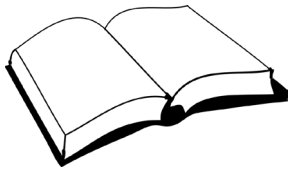




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December programs coordinated by Jen Piersol



Wednesday Reading Group

December 3 A Stringy Holiday

Marilyn will be bringing community strings to charm us with a selection of seasonal favorites.

Hymns *many!* Reading 462, 421 Host: Terry Crewse

The former Tuesday Reading Group is now meeting on Wednesdays at 3:30 at Sierra Hills off Henderson and Westwood. They are deciding the next book to read.

December 10 The Bible is a Library, Not a Book

Jen will base her presentation on selections from the book *Bible Stories for Skeptics*, by Richard Trudeau, former minister of the UU Church of Weymouth, Massachusetts.

POTLUCK - Bring a dish to share!

Hymn 159 Reading 650 Host: Potluck

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

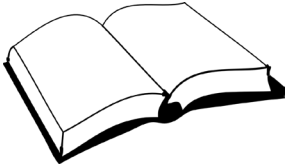
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December Birthdays

Mary Burnside 1st

Priscilla Summers 16th

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Ralph's Reading Group

You're not seeing double. Ralph Bourne has a reading group that meets once a month. Their next meeting is December 8 at the home of Lois Innis. Contact Ralph for more information.

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December 17 Following the Religion OF Jesus Not the Religion ABOUT Jesus

Jen will present. How a skeptical reading of the bible, especially the gospels, can give us guidelines for living as a liberal fellowship.

Hymn 223

Reading 640

Host: Merrily Davies

December 24 Jesus For Skeptics

Jen will present. Let's celebrate the birth of Jesus by making him more human. Readings from *Bible Stories for Skeptics*, by Richard Trudeau.

Hymn 233, 237

Reading 615, 616

Host: Marilyn Pankey

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

UU Monthly Board Meeting

Meets Sunday, December 3, 12:00 p.m.
(shortly following service)

President: Marilyn Pankey

Vice-President: Merrily Davies

Treasurer: Steve Summers

Secretary: Marion Gant

Social Justice: Joan Givan

Program Coordinator: Terry Crewse

Religious Education: Jen Piersol

December 31 Inspiration in Discouraging Times

Jen's annual end-of-year video extravaganza will help you rediscover some hope and faith in humanity to start 2018.

Hymn 169

Reading 461, 698

Host: Joan Givan

Happy Holidays!

**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.