

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES in ISLAM

Moderator: Bruce Anderson
Panelists: Mahmoud Sami, Mehdi El-Efifi, and Aisha Hauser
Monday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.
Suggested donation: \$5

The panel will discuss current domestic and international issues that affect the Muslim community with an emphasis on commonalities between the cultures of the Middle East and the West.

CONVERSATIONS with THE BIBLE

Leader: Rev. Judy Tomlinson
Thursdays, May 8, 15, 22 & 29
7:30-9: p.m.
Suggested donation \$20

Unitarianism and Universalism both began, in part, as movements to broaden people's understanding of the Bible. Each affirmed that scripture should be read with both mind and heart honestly engaged, open to insight. Our roots in Jewish and Christian scriptures point to possibilities for human goodness through study of the Bible and free us to hear the Bible's calling of humanity to ever-increasing spiritual wholeness. This course will excite and satisfy your curiosity. It is both a personal and a creative exploration. Join us.

WOMEN and HEART HEALTH

Leader: St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital
Nursing Staff
Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.
Suggested donation: \$10

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for all women and more women than men die from it. The good news is that 80% of heart disease can be prevented if we know our risks and take steps to reduce them.

A nurse from The Women's Heart Center will give a presentation about women's risk factors and strategies for reducing risk, the signs of a heart attack in women (very different from a man's symptoms) and the unique ways that heart disease in women is diagnosed and treated. This presentation could save your life or the life of a woman you love.

FAITH AND RITUAL

Leaders: Rev. Judy Tomlinson and
Claudia Sanders
Thursdays, April 10 & 17, 7:30 p.m.
Suggested donation: \$5 per class

What do we, as Unitarian Universalists, have faith in? What anchors us? How do we use this faith of ours when we are in spiritual crisis and have to face life's transitions? How do we call on it when we face everyday challenges to live up to be the person we want to be? Join us as we discuss the meaning of faith, share our techniques for living up to our values and design personal or family rituals that will ground us and bring serenity and peace to our lives.



"BEEN AROUND AWHILE" GROUP (Formerly "Senior Lunch Bunch")

Leaders: Rev. Charlie Ortman
& Judy Tomlinson
2nd Wednesday of the month,
Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Join the self-defined senior citizens of the congregation for a brown bag lunch and lively conversation on topics of the day. The group decides on a topic each month. On occasion we have invited outside speakers. Join us for food and fellowship.

ONLINE COURSES

From the Church of the Larger
Fellowship
Go to: <http://clf.uua.org/learn/>
(Class fees vary)

The Courage to be Liberal – 1/4-2/8/08

Raising Ethical Children – 2/18-3/17/08

Spirit of Life – 2/18-4/21/08

An Introduction to Ralph Waldo
Emerson: What He Might Teach Us
Now – 3/10-4/21/08

On-going Courses:
A Chosen Faith: Self-Study Guide
For New Unitarian Universalists
Covenant Group Leaders' Training

Adult Religious Education

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**Adult RE Registration Form
(Please return to RE office or
call 973-744-6276, ext. 18)**

Please check the course(s) for
which you are registering:

New UU Session 1 or 2 (circle)

Spiritual Literature ____

Bible ____

Heart Health ____

Film Series 1 2 3 (circle)

Panel on Islam ____

Faith and Ritual ____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number

E-mail

Church member (circle):
YES NO

Child care needed: YES NO

If yes, please call (973-744-
6276, ext. 18) with children's
ages no later than the Sunday
preceding the class.

**SPIRITUALITY IN
LITERATURE**

Leader: Rob Gordon, M.A. in literature
and creative writing, Queens College,
CUNY
Tuesdays, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 18,
April 15 and May 20, 7:30 p.m.
Suggested donation: \$10 per class/\$25
series

Many works, both popular and literary,
have a strong spiritual undertone. Rob
will help us explore and examine the
spirituality of selected texts, including
Harry Potter, *the Lord of the Rings* and
Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*. During
each session participants will read a
part of the selected work before the
discussion begins. The first discussion
on Tuesday, January 15th will be on
Winnie-the-Pooh. Sessions can be
taken separately.



**FILM SERIES:
Science &
Spirituality**

Leaders: Jim O'Neill
& Bruce Anderson
Sundays, Feb. 10,
March 9 & April 13

Time: 12:30 p.m. Donation: \$5 per film

February 10: **Contact (1997)**

This film, based on the novel of the
same name by Carl Sagan, is the story
of a free thinking radio astronomer
(Jodie Foster) who discovers an
intelligent signal broadcast from deep
space. She and her fellow scientists
decipher the message and discover
detailed instructions for building a
mysterious machine. Will the machine
spell the end of our world, or the end
of our superstitions? Will we take our
place among the races of the galaxy, or
are we just an upstart species with a
long way to go?

March 9: **Winter Light (1960)**

Winter Light (Nattvardsgästerna), the
second in Ingmar Bergman's trilogy of
films dealing with man's relationship
with God, centers on the pastor of a
tiny congregation, who is suffering from
a cold and a severe crisis of faith. He
attempts to console a fisherman who is
tormented by anxiety, but he can only
speak about his own troubled
relationship with God. A school teacher
offers him her love as consolation for
his loss of faith. But he resists her love
as desperately as she offers it to him.

April 13: **Inherit the Wind (1962)**

In this Stanley Kramer classic with
Spencer Tracy and Frederic March, a
teacher in a small town is arrested for
teaching Darwin's theories. Famous
lawyer Henry Drummond defends him;
fundamentalist politician Matthew Brady
prosecutes. The film is a very thinly
disguised rendition of the transcripts of
the 1925 "Scopes Monkey Trial" which
featured debates between Clarence
Darrow and William Jennings Bryan.

(Film synopses from www. imdb.com)

NEW UU CLASSES

Leader: Rev. Charlie Ortman
Session 1: February 6, 13, 20 & 27
Session 2: May 21, 28; June 4 and 11
Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Are you new to our congregation? Or,
have you been around for a while and
want to know more about who we are,
where we've come from, and what
we're about? In these four sessions we
share our faith journeys, explore the
history of the Unitarian and Universalist
traditions (in an enjoyable format), and
gain an orientation to this
congregation's life from members and
leaders who are involved in making it
work. On the Sunday following the final
class, those who so choose will be
welcomed into membership with the
congregation during the service.