



# Newsletter for January 2013



## Tuesday Reading Group

Meets Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5 p.m. The group is currently reading “Arguably” a collection of essays by the late Christopher Hitchens.



## Tuesday Recorders

This musical group meets Tuesday following the reading group (about 5 pm). All are welcome to attend—no experience required!

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

## January 6 California’s Progress in Renewable Energy

Karsten Barde will present. California has led the nation in the development of renewable energy and the adoption of policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Lawmakers have passed ambitious legislation while citizens while citizens and companies have invested in distributed generation and energy efficiency projects for environmental and economic reasons. What role do electric companies play in this evolution? and a Questions and answers will follow.

Hymn 21 Reading 550 Hosts: The Summers

## January 13 Bullying Workshop

Brock Neeley will present with PowerPoint that also serves as an instructional for teachers and others on the subject of Bullying. Discusses the definition and the many forms of bullying; findings about bullying; prevention and response; education on the misdirections in responses; best practices; case studies and action plans.

Potluck - *Bring a dish to share!*

Hymn 118 Reading 470

## January Birthdays

Ralph Bourne	4 <sup>th</sup>
Cayo Alba	4 <sup>th</sup>
Michael A. Frick	4 <sup>th</sup>
Charlie Piersol	14 <sup>th</sup>
Ruth Ball	16 <sup>th</sup>
Emery Piersol	16 <sup>th</sup>

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Web: <http://www.uuporterville.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship-of-Porterville/162339087121352>

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### **Movie Night, 7:00 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2013**

#### **Fixing Frank**

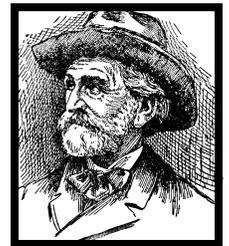
Gay journalist, Frank Johnston sets out to write an expose on Dr. Apsey, a therapist who claims to convert gays to straight. Enlisted by his psychotherapist boyfriend, Jonathan, Frank finds that Apsey may not necessarily be a quack, after all. The reason for Frank's seeing Apsey becomes blurred is it for the article or for personal reasons? As Frank falls under Apsey's spell, his relationship with Jonathan deteriorates, and a fierce psychological tug of war erupts between the two persuasive doctors over the heart of mind of Frank. Frank must make decisions that eventually explode the lives of all of them.



### **Metropolitan Opera at the Porterville Galaxy Theater**

#### *January 2013 Schedule*

Saturday January 5, 9 a.m. Les Troyens (Live) by Berlioz  
Wednesday January 9, 6:30 p.m. Un Ballo in Maschera (Encore) by Verdi  
Wednesday January 16, 6:30 p.m. Aida (Encore) by Verdi  
Saturday January 19, 9:55 a.m. Maria Stuarda (Live) by Donizetti  
Wednesday January 23, 6:30 p.m. Les Troyens (Encore) by Berlioz



**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.

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### January 20 Einstein's god

The often quoted remarks about a subtle god, or a god that does/doesn't play dice with the world, don't begin to condense Einstein's thoughts comments about his god, his religion, his beliefs. Ivan Ball and Joan Stewart will draw from his own statements, replies to queries, writings over the many years he lived (1879 - 1955), with Jewish heritage in Germany, in the US, and with frequent stays in London. Many have discussed this topic, and some biographical background lays the foundation for considering this man's life and beliefs.

Hymn 283    Reading 551    Host: Merilee Davies

### January 27 Potpourri—The Children of UU and the Rest of Us

When there were 5 children, we planned a program for the children of UU. Now there are 3, but we will experience what tales they tell us. The rest of the program will be selected readings from members of our group. Bring along a poem, a short (short) story, an essay or an original writing to share with us.

Hymn 346    Reading 586    Host: Alfonso C. Hernandez

**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.

**UU Board Meeting Date**

Sunday January 6, 2013 (shortly following service)

**Members**

President: Marilyn Pankey  
Vice-President: Joan Givan  
Treasurer: Steve Summers  
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