



# Newsletter for May 2015

*May programs coordinated by Alfonso C. Hernandez and Tom Alexander*

### 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.

## May 3 Common Core

What is Common Core? How does it affect public education? We will discuss the origin, purpose, and possible outcomes. Tom Alexander will enlighten us on this controversial topic.

Hymn 21

Reading 725

Host: Merrily Davies

## May 10 Matriarchal Societies

Patriarchy and matriarchy: how are they different? Power, values, gender; an ultimate vision for the future. Tom Alexander will present this stimulating theme.

*Potluck—Bring a dish to share!*

Hymn 205

Reading 649

Host: Potluck

### UU Monthly Board Meeting

*Meets Sunday, May 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



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

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

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### Tuesday Reading Group

The reading group will continue its theme of women justices of the Supreme Court. The current read is about Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Feel free to join the group any time! Meetings every Tuesday from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

### May 17 Folklorico on Wheels

Mr. John Gonzales, Dance Instructor at the three local High Schools and for a children and adult community dance group, will speak on the story of Baile Folklorico through different generations: origin of dances, music, costumes, and the passion for dancing.

Hymn 346

Reading 592

Host: A.C. Hernandez

### May 24 Second Part of the History of the UU Movement

Ron Cordes continues the story of the UU Church. In case you missed this second part or you want to catch the pieces you missed, you will want to continue learning about the origins of our beliefs.

Hymn 357

Reading 594

Host: Mary Burnside

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### May Birthdays

Ivan Ball	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Brock Neely	20 <sup>th</sup>
Jen Piersol	22 <sup>nd</sup>

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## **May 31 The Immigrant Nation in Our Community**

Roberto de la Rosa, JD, Executive Director of Ola Raza, and Board Member of the Cesar Chavez Foundation, will speak on the issues and solutions to the political immigration problems and on perspectives in the debate on immigration rights.

Hymn 318      Reading 580      Host: Joan Givan

## **Porterville College Cultural and Historical Awareness Program**

**Friday, May 8, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Listening to the Land: Reconnecting with the Environment and the Promise of Healing

Karen Bishop, Professor of Sociology, Porterville College

**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.