

Unitarian Universalist United Fellowship

Discussion 10:15 a.m.

Service 11:00 a.m.

No. 11

November Calendar

- Nov. 2: Remember to Fall Back!
- Nov. 3: **Discussion**: Hal Sims **Program**: Brian Burke "What a Nobel Laureate Taught Me"
- Nov. 10: **Discussion**: Bob Collette **Program**: Dawn K. Cecil, PhD "Crime in the Media: Fear, Punitiveness, and Misunderstanding."

Nov. 17: **Share Sunday** One half of today's loose collection will go to the Free Clinic

Nov. 17: Discussion: Frances Harper Program: Retsuko Sims "The Mind of a Humanoid Robot"

Nov. 20: Newsletter Deadline

Nov. 24: 9:30 Program Committee Meeting

Nov. 24: **Discussion**: Donna Terrence **Program**: Jeffrey Harper "Thanksgiving, A Story"

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Coming December 21st The Wassail!

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Though force can protect in emergency, only justice, fairness, consideration and cooperation can finally lead men to the dawn of eternal peace.

President's Message

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Over the years, I've had the privilege of sharing my home with both dogs and cats. Though I loved them all, my favorite animal companions were always the canines. I often wish people could be more like dogs. No guile. No subterfuge. No hidden agendas. No lies!

Some of the sweetest moments in my life came from my dogs. A couple of cases in point: I'm sitting on the sofa crying my eyes out after breaking up with a boyfriend. There's suddenly a light pressure on my knee. It's my beloved Topper, resting her head on my knee, looking up at me as if to say "It's going to be OK, I love you." Being able to hug her at that moment was incredibly helpful and soothing. Several times I've been roused from a moment of lethargy by the "Let's Play!" crouch, butt in the air, front legs extended under the lowered head, mischievous look on the face. Yes, dogs have facial expressions and they tell us so much. Even the eyebrows sometimes come into play.

The unconditional love they give can sometimes be to their detriment when the humans who control them are less than humane. My hope is that I never have to live without at least one dog in the picture and that dog should always be from some sort of rescue operation. Medical studies have shown that having a dog is beneficial for one's blood pressure. Even if that weren't the case, I'm so much better emotionally for having them around! There's far too little love in this world. My dogs do a great deal to increase my share.

Donna Terrence

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What sane person could live in this world and not be crazy? Ursula K. Le Guin