



Newsletter for January 2017

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 1 What Is an Auld Lang Syne?

Some lyrics and poems are well-known without a good understanding of their meaning. Others are only known by their first few lines. What comes after “. . . Columbus sailed the ocean blue” or “. . . the midnight ride of Paul Revere?” Terry Crewse will help us tie up the loose ends and learn about the history behind these all-too-familiar cultural staples.

Hymn *Auld Lang Syne* Reading 483 Host: *Bring a snack!*

January 8 What Has the Electoral College Done for Us So Far?

In the 2000 and 2016 presidential elections the winners of the popular vote did not win in the electoral college. This also happened in 1824, 1876, and 1888. Terry Crewse will give us a look at those presidencies and we will study the details of how the electoral college works, including some of the arguments both for and against its usefulness.

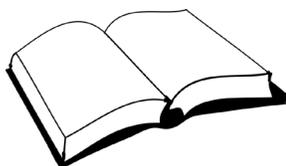
Potluck - Bring a favorite dish!

Hymn 173 Reading 444 Hosts: The Summers

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 *Alexander Hamilton*, a biography by Ron Chernow. The group has decided to meet earlier for the winter months—at **3:00 p.m.** on Tuesdays here at the Fellowship.

January 15 Circle Art

Merrily Davies will introduce us to the use of compasses and colored pencils to make art. What role does mathematics play in making this kind of art? If time permits we will also look into the role of the golden ratio in art.

Hymn 124 Reading 434 Host: Carolyn Giddings

January 22 Sacredness and Seeking God

A discussion of the religious experience as opposed to the mental experience of religion. A lot of religion has an emotional component. How does music contribute to this? What role does prayer play in this experience? Ralph Bourne will lead this discussion.

Hymn 181 Reading 643 Host: Joan Givan

UU Monthly Board Meeting
Meets Sunday, January 15, 12:00 p.m.
(shortly following service)

President: Marilyn Pankey
Vice-President: Jen Piersol
Treasurer: Steve Summers
Secretary: Marion Gant
Social Justice: Alfonso C. Hernandez
Program Coordinator: Terry Crewse
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January 29 The Palm Springs International Film Festival

The Palm Springs International Film Society is a non-profit organization whose mission is to cultivate and promote the art and science of film through education and cross-cultural awareness. According to its vision statement, it strives for a world in which enlightenment, knowledge and tolerance prevail. They believe film as an art form has the power to bridge cultures and illuminate the universality of the human experience. Our own Marilyn Pankey will have attended 2017's event and will be able to report on her observations.

Hymn 344

Reading 489

Host: Terry Crewse



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.