



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Porterville

Newsletter for January 2012

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>

January 1 "Safety First" Good safety practices are important and cost effective. What's more, our insurance bases our premiums on compliance with reasonable application of these rules.

Host: No host—bring your own snacks! Hymn 346 Reading 488

January 8 "Randy Roberts Potts" Brock will present two videos and discussion. In the first video, Randy Roberts Potts reads a letter to his gay Uncle Ronnie, who met an untimely death in June of 1982. This is Randy's "It Gets Better" video (15 min). The second video is a sermon delivered on Sunday, July 17, 2011, at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, by Randy Roberts Potts, Guest Minister. From the Re-Imagining Religion Series (33 min).

Potluck Reminder: Bring your favorite dish!

Potluck host: Joan Givan Hymn: 318 Reading 683

January 15 "The Q Factor" The observable universe is well quantified, but what about the quality? Ralph Bourne will discuss the quality factor in natural events with assorted readings by himself, Richard Dawkins, Robert Wright and other authors. Discussion to follow.

Host: Priscilla Hymn 94 Reading 460

January 22 "Power of Art" Michael Frick will show one of the series of Simon Schama's Power of Art films. That particular movie examines Mark Rothko's murals for the Four Seasons at the Seagram Building in New York. A free-form conversation follows the film. Questions of interest that may arise include: is there an intersection of fine art and class-consciousness?; what does painting do?; how does abstract painting work, and is it a viable genre today?; does Schama's thesis- that art has real social power- hold true?

Host: Cayo & Michael Hymn 379 Reading 464

January 29 "Ten Questions About Israel" If the survival of the state of Israel is on your minds, come and discuss these ten crucial questions. Alfonso C. Hernandez will present and discussion to follow.

Host: Charlie

Hymn 327

Reading 544

January Birthdays – Charlie Piersol (14th), Ruth Ball (16th), Emery Piersol (16th)

Tuesday Reading Group is on hiatus from reading. No meetings are scheduled in January.

Movie Night – *You Should Meet My Son!* will play January 21 at 7 p.m. The film is a comedy about a conservative mother who learns her son is gay.

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, January 15, 2011

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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