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Unitarian Universalist Church of Little Rock

MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday mornings at 11 AM

- **Mar. 2: *Going for the Gold*, Rev. Paul.**
The colors of Mardi Gras have symbolic meanings: green for faith, purple for justice, and gold for power. We celebrate all three, as necessary elements of a healthy and meaningful life and community.
- **Mar. 9: *Living Love Through the Practice of Trust*, Rev. Paul.** Reflections on this month's Soul Matters theme: trust.
- **Mar. 16: *Speaker & topic TBA***
Worship Arts Team
- **Mar. 23: *Reflections at St. Dorothy's Rest***
Rev. Paul will offer reflections inspired by his annual study retreat in California.
- **Mar. 30: *Living Legacy: Mississippi*.** The Living Legacy Project is offering two tours this fall: one in Alabama, which a few of us joined last fall, and one in Mississippi. Rev. Paul will reflect on Mississippi's civil rights history.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Sunday mornings at 10AM

FORUM is an adult religious education program that meets in the south end of the Mehta Wing

- **Mar. 2: *Forum/REConnection: Let's Play!! with Zenyth Propst.*** How do we bring play into our adult lives? And how can we find the spiritual element of play?
- **Mar. 9: *2nd Sunday Share the Plate: Radical Release*** (see pg. 6)
- **Mar. 16: *UALR Sequoyah Historical Research Center, with Director, Dan Littlefield***
- **Mar. 23: *What's on Your Mind?*, Clyde Bailey**
- **Mar. 30: *Outdoor Spaces: A proposal for use of UUCLR's creek area, with David McCullough***
Because of tornado damage two years ago, we have an opportunity to create an attractive, multi-use space across the creek out back. **Please attend this forum to learn about the work done so far and to add your ideas!**

RE-QUESTORS meets in person and online to discuss thought-provoking books on a wide range of topics. See pg. 7 for details.

RECONNECTION is a gathering for those in their 20s, 30s and 40s who are looking to connect with like-minded peers for open discussions on chosen topics. See pg. 7 for more details.

YOUTH RE IS GROWING...

...so we're bringing back an old rhythm to see how it serves us today! We ask that kids (ages 5+) sit with their grown-ups for the first portion of the 11am service. Younger kids can remain in the nursery as usual. After *Time All Together*, kids will be invited to depart the sanctuary to join in more RE activities downstairs—OR—kids can move to the back of the sanctuary where the quiet play materials are located.

We are actively searching for individuals willing to assist with the 10am Education Hour (classroom time) as well as the 11am Exploration Hour (outside time)! Nursery volunteers are also needed. We're hoping to build up an RE Team of vetted, trained individuals who can commit to at least one Sunday a month. **Questions? Willing to assist? Contact Fin or email/call the office.**

OUR MISSION: We strive to build a beloved community through shared worship, responsible spiritual freedom, exploration and reverence. We are a Welcoming Congregation, embracing our interconnectedness, engaging with others by living our principles in our community, and working to transform our world and ourselves.



REFLECTIONS: DEMOCRACY IS ORGANIZING

The spectacle over the last month-and-a-half-or-so in the executive branch of our federal government has, to say the least, been stressful for most of us. Folks trying to make sense of what is happening have compared the flurry of questionable executive actions to everything from a hostile business takeover to the strategies employed by fascists a century ago to destroy democratic institutions. The abrupt and belligerent tactics of the administration and its “kitchen cabinet,”* of course, invite such comparisons, as do their rhetoric, gestures, attitudes, and symbols.

Most telling, though, are their targets: any part of the federal government with responsibility to ensure its compliance with law (inspectors general, judge advocates general), federal independent regulatory agencies (the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and a dozen others), and anyone who is not a rich straight white male (like, for example, those fired from our military’s Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the majority of the federal government’s workforce). The self-serving intent to damage or destroy the government’s transparency and accountability is clear.

Executive actions like these are not entirely unprecedented in American history. What is unprecedented is taking such actions in a much more industrialized and interdependent world. As Deepak Gupta, former senior counsel at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, has said: “If you remember from your American history class, the spoils system back in the 19th century, it was just whoever was friends with the president would get these jobs. That’s great if you have a small agrarian economy and you don’t have the kind of complex things that the federal government does today. But if you’re dealing with nuclear safety, do we really want someone who

just was buddies with the president to be dealing with the safety of nuclear power plants or do we want what we have now, which is we have a nuclear regulatory commission, and those people are appointed by the president, and confirmed by the Senate, but they are understood to have some expertise and some protection from removal.”**



Nor are the politics of aggression and violence, of overwhelm, of shock-and-awe, at all new (these used to be the normal way to handle labor disputes, prior to the mid-1930s); nor the infiltration of our government by hostile foreign agents (well-documented for the 1940s and 1950s, for example). What is new is the technology available with which to pursue such abuses.

Times like these demonstrate vividly that democracy is not about voting, it’s about organizing. Citizens taking civic action, speaking up in legislative hearings and city council meetings and in the streets and on the steps of the capitol, and doing it in an informed, coordinated, and strategic way, can interrupt the games politicians play for votes and back-room deals. Long-lasting justice is made by interrupting unjust systems. Many of us at UUCLR are already connected to community organizations and community organizers. We are in a position to strengthen connections and coordination between them, if we think creatively and strategically about their common interests and make some personal introductions.

The motto of the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council was, “The most radical thing we can do is introduce people to each other.” They were right. Let’s get radical!

— Rev. Paul

* “DOGE,” formerly the United States Digital Service(1), a task force created by President Obama to improve the federal government’s digital services to the public, was renamed - it is said - after the “doge” social media meme and the started-as-a-joke cryptocurrency dogecoin(2), both admired amusements of Elon Musk. An informal circle of unofficial presidential advisors has been called a “kitchen cabinet” since Andrew Jackson set the precedent(3).

(1) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/establishing-and-implementing-the-presidents-department-of-government-efficiency/>

(2) <https://dogecoin.com/dogepedia/articles/history-of-dogecoin/>

(3) <https://www.thoughtco.com/kitchen-cabinet-1773329>

** Gupta was interviewed by Dahlia Lithwick on Slate’s Amicus podcast, Feb. 22, 2025.

NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We have had an eventful February that was highlighted by the uplifting *IllUmination Community Potluck* and our special Sunday service which was full of light. Thanks to Rebecca Roetzel for those great gatherings.

The feeling of thanks reflected during our *New Member Recognition Ceremony* helped me to remember how important this community is to so many. It has been important to me for a LONG time, but to see the happiness from others who are only now joining our community makes me smile.

And, folks, it is the time of year when we all reflect on the importance of UUCLR. March is the time for our annual pledge drive. This is when we stop, look at what we have done, what we want to do and make our plans to monetarily support the vision we set for ourselves. We foremost want to support our INCREDIBLE staff! We want to be a force for good and justice in our community. We want to help the weak and support the suffering. We want to envision the future.

Be sure and plan time to attend sessions that will be happening to plan our budget—educate yourself and make your voice heard. And, once that budget and our dream emerges, do what you can to help support that vision together with everyone. If you have been around a long time and haven't increased your pledge amount, please consider increasing your pledge—our expenses have certainly increased! And for those new to UUCLR, simply give whatever you are able in a manner that reflects the importance of this community to you and your desire to support all that we do. March 2 will kick off our pledge drive. On Friday, April 11 we will gather to celebrate all that we have done together during that month to prepare our vision for the upcoming year and all the things we will do together.



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FEBRUARY 2024 BOARD MEETING REPORT

A major point that surfaced during our Feb 18 Board Meeting was the need for us to begin to track attendance in all aspects of our church community. We will begin to implement that very soon.

We spent time discussing the increasing number of children and the need for more daycare workers/church volunteers in the nursery and RE classes. Please see Fin and see how you can help!

Our Governing Documents AD HOC Committee reported that they are working very hard to update our Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Rules and Procedures. The Outdoor Spaces plans to host a brainstorming session at the March 30 FORUM (Mark your calendar!) to get YOUR ideas about possibilities for our “tornado-created” spaces.

Plans are going forward to have some security cameras installed by this Spring. OWL Feasibility Committee and 8th Principle both have exciting reports in this Outer Circle. We also noted the need to spend some time on staffing our many committees. Time was spent on our financial reports and upcoming pledge drive.

As always, feel free to ask me any questions!

— Debbie Goolsby, Board President

8TH PRINCIPLE NEWS AND UPDATES – ELAINE LEGACY CENTER

“The museum roof on Main Street should be open this spring. The price increased unexpectedly because we did not have the money immediately. However, we are increasing our work from our temporary site of the museum at 313 College Avenue. James White is director of the museum and working on 1) signage in the area of the massacre, 2) an audio walking/self-directed tour, 3) increasing tourism, and 4) scheduling tours. He is also working on exhibits. We were all set to apply for exhibit funding for the all black, now gone, city of Ferguson south of Elaine - the day the Humanities Arkansas Council website was pulled by President Trump/Federal executive order. The grants due then were not restored although the website is back up. It reminds us of how tenuous everything is right now.”

We received a personal update from the Rev. Dr. Mary Olson, UMC Minister and leader with the Elaine Legacy Center. We are excited to share her enthusiastic and informative response.

– Rich Roy, 8th Principle Working Group

“We are working with the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA) staff and feel we are making great progress. We have an agreement that public information will be sent out when agreed on by ELC and TIAA team members. So at the moment we are not generating support from TIAA investors because it appears TIAA and our aims are in agreement. We are hopeful. It is amazing to me that major media sources say farmers will make more money doing organic farming than they do with chemical/pesticide/fertilizer farming. It is a myth that organic farming is small, manual, expensive, and low income producing. We have hopes of transforming the entire Delta. Waltons are in sync with us in a report they funded that was first called The New California - meaning the Arkansas Delta.”

“The knowledge of higher profits with organic poses a huge problem in the Delta because all farm subsidies are for chemical/pesticide grown crops like cotton, soybeans, rice. Nothing for organic - hopefully, subsidies aren't necessary but as long as pesticide/chemical grown crops receive huge payments it will be hard to change it. But it will happen. Our Bozeman heads this so it could be changed with Arkansas leadership.”

– Rev. Dr. Mary Olson, UMC Minister and leader with the Elaine Legacy Center.

2025 GA DELEGATES NEEDED: INVITATION TO ALL UUCLR MEMBERS...

Are you interested in attending the UUA annual General Assembly June 18-22, 2025 in Baltimore?

UUCLR can send up to three members to serve as our official delegates. Our delegates will need to attend the Plenary sessions so that our voices and votes can be part of the process. There are also many wonderful workshops, lectures, and worship experiences available to you! The church will cover the conference registration fees, but delegates will be responsible for additional costs of food, housing, and travel to Baltimore. There is an option for online participation, but attending in person is a powerful experience!

To get the best deal, we need to designate and pay for our delegates by March 31. The board will make decisions regarding the selection of our delegates, so time is of the essence. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Goolsby at debbiegoolsby@sbcglobal.net.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
BALTIMORE • JUNE 18 - 22, 2025

EXPLORING UU Sunday, March 9 • 12:30pm–2:30pm

A “GET TO KNOW US” CLASS FOR NEWCOMERS, FRIENDS, AND NEW MEMBERS

(In Pehrson Room in the Religious Education Wing, following the vegetarian potluck)

The Exploring UU class is for newcomers and friends who want to understand more about Unitarian Universalism in an informal setting. The goal is to get to know each other, learn information and history of UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) and UUCLR (Unitarian Universalist Church of Little Rock), meet some of the leaders, and learn what UUCLR and members/friends/newcomers can do for each other. It's also a great chance to meet new folks and ask Rev. Paul questions.

If you are considering becoming a member of UU, or not, this class is for you. Please register at the desk in the foyer or on the link on UUCLR.org by Thursday, March 4 so that packets may be made. If you need childcare, please register no later than March 3. If you have questions, contact Cas Rifkin at casrifkin12@gmail.com 501-454-3814. The class will be led by Rev. Paul and Lisa Brents.



 The Interfaith Center
presents

Interfaith Jam Session

Sunday, March 9 • 5:30-7 pm

at The Interfaith Center

1616 South Spring Street. Little Rock

Led by John Willis and Read Admire

This will be an evening of shared and collaborative music making, bringing together musicians from diverse backgrounds to share their love of music and unique cultural and religious musical traditions.

All are welcome! Bring your instrument, your voice, or simply your love of music.

BOOK EXCHANGE & RECYCLING MARCH 2

We collect the following for recycling: outdated computers, copiers, DVD players, paper shredders, printers, TVs, VCRs, phones, stereos, radios, fax machines, and microwave ovens; dead batteries (no rechargeables); selected light bulbs containing mercury (CFLs/4-foot fluorescent tubes). We will have a list of “green stations” and other glass collection sites on the recycle table in the north end of Thomson Hall in the Mehta Wing.



Also, bring your books and current magazines to the Mehta Wing/Thomson Hall to share. **You do not have to bring a book to take a book.**

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT MAR. 29 • 5 TO 8 P.M.

Let our Fairy Godparents care for your child(ren) while you go out with friends, have some time to yourself, or have a date night (all Fairy Godparents have background checks and they will cherish your little ones while you are away!) There is no cost.

You must pre-register for childcare by Monday, Mar. 3. Register online at uuclr.org or on the sign-up sheet in the foyer outside the nursery.

Bring you child(ren) and a meal, snack, and drink for them, plus and a change of clothes in case of an accident.

Questions? Text or email Lisa Brents (870-464-7665. lisakbrents@gmail.com)



FAITH IN ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

2nd Sunday Share the Plate: March's Share the Plate recipient is Radical Release. The Radical Release retreat will offer space at Camp Mitchell on Petit Jean Mountain for Black mothers recently released from incarceration, and their children—space to to rest, dream, and create art. The offering culminates in a public art showcase, where participants showcase their work and reflect on the themes of rest, freedom, and radical dreaming.

Stephens Elementary School Food Pantry: Join our group of dedicated volunteers at Stephens Elementary. Every Friday at 8:30 a.m. our Pantry Team picks up food from the Arkansas Foodbank and distributes it to families at the school. Contact Nell Matthews at uucrnell@gmail.com to become involved.

The Van: Members volunteer at The Van warehouse in SW Little Rock to sort donations. The Van is a grassroots non-profit that helps those without shelter. Questions? Contact Cas Rifkin at casrifkin12@gmail.com.

Our House Monthly Meal: Volunteers cook, deliver and serve a monthly meal at the Our House shelter. Contact Kevin Jones at kmjones1231@sbcglobal.net.

Can Recycling at UUCLR: Bring your aluminum cans on Sundays for recycling (just cans!). Lance Scott picks them up and makes \$\$\$ that he donates to the church. He also finds cans all over town that he saves and sells. Put them in the deck box behind the arbor in plastic bags, please! Paper bags get wet and disintegrate. Thank you, Lance, for your Faith in Action!



The poster for Friendship Camp 2025 features a grid background with various icons and photos. At the top, it says 'THE INTERFAITH CENTER PRESENTS: FRIENDSHIP CAMP 2025'. Below that, the theme 'MAKE SOME NOISE!' is written in large, colorful, block letters. The date 'DATE: JULY 7-11, 2025' is in a blue box, the location 'LOCATION: PULASKI HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH' is in a red box, and the cost 'COST: \$150 FOR THE FIRST CHILD IN A FAMILY \$125 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SIBLING. SCHOLARSHIPS' is in a purple box. There are also icons for a musical note, a megaphone, and a smartphone. Photos show children and adults engaged in various activities.

A program of The Interfaith Center, Friendship Camp is a weeklong day camp that builds interfaith friendships and understanding between children. This year's theme is "Make Some Noise!" Each day we will explore how our religious traditions make noise in the world through their own unique traditions and expressions. Activities include daily lessons, music, art, team building games, prayer/reflection, and a field trip.

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Feb. 18 - Registration opens to returning campers and those previously on the waitlist.

Feb. 28 - Registration opens to the general public.



Online registration at theinterfaithcenter.org/friendshipcamp

High school students (current 9-11th graders) can at volunteer camp, and young adults (18+) can serve as a shepherd (small group leader).

Friendship Camp needs your support! Donate to fund camp scholarships and support interfaith peacemaking.

For more information, email friendshipcampca@gmail.com

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

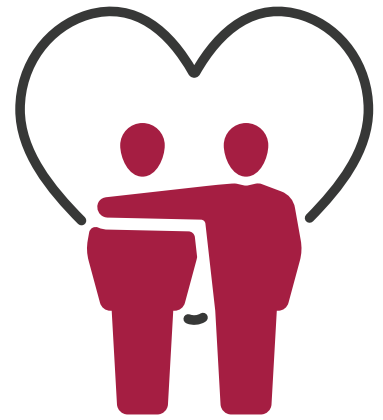
Happy Birthday to Members & Friends!

Archer Chism.....1	James Triplett 20
Justin Stracener4	Raphael VanBlaricom .. 20
Ramah Jones.....7	Maddie Robinson 21
Gina Pharis.....9	Nancy Kimpel 23
Don Barnes..... 12	Sharon Marcum 20
David Prud'homme..... 12	Paulette Mehta 25
Emily Mellor 19	Brandon Murphy 26
Bryan Miller 19	Jean Pennucci 29

CARING PARTNERS

UUCLR has a Caring Team to help support people who have needs like meals, rides, housework and yard work. Thanks to those who have already signed up!

If you need any assistance with any of these tasks, please contact Sue McDonald at (501) 442-6623 or the church office at (501) 225-1503. We have volunteers ready and waiting to lend a hand.



CLASSES AND GROUPS (ADULT)

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB (PEHRSON) FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7 P.M.

The book for discussion in March is “House of Stone” by Anthony Shadid. If you have questions, please contact Mindy Morrell at (501) 951-7773 or mindymorrell@hotmail.com.

FORUM

Forum is an adult religious education program that meets in the south end of the Mehta Wing at 10 a.m. every Sunday. It is a discussion group which has a variety of programs and topics throughout the year. On 2nd Sundays, the plate collection goes to a charitable organization (see page 8) and a representative joins us in Forum. The REConnection group joins in on the first Sunday of odd-numbered months.

RECONNECTION (PEHRSON) SUNDAYS AT 10 A.M.

This gathering is for those in their 20s to 40s who are looking to connect with like-minded peers. Each week attendees engage in open discussion about current events and life’s persistent questions. REConnection members meet with the Forum group on the first Sunday of odd numbered months.

RE-QUESTORS (IN PERSON AND BY WEBEX) SUNDAYS AT 10 A.M.

RE-Questors meets every Sunday at 10 am in the Library and on WebEx to discuss a chosen book. Our next book is “On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century” by Timothy Snyder. You do not have to read the book to join in the discussion. If you would like more information or an invitation to participate online, contact Joe Meehan (josmeehan@sbcglobal.net).

SHORT STORIES DISCUSSION GROUP (PEHRSON AND ZOOM) LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, NOON TO 1 P.M.

The Short Stories discussion group meets once a month at noon in the Pehrson Room and on Zoom. The stories are selected from the *Best American Short Stories of 2022* by Andrew Sean Greer. The March story will be “The Wind,” by Lauren Groff Join us March. 28 for a lively discussion. Feel free to bring lunch. Look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions or want to get on the list for updates and Zoom invitations, contact Janice Peters—Janicep@comcast.net

CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION AT 10:00AM



We’re exploring the new UUA Values through storytelling, conversations and most importantly, Legos! The LEGO ValUUES curriculum introduces children to the values of pluralism, interdependence, generosity, equity, justice, transformation and love through creative and hands-on play. This class is open to all youth in grades K-12 The nursery is available for both the 10:00 and 11:00 hours.

YOUNG AT HEART

Mark your calendars for March 11. That is the next *Young at Heart* luncheon. Our wonderful chef, Joanne, is planning a casserole and salad buffet. Then *Readers Theater* will present a humorous skit. Now where else can you get great food, some entertainment and fellowship with kindred souls all for just \$10?



OUR WHOLE LIVES INTEREST SURVEY

Are you interested in sexuality education for youth (Grades K-1, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) that is accurate, dismantles stereotypes and assumptions, builds self-acceptance and self-esteem, fosters healthy relationships, improves decision-making, and can possibly save lives? The OWL curriculum is designed to do all these things.

UUCLR is considering starting an OWL program and we are gathering information about community interest. If you are (or might be) interested in having your child involved in the Our Whole Lives program, please scan this QR code to take a survey. **And, please share the survey link with others who might be interested.**



I want to thank everyone for the great send off at the IllUmination celebration. It has been my privilege and joy to serve as the church administrator so many years. You all are my family of choice and I will cherish my memories of all you wonderful people. As I begin my new life in Hot Springs (not so far away), I plan on making regular visits to stay in touch. Liz has already put me to work helping her in her new real estate team and I plan on doing volunteer work with local nonprofits like the local food bank, Habitat Restore and an animal rescue group. So, if you are ever in Hot Springs, give me a call!

– Karen Walls

LUUNCH OUT SUNDAY

Please join us after services at 12:30 p.m. on March 30 for *LUunch Out Sunday*. Our Dutch treat meal will be held this month at *Fantastic China* at 10700 N Rodney Parham Rd.

In order for restaurants to welcome us, we need to give them a count of how many are coming, so please sign up in the Goolsby Foyer before services on March 30. That way we can call ahead to make sure there are enough seats available. Everyone is welcome!

Contact Cas Rifkin, *Membership Liaison*, at casrifkin12@gmail.com if you have any questions prior to Sunday.

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Hours may vary; call before coming

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MARCH CALENDAR

AARP TAX PREP HELP

This month, AARP will be offering free tax prep help EVERY Thursday and Friday from 9AM to 2PM in the Mehta Wing of the church.

SUNDAY, MAR. 2

- 10 am Recycle/Book Exchange (Mehta)
- 10 am Forum & REConnection (Mehta Wing)
- 10 am REQuestors (Library)
- 11 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 4 pm Indian Education Group (All Church)

MONDAY, MAR. 3

- 7 pm Between the Lines Book Club (Pehrson Rm)

Deadline to register for Parents' Night Out

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 5

- 3 pm Strings rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm NA Group (Mehta Wing)

FRIDAY, MAR. 7

- 9:30 am Indian Education Group (downstairs RE)
- 7:30 pm NA Group (Mehta Wing)

SUNDAY, MAR. 9

- 10 am Forum (Mehta Wing)
- 10 am REConnection (RE Wing)
- 10 am REQuestors (Library)
- 11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 Vegetarian Potluck (Mehta)
- 1:45 pm Iris Society (Mehta Wing)
- 4 pm Indian Education Group (All Church)

TUESDAY, MAR. 11

- 5:30 pm Membership (Pehrson Rm)
- 6:30 pm Night Bloomers Garden Club (Pehrson)
- 7:30 pm Finance Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 12

- 3 pm Strings rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm Program Council (Pehrson)
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm NA Group (Mehta Wing)

THURSDAY, MAR. 13

- 6:30 pm Chamber Music Concert (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, MAR. 14

- 9:30 am Indian Education Group (downstairs RE)
- 7:30 pm NA Group (Mehta Wing)

SATURDAY, MAR. 15

- 5:30 pm Outside rental (Mehta Wing)
- 5:30 pm Small Group Dinners (Off site)

SUNDAY, MAR. 16

- 10 am Forum (Mehta Wing)
- 10 am REConnection (RE Wing)
- 10 am REQuestors (Library)
- 11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 1 pm Freethinkers (Mehta Wing)
- 4 pm Indian Education Group (All Church)

MONDAY, MAR. 17

- 5 pm LWVPC meeting (Pehrson)

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 19

- 3 pm Strings rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm NA Group (Mehta Wing)

FRIDAY, MAR. 21

- 9 am Exec Team (Pehrson Rm)
- 7:30 pm NA Group (Mehta Wing)

SUNDAY, MAR. 23

- 10 am Forum (Mehta Wing)
- 10 am REConnection (RE Wing)
- 10 am REQuestors (Library)
- 11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 4 pm Indian Education Group (All Church)

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 26

- 3 pm Strings rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm NA Group (Mehta Wing)

FRIDAY, MAR. 28

- 12 pm Short Stories discussion group (Pehrson and Zoom)
- 7:30 pm NA Group (Mehta Wing)

SATURDAY, MAR. 29

- 5 pm Parents' Night Out for (RE Wing)

SUNDAY, MAR. 23

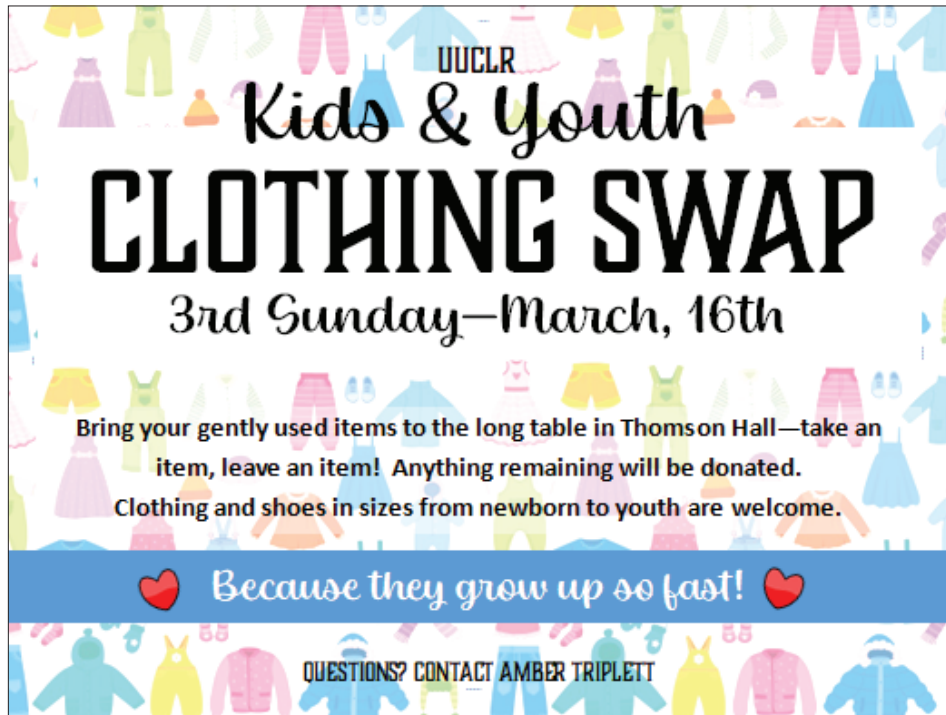
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- 10 am REConnection (RE Wing)
- 10 am REQuestors (Library)
- 11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12pm Short Stories discussion (Pehrson and zoom)
- 12:30 LUUnch Out (Off site)
- 4 pm Indian Education Group (All Church)

SAVE THE DATE!
Annual Fellowship Dinner
Friday, April 11
(More details soon!)

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

If you would like to bring fresh flowers for services, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Mehta Wing, or you can call and let Martha Nixon know (501-247-7355).

If you would like your flowers to commemorate a special occasion, or to be in honor or memory of someone, let us know so that information can be shared on the back of the order of service.



GROUNDS WORKDAY • MARCH 15 • 9AM–12PM

Join us for Saturday, March 15 (weather permitting).

Projects include spring cleaning the beds in front of the church and behind the sanctuary, painting the pergola by Thomson, and getting ready to mulch and replant in April.

Bring the whole your family—children can help! Homemade muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee will be available.

OUTER CIRCLE POLICY: The Church Office reserves the right to edit all Outer Circle articles for content and length. Deadline for publication usually falls on the **23rd of the month** *unless holiday considerations apply*.

No articles will be accepted by telephone or verbally. **Articles must be submitted electronically** via e-mail to uuclr.uuclr.org by **5 pm** on the deadline date. Any articles received after the deadline may be omitted due to limitations of time and printable space.



An endless passion for living and learning

The LifeQuest 2025 Spring Session will be held from March 31 to May 22. Registration will open on March 11 at 9 a.m. The spring brochure was distributed last week. I have a number of brochure copies and have placed them on one of the tables in the space between the foyer and the stairs to Thomson Hall. Feel free to take one if you don't receive one in the mail.

For anyone who isn't familiar with LifeQuest, it is an educational program for senior citizens. There are three eight-week sessions during the school year and one four-week session during the summer. The sessions are held at 2nd Presbyterian Church in west Little Rock.

I am the UUCLR liaison to LifeQuest and will be glad to answer any questions about their programs that may come up.

—Jan Bowen

