



Newsletter for December 2019

December programs coordinated by Jennifer Piersol

December 1 Living Naturally – Try Two

Ralph had an unavoidable event in November and could not do the program. He is ready to present today! The ancient Greeks felt living “naturally” was all important. However, they realized, each of us must use reason to decide what “nature” is, is it what the gods want? Is it something greater than the gods? What is nature? Today, the debate continues—what is nature? How can we live naturally or correctly? Is nature correct? What is unnatural? We will discuss the history and the issues in our meeting.

Hymn 159

Reading 457

Host: Ralph

December 8 Eat the Rich

Jennifer will present a discussion about the growing resentment of the 1% by the lower classes. Bonus reading of Swift’s *A Modest Proposal*.

Hymn 225

Reading 615

Host: Marla

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

135 E. Harrison
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December Birthdays

Mary Burnside 1st

Priscilla Summers 16th

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December 15 Tai Chi (From a Friend of Merrily)

Certified Tai Chi instructor, Cindy Bateé will teach a 4-minute Tai Chi style designed for seniors. Though it's only 4 minutes, this is a one-hour presentation/lesson. Also, though it's designed for seniors, it is also for beginners.

Hymn 308

Readings 602

Host: Merrily

December 22 No Meeting

There will be no program on this date. Happy Holidays!



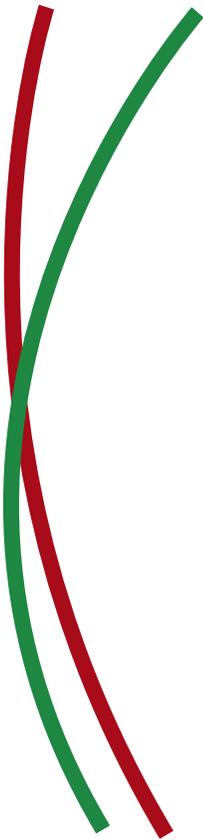
December 29 Videos For the New Year

As 2019 comes to a close with a lot of divisiveness, Jen shares some inspiring and engaging videos for 2020.

Hymn 16

Reading 544

Host: Marion Gant



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 1, 12:00 p.m.
(shortly following service)

President: Marilyn Pankey

Vice-President: Merrily Davies

Treasurer: Steve Summers

Secretary: Marion Gant

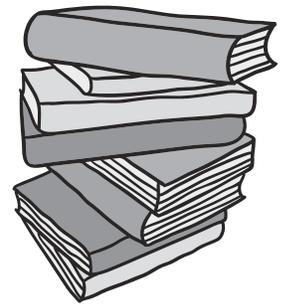
Social Justice: *vacant*

Program Coordinator: Terry Crewse

Religious Education: Jen Piersol

Wednesday Reading Group

The Reading Group has finished *Gift of Water* and is beginning *Tough Love* by Susan Rice. Our next meeting is December 4 at Sierra Hills (and otherwise every other Wednesday) at 3:30.



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.