



## Newsletter for September 2015

*September programs coordinated by Terry Crewse*

### **September 6 The High-concept Film and the Science of Lying**

#### **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.

Both referring to the film *The Invention of Lying*, we will learn about and discuss high-concept films and the science of lying. Since the beginning of cinema, Hollywood has occasionally reached out in unusual directions by creating entirely unknown worlds or extraordinary characters and situations. But what makes a move “high-concept” in the first place? It turns out that not everyone agrees. Then we will follow up with a discussion of lying. What defines a lie? Do lie detectors work? Is there any such thing as a truth serum? Can animals lie? All of these questions will be conclusively and irrefutably answered with absolute scientific certainty! (That’s a lie, by the way.) Presented by Terry Crewse.

Hymn 349

Reading 670

Hosts: The Summers

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

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#### **September Birthdays**

Alfonso Hernandez	18 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Innis	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lois Inis	25 <sup>th</sup>

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### Tuesday Reading Group

The group has been reading *The Other Side of Paradise: Life in the New Cuba*. The Reading Group meets every Tuesday at the Fellowship from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### September 13 The Invention of Lying (Part 1)

Mark Bellison (Ricky Gervais) is a down-on-his-luck writer who lives in a world where falsehoods are completely unknown. When Mark suddenly develops the ability to lie, the notion that "honesty is the best policy" goes out the window, and he uses his newfound skill for personal gain. After viewing the first half of this 2009 film we will have a chance to address and answer questions.

*Potluck—Bring a dish to share!*

Hymn 340

Reading 666

Host: Terry Crewse

### September 20 The Invention of Lying (Part 2)

We will view the conclusion of *The Invention of Lying* and discuss some of the questions it suggests. Can humans really live without ever lying? Although the movie is set in a completely different world, are there any important parallels between our world and the one depicted in the film? Does the storyline suggest anything about what we believe as a people?

Hymn 334

Reading 664

Host: The Piersols

### UU Monthly Board Meeting

*Meets Sunday, September 6, 12:00 p.m.  
(shortly following service)*

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Secretary: Marian Gant

Social Justice: Alfonso C. Hernandez

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Program Coordinator: Terry Crewse

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

**September 27**

**Forgotten Superheroes of Science**

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Based on topics covered in The Skeptics Guide to the Galaxy weekly podcast, we will learn about the contributions of important scientists who have not enjoyed the kind of public recognition they truly deserve. The contributions of Annie Jump Cannon, Edward Lorenz, Rosalind Franklin, Jocelyn Bell Burnel, Ada Lovelace, Katherine Johnson, Mary Anning, Oswald Avery, Emmy Noether, Irene Joliot-Curie, the Women of ENIAC, Sandra Faber, and as many others will be presented by Terry Crewse, as time permits.

Hymn 331

Reading 658

Host: TBA

## SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Rummage Sale will take place November 7. Time to clean out your closets and donate usable items for our sale!



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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.