



# Newsletter for July 2012

July programs coordinated by Marilyn Pankey

## Tuesday Reading Group

Meets Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5 p.m., and is currently reading *The Grand Design* by Francis Fukuyama. Although it is a short book, it is densely packed, so we are looking to carry it through July. Feel free to join us.

## Tuesday Recorders

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

## July 1 Is the USA a Christian Nation?

Ivan will share an article from *Free Inquiry* that discusses the idea of whether or not the United States is a Christian nation, using historical evidence such as the U.S. Constitution and writings of the founders of the country.

Hymn 219 Reading 603 Host: Lois & Jim

## July 8 Real Wildflowers

Joan Stewart, a retired botanist, has wandered over the high country east of Springville for the past 20+ years. She will share, not pictures, but real wildflowers, with us. These will mostly be from some of the high elevation mountain meadows, representing a variety of species. If you have hand-held magnifying glasses, this could help you see tiny parts!

*Potluck - Bring a dish to share!*

Hymn 38 Reading 417 Potluck Host: Buzz & Jen

## July 15 All Music Sunday

If you have wondered what our recorder group has been doing these past few months, now is the unveiling of our first concert presentation. Also this day, sing along with many hymns old and new that complete our program.

Hymn 205 (with recorders) Reading: 658 Host: TBA

Sunday Service is at 10:30 am.  
Coffee and visiting at 10:15 am

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## July Birthdays

Marion Gant 4<sup>th</sup>  
Allie Piersol 21<sup>st</sup>  
Edith LaVonne 26<sup>th</sup>



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### Movie Night - Saturday, July 21, 7 p.m.

Red Tail, by Lucasfilm, is a fictionalized portrayal of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American US Army Air Force servicemen during World War II.

### 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 Edith LaVonne.

### 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.

### July 22 The Mind's I

In their book *The Mind's I: Fantasies and Reflections on Self and Soul*, Douglas Hofstadter and Daniel Dennett have composed and arranged a collection of essays exploring consciousness, artificial intelligence, and free will. We will discuss ideas from chapters titled the Turing Test, Is God a Taoist?, an Epistemological Nightmare, a Conversation with Einstein's Brain, and What is it Like to be a Bat?

Hymn 288 Reading 487 Host: TBA

### July 29 Silence Nevermore

Marilyn will present. Films began silently with accompaniment provided by a concert organ and, perhaps, a bit of narration. Today, silence is rarely enjoyed in our technology world, with animation, enhanced sound and other features that occasionally make one long for the early days. See snippets of movies from 1931 to 2005 picked by the presenter and revisit bit players who became stars, famous exit lines and other details that made some of these films notorious.

Hymn 27 Reading 667 Host: Lois & Jim

### Regular UU Board Meeting

Sunday July 15, 2012

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