



Newsletter for September 2014

September programs coordinated by Terry Crewse

September 7 Sermons from Fountain Street Church

In this program we will hear selected readings from sermons given at Fountain Street Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Depending on what time permits titles will include Sex, Lies, and the Church, An Eighth Deadly Sin: Fear, How Many L's in Liberal?, Are We Truly Free and Brave?, and To Save or to Savor.

Hymn 1060 Readings 507, 508 Hosts: The Summers

September 14 Vaccinations: History and Current Issues

Today we will learn about and discuss the history and current controversies involving vaccinations. From the Chinese using tissue from smallpox victims to "vaccinate" healthy citizens and Edward Jenner's creation of the world's first modern vaccine for smallpox in the 1790s to today's anti-vaccination campaigns, countless lives have been saved and countless accusations have been made. We will try to use what science has to say about the controversy.

Potluck — bring a dish to share!

Hymn 1026 Reading 434 Hosts: The Piersols

UU Monthly Board Meeting

Meets Sunday, September 21, 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 that has been gathering for many years will continue, with our next meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 3:30-5:00, at the Fellowship. If you are interested in joining, bring suggestions for a book we might all want to discuss, or perhaps ideas for topics to ponder and discuss for the next couple of weeks.

September 21 Documentary **Man on Wire, Part One.**

Charlie Piersol presents part one of this documentary. On August 7, 1974, a young Frenchman named Philippe Petit stepped out on a wire illegally rigged between New York's twin towers. After nearly an hour dancing on the wire, he was arrested, taken for psychological evaluation, and brought to jail before he was finally released. This documentary compiles Petit's own footage revealing the numerous extraordinary challenges he faced in completing the artistic crime of the century. Based on Petit's 2002 memoir, British filmmaker James Marsh's pulse-pounding documentary plays more like a thriller than a non-fiction entry. In fact, it puts most thrillers to shame.

Hymn 1066 Reading 454,457

Host: Carolyn Giddings

September 28 **Man on Wire, Part Two**

We will show part two of this acclaimed documentary, Man on Wire.

Hymn 1012 Reading 468

Host: Linda Quintero



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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September Birthdays

AC Hernandez	18 th
Jim Innis	22 nd
Lois Innis	25 th



Tuesday Recorders

Recorders is now looking at holiday music. All are welcome to come 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.

The Latest at the Fellowship

The social room of UU has taken on a distinctively bright atmosphere with the installation of new ceiling lighting. Long an item of discussion among the reading group and others, the room had the original lights that, even with newer bulbs still failed to make the room the place to read or even enjoy our wonderful potluck lunches. Brock purchased and installed the lights recently, and the recorder rehearsal was the first occasion to experience the difference. Enjoy!

Also, our recent fire inspection revealed that we needed to have our fire extinguishers recharged. When done, one unit needed replacement. This has also been done. We hope to set a "clean up the Fellowship" day now that the weather seems to be cooling down. Keep this in mind.

The potluck in November is going to be held on the FIRST Sunday (November 2) rather than the second...reason? We are having a visit from the head of the Pacific Central District on that date and want him to experience the sense of community we all feel on these occasions. We will be sure to include this information on the October newsletter as well. That will be a very busy weekend as our annual rummage sale is November 1. Donations have been coming in steadily for some time now and more will arrive as the month goes on. Help the Fellowship by rounding up donations from friends and family if you can.

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.