



Newsletter for April 2016

April programs coordinated by Buzz Piersol

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.

April 3 Humanists and Global Warming

Buzz will show a video of Isaac Asimov giving a keynote address in 1989 to the American Humanist Association. Asimov discusses how the multifaceted and diverse human society can address global warming despite competing interests. This talk is very relevant today as it was then.

Hymn 107 Reading 585 Host: A.C. Hernandez

April 10 My Story

Syvia Harral will be sharing her incredible story of miracles and recovery after a horrendous automobile accident where the first responder thought she was dead.

🌀 NOTE: POTLUCK WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 24 THIS MONTH 🌀

Hymn 205 Reading 698 Host: TBA

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

April Birthdays

Betty Telesford	3 rd
Terry Bergfalk	5 th
Johanna Barde	9 th

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Tuesday Reading Group

The Reading Group is finishing up *North Korea Confidential*, by Daniel Tudor and is considering for its next selection, *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. The Group meets every Tuesday at the Fellowship from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

April 17 **The Return of Bad Science**

Terry Crewse will present again. We will learn how Matthias Rath was able to profit from a weakness in scientific understanding in both South Africa's public and political leadership. His claims that he could solve the AIDS crisis convinced many to forego the most promising treatments for AIDS in favor of his nutritional therapies. We will also study how pharmaceutical companies manipulate data to make questionable claims about their products and are even misleading medical doctors.

Hymn 339 Reading 650 Host: Joan Givan

April 24 **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting will be held at the Porterville Fellowship on Harrison. You are urged to attend in order to make a quorum. Potluck will immediately follow the meeting, so please bring a dish to share.

Hymn TBA Reading TBA Host: Carolyn Giddings

UU Monthly Board Meeting

Meets Sunday, April 3, 12:00 p.m.
(shortly following service)

President: Marilyn Pankey
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Treasurer: Steve Summers
Secretary: Marian Gant

Social Justice: Alfonso C. Hernandez
Grounds and Maintenance: Brock Neeley
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.

Porterville College C.H.A.P. April Events

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Friday, April 1, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

"J'Accuse: The Dreyfus Affair, Emile Zola, and the Fight for Justice" - Presented by Jay Hargis, History Professor.

Friday, April 8, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

"Farewell to Manzanar" - Presented by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston.

Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

"Waldo Hunt and the Art, Engineering, and Reinvention of the Pop-Up Book in the 20th Century America" - Presented by Jamie Hunt

Friday, April 8, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A Celebration of Porterville College Poets - Featuring Catherine Hodges, Melissa Black, and more

Friday, April 22, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

"The St. Francis Dam Disaster and the Archaeology of Water Wars" - Presented by Dr. James Snead, Professor of Anthropology CSU-Northridge



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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.