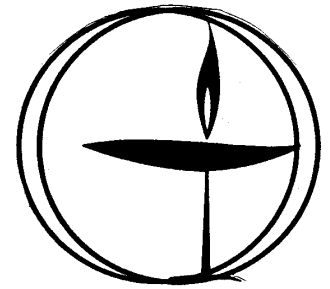


UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of LAWTON



A family of faith valuing diversity, community and religious growth

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A Month of Sundays

May 2nd

"Greg Mortensen and Three Cups of Tea" –

Dr. Ian Robb

This is a story of how one person's determination made a difference & revealed the common humanity of different people.

Dr. Robb is a research chemist with Halliburton Services in Duncan, and currently serves as president of this congregation. He is Aussie by birth and a citizen of the world by practice

wife, and two daughters make their home in Oklahoma City.

May 23rd

Topic to be announced

Dr. Sharon Betsworth

Dr. Betsworth is the New Testament scholar at OCU School of Religion.

Children's Program

North American

Religions

2nd- Cinco de Mayo

(history and celebration)

9th- Mother's Day History

16th- Lakota

23rd- Blackfoot

30th- Hopi

May 9th

Mother's Day Celebration –

presented by various members and friends.

May 30th

LDS church History

Kristin Dougherty

Kristin will share with us the history and beliefs of the Mormon Church. She lives in Duncan, OK

May 16th

Reconnecting: Finding Community in a World of Hyperindividualism

Dr. Mark Davies

Dr. Davies is Dean of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma City University. He, his

Sunday's Schedule:

Adult Forum 9:30 am

Fellowship 10:15-10:30 am

Worship 10:30; am

Discussion 11.30-11.45

Children's Sunday school:

10.30-11.30 am

DUNCAN DINERS

Duncan Diners will be eating at 6:30, Thursday May 27th at Peyton's Place- H'way 81; Join us!

LUNCH BUNCH



5/2 Hong Kong Buffet
5/9 Golden Corral
5/16 Lotus (Sheridan)
5/23 El Chico
5/30 Outback
steakhouse

May Treats



5/2 Weyodi
5/9 Karen & Bill
5/16 Billie Campbell
5/23 Open
5/30 Open

May Flowers



5/2 Ian & Linda
5/9 Susan Houser
5/16 Beverley
5/23 Open
5/30 Open

May Cleaning



Cleaning Church ready for:

5/2 Ian & Linda
5/9 Beverley
5/16 Pat Hankins
5/23 Open
5/30 Open

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 9th; 1.30 pm- all are welcome to attend.

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Ian's Notes.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the Bratwurst lunch last Sunday! It not only allowed people to spend more time talking to each other but also contributed to the church funds- let's try to do that again.

This month has Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday as it used to be known. This day has a most interesting history that we can discuss on 9th- and it seems especially relevant after having recently seen the consequences of the Vietnam war. War has solved few problems and it was the mothers who made a protest about this that led to the current Mother's Day.

Please Google Mother's Day history for more information. A brief excerpt is attached below.

Covenant Groups.

1) Mondays Meditation Covenant Group

7:00-9:00 pm Mondays at the church.

2) Film Group

We had a very good group in April to see "Smoke Signals" that was written, co-produced and acted by Native Americans. Friday, May 21, 7 p.m. we will see "Bottle Shock" at the home of Russell and Sandy Bennett, 2731 NW Denver. France's position as the world's top wine producer was unchallenged until 1976, when the Montelena Winery put California wines permanently on the map. This is based on the true story of the competition between French and California wines. Alan Rickman, Bill Pullman and Eliza Dushku star in this tale of dreamers who dared challenge the establishment.

We will be having wine tasting for this film. We will have more details about this later . Beverley.

3) Poetry Group. The Poetry group will meet this month- 8th May at 6.30 pm- come along and enjoy the best poetry in Lawton

4) Singing Group: we meet at 6.00 pm at the church on each Wednesday of each month- great fun and a little singing!

Cares and Concerns

Our deep sympathy goes to Jackie Bricco and Alan Amelinckx, former members who now live in France. Alan's father, Frans Amelinckx, died March 29, 2010. Franz was born in Belgium, raised in France, lived in Venezuela, but lived in Lafayette, Louisiana, the last thirty years where he was a college professor. Our sympathy is also extended to Franz' wife, Carol; Alan's sister, Andrea, and her partner, Renee; Alan's brother, Andrew, and his wife, Kara; also, grandchildren Eric and Regis, as well as Alan and Jackie's children we were delighted to know while they were here: John Henry, Louis, and Wilhelmina (Willa). Messages of sympathy may be emailed to Alan, Jackie and children at yogina101@yahoo.com.

. Kite Flying!!

Kite flying party and pot luck at the Moreno's on Saturday, May 15, at 4 p.m. weather permitting. We will provide sloppy joes, water, and pop. Bring kites and pot luck additions to the meal after flying kites. We will provide maps at church for people who haven't been to our house before.

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Concerned Oklahomans

A local website to express your opinions: Judie Snelson has opened a website for Oklahomans to register their concerns; the website is: <http://www.unhinderedliving.com/oklahomans.html>.

Please visit this site and register your concerns

Mother's Day History

The history of Mother's Day is centuries old and the earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, the early Christians in England celebrated a day to honor Mary, the mother of Christ. By a religious order the holiday was later expanded in its scope to include all mothers, and named as the Mothering Sunday. Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter), "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.

During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday, the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

With the passage of time, the practice of this fantastic tradition ceased slowly. The English colonists settled in America discontinued the tradition of Mothering Sunday because of lack of time.

In the United States, Mother's Day was loosely inspired by the British day and was first suggested after the American Civil War by social activist Julia Ward Howe. Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) was horrified by the carnage of the Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War and so, in 1870, she tried to issue a manifesto for peace at international peace conferences in London and Paris (it was much like the later Mother's Day Peace Proclamation). During the Franco-Prussian war in the 1870s, Julia began a one-woman peace crusade and made an impassioned "appeal to womanhood" to rise against war. She composed in Boston a powerful plea that same year (generally considered to be the original Mothers' Day proclamation*) translated it into several languages and distributed it widely. In 1872, she went to London to promote an international Woman's Peace Congress. She began promoting the idea of a "Mother's Day for Peace" to be celebrated on June 2, honoring peace, motherhood and womanhood. In the Boston Mass, she initiated a Mothers' Peace Day observance on the second Sunday in June, a practice that was to be established as an annual event and practiced for at least 10 years. The day was, however, mainly intended as a call to unite women against war. It was due to her efforts that in 1873, women in 18 cities in America held a Mother's Day for Peace gathering. Howe rigorously championed the cause of official celebration of Mothers Day and declaration of official holiday on the day. She held meetings every year at Boston on Mother's Peace Day and took care that the day was well-observed. The celebrations died out when she turned her efforts to working for peace and women's rights in other ways.

Howe failed in her attempt to get the formal recognition of a Mother's Day for Peace. Her remarkable contribution in the establishment of Mother's Day, however, remains in the fact that she organized a Mother's Day dedicated to peace. It is a [landmark](#) in the history of Mother's Day in the sense that this was to be the precursor to the modern Mother's Day celebrations. To acknowledge Howe's achievements a stamp was issued in her honor in 1988.