



Newsletter for January 2016

January 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 LaVonn.

January 3 Film: The Age of Stupid, Part 1

The year is 2055. The Earth is devastated. One man remains in a vast storage facility known as “The Global Archive.” It protects all of humanity’s collective achievements. Based on scientific projections from the present day, *The Age of Stupid* focuses on the archivist as he tries to work out why we didn’t save ourselves while we still had the chance. Time will be set aside for discussion, moderated by Terry Crewse.

Hymn 1021

Reading 682

Host: The Summers

January 10 Film: The Age of Stupid, Part 2

As we continue watching *The Age of Stupid*, we see the archivist reviewing a startling array of news clips, interviews, and scientific reports from our time, each its own warning sign of the destruction that is looming if we don’t change our current consumption practices. Again, time will be set aside for discussion, moderated by Terry Crewse.

Potluck—Bring a dish to share!

Hymn 1065

Reading 717

Host: The Board

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 Reading Group is currently making a selection for the next book. This is a great time to join! The Group meets every Tuesday at the Fellowship from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

January 17 Music & Religion

Both music and religious experiences are challenging to express in words. Perhaps the music of the ages can speak to our spirits better than words. Tom Alexander will explore these ideas in his presentation.

Hymn 84

Reading 609

Host: The Piersols

January 24 A Selection of Poems

Terry Crewse will be sharing a selection of poems and lyrics. Background information on some of these works will also be given. Works to include the sobering lyrics "Suicide is Painless", the courageously optimistic lyrics of "The Impossible Dream," the reflective words of "Both Sides Now," and the poetry of Khalil Gibran and J.R.R. Tolkien. Members will be invited to bring and share favorite poetry as time permits.

Hymn 123

Reading 702

Host: TBA

UU Monthly Board Meeting

Meets Sunday, January 17, 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.

January 31 **More Bad Science**

Terry Crewse will continue exploring topics covered in Ben Goldacre's book *Bad Science*. Beyond being a matter of academic integrity, a misrepresentation of science leads people and even governments to make bad decisions in matters of public health. From altering diets in useless or even harmful ways and significant numbers of citizens turning against the practice of immunization to the deadly decision of the South African government to reject useful treatments for its AIDS epidemic.

Hymn 1060

Reading 671

Host: Edith LaVonn



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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.