal thought since the Renaissance. A culture based on reasoned discourse seems now to be threatened or even supplanted by a culture based on visual gratifications. This service will explore the transformation and what the future holds for liberal thinkers. A multi-media presentation.

Coordinator: Tricia Larkin

July 2, 10:30 am Emily Kratzer/Jane Cowan

Who Won? And More from GA

We share a recap of important events from the General Assembly just concluded in New Orleans: the new UUA president, bylaw changes, the statement on Escalating Inequality and more. The

Ware Lecture by Bryan Stevenson is sure to bring us much to think about. The Rev. Cheryl M. Walker delivered the sermon at the 2017 Service of the Living Tradition. Jane will give insights about the experience of being with UUs from around the nation. Rev. Sangrey also attended GA.

Coordinator: Jane Cowan

July 9, 10:30 am

Des Shaw

Immigrating While White

Like many other white people, I grew up with this rather sunny view of slavery, in which the participants were simply given free room and board rather than a paycheck. Likewise the prevailing view of white immigration into this country tends to understate what a brutal process it was, a brutality that has shaped the white working class to this very day. This sermon will examine what white working class Americans went through to come here, and stay here, and how this history has shaped the attitudes they hold today

Coordinator: Leslie d'Oronzio

July 16, 10:30 am Luis Torres
The Shape of Justice

This recurring summer service considers several US Supreme Court decisions from the last term, including cases on abortion, separation of church and state as well as police misconduct. We will compare and contrast the high court's sense of justice with that of UUA leaders, our congregation and individual members. **Coordinator: Harry Shair**

July 23, 10:30 am Barrie Peterson
My McCauleys: Revolutionary Leaders,

UNC Founders, Slaveowners, Former Slave
Genealogy can reveal much of our formative family backgrounds, but what do we do with this...the good, the bad, and the ugly?

Coordinator: Mike Steger

July 30, 10:30 am Rev. ReBecca Sala
How the Light Gets In

In the midst of so much negativity and bad news, how and where do we find moments of hope?

Coordinator: Tricia Larkin

August 6, 10:30 am Rev. Dr. Meredith Garmon

**"How I Learned to Stop Worrying
and Love Spirituality"**

--A Rationalist-Humanist Pilgrimage

Service description to be announced at a later date

Coordinator: Dan Hanchrow

August 13, 10:30 am Jane Cowan
What Do We Do with the Youth?

The way Unitarian Universalists deal with teen ministry and programming may be one of our most radical traditions. We are called by our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all beings to welcome teens of many identities. We build radically inclusive community where it is possible to explore identity and spirituality without boxes. We provide support through one of the most challenging stages of life. What does it mean to honor the inherent worth and dignity of teens? How do we do this and why?

Coordinator: Laurie Young

August 20, 10:30 am Dan Hanchrow
**Shakespeare's Darker Observations
on Society**

Othello. Shylock. Katherina Minola. In these three characters- a black man, a Jewish man, and a woman, Shakespeare shows us the many ways prejudice and Christian male superiority can manifest and affect minority groups or those without power. Shakespeare never made judgements himself but left it for us to decide right and wrong. Discuss.

Coordinator: Tricia Larkin

August 27, 10:30 am Harry Shair
Citizenship and Morality

Come help wrestle with the issue of whether citizenship and morality ever truly conflict and what should you do if they do. Our 5th principle is: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. When I read that, I wonder what do you do if the democratic process and your personal conscience differ. How do you decide when to obey the will of the majority and when your sense of morality?

Coordinator: Rob Young

**REV. DAWN'S
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

June 19 – June 22 at the General Assembly in New Orleans

June 23 – July 1 and July 19 – 25 on vacation

On call the rest of the summer.

Returning to the pulpit on September 10.

If you have a pastoral emergency while Rev. Dawn is out of town, contact our administrator, Mary Holdampf, on her cell phone 203 668-1729, and Mary will refer you to one of the UU ministers on call.



RE NEWS

Congratulations to our Religious Education children and youth for completing a joy-filled year of learning! Thank you to the teaching teams, advisors, assistants, subs, and supportive members of this congregation for making it happen. We are in a place of growth and vision, and I look forward to sharing another year with you!

During the summer months, children are welcome to attend services with their families. Please bring a book or quiet activity. We also provide childcare and some special arts and crafts activities for younger children in the nursery and adjoining classroom. RE classes will resume in September, and I will be sending out registration forms to all our parents this summer.

I'm excited to see the names of both new and returning volunteers on the sign-up sheets for 2017-18 Religious Education classes! More subs, assistants, and teachers are needed, so let me know if you'd like to get involved. RE Teacher Orientation will be held on Sunday, August 20th from 12-1, so please save the date.

What's next for 2017-18?

- **Nursery- infant to 4 yrs.** - Our childcare providers create a warm environment for younger children and babies to play.
- **Pre-K to K - Spirit Play** - a Montessori-style spiritual exploration of the big life questions. Spirit play materials and teachers will be available to children as needed.
- **1st - 5th grade - Harry Potter and UU 10** - A social justice faith in action curriculum based on the books by J.K. Rowling.
- **6th- 10th grade - Harry Potter and UU 102**- This class follows the same curriculum as the 101 class, but takes a deeper look at the complexities and causes of social issues.
- **7th- 12th grade- Our Whole Lives (OWL)** is a highly acclaimed lifespan sexuality education program and essential part of UU

congregations. *OWL for grades 7-9* will take place once a month on Sunday afternoons throughout the year. *OWL for grades 10-12* will happen concurrently in the winter months only. Both classes are open to UU and non-UU youth.

- **8th - 12th grade - Youth Ministry** - Our youth will meet with advisors in early September to vision for the year ahead. Worship, community building, social justice, and activities with other congregations are all part of our time together!

I will be on site organizing and planning throughout the summer, with a few Sundays away in June, July, and August. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Have a wonderful summer!

Terri Pahucki

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Board of Trustees

I am writing my last newsletter blurb as Chair and member of the Board of Trustees. Serving on the BOT, per the by-laws, is a three-year term with a year off. I am not sure that getting someone to take a year off has ever been a problem. I would hazard to say not so much. I intend to help out a little more in RE and perhaps provide a bit more music to services now that I am not on the Board of Trustees. It has been a challenging time, especially this past year. Besides the normal building issues, having our renter not meet their obligations, trying to deal with a Realtor who has not seemed to be serving us the best, has added to the challenges. Still, there were some upsides such as having stock that a member had donated years ago, split and bring us in a profit. It took a few trips to the bank to get a medallion signature, but we did manage to get it done, even though the certificates had been long lost. Plans are in place for a service auction in the fall, and all the hard work of so many people on both boards and all the committees keeping things running smoothly is much appreciated. In terms of the rental issue, I would like to thank Mike Steger for generously offering his professional services if we need to take the renter to court for last year's past due amount and in dealing with the realtor who seems not to have UUCRs best interest at heart. I wish everyone a good summer. Hope to see you at some of the summer services. Peace.

Melissa A. Schroeter, Chair BOT

UUCR AT PRIDE SUNDAY

Representatives from UUCR staffed a table at Rockland Pride Sunday in Nyack on June 11th. It was a wonderful, if hot, event. There were people serving in an outreach role, talking to people about UUism and UUCR. Others were helping with the book sale fundraiser to help support Jane and Max on their trips to UUA conferences. Many thanks go out to Debbie Shaw, Sarah Gordon, Rachel Rosenthal, Bridget Lauriera, Kyle Hancock, Zane Hancock, Trudy Pojman and Jane and Jocelyn Cowan. Thanks to Michelle for the use of her canopy at the booth.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS *Greeters in the Summer*

In order to accommodate summer schedules but still ensure proper welcoming, we will have a Membership Committee member as a greeter each Sunday. We welcome members of the congregation to sign up to be informal greeters at the door in order to welcome people as they come in - just a *friendly face to say hi*.

SUMMER GREETERS COFFEE HOSTS

July 2 & 16 Hillary Torres/greeter & coffee host

July 23 Elaine Aldrich & Alex Chase/greeters
Hillary Torres/coffee host

July 9 & July 30 volunteers are needed.
Please contact Hillary.

August 6 & 13 Trudy Pojman/greeter
& coffee host

August 20 & 27 Hillary Torres/greeter
& coffee host

EDITOR'S NEWS

There will be no August issue. The Rockland Unitarian will resume in September. (Deadline for Sept. issue is August 20th, 6 pm). Office hours will vary over the summer months. Please call ahead or email me if you need anything. I wish all of my readers a very happy and safe summer.

SERVICE AUCTION Oct. 21, 2017 UUCR

Food ** Entertainment **
Service Donations ** Unique Items
All funds collected
support the UUCR

Our last service auction was more than 10 years ago. It's time for another! Have fun and support our congregation, while you find that special item or service you need.

Are you willing to solicit services and items from local businesses and from our membership? If so, please contact Diane Bennett at dbennett@alum.dartmouth.org.

If you have a service or an item to offer, Diane wants to know that too. We will be preparing a catalog of donations to be bid on.

For those who don't know, a service donation could be:

- "Will cook a gourmet dinner for two", "Will drive you to and from the airport", "Free week's stay at a lakeside cottage", or "Half price on dinner at Marcello's in Suffern".

Unique items could be

- jewelry (designed by you or someone else), paintings, ceramics and more. Less unique items are welcome too. Do you have a new microwave oven sitting in your basement? Someone else may be looking for that exact model.

We will contact you in the next two months to discuss possible donations.

Diane Bennett, Jane Cowan, Gale Lavinder, Trudy Pojman, Harry Shair, and Debbie Shaw

The UU Congregation notes with sadness the death of
Rhoda Onofri
June 5, 2017

We extend our deepest sympathy to her daughters,
Lisa and Adrienne and to the family.

NOTE: In case of any emergency, first aid kit is on top of refrigerator in the kitchen.