



Newsletter for February 2016

February programs coordinated by Alfonso C. Hernandez

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.

February 7 Love, Love, Love

What is this emotion that can strike at any moment and leave us gasping for breath? Tom Alexander shares thoughts gleaned from history and science about this powerful influence in our lives.

Hymn 1029

Reading 584

Host: Joan Givan

February 14

Immigrant Victims and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Dr. Teresa de la Rosa, Director of Advocacy for Ola Raza, Inc., will enlighten us on the program providing immigration benefits to undocumented workers, men and women, who have been victims of domestic violence. Ola Raza has been instrumental in helping individuals achieve the American Dream.

Potluck—Bring a dish to share!

Hymn 1026

Reading 575

Host: Charlie Piersol

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

February Birthdays

Linnea Edwards	4 th
Buzz Piersol	29 th

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February 21 **Crossed Up**



Bill Warner will share with us his book of poetry. Some poems will include music. Copies will be available.

Tuesday Reading Group

The Reading Group is currently reading *Without You, There is No Us*, by Suki Kim, a disturbing memoir surrounding family of Kim Jong-il. The Group meets every Tuesday at the Fellowship from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Hymn 159

Reading 594

Host: Merrily Davies

February 28 **We'll Manage, A Memoir**

Shirley Skufca Hickman will discuss her memoir in progress. The saga of the Skufca family: a story with tragedy, poverty, and other difficulties which the family overcame with resilience, courage, and love. *We'll Manage* is the third book in a series starting with *Don't Give Up* and *Is Everybody Happy Now?*

Hymn 346

Reading 592

Host: C. Giddings



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, February 21, 12:00 p.m.
(shortly following service)

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Grounds and Maintenance: Brock Neeley
Program Coordinator: Terry Crewse
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Porterville College C.H.A.P. February Events

Friday, February 5, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

"Growing on the Side of the Road: Historically Black Settlements in Central California"

Presented by Michael Eissinger, Doctoral Candidate University of California Merced.

Wednesday, February 17, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

and Friday, February 19 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

"There and Back Again: Journeys Through Tolkien's Middle Earth" will be a roundtable discussion of J.R.R. Tolkien's works. Porterville College professors James Entz (Art), Jay Hargis (History), Ann Marie Wagstaff (English), and Richard Goode (Geology) will share their perspectives.



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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.