



## Newsletter for November 2016

*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 LaVonn.

### **November 6 The Long Strange Trip: In the Beginning**

In part one of this six-part series, this film examines the early roots of liberal religious thought (0 CE – 1553CE). It chronicles the isolated declarations of Universal Salvation in the early years of the Christian era. It traces the early anti-trinitarians such as the monk Arius and his role in the Council of Nicaea. It discusses pre-Reformation heretics such as Katherine Vogel, John Wycliffe, and Jan Hus. It concludes with the life and work of Michael Servetus. It makes the case that there were two Reformations going on in the 16th century - a theologically conservative one catalyzed by Martin Luther and a liberal one based largely on the works of Servetus.

Hymn 1029

Reading 733

Hosts: The Summers

### **November 13 Slavery to Selma**

Uncle Bill Warner will entertain and inform our fellowship with music and poetry about the struggle for human rights in America.

### **MONTHLY POTLUCK WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 27**

Hymn *We Shall Overcome*

Reading *I Have a Dream*

Host: Joan Stewart

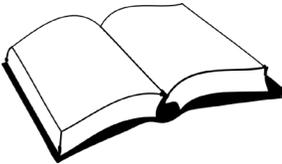
Sunday Service is at 10:30 am.  
Coffee and visiting at 10:15 am

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### Tuesday Reading Group

The reading group is continuing to read and discuss *White Trash* by Nancy Isenberg. The group is meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays here at the Fellowship.

### November 20 Long Strange Trip – The Birth of Unitarianism

Part II of this film chronicles the religious liberals in Poland and Transylvania. The first half of Part II focuses on Francis David's life and Unitarianism in Transylvania. It concludes with the emigration of Joseph Priestley from England to America in 1794.

Hymn 67      Reading 728      Host: Marilyn Pankey

### November 27 Glossary of Skepticism, Abridged

Do you know how to tell science from pseudoscience? Skeptics strive to remain diligent against the human tendency to become misled by the shortcomings of human reasoning. We have evolved to optimize survivability at the expense of rational thinking. Buzz and Terry will discuss some of the weapons in the arsenal of skeptical thinking. Have you heard of Confirmation Bias? How about the Dunning-Kruger Effect, or even Occam's Razor? These are among the terms used by skeptics to guard against the shortcomings of human psychology.

### **Potluck - Bring Your Thanksgiving Leftovers!**

Hymn 345      Reading 524      Host: The Board



UU Monthly Board Meeting  
Meets Sunday, November 6, 12:00 p.m.  
(shortly following service)

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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.