



Newsletter for October 2014

October programs coordinated by Alfonso C Hernandez and Tom Alexander

October 5 Destination Mexico

When you hear "Mexico," what do you think of? Narcos and poverty, or charming towns and beaches? Tom Alexander shares stories and photos from his summer travels to Mexico.

Hymn 189

Reading 600

Hosts: Alfonso C Hernandez

October 12 Hidden In Plain Sight

profiles of Fresno's unsung progressive activists

Richard Stone, our friend from Fresno, will be joining us again. He will be first, presenting his recent book **HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT**, a collection of articles originally published in the Community Alliance newspaper. There are over 70 pieces highlighting the varied work that is done in a progressive perspective to "make it better" locally. Richard will read from the book and speak briefly about its origins and methodology. There will also be copies available for purchase of \$ 15, proceeds all going to the Community Alliance. Richard will also be joined by Maria Telesco, veteran activist for prison reform and abolition of the death penalty. They will talk about their work together bringing an empowerment program, Houses of Healing, to inmates at a local prison.

Potluck — bring a dish to share!

Hymn 59

Reading 600

Hosts: The Board

UU Monthly Board Meeting

Meets Sunday, October 5, 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 group has started a first volume of the biography of Lyndon Johnson. It is proving to be a fascinating, provocative and yet easy-to-read story. Join us 3:30-5:00 p.m.

October 19 Culture of Mexico

Come see the colors and shapes and hear the melodies and rhythms of Mexico, which reveres the past while looking to the future. Tom Alexander shares the sights and sounds of Mexico.

Hymn 363 Reading 604 Host: Ruth Ball

October 26 Vergara's Implications

Mr. Henry Franco will discuss the judgement of the Vergara's case regarding the future of due process for teachers in California. Mr. Franco is currently teaching U. S. History at Monache High and is President of the Porterville Educators Association.

Hymn 1026 Reading 592 Host: Merrily Davies



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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October Birthdays

Marya Innis	3 rd
Marilyn Pankey	12 th
Jim Hinz	26 th
Keane Ellis	26 th
Terry Crewse	26 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

We are being asked again to assist in the Homeless Connect day held once a year to offer services and necessities to homeless individuals in our community. I think you might have witnessed just such a person who dropped in to our Fellowship last Sunday. We offered some assistance and a good meal but few assistance centers are open on the week-end. We are requested to provide the tubes of lip balm as we did last year and it seems a small thing but in the realm of a person living mostly with the elements, it can mean a great deal. Hope you will support the Board's decision on this matter.

On a more long-term project, Jen Piersol is suggesting a Clothing Closet Project for our UU. We obviously have a few things donated to our rummage sale that might quality, i.e., jackets, coats, outer pants, shirts, etc. A small collection of clothing to assist any individual presented to us, who may be in need is, again, a small thing that costs us little. Most organizations, schools and churches have such stashes. Think about this as it is on our Board agenda.

Finally - the RUMMAGE SALE. Our one big money-raising effort of the year. We will soon be posting signup sheets for those who can help set up, work during the sale and help with cleanup. Set this morning of November 1 aside on your calendar to give our UU assistance. Decide now if you can spend a few hours the week before in preparation.

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.