



Newsletter for August 2014

August programs coordinated by Marilyn Pankey

August 3 After the Prison Gates Open

This statement is from a former prisoner: "Prison is a strange place. Most of us are here because we couldn't control ourselves. So they tell you when to go to bed, when to get up, what to wear, what to eat, when to eat, who we can see, what we can read. After several years they tell you, 'Go out and take care of yourself.'" Don't worry if it's too late. Jim Smith returns to present another interesting social dilemma.

Hymn 34 Reading 418 Host: Merilee Davies

August 10 Porterville Community Strings

A musical program from hymns to Beethoven, Bach and Rogers and Hammerstein.

Potluck — bring a dish to share!

Hymn 162, ensemble and you Reading 433 Hosts: Potluck

August UU Monthly Board Meeting

Meets Sunday August 17, 12:00 p.m.

(shortly following service)

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

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 adjourned for the summer; no more Tuesday afternoon gatherings until after labor Day in September. The book we recently began, *Age of Ambition—Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China* by Evan Osnos, was so fascinating that we individually read it through, even though we didn't have sufficient times together before breaking for summer, to discuss and share. No plan as of now for a book when we reconvene.

August 17 Fabulous First Ladies

Eric Ball returns to preside over a visual and oral presentation usually reserved for paying travelers aboard luxury liners. This one is just for us.

Hymn 147 Reading 447 Host: The Summers

August 24 Waste Land

Filed over nearly three years, *Waste Land* follows renowned artist Vik Muniz as he journeys from his home base in Brooklyn to his native Brazil and the world's largest garbage dump, Jardim Gramacho, located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. There he photographs an eclectic band of "catadores" — self-designated pickers of recyclable materials. Muniz' initial objective was to "paint" the catadores with garbage. However, his collaboration with these inspiring characters as they recreate photographic images of themselves out of garbage reveals both dignity and despair as the catadores begin to re-imagine their lives. In the end, *Waste Land* offers stirring evidence of the transformative power of art and the alchemy of the human spirit. Charlie Piersol presents.

Hymn 16 Reading 428 Host: M Gant/J Stewart



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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August Birthdays

John Coffee	3 rd
Steve Summers	11 th
Ed Bergtholdt	14 th
Karla Barde	21 st
Karsten Barde	25 th



Tuesday Recorders

Recorders will begin practice again on August 5 at 5pm at the fellowship. Newcomers are invited for this one hour session.

August 31 History of the Unitarian/Fellowship Church Part 2

A moving history of the movement that picks up from the story of division, destruction and heroism in the early church.

Hymn 21 Reading 444 Host: Joan Givan

Rummage Sale in November

The date is moving closer - NOVEMBER 1, 2014 at 7:30, we have our annual fund raiser. Bring your donations large and small for storage until the big day. Get in touch Marilyn if you have items too large to carry in your car or if you are unable to transport your donations yourself.



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.