



Newsletter for September 2018

September programs coordinated by Terry Crewse

September 2 Idiot America

Terry will read selected topics from Charles P. Pierce's *Idiot America* in which he asks how a country founded on intellectual curiosity has somehow deteriorated into a nation of simpletons more apt to vote for an American Idol contestant than a presidential candidate.

Hymn 38

Readings 434, 474

Host: The Summers

September 9 Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition

Uncle Bill shares American folk songs from the 1940s and 1950s. A sampler of some of the songs that reflected and shaped Americans from WW II to the Korean War. Sing along with some of the timeless favorites from our prehistoric past like "Rosie the Riveter," "Irene Goodnight" and "I Can Dream, Can't I?"

Potluck - Bring a dish to share!

Hymn 16

Reading 468

Host: Potluck

September 16 Not Created Equal

Citizens in U.S. territories pay taxes and are subject to federal law but do they have representation? The surprising differences between U.S. territories and the 50 states will be discussed by Terry in search of answers to these questions.

Hymn 68

Reading 465

Host: Merrily Davies

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

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September 23 I've Heard it many times before but I don't Know What it's Called

Terry will share some of the music and creeds which permeate our culture but whose origins and actual significance will be explored. Do doctors really take the Hippocratic Oath? Is the post office's motto official? What's that music we hear at weddings, graduations, and funerals? Let's find out.

Hymn 21

Readings 419

Host: TBA

September 30 The Photon Storm Model

Our own Ralph Bourne will discuss the ideas about the universe described in his book *The Photon Storm Model*. Here he proposes that the universe is filled completely by a storm of invisible photon energy moving forcefully in *all* directions.

Hymn 29

Reading 482

Host: Joan Givan



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, September 2, 12:00 p.m.
(shortly following service)

President: Marilyn Pankey

Vice-President: Merrily Davies

Treasurer: Steve Summers

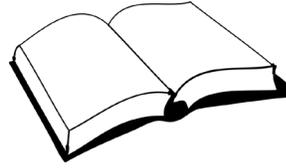
Secretary: Marion Gant

Social Justice: Joan Givan

Program Coordinator: Terry Crewse

Religious Education: Jen Piersol

Reading Groups



Wednesday Reading Group

The group is just beginning *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham. The group is presently meeting at Sierra Hills every other Wednesday. Contact Marilyn for more information.

Ralph's Reading Group

Ralph's reading group will meet again on October 19 to discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. 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.