



Newsletter for October 2016

October 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.

October 2 **For the Bible Tells Me So, Part 1**

Terry Crewse will present. Delving into values of the religious right and the accompanying homophobia, the film *For the Bible Tells Me So* focuses on how conservative Christians' interpretation of the Bible is commonly used as a way to deny homosexuals equal rights. Following five families with an openly gay son or daughter, director Daniel G. Karlake offers a firsthand look at how those in the Christian community with an "out" child are affected by the homophobic fervor. Karlake also interviews a number of religious leaders.

Hymn 1054

Reading 655

Host: Joan Givan

October 9 **For the Bible Tells Me So, Part 2**

Following its premiere in competition at the Sundance Film Festival, *For the Bible Tells Me So* went on to win a number of prestigious festival awards including the Katherine Bryan Edwards Human Rights Prize at the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, and the Best Documentary Audience Awards at the Seattle International Film Festival, the Provincetown International Film Festival, Outfest: The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, the Milwaukee International Film Festival, and a number of others.

October Potluck - Bring a dish to share!

Hymn 170

Reading 607 & 613

Host: Terry Crewse

October Birthdays

Marilyn Pankey 12th

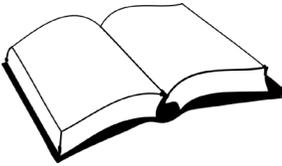
Jim Hinz 26th

Terry Crewse 26th

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

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Tuesday Reading Group

The reading group has reconvened and has just begun *White Trash*, the 400-year untold history of class in America by Nancy Isenberg. We are again meeting at the usual 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays here at the Fellowship.

October 16 Informed Through Humor

Is comedy something which now needs to be taken seriously? For decades comedy has referenced the news, originally for purely comedic effect. But social commentary began to assert itself as time went on. People now turn to *The Daily Show*, Amy Schumer, John Oliver, Bill Maher, and Stephen Colbert to be informed as well as entertained. With the internet's YouTube, this is truer now than ever before with coverage of topics in a humorous format not being included in mainstream news sources. Terry Crewse will present.

Hymn *Wandering Star* Reading 657 Hosts: Piersols

October 23 The Ballot Propositions

Ed Bergtholdt will lead us through the ballot propositions to be voted on this November. He will present for discussion issues on the ballot—from taxes and hospital fees to mandatory condom use in pornographic films (and everything in between).

Hymn 1073 Reading 652 Host: Summers



UU Monthly Board Meeting
Meets Sunday, October 2, 12:00 p.m.
(shortly following service)

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**October 30 How Did We Get Here?
The Virtue of an Educated Voter.**

The founders believed that only with a well-informed electorate can our fragile democracy be preserved. They warned that uneducated voters make us vulnerable to reckless demagogues. A. C. Hernandez will read this pertinent essay by Alan Taylor from a recent edition of *American Scholar*. Printed copies of the essay will be available. Discussion will follow. Alan Taylor, a historian at the University of Virginia, has twice been awarded the Pulitzer Prize in history, most recently in 2014 for *The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772– 1832*.

Hymn *Where Have All the Flowers Gone*

Reading 594

Host: Merrily Davies



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

**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.