



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Porterville

Newsletter for May 2012

May programs coordinated by A. C. Hernandez and Ivan Ball

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>

May 6 **“Single Mothers and Sons”** Observable externalizing behaviors of children and how single mothers respond to the situational problems of their children in our communities. A comparison between Elementary school teacher class and parental home management. Dr. Roberto Romandia will present a Power Point lecture based in part on his Doctoral Dissertation and more than 30 years as a counselor and psychologist in Porterville, Delano and other areas in the central valley.

Hymn 301 Reading 715 Host: Buzz & Jen

May 13 **“Origins of Christianity** – Ivan Ball will present for discussion an article from Free Inquiry on the origins of Christianity. The discussion will include the relationship between Jesus and Paul, and the original words and teachings of Jesus. Free Inquiry is a monthly periodical published by the Council for Secular Humanism.

Hymn 181 Reading 690 Host: Charlie Piersol

May 20 **“The Quality Force Revisited”** Ralph Bourne will continue his discussion from January 15 on the relationship between Quantity and Quality in nature in social processes.

Hymn 174 Reading 439 Host: Priscilla Summers

May 27 **“Capitalism Hits the Fan: The global economic meltdown and what to do about it.”** The U. S. is still suffering the second major crisis of capitalism in 75 years, not to mention a dozen recessions between the Great Depression of the 1930s and the Great Recession of 2008. These crises and recessions are systematic and recurring features of capitalism. Prof. Richard Wolff of the New York School wants us to think beyond the box. He proposes structural changes to promote economic democracy by making workers part of the corporate structure. Jim Hinz reviews this thought provoking book.

Hymn 119 Reading 559-561 Host: Joan Givan

May Birthdays – Ivan (2nd), Brock (20th), Jen (22nd)

Tuesday Reading Group – meets Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5 p.m., and is currently reading *The Origins of Political Order* by Francis Fukuyama. The group is looking ahead to the next book, Stephen Hawking's *The Grand Design*. The group will continue through the summer months, so feel free to join us if like.

Recorders – This musical group meets Tuesday following the reading group on a more or less regular basis. If you play a recorder or want to learn, join us!

Movie Night – *La Vie en Rose* will play 7 p.m. May 19.

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, May 20, 2012

The remaining Porterville College C.H.A.P. Event for Spring 2012 Term:

- Friday, May 4, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Lucy Redux: What's New in Early Human Origins, presented by Dr. William Kimbel

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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