



Newsletter for November 2015

November programs coordinated by Terry Crewse

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.

November 1 **Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot**

Brock will show this 2015 documentary about a group of courageous Alabama students who, along with other activists, fought a nonviolent battle to win voting rights for African Americans in the South.

Hymn 169

Reading 584

Host: The Summers

November 8 **Viva La Causa**

Brock will show this 2008 documentary about a group of Mexican farmworkers in central California, under the leadership of Cesar Chavez, who took a stand to improve their working conditions.

Potluck—Bring a dish to share!

Hymn 186

Reading 502

Host: Charlie

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

135 E. Harrison
(Corner of Harrison Ave. and Fourth Street)
Porterville, CA 93257

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Tuesday Reading Group

The group is continuing to discuss *Empire's Crossroads*, which has inspired side-by-side reading of other books on Caribbean history. The Group meets every Tuesday at the Fellowship from 3:30 - 5:00

November 15 The Better Angels of Our Nature, Part 1

In his fascinating book, cognitive scientist, psychologist, linguist, and popular science author Steven Pinker argues that, contrary to popular perception, violence in the world is actually down compared to both the near and distant past. This decline in violence spans military conflict, homicide, genocide, torture, criminal justice, and the treatment of children, homosexuals, animals and racial and ethnic minorities. In this talk we will focus on the evidence of this decline.

Hymn 1012 Reading 575 Host: Joan Givan

November 22 The Better Angels of Our Nature, Part 2

Why has violence declined over the centuries? Doctor Pinker identifies five historical factors: The rise of the modern nation-state and judiciary, commerce, feminization, cosmopolitanism, and the escalator of reason.

Hymn 54 Reading 577 Host: TBA



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

UU Monthly Board Meeting

Meets Sunday, November 1, 12:00 p.m.
(shortly following service)

President: Marilyn Pankey
Vice-President: Joan Givan
Treasurer: Steve Summers
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Social Justice: Alfonso C. Hernandez
Grounds and Maintenance: Brock Neeley
Program Coordinator: Terry Crewse
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November 29 Bad Science: Quacks, Hacks, and Big Pharma Flacks

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In his book, *Bad Science*, Ben Goldacre, criticizes mainstream media reporting on health and science issues. He exposes quack doctors and nutritionists, bogus credentialing programs, and biased scientific studies. He has also taken the media to task for its willingness to throw facts and proof out the window.

Hymn 277

Reading 656

Host: TBA

RUMMAGE SALE - NOVEMBER 7

Volunteers Needed

If you able-bodied please consider volunteering to help with the rummage sale. We need sorters for the days before and bodies to help during the rummage sale. Also, we need volunteers to park their cars with signage near the fellowship. Contact Marilyn or Joan G if you are interested.



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**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.