



## Newsletter for March 2018

*March programs coordinated by Terry Crewse*



### Helping Hands Food Basket

The Helping Hands basket is back! Please bring non-perishable food for the food basket. The basket is located in the fellowship and will be delivered by Marilyn to Helping Hands each week.

### March 3 The Philosophers in The Good Place

As a followup to his earlier talk, Terry will discuss the philosophers referenced in NBC's The Good Place including Aristotle, Plato, David Hume, Immanuel Kant, T.M. Scalon, Søren Kierkegaard.

Hymn 1012      Reading 730      Host: Terry

### March 10 Dumb Things

Ralph Bourne will discuss how good intentions in ecosystems often have contrary consequences.

Hymns 142      Reading 662      Host: Potluck

### March 17 Are Bad Words Bad?

Uncle Bill has been studying the very idea that words can be bad. When we were young our authority figures taught us to avoid bad language but some studies suggest that swearing may provide pain relief, a sense of control, non-violent retribution, humor, and other benefits. We will weigh the evidence because it's about @#\$\$%&ing time!

Hymn 147      Readings 661      Hosts: The Summers

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

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### March Birthday

Ginger Piersol      10<sup>th</sup>

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### March 24 Three Identical Strangers (Part 1)

Terry will show the film, *Three Identical Strangers*, which tells the astonishing true story of three men who make the chance discovery, at the age of 19, that they are identical triplets, separated at birth and adopted to different parents.

Hymn 286

Readings 664

Host: TBA

### March 31 Three Identical Strangers (Part 2)

We will continue watching *Three Identical Strangers*. The trio's joyous reunion in 1980 catapults them to fame but it also sets in motion a chain of events that unearths an extraordinary and disturbing secret that goes far beyond their own lives – a secret that goes to very heart of all human behavior.

Hymn 299

Reading 667

Host: Marilyn



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, March 17, 12:00 p.m.  
(shortly following service)

President: Marilyn Pankey

Vice-President: Merrily Davies

Treasurer: Steve Summers

Secretary: Marion Gant

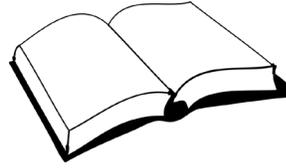
Social Justice: *vacant*

Program Coordinator: Terry Crewse

Religious Education: Jen Piersol

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## Reading Groups



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### Wednesday Reading Group

We are currently reading *Educated*. This is a woman's story of being raised in a quasi-religious survivalist family in Idaho with several brothers and sisters. She must abandon her family to get an education but still feels misplaced. We meet every other Wednesday in the Sierra Hills game room.

### Ralph's Reading Group

In the estimation of the newsletter editor, Ralph's reading group will not meet again until April. For more information, contact Ralph Bourne.

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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.