



Newsletter for January 2014

January programs coordinated by Alfonso C. Hernandez and Ivan Ball

January 5 Mighty Times - The Children's March

Ivan will show the film "The Children's March." This tells the story of how the young people of Birmingham, Alabama, braved fire hoses and police dogs in 1963 and brought segregation to its knees. Their heroism complements discussions about the ability of today's young people to be catalysts for positive social change. Discussion to follow. A medley of hymns will be performed by Ellen Nichols on piano, and her granddaughter, Claire Buzzelli, on flute.

Hymn 347

Reading 474

Host: Ruth and Ivan

January 12 Should The Board of Directors Be Allowed to Speak in Matters of Social Justice?

Meeting to discuss this topic mentioned in the November newsletter. A vote on the issue will be taken at the April Annual Meeting.

Potluck—bring a favorite dish!

Hymns 347 Reading 545

Host: The Board

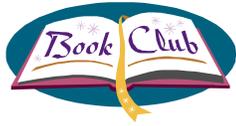
Sunday Service is at 10:30 am.
Coffee and visiting at 10:15 am

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Tuesday Reading Group

The reading group has just begun "What Good Are the Arts?" Feel free to join the group Tuesdays at 3:30.

January 19 The ACLU In Tulare County

Pam Whalen, organizer for the ACLU, will speak on the current reform of the criminal system and incarceration model, health issues, discrimination, racism and the implementation of AB109 to free low level offenders. She will discuss other issues such as what is being done in Tulare County to rehabilitate the individuals out and how the citizens can participate.

Hymn 159

Reading 584

Host: M. Davies

January 26 Fall In Love With An Orange Tree Or A Book

Shirley Skufca Hickman will discuss her latest published novel. This book portrays the difficulties faced by a Latino teenage immigrant when her parents are picked up by uniformed men and she is left to care for her younger brother and sister.

Hymn 346

Reading 594

Host: A.C. Hernandez

UU Board Meeting

*Sunday January 19, 2014
(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



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



**Tuesday
Recorders**

This musical group meets Tuesday following the reading group (about 5 pm). program. All are welcome to attend and play, regardless of experience.

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.