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Wednesday Evenings

POE! – Nancy Barlow

One of our most popular teachers will explore the life and works of Edgar Allen Poe. Nancy will cover his macabre works, his scientific works, his life and the sociological impact of his writings. Come and learn about this fascinating figure.

Thursday Evenings

We are Unitarian Universalists: We will explore in depth some of the most important themes in Unitarian Universalist congregational life: worship and theology, history, covenant and polity, religious education or faith development, and social justice. You will be invited to interact and share your own experiences, echoing our Unitarian Universalist commitment to individual theological exploration. You will learn about Unitarian Universalism not only by hearing about it, but by doing it—exploring your own theology and how it intersects with our UU tradition. Thursday evenings October 6 - November 10, 7-9 p.m., facilitated by Rev. Patrick Price and DRE Kathy Smith. Free. Childcare provided.

Adult Faith Development Series: This fall, we are excited to offer a new series for adult faith development led by Rev. Patrick Price and our Director of Religious Education Kathy Smith. The series will consist of three classes (*We Are Unitarian Universalists*, *Owning Your Religious Past*, and *Spirit in Practice*) which will bring Unitarian Universalist practice and belief into focus for newcomers and longtime UUs alike. *We Are Unitarian Universalists* meets for six sessions in October and early November to take an in-depth look at Unitarian Universalist worship, music, theology, history, governance and education. *Owning Your Religious Past* meets for five sessions in January to encourage participants to take a look at their personal religious background to sort through what to leave behind and what to take forward. *Spirit in Practice* meets for ten weeks in the spring and offers the opportunity to explore different spiritual practices common to Unitarian Universalism.

Each class will meet on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. There is no charge for these classes and childcare will be provided. Participants can choose to take one class or all three in series.

ADVENTURES IN RELIGION – Rev. Don Fielding

Thursdays Community UU Church has initiated a new kind of Adult Religious Education (ARE) class. It is called *Adventures in Religion*, and it encompasses multiple courses. The first set of classes consists of Teaching Company courses: *Skeptics and Believers*, *Comparative Religion*, and *Philosophy of Religion*. One of the innovative portions of these ARE classes is the fact that they are divided into short sections, four to five weeks long, with breaks in between, which will allow participants to join and/or exit the classes depending on their interest. Of course, some may wish to participate in all of the classes. Each class will have one video to stimulate discussion, and will explore the thoughts and feelings the videos stimulate with the hopes for better understanding the adventure that is religion in general and each participant's understanding of religion in particular. The discussions are led by Rev. Don Fielding, a retired UU minister, a friend of Community UU Church, who also has experience teaching at the college level. Thursdays at 7 pm.

The classes will continue through 2011 and possibly 2012. The classes will be held on Thursday evenings; so make Thursday Adult RE a part of your regular week's schedule. Not only will this be a lasting adventure in education, but a wonderful opportunity for socially connecting and engaging with the church's members and friends as well.

Beginning Sept. 29: Religion's Goals: The Human Predicament and How to Overcome it; The Problems of Sin & Forgetfulness; Breaking through the Illusion of Reality; the Goal of Religious Life. Break: Oct. 27.

