



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Porterville

Newsletter for November 2011

Sunday Service is at 10:30 am. Coffee and visiting at 10:15 am
135 E. Harrison (Corner of Harrison Ave. and Fourth Street)
Porterville, CA 93257

Our website is: <http://UUFellowship.homestead.com/UUFellowship.html>

November 6 "The Dysfunctional State of California" By any rational standard, California is in a deep financial and political abyss. It has been living too long on a sugar-laden Coca Cola diet of sweetness without counting calories, a consumer democracy of services without taxes and rights without duties. How did we get into this hole? What will it take to get out of this mess? The answers will be provided by Jim Hinz.

Host: Mary Burnside Hymn 297 Reading 656

November 13 "Poetry and Songs for Peace" Richard Stone will read from his collection of poetry and prose and Avigdar Adams will sing to his own accompaniment songs related to the theme of peace and nonviolence, including songs such as "Amazing Grace," "And The Band Played Waltzing Matilda," and "The Fiddle and the Drum." Richard Stone is on the board of the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, is a contributor to The Community Alliance newspaper, and has interviewed guests on KFCF radio station in Fresno. Avigdar Adams is known in Rogue Festival circles for his singing and old-time coffee house folk music in the tradition of Burl Ives and Joan Baez. Richard and Avigdar live in Fresno and have been partners for over 30 years.

NOTE: November's Potluck is moved to the last Sunday. Read on!

Host: Lois Innis Hymn 100 Reading 577

November 20 "Grendel's Mother and Norse Mythology" Ralph Bourne will present his original recently published novel, *Grendel's Mother*, and will discuss Norse mythology and its influence in the content of this book. Ralph will read from the novel. Excerpt, "Schylla, the terrible mother of the vile beast called Grendel, tears herself painfully from the bloody caverns of hell. She seeks revenge for the murder of her child, and she must protect innocent nature from the brutal slaughter of men." Copies of the book will be available for purchase following the program.

Host: Joan Givan Hymn 320 Reading 517

November 27 “Our Future in Space.” Buzz will show a video of a panel discussion from The Amazing Meeting 9, featuring astronomer Phil Plait, astrophysicist Pamela Gay, particle physicist Lawrence Krauss, Bill Nye “the Science Guy,” and astrophysicist and science communicator Neil deGrasse Tyson. This lively discussion about science, NASA, and federal budget priorities cuts through politics and gets to the point.

November Potluck “Thanksgiving Leftovers”

Potluck Host: The Board Hymn Reading

November Birthdays – There are no member birthdays! What are the odds?

Tuesday Reading Group meets Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5 p.m. The group is currently reading "Back to Our Future" by David Sirota.

Movie Night – “South of the Border” will play 7 p.m. Saturday November 19. Come, bring a snack, and enjoy the film in good company.

Helping Hands Food Basket – Please continue to bring food for the Helping Hands Food Basket. Bulk staples and other non-perishables are appreciated and delivered weekly by Jim Innis.

Regular UU Board Meeting – Sunday, November 20, 2011

Porterville College C.H.A.P. Remaining Fall 2011 Events

- **Wednesday, November 9, (11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)** Vietnam Veteran’s Panel
- **Thursday, November 10 (7 – 8 p.m.)** Experiences as an Army Nurse During the Vietnam War – Nancy Chadwell

As a Unitarian Universalist congregation, we affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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