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"If you read it here, consider yourself invited"

September 2009



Kilgore Lecture 2009

Dr. Eugenie Scott *The Evolution of Creationism*

Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30pm, Houston Museum of Natural Science.

The Lecture will be held at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and requires tickets for entry. We have a good quantity of free passes as we are sponsoring the lecture and they will be distributed on a first come first served basis in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings.

Dr. Eugenie Scott is the Executive Director of National Center for Science Education, a nonprofit that supports evolution in science education. She began her career as a physical anthropologist. She has been both a researcher and an activist in the creationism/evolution controversy for over twenty-five years. This March Dr. Scott addressed the Texas Board of Education in Austin when they met to revise science standards. She is a frequent speaker across the country and appears regularly on news broadcasts as she is widely regarded as an expert on this subject.

Following the program, Dr. Scott will sign copies of her books *Evolution vs. Creationism: An Introduction and Not in Our Classrooms: Why Intelligent Design is Wrong for Our Schools*.

\$12 members, \$17 nonmembers

This lecture is co-sponsored by, Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church and Darwin2009 Houston.

Dinner Theatre Production

The Complete History of America
(Abridged) by Long, Martin, and Tichenor

Friday, September 11th, at 7 pm
Saturday, September 12th, at 5 pm, with babysitting available

Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 teenagers,
\$5 for children 12 and under (not in childcare)

Dinner is barbeque with a vegetarian option.

For information and questions call the
office at (713) 782-8250 or look for
the table in the gathering place

Homecoming Picnic

September 13th after the service

Don't forget! There is a picnic after church to celebrate homecoming week-end. There will be snow cones and a moonwalk for the kids and plenty of hot dogs, hamburgers and salads for all. Music and fun for the whole family.

Pathways Class

Wednesday September 16th 7:00 to 8:30

Delaney Hall Room 204. Free Childcare (by bonded child care workers) is provided on request; please contact the church office at 713-782-8250.

Come meet one of our ministers and learn more about Unitarian Universalism and how we at Emerson seek to build a community. Find out all that Emerson has to offer you.

**UniTunes
Season Tickets
are now Available!
www.unitunes.org**

Sunday Mornings

Worship

Every Sunday 11:15 to 12:15

September 6: An American Chronicler of Labor, Love and Life

September 13: *How Sweet It Is!: Homecoming Sunday* - Join us for the Church Picnic after the service. Music and Fun for All

September 20: *Things I Love About Houston*

September 27: *Remembering the Lines Written in Our Hearts*

Sunday Schedule

Westwood Hall

9:00 - 9:45
Intergenerational
Orchestra

10:00 - 11:00
Adult Religious
Education

Delaney Hall

10:00 - 12:30
Infant and
Toddler Care

10:00 - 11:00
Children Religious
Education

11:15 - 12:15
Worship Service

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Isabel Riemer Turner

January 7, 1912 - July 30, 2009

Isabel was a charter member of Emerson Unitarian Church, and was active for many years. She is predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Nelson Clegg Turner. She is survived by her daughter Adrian Turner Ross and her husband Rex Ross; her son Nelson Cleg "Pete" Turner, Jr. and his wife Sybil and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. She and her husband moved to Houston from Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1947. Isabel did volunteer work at M.D. Anderson, served on the board of Family Service, Planned Parenthood, The Center for the Retarded, Sheltering Arms and The Living Bank. She was a founding member of the Women's Institute and attended classes there for many years.

Ongoing Sunday Activities

- 1st Sunday - **Newcomer Discussion**
10:00 Westwood Hall foyer
- 1st and 3rd Sunday - **Lunch** is served after the Service in Westwood Hall
- 1st Sunday - **Young Adult Discussion Group** during Lunch Upstairs; Westwood Hall
- 2nd Sunday - **Food Sunday**
Non-perishable items and a Special Collection
- 3rd Sunday Lunch - **Newcomers Fellowship** held at a special table
- Last Sunday - **SEARCH Sandwich Project** after the Service in Westwood Hall

**Due to the Labor Day Holiday,
There is NO First Sunday Lunch on September 6th**

Visit the **Emerson Bookstore** in September and you'll find our Fall Sale with great bargains on engaging books! New selections will be arriving soon! Booklovers wanted to volunteer—one Sunday per month—10% discount on Sundays you volunteer! Contact: Eve Myers

Wheels Of Life

Congratulations - Martha and deForest Ralph celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on July 24. Martha's twin sister and her husband came down from Sun City - Georgetown to share in the occasion.

Our condolences to Leslie and Dan Barfield on the death of Leslie's father, Bert Silman, who died Friday, July 24. The service was held on July 27th in his home town of Birmingham, Alabama. Leslie's father died 19 days after her mother died. They had been married 57 years.

We are saddened by the death of Emerson Member Rita Six. Our condolences to John and family. A Memorial Service for Rita will be held at Emerson, Saturday, September 19th at 2 pm.

This page is full of ideas for all. Pick an activity and get involved today!!

Stitchers
 10:00 a.m. Every Wednesday- Delaney Hall
 Contact: Phyllis Burchfiel

Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Every Wednesday - Sanctuary
 Contact: John Branch

September Activities

First Friday Movie

Friday, September 4, 7:15 p.m. Social and 7:30 p.m. Movie Begins - Room 205-206
Sweet Land - Set in post-World War I Minnesota, about a German mail-order bride.
 \$2 donation. Contact: Leticia Anderson or Joann Hendrick

Women's Night Book Group

Wednesday, September 9, 7:30 p.m. - Library The Group will be discussing The Night Watch by Sarah Waters Next months book is Empire Falls by Richard Russo Contact: Jill Rose

Sandwiches for SEARCH

Thursday, September 10, 10:30 a.m.- Westwood Hall Help make 50 sack lunches for SEARCH. We welcome all volunteers. Contact: Barbara Hopkins

EPIC Lunch/Playdate

Wednesday, September 16, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Room 209 Open to all Parents. Let's get together with our kids (or without) Bring a dish or a beverage to share. contact Alisha Loftin

Daytime Book Club

Thursday, September 17, 9:30 am for coffee and conversation, the discussion starts at 10:00 . This month's book is The Master Butchers Singing Club by Louise Erdrich. Next months book is The Forest Lover by Susan Vreeland. Contact: Jo Irwin

Circle Dinners in People's Homes

Saturday, September 19 -See the Fall Activities sheet for more details. Call Gwen Essinger to get assigned to a host home

Children's Corner

Attention Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts:
 Are you interested in exploring how the Girl Scout Law compares to our religious life as Unitarian Universalists, while earning the Girl Scout Religion in Life emblem awarded by the UUA? If so, please contact Kimberly Coolidge so she can coordinate a "Religion in Life" Girl Scout Program at Emerson UU Church this year.

Important Children RE Dates

Sat. August 29

Teacher Training

Schweitzer

8:30am - 12:30pm

Adult Education - Every Sunday 10:00-11:00

September 6 - Labor Day Weekend
 Adult Religious Education will be on Holiday.

September 13 - Judge Caprice Coper
Myths and Miracles

September 20 - Laura Emerson
Bible Stories for Grown-Ups - A 3-part series
Session 1: Women

September 27 - Barb Waugh
Researching Earth's Remote Places to Help Understand the Past

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Save a Tree - If you would prefer to receive newsletter by email or not at all, contact: Nancy, (713) 782-8250 .

For more information on any item in the newsletter, please consult our website at www.emersonhouston.org

Public Relations News

The deadline for Next Emersonian is Tuesday, September 15th

H deForest Ralph receives an award

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The Charles Harding VIPS Senior Award is presented to H. deForest Ralph. Mr. Ralph has been volunteering at Tijerina Elementary School since it opened its doors. He made a commitment to Janie Tijerina, the wife of Felix Tijerina, to continue implementing her wishes at the school. He organizes the Janie Tijerina Award Program and Ceremony, serves as the Community Shared Decision Making Committee Representative, Provides 50 boxes of books for students and parents, and serves as a role model and mentor for student citizenship and character.

