



Newsletter for April 2017

April programs coordinated by Buzz Piersol

April 2 The Religious Experience

Ralph Bourne will present this discussion of religious “feelings” experienced by various religious and spiritual disciplines.

Hymn 205

Reading 650

Hosts: Summers

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 9 Circle Art

Presented by Merrily Davies, this is an exercise in making beautiful designs using only a compass and colored pencils. You don’t have to be an artist! The beauty and symmetry of geometric principles are available to all.

NOTE: Potluck Will Be On April 30 - Annual Meeting!

Hymn 22

Reading 682

Host: Terry C.



LGBTQ

Welcoming Congregation

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

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

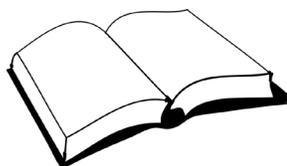
135 E. Harrison
Porterville, CA 93257

April Birthdays

Betty Telesford 34rd

Terry Bergfalk 5th

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Tuesday Reading Group

Suggestions for a different day and/or time may help this group survive. New members are always welcome.

April 16 What Do the Critics of Capitalism Have to Say?

We live in a society which embraces the philosophy of a free market, supply and demand, and consumerism. Those who have criticized capitalism are routinely dismissed as communists and socialists. But what did Karl Marx and other philosophers actually have to say? Today we will consider what they have had to say regardless of who may be right or wrong. Terry will present for discussion.

Hymn 313

Reading 631

Hosts: Piersols

April 23 An Adventure at Sea: How I Got Paid to See the World

Leif Syrdahl will talk about his new book and how he got to spend almost three months at sea on a 15,000 mile journey throughout the Pacific. He will also try and explain what it is like to live and work (at sea) in a world that is always moving.

Hymn 160

Reading 661

Host: Joan G

April 30 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. Our Monthly **potluck** will immediately follow the meeting, so please bring a dish to share.

Hymn TBA Reading *Declaration of Conscience*

Host: Potluck

UU Monthly Board Meeting
Meets Sunday, April 2, 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

Message from the President

The next two months are standouts for Porterville UU. April 30 marks our annual meeting date when attendance of all members is very important because no business can transpire without a quorum. Every year we worry that the quorum will not be met and we are always thrilled when it is. Important business issues need to be discussed with the entire membership and opinions heard by the Board. The annual will be held at our UU Fellowship at the usual time, 10:30 a.m. and there will be a potluck lunch afterward. Please also be thinking about a month when you could be the program chair. You all know individuals who could present an interesting program for all of us and other ideas that would occupy a month of the year. Being a hostess is also important to all and it can be any one of you. Because of the annual meeting, we will NOT have potluck on our usual second Sunday. The new chairs for the Fellowship are a special treat and we are asking that you “buy” your own Fellowship chair at \$120. Pay on it as you go and indicate on your check in the memo section that it is for your chair. Terry Crewse is keeping a running total on the amount collected.

The very first Sunday in May, May 7 at 10:30a.m., we are hosting a group called “Hungrytown”. We do not often have outside programming but this has been planned for quite some time and we want to have a good audience for the duo. Their music is country - self-composed - a variety of things that are meant to entertain groups like ours. Grab some friends and relatives that day and we can have a grand time. Important also - we will plan another potluck for that day for our guests and attendees. That puts some pressure on the cook in your family, but it does not have to be fancy. We will NOT have a potluck on the following Sunday which would be the usual day for us.

Finally, if you wish to be an officer or hold a special position in the fellowship, please let me know. Nominations can be open if you are interested or wish to nominate a person for an office. Stay ACTIVE. —mrp

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.