



# Newsletter for December 2013

*December programs coordinated by Jennifer Piersol.*

## **December 1      Uncle Bill Warner's Toy Auction**

Uncle Bill is sponsoring his annual toy auction at UU once again. All proceeds go to Heifer International. Help buy animals for people in need by bidding on some beautiful reproductions of classic toys.

Hymn 223

Reading 629

Host: The Board

## **December 8      Holiday Sing-A-Long**

Join the UU Recorder Group for a musical concert of your holiday favorites, as well as a sing-a-long, accompanied by Ruth Ball on the piano!

*Potluck—bring a favorite dish!*

Hymns *various*

Reading 540

Host: M. Davies

### **UU Board Meeting Date**

*Sunday December 1, 2013  
(shortly following service)*

### **Members**

President: Marilyn Pankey

Vice-President: Joan Givan

Treasurer: Steve Summers

Secretary: Marion Gant

Social Justice: Alfonso C. Hernandez

Grounds and Maintenance: Brock Neeley

Program Coordinator: Terry Crewse

Religious Education: Jen Piersol

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

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### **Tuesday Reading Group**

The reading group has just finished "Turnaround" and now know everything about the world economic outlook! They are now pursuing an entirely different book "What Good are the Arts". Feel free to join the group Tuesdays at 3:30.

### **December 15 Our Favorite Readings**

Bring a one your favorite readings—poetry, fiction, non-fiction, essays, even music! Please try to keep your piece to 10 minutes or less.

Hymn 57                      Reading 616                      Host: TBA

### **December 22 A New Year!**

Astronomically, that is. Yesterday was the shortest day of the year. Let's welcome back the light and say goodbye to the dark with some new cross-cultural traditions.

Hymn 349                      Reading 542,543,615                      Host: Marilyn Pankey

### **December 29 Hope and Inspiration For 2014**

Jen presents her 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Inspirational Video Compilation to help as all start 2014 with a positive outlook.

Hymn 34                      Reading 544                      Host: Joan Givan



This Unitarian Universalist community welcomes and celebrates the presence and participation of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer.



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### **Tuesday Recorders**

This musical group meets Tuesday following the reading group (about 5 pm). program. If you have read other parts of this newsletter, you may have noticed that they are performing holiday songs December 8!

## **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.

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

### *December 2013 Schedule*

Saturday, December 14, 9:55 a.m. Falstaff (live) by Verdi

Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 p.m. Falstaff (encore) by Verdi

### **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.