



Newsletter for December 2012

December programs coordinated by Jen Piersol



Tuesday Reading Group

Meets Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5 p.m. The group is currently reading “The Believing Brain” by Michael Shermer.



Tuesday Recorders

This musical group meets Tuesday following the reading group (about 5 pm).

New Years Party

This will be in a different location this year and announced at the 12/2 session.

December 2 A program of Christmas music

Christmas and other holiday hymns by Tuesday Recorders with occasional singing with the fellowship.

Hymn *many!* Reading 615 Host: Marilyn

December 9 A History of Protestant Hymns and Worship

We will learn about the history of the hymns sung in Christian churches over the past few centuries with special emphasis on hymns sung by Baptists. Specific focus will be on specific hymns both familiar and unfamiliar including Amazing Grace, Just as I am, Silent Night, At Calvary, and It is Well With My Soul. We will also learn about some of the Christmas Carols and the stories behind them.

Potluck - “Family Favorites” *Bring a dish that is a favorite in your family!*

Hymn 205 Reading 621

December 16 Calendars, Creations, Cosmologies

Ivan will present an examination of Maya culture with special emphasis on the meaning of Dec. 21, 2012

Hymn 244 Reading 614 Host: Buzz & Jen

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

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December Birthdays

Mary Burnside 1st
Priscilla Summers 16th

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.

Donations to UU

The end of the year is approaching. If you are considering making a tax-deductible donation to the Fellowship, now is a good time to benefit this tax year.

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December 23 **Alan Turing - Britain's Codebreaker**

Buzz will present a film on the British mathematician, and computer scientist Alan Turing. Turing served a key role in World War II in breaking the code in German communications, unknown to the general public until many years later. After the war, he lived a private life, but he admitted to authorities his sexual orientation, which led to his "chemical castration" and untimely death. Discussion to follow.

Hymn 160 Reading 444 Host: TBA

December 30 **Hope for the New Year**

In the spirit of New Year's, we will enjoy a selection of videos that will lift our spirits and give us hope for the future.

Hymn 58 Reading 544 Host: TBA

Movie Night is canceled for December.

Look for this in future newsletters.

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.

NEW UU Board Meeting Date

Sunday December 2, 2012 (shortly following service)

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