



Newsletter for January 2018

January programs coordinated by Terry Crewse

January 7 **Poisons That We Love**

Why do humans like spicy and bitter foods? Chemicals that began as poisons and are now integral to human life. Ralph will present this topic for discussion.

Hymn 76 Reading 553 Host: Merrily Davies

January 14 **Part I of the film *Mother***

Uncle Bill will be reminding everyone of the greatest threat to mankind on the entire planet...overpopulation and excess consumption. We will begin the famous J. B. Calhoun Mouse Utopia experiments and continue to the award-winning film *Mother: Caring for 7 Billion*. Today, we'll try and get a handle on the problem(s). Continuing next week.

POTLUCK - Bring a dish to share!

Hymn 108 Reading 690 Host: Marilyn Pankey

January Birthdays

Ralph Bourne	4 th
Charlie Piersol	14 th
Ruth Ball	16 th
Emery Piersol	16 th

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

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January 21 **Part II Conclusion of *Mother***

Uncle Bill will lead discussion on what is and what is not being done to address the seemingly endless problems in the future for us and our children. Have we, as a species, doomed ourselves to extinction? Is there any hope? This a dark and gloomy subject. It is also the elephant in the room that most people are ignoring these days. Is there anything we can do as individuals?

Hymn 110

Reading 666

Host: Joan Givan

January 28 **Selected Readings**

Priscilla will read a selection of sermons from our UU repository.

Hymn 159

Reading 531

Hosts: Piersols

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, January 7, 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

Reading Groups



Wednesday Reading Group

The group is currently reading *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder which traces stories of houseless individuals who have given up mortgages they could no longer afford in favor of small homes on wheels that took them to jobs and other opportunities. Next meeting is January 17, 3:30 at Sierra Hills.

Ralph's Reading Group

Ralph's group meets once a month. Their next meeting is February 9 at the Bourne residence where they discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Contact Ralph for more information.
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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.