



# Newsletter for August 2012

August programs coordinated by Marion Gant

## Tuesday Reading Group

Meets Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5 p.m., and has finished *The Grand Design*. The group is reading relevant essays on science and philosophy through August. Feel free to join us any meeting for good discussion.



## Tuesday Recorders

Recorders – This musical group meets Tuesday following the reading group (about 5 pm). The group is now preparing some music for December. If you play a recorder or want to learn, join us.

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

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## August 5 Conscience

Both the religious and the secular among us regard the conscience as an important guide, if not the ultimate judge, of our actions. But there is very little discussion of why that is so and whether that special position for conscience is justified. Jim Smith, retired Professor of Philosophy at Fresno State, will address that issue and suggest an answer.

Hymn 148 Reading 670 Host: Steve Summers

## August 12 A Secular Humanist View of Death

This article from *Free Inquiry*, will be read by Ivan Ball, which examines Christian and other religious views contrasted with the Secular Humanist view of death. Discussion to follow.

Potluck - Bring a dish to share!

Hymn 159 Reading 696

## Save The Date! - Annual Rummage Sale

We will be holding our BIG ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at the Fellowship. Everything must go!



## August Birthdays

John Coffee	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Steve Summers	11 <sup>th</sup>
Ed Bergholdt	14 <sup>th</sup>
Karla Barde	21 <sup>st</sup>
Karsten Barde	25 <sup>th</sup>

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### **Movie Night Saturday, August 18, 7 p.m.**

*One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*, the classic film adaptation of Ken Kesey's book will play. The film received 5 major Academy Awards in 1976.

### **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.

### **August 19 The Religious Institution**

This sermon by Reverend Robert T. Latham, First Unitarian Church of San Francisco, will be read by Marion Gant. Rev. Latham postulates that the purpose of all religious institutions is to offer a "saving way in human relating". A saving way in religion is a "spoken and modeled message which offers the hope of restoring wholeness and power in human relating". He discusses the common factors involved in the creation of the varied religious views of what constitutes a saving way. Excerpts from Universalist sermons will be read to illustrate some of Rev. Latham's ideas. Discussion will follow.

Hymn 346 Reading: 594 Host: Marion Gant

### **August 26 Mechanized Farming and PETA's argument for Vegetarianism**

Terry Crewse will explore with us the consequences of industrialized farming regarding the welfare of animals, the quality of food and its effect on the environment.

Hymn "Blowing in the Wind" Reading 420 and 457

### **NEW UU Board Meeting Date**

*Sunday August 5, 2012*

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