



Newsletter for February 2017

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 5 **How To Save Your Soul In A Digital Age**

James McWilliams' essay "Saving the Self in the Age of the Selfie" which was published in *The American Scholar*, Spring 2016, will be read by A. C. Hernandez. "We must learn to humanize digital life as actively as we've digitized human life." McWilliams is the author, most recently, of *The Modern Savage: Our Unthinking Decision to Eat Animals*. He is the Ingram Professor of History at Texas State University. Copies of the essay will be available.

Hymn 159

Reading 728

Hosts: Piersols

February 12 **The Hero in Mythology and Reality**

Today is Lincoln's birthday. Was he a hero? John Glenn just died recently. Was he one? How about John Lennon, Babe Ruth, or Martin Luther King Jr? Was he a hero? What is a hero? What qualities make a hero? What acts are considered to be heroic? Do we need heroes? Come prepared to share your favorite hero (or heroine) with the group. Bill Warner will lead us on this interesting topic.

Potluck - Bring a favorite dish!

Hymn 346, *John Henry* Reading 586 and more Host: M Pankey

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

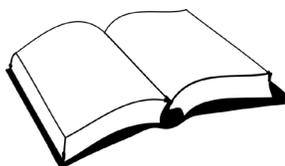
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February Birthdays

Linnea Edwards 4th

Buzz Piersol 29th

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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.

February 19 A Call to Your Conscience Is a Call to Action

In times of trouble, we call upon to address critical issues that challenge our spirit and question our commitment as agents of social change. Visionaries and historical icons such as Mahatma Gandhi, The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Cesar Estrada Chavez and other social change leaders have shown us the way to move to responding from a call to our conscience to a call to action in defense of human rights. Today, we must heed Gandhi's words "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." Roberto de la Rosa, president of Ola Raza, will speak on this topic about how change starts with us.

Hymn 305

Reading 584

Host: Joan Givan

UU Monthly Board Meeting
Meets Sunday, February 5, 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
Religious Education: Jen Piersol

February 26 Chirla

We will hear about the statewide immigrant rights organization, Chirla, which is involved in community organizing, community education, civic engagement, including policy and advocacy. Daniel Peñaloza will give a presentation of this crucial organization serving not only in Porterville, but also in the state of California.

Hymn 314 Reading 594 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.