



# Newsletter for March 2013

March programs coordinated by Priscilla Summers



## 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!

## March 3 The Ucherian Book

Herb Foerster will provide an introduction to this revealed book first published in 1955. This spiritual and philosophical writing, whose author is not confirmed, has attracted a world-wide following. It has been translated into 14 different languages and six more are in the works.

Hymn 21

Reading 592

Hosts: Lois Innis

## March 10 Virtual Choir

A TED talk filmed March 2011 titled, “A Virtual Choir, 2000 Voices Strong” features Eric Whitacre classical composer, conductor and lecturer, describing his background and how the “virtual choir” began. We will also enjoy three virtual choir pieces composed and conducted by Whitacre: *Lux Aurumque*, *Sleep*, and *Water Night*.

Potluck - *Bring a dish to share!*

Hymn 44

Reading 692

Potluck Host: Marilyn Pankey

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

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### **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.

### **Annual Meeting** *Sunday, April 28, 2013*

All issues to be discussed at the annual meeting must be presented to the Board or a member of the Board by the end of March. Any individual interested in becoming a board member or hold an appointive office should notify Marilyn Pankey as soon as possible.

### **March 17 TED Talks - Three Individuals**

Three TED films that inspire showing three individuals with different life situations, a model, an artist, and paraplegic. What do they have in common? What can we learn from them?

Hymn 147    Reading 660    Host: Buzz and Jen Piersol

### **March 24 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

Priscilla Summers will explain this act, how it relates to other laws, and how it applies to federal agencies, particularly the National Forests.

Hymn 159    Reading 550    Host: The Summers

### **March 31 Damsels & Dragons**

Rubyspots, bluets, dancers, sanddragons, saddlebags and grappletails are just a few of the interesting creatures that haunt California's waterways, meadows and woods. Steve Summers will present through illustrations and his photos the natural history and identification of these interesting creatures, some of which may be found in your own backyard.

Hymn 175    Reading 594    Host: Alfonso C. Hernandez



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**March Birthday**

Ginger Piersol

10<sup>th</sup>

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### **Movie Night - suspended due to lack of interest**

We would like to make a list of films that members of the fellowship would like to see to increase participation of Movie Night. We are considering having Movie Night quarterly instead of monthly. Please call A.C. Hernandez at 559-561-4753 to give your input.

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

#### *March 2013 Schedule*

Saturday March 2, 9:00 a.m. *Parsifal* (Live) by Wagner

Wednesday March 6, 6:30 p.m. *Rigoletto* (Encore) by Verdi

Saturday March 16, 9:00 a.m. *Francesca da Rimini* (Live) by Zandonai

Wednesday March 20, 6:30 p.m. *Parsifal* (Encore) by Wagner



### **Porterville College Cultural and Historical Awareness Program**

Friday, March 8, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Obscene in the Extreme - Presented by Author Rick Wartzman

#### **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**

Sunday March 3, 2013 (shortly following service)

##### **Members**

President: Marilyn Pankey

Vice-President: Joan Givan

Treasurer: Steve Summers

Secretary: Marian Gant

Social Justice: Alfonso C. Hernandez

Grounds and Maintenance: Brock Neeley

Program Coordinator: Terry Crewse

Religious Education: Jen Piersol