



Our Church Circular

November 17,
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2010

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER THEME: Season of Incarnation: All Souls Day through Christmas Eve
TEMA DE NOVIEMBRE/DICIEMBRE: Temporada de Encarnación: Día de los Almas a la Celebración de la Nochebuena

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

21 de Noviembre – 9:30 a.m.

La Indigencia y el Hambre: una Nueva Forma de Asumir la Práctica de la Gratitud

La Rev. Nancy y el equipo de culto se han basado en lecturas, investigaciones y experiencias alrededor de la indigencia. ¿Qué sucede cuando nuestro trabajo de justicia social, a la que nuestra misión nos llama, surge de una profunda ética de gratitud, en lugar de la culpabilidad, la preocupación o el miedo? ¿Qué podemos aprender acerca de nuestra propia hambre del alma hasta pensar acerca de otros tipos de hambre? Este servicio de ampliación del corazón nos acoge en la semana de Acción de Gracias.

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Asociados de Culto: Roberto Padilla y Miembros de SSM

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

November 21 – 11:00 a.m. Homelessness and Hunger: A New Take on the Practice of Gratitude

Rev. Nancy and the Worship Team draw on readings, research, and experiences around homelessness.



What happens when our social justice work, to which our mission calls us, arises out of a profound ethic of gratitude, rather than out of guilt, worry, or fear? What can we learn about our own

soul hunger from thinking about other kinds of hunger? This heart-expanding service welcomes us into Thanksgiving week.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Worship Associates: Moria Merriweather, Barbara Grover, Madeline Morrow, and more

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Our Next Steps in Our Multicultural Vision: Worship on Sunday Mornings

By Roberto Cruz and Bob Miess

As the First Unitarian Church of San Jose continues to learn, grow, and evolve as a multicultural congregation, we are ready to use our resources wisely and to establish a unified congregation, embodying our new draft Mission Statement: “Bound together by our commitment to making Love visible, we gather to deepen our spirits, to work for justice, and to create one sacred human family.” Beginning in December, we want to try out a new “prototype” -- a new model -- for worship that aims to satisfy these aspirations.

Nuestros Sigüientes Pasos en Nuestra Visión Multicultural: Servicios de las Mañanas de Domingo

para Roberto Cruz y Bob Miess

Como la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José sigue aprendiendo, creciendo y evolucionando como una congregación multicultural, estamos preparados para utilizar nuestros recursos sabiamente y establecer una congregación unificada, que incorpore a nuestro nuevo proyecto de declaración de la misión: “Unidos juntos por nuestro compromiso de hacer visible el Amor, nos reunimos para profundizar en nuestros espíritus, trabajar por la justicia y para crear una sola familia

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SAVE THE DATES

November 18, Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm, Beginning Unitarian Universalism Class, Classrooms 4-6

November 20, 21, Saturday, 7 pm and Sun., 1:30 pm, Mystery Dinner Theater fund-raiser, Hattie Porter Hall, \$25

December 3, Friday, 8 pm, Dances of Universal Peace, Sanctuary

December 5, Sunday, 10:15 am, Spanish Language Prayer and Meditation Gathering, Fireside Room; 11:00 am, Combined Worship Service, Sanctuary, followed by All-Congregational pot-luck lunch to continue our conversation on crafting our multicultural vision, Hattie Porter Hall

December 5, Sunday, First Sunday Forum, 10:15, Conference Room

December 12, Sunday, 12:30 pm, UU Band of Writers, Conference Room

December 24, Friday, Christmas Eve services, 5:00 and 8:00 pm, Sanctuary

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January 8, Saturday, Service Auction, Hattie Porter Hall

May 13-15, PCD District Assembly

June 22-26, UUA General Assembly

July 14-29; July 21-August 4, Partner Church Committee trips to Homoródszentmárton

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

You make FUCSJ what it is! Whatever your talent and availability, there is an opportunity for you to serve. Contact Volunteer Coordinating Team members Liz Owen at lowen@data-time.com or Bob Miess at bob@floweringenterprises.com

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28 de Noviembre – 9:30 a.m.

Tiempo para Estar Agradecido.

Vengan y únanse a mi en este momento de agradecer por todo aquello que la vida nos ha proporcionado hasta el día de hoy.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla

Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM

Time to be Grateful

Come and join us to give thanks for everything that life has given us today.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla

Worship Associates: Members of SSM

November 28 – 11:00 a.m.

Free To Imagine

With the coming of the time of Advent, the four weeks preceding Christmas, representing a time of joyous expectancy; the coming, the birth, and the arrival of the holy—it is the perfect time for us to consider what it is we are hoping for, anticipating, and yearning for. Even though our own lives don't always match the season, we can welcome the focus of the first Sunday of Advent: Peace. Peace on earth, and peace in our own hearts and minds. Come experience moments of peace and silence. Let the Spirit of Advent capture your imagination.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Donna Lenahan

Worship Associate: Frank Bosche

Libre para Imaginar

Con la llegada del tiempo de advento, las cuatro semanas anteriores a la navidad, representan un tiempo de expectante dicha; la llegada, el nacimiento y la venida de lo Santo—es el momento perfecto para que consideremos lo que estamos esperando, para la anticipación y por el anhelo. A pesar de que nuestras vidas no coinciden siempre con la temporada, podemos decidir del enfoque del primer domingo de Adviento: Paz. Paz en la tierra y paz en nuestros propios corazones y mentes. Vengan a experimentar momentos de paz y silencio. Deje que el espíritu de Adviento capture su imaginación.

Dirige: la Rev. Donna Lenahan

Asociado de Culto: Frank Bosch

December 5 – 10:15 a.m.

Spanish Lauds

Come join us for this simple half-hour prayer-meditation service (without sermon) at 10:15

am in Spanish in the Fireside Room. Our current Spanish-speaking members, along with the English speakers who are faithful attendees of our (former) 9:30 full-service in Spanish, will be creating and leading this service. This 10:15 service provides time for worship and fellowship in the language of the soul for our Spanish speakers, along with the intimate hug-fueled gathering that is so meaningful to some of our English and Spanish speakers alike. Since this service is a prototype of what we are planning for our future, we encourage everyone who can to join us and experience it first-hand. Then come along to the combined Spanish/English service at 11:00 am, followed by lunch and conversation about our multicultural future.

Alabanza en español

Vengan y únanse por un servicio simple de oración-meditación de media hora, dirigido por laicos a las 10:15 am en español. Nuestros actuales miembros de habla hispana, junto con los de habla inglesa que son fieles asistentes a nuestro completo (ex) 9:30am servicio en español, estaremos creando y dirigiendo este servicio. Este servicio a las 10:15 proporciona tiempo para el

culto y la hermandad en el lenguaje del alma para nuestros hispanohablantes, junto con el íntimo abrazo-alimentado por el grupo que es tan significativo para algunos de nuestros oradores de inglés y de español por igual.

December 5 – 11:00 a.m.

What is Creativity?

What is creativity, and how do we incorporate it into our daily lives? How can it help us maintain hope in fallow times? With these questions in mind, we will also honor Roberto Padilla's service as Coordinator of our Spanish-Speaking Ministries.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Worship Associate: David Proulx

¿Qué es la creatividad?

¿Qué es la creatividad y cómo la incorporamos a nuestra vida cotidiana? ¿Cómo puede esto ayudarnos a mantener la esperanza en tiempos difíciles? Con estas preguntas en mente, nosotros también honraremos el servicio de Roberto Padilla como Coordinador de Nuestros Ministerios en español.

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Asociado de Culto: David Proulx ●

Sunday, November 21, Both Worship Services:

Thanksgiving Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank

Please start collecting your offerings now to bring to worship on November 21! Below is a list of nutritious, non-perishable foods that Second Harvest could really use. (Sunday, November 21 only. Sorry, we don't have space to store earlier offerings.)

Basic Items

- Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- Tuna and canned meat
- Peanut butter
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- Low-sugar cereals
- 100% fruit juices in single-serving boxes
- Canned fruit packed in juice
- Canned vegetables (low salt)

Kids' List

- Pop-Top Tuna
- 100% Fruit Rolls
- Raisins
- Graham Crackers
- Unsweetened Applesauce
- Cheese and Crackers
- Fruit Cups
- Low-sugar Cereal Bowls

- Pretzels
- 100% Fruit Juice Boxes
- Granola Bars (without peanuts)

Cautions:

- Do not donate items packaged in glass.
- Homegrown Produce: Produce must be sound, free of mold or decay, and have enough shelf life to remain in good condition for at least 3-5 days. Produce should be properly packed in cardboard boxes, crates, or other sturdy containers in order to prevent damage and bruising.
- Do not donate bulk quantities of rice, flour, or sugar. (It is fine to give non-bulk-size packages of rice, beans, etc.)



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Lifespan Faith Development

Nursery (birth-4 years)—Church's Lower Level

We provide a safe, clean environment in which to support each child in initiating play activities at the developmental level they manifest. Each week our paid staff members, Maria Elena Olvera and Glynda Cotton, provide a loving presence as they engage children in games, stories and crafts with seasonal and holiday themes throughout the year.

Children & Youth Classes

Children and youth in Pre-school (4 years) through high school join the community for the first part of worship at 11:00 am and then go to their respective classes until 12:30 pm.

Pre K (4 years) through First Grade – *Creating Home*

Children participate in the Unitarian Universalist Association curriculum *Creating Home* for 15 Sundays (beginning September 19) this year.

Second through Fourth Grades – *Moral Tales*

Children participate in the Unitarian Universalist Association curriculum *Moral Tales* for 15 Sundays (beginning September 19) this year.

Children from PreK through Fourth Grade are engaged in music with leaders Sally Cooperrider and Nayo Ulloa <http://www.nayoulloa.com> for 6 Sundays in January and May. The morning includes 30 minutes of singing and music using Orff percussion instruments with the opportunity for children to participate in Sunday services. And for the second 30 minutes the children will experience yoga with Shirley Worth.

On two Sundays there will be a Social Justice Project and on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Monday birthday celebration we are inviting all the families of

the church to participate in a day of service.

And on nine Sundays through the year, from September through June, children will be together with the whole community in worship on Celebration Sundays.

Fifth Grade – *Neighboring Faiths*

This year-long curriculum helps youth learn about their own faith and other faith traditions through interactive experience such as field trips and interviews. These encounters with other religions are given meaning through periods of reflection and discussion about Unitarian Universalist and personal beliefs and values.



Sixth through Eighth Grades – *Junior High Youth Group*

The junior high youth group meets on Sundays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. The group follows a planned curriculum exploring themes of empowerment, diversity and compassion and learns about Unitarian Universalism by visiting congregations in our area. They organize monthly social activities on the first Friday of the month. Class Coordinator: Pam Pell johnpell@aol.com

Ninth through Twelfth Grades – *Senior High Youth Group*

The senior high youth group meets from 11:30 am-12:30 pm most Sundays. The group engages in discussions about issues most relevant to youth's lives and communities, plans social and service projects throughout the year, and participates in youth

conferences in area UU churches under the auspices of the Pacific Central District of Unitarian Universalist Congregations and YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists). The youth group's empowering philosophy educates youth to be leaders within the group, church community, and denomination.

Youth Group Advisors: V Kingsley, Greg Muller, Terra Woods-Taylor and Cordelia Willis

If you are interested in participating in any of the child, youth or adult classes or activities, please contact the Rev. Geoff Rimositis, 292-3858, ext.25 or GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org

Lifespan Faith Development Calendar

November 21 – Pre-K-Grade 1 and Grades 2-4 classes will be doing a special program together, learning about the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and receiving their Guest at Your Table boxes to support UUSC program through the holidays. Junior High will also be doing a program on the UUSC.

Adult Class: *Introduction to Unitarian Universalism*

This class addresses important themes in UU congregational life: worship and theology, history, covenant and polity, religious education, faith development, social justice and membership. The class provides an opportunity for participants to interact and share their own experiences, a process that echoes the Unitarian Universalist commitment to individual theological exploration.

Participants learn about Unitarian Universalism not only by hearing about it, but by doing it—exploring their own theology and its intersection with the Unitarian Universalist tradition.

Classes are free and held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the church's lower level classrooms.

Leader: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis
RSVP: GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org

Adult Class Schedule:

November 18, Social Justice Philosophy and Practice

December 2, How Are Decisions Made? Governance and Polity

December 19, Membership ●



“Trying On” Our Mission and Vision

by Cheri Goodman, Member, Board of Directors

It's been two months since Homecoming Sunday, when the Board introduced our new draft Mission statement and Vision 2015. We asked for feedback, and would like to thank those who have replied with very thoughtful, and thought-provoking responses. Some of the questions we've received have made us realize that perhaps we need to explain more clearly what Mission and Vision statements are, and why we need to update ours.

Our Mission is a very short statement about our reason for being. It's the “elevator pitch” that we can use to very quickly tell someone who we are and what we're about. It certainly isn't exhaustive in describing the richness of our community or all the things we care about, but it should give a sense of the common values that hold us together.

Our Vision 2015 is a slightly longer statement about our priorities over the next four or five years—the things we need to focus on now to help move us toward fulfilling our mission. Again, it is not an exhaustive statement of our goals and activities. It merely attempts

to describe in very broad strokes the areas the Board has identified as priorities during this time.

Here once more are the draft Mission and Vision statements. We invite your questions and comments (and that includes people who like them as they are!). Because we

want broad participation from the congregation, we will continue to solicit your comments through the end of February. The Board will then consider all the input we have received and will finalize our Mission and Vision 2015 to guide us through the next stage of our life together. ●

Mission Statement

Bound together by our commitment to making Love visible, we gather to deepen our spirits, to work for justice, and to create one sacred human family.

Vision 2015

We seek to build a religious community that makes Love visible in word and deed. Therefore we are called to:

1. Create a congregation that actively reflects the richness and diversity of our community, honoring and nurturing with justice and compassion all that makes each one of us unique.
2. Undertake bold initiatives in pursuit of our mission, transforming ourselves and our community.
3. Worship together so that we connect with the divine, transcending the boundaries that limit us, to become part of something greater than ourselves.
4. Care for, nurture, and empower the growth of our children and youth through vibrant and engaging faith development and social programs.

Help Lead Worship!

The Worship Associate program provides an exciting opportunity for members of the First Unitarian Church of San José to help plan and present the Sunday-morning services that are at the heart of our Beloved Community. Worship Associates, who serve for one calendar year, work closely with the ministers and a multidisciplinary worship team on five or six services during that year. They also set up the worship space for another five or six Sundays. Ongoing training is provided in periodic gatherings, the next of which is this Nov. 20.

In addition to making a critical contribution to congregational life, participation in Worship Associates is a wonderful way to deepen your understanding of Unitarian Universalism. And you get to know some super people!

You'll find details on the church website at <http://www.sanjoseuu.org/OurWorshipLife/WorshipAssociates.html>

Questions? Phone Mary Martin at 408- 354-8878. ●

Third Street Health and Wellness Senior Programs

By Vanessa Alcantar, Community Educator at Third Street Community Center

Third Street Community Center (TSCC), a non-profit organization that was established in 1998 and operates within the First Unitarian Church of San Jose, is well-known as a kids' program; however, TSCC has expanded to serve older adults (50 years plus) in the community. The Senior Program offers a variety of physical activity and health workshops such as:

- ◆ Eischens Yoga for older adults: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am (taught by Shirley Worth)
- ◆ Line Dance: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-2 pm
- ◆ Labyrinth Meditation Walking: Wednesdays, 11:30 am-12 pm
- ◆ Health & Nutrition: Tuesdays. 2:15-3:15 pm

Please join TSCC in efforts to accomplish its mission of “Serving the whole child, whole family, and whole community.” ●



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humana sagrada.” A partir de diciembre, queremos probar un nuevo “prototipo”--un nuevo modelo--para el culto que pretende satisfacer estas aspiraciones.

Primero: En nuestro nuevo modelo, quitaremos el servicio completo de las 9:30 en español, y en su lugar nosotros ofreceremos un servicio simple de oración-meditación de media hora, dirigido por laicos a las 10:15 am en español, esperanza-doradamente en nuestro salón de la chimenea. Tentativamente le llamaremos una “Alabanza”, que es una antigua forma cristiana que incluyen lecturas, música y oración, sin ningún sermón. Fue a menudo dirigido por laicos. Nuestros actuales miembros de habla hispana, junto con los de habla inglesa que

son fieles asistentes a nuestro completo (ex) 9:30 am servicio en español, estaremos creando y dirigiendo este servicio. Este servicio a las 10:15 proporciona tiempo para el culto y la hermandad en el lenguaje del alma para nuestros hispanohablantes, junto con el íntimo abrazo-alimentado por el grupo que es tan significativo para algunos de nuestros oradores de inglés y de español por igual.

Segundo: En nuestro nuevo modelo, todos los miembros y amigos de la FUCSJ se unirán en un servicio compartido a las 11:00 am--un servicio diseñado intencionalmente para ser aceptado a través de muchas culturas. Este servicio estará en inglés, con algunos elementos litúrgicos en español y canciones--como ya lo hacemos. Experiment-

aremos con ofrecer traducción simultánea al español a través de los auriculares (¿algunos domingos? ¿todos los domingos? no estamos seguros aún). Estaremos esforzándonos por hacer a todos nuestros equipos congregacionales (Asociados de culto, los edecanes de culto y TODOS nuestros comités y consejos) verdaderamente representativos y multiculturales. Y por supuesto, todos estamos trabajando en el desarrollo de una forma de ser antirracista y multicultural que nos servirá de manera práctica y espiritual, aquí, en la FUCSJ, y en nuestro mundo cada vez más diverso.

Pensamos en el nuevo modelo de culto como un “prototipo” que estamos intentando el próximo medio año, más o menos, porque este enfoque nos mantiene flexibles y constantemente revisando y adaptando ambos servicios. Este nuevo modelo será verdaderamente propiedad de la Congregación--hispanohablantes y angloparlantes por igual. Esto nos permite mucha flexibilidad para ofrecer programas adicionales en la totalidad de la iglesia a las 9:30 am o 10:00 am, mientras continuamos nuestro “desarrollo de fe de vida” y el crecimiento como una comunidad. Por supuesto, tratar este modelo de “prototipo” requerirá algunos ajustes para aquellos que han estado asistiendo al servicio de las 9:30 am y para todos los demás. Esperamos que todos los que se vean afectados serán flexibles para ayudar a hacer que trabaje y proporcionar sus comentarios mientras lo vamos haciendo.

Por favor únase a nosotros el 5 de diciembre mientras probamos el nuevo modelo--y entonces, reunirnos para un almuerzo para toda la Congregación, después del servicio combinado de las 11:00 am. Este almuerzo, es patrocinado por la mesa Directiva, para continuar las conversaciones que iniciamos con la consulta con la Rev. Alicia Forde a principios de octubre y acoger con agrado la inclusión de todas las voces y perspectivas en la elaboración de nuestra visión multicultural. Cuando hacemos este tipo de cambios, los comentarios y la conversación son importantes, entonces únase con nosotros, incluso si usted no estuvo presente en octubre. ●

First: In our new model, we will let go of the full 9:30 worship service in Spanish, and instead we will offer a lay-led, simple half-hour prayer-meditation service at 10:15 am in Spanish, hopefully in our Fireside Room. We are tentatively calling this a “Lauds”, which is an ancient Christian form that included readings, music, and prayer, with no sermon. It was often lay-led. Our current Spanish-speaking members, along with the English speakers who are faithful attendees of our (former) 9:30 full-service in Spanish, will be creating and leading this service. This 10:15 service provides time for worship and fellowship in the language of the soul for our Spanish speakers, along with the intimate hug-fueled gathering that is so meaningful to some of our English and Spanish speakers alike.

Second: In our new model, all members and friends of FUCSJ will join together in one shared service at 11:00 am--a service intentionally designed to be welcoming across many cultures. This service will be in English, with some Spanish liturgical elements and songs--as we already do. We will be experimenting with offering simultaneous translation into Spanish via headsets (on some Sundays? on all Sundays? we're not sure yet). We'll be striving to make all our congregational teams (Worship Associates, Worship Hosts, and ALL our committees and councils) truly representative and multicultural. And of course, we are all working on developing an antiracist,

multicultural way of being that will serve us in both practical and spiritual ways, here at FUCSJ and in our ever-more-diverse world.

We think of the new worship model as a “prototype” that we are trying on for the next half year or so, because this approach keeps us flexible and constantly reviewing and adapting both services. This new model will truly be owned by the congregation, Spanish speakers and English speakers alike. It allows us a lot of flexibility for offering additional programs throughout the church at the 9:30 or 10:00 time, as we continue our “lifespan faith development” and growth as a community. Of course, trying this “prototype” model will require some adjustments for those who have been attending the 9:30 worship service, and for everyone else. We're hoping that everyone who is affected will both be flexible to help make it work and provide feedback as we go.

Please join us on December 5 as we try out the new model — and then gather for an all-congregation potluck lunch after the 11:00 am combined worship service. This lunch, sponsored by the Board, continues the conversations we began with the consultation with Rev. Alicia Forde in early October, and welcomes the inclusion of all voices and perspectives in crafting our multicultural vision. When we make these sorts of changes, feedback and conversation are important, so please join us, even if you weren't present in October. ●



Spotlight on Social Justice

The Social Justice Council blog appears on the Church Webpage at: <http://www.sanjoseuu.org/socialjusticeblog/>. You can subscribe to the YahooGroup For Social Justice News & Events at: sjsjuu-subscribe@yahoo.com.



by John Burk, POC Social Justice Representative

Special Collections Coordinator Needed — But What is That?

The special Collections Coordinator position is a one- or two-day position which involves communicating with the non-profit we are giving to, inviting speakers from the non-profit to come to our church, notifying our counters and bookkeeper about special collections, filling out paperwork as described in the job description in the office, making sure the check gets sent, and writing a thank-you note. If necessary, someone will help with these responsibilities. Please contact the Social Justice Council or John Burk if you will be able to be Special Collections Coordinator for one day.

Next Meeting:

November 22nd at 7pm, Conference (Board) Room

The Social Justice Council is looking to fill at least two positions: a Secretary to help with minutes and communication and a Treasurer of the Social Justice Council. The Social Justice Treasurer's job will be to keep a spreadsheet or ledger to keep track of money collected and spent, and, possibly, to work with me on making sure our records are the same as the church's. Our Treasurer won't be writing checks but may be asked to sign some forms if convenient.

DeFrank Center puts Special Collection to use

Thank you for your generous donation in support of the Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center. Your contribution will help us continue to provide a safe space for youth to come and meet others dealing with the same issues in

school. We have professional counselors who provide free counseling to those who need it who are 13-25 years old. We have plans to expand such counseling services to adults as well. We also provide support to Seniors who come to the Center for meals and camaraderie with other like-minded people who have had similar life experiences. Your contribution will also help us provide free, anonymous and confidential HIV testing and prevention counseling to all those in our community who need it.

In addition to providing services to the needy in our community, we are also committed to providing a place for our community to come together as an extended family and to provide a social outlet.



The DeFrank Center has been in the Community since 1981. We will be celebrating our 30th year next year and you are all welcome to come by and see how we are doing. With the economy in the state that it has been, we have been through a lot in the past few years, but thanks to the hard work of numerous volunteers, we have been able to keep our programs going at nearly the same level we had with a full-time paid staff and hundreds of thousands more in our budget. With all the cutbacks that have occurred over the past several years, we are less dependent on large corporate or government grants, and more dependent on the support of individuals like you, making us much more of a "community center" than at any other time in our recent past.

We appreciate your support.

Christopher Flood, President,
Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center

Necesitamos un Coordinador de las Colectas Especiales — ¿Pero que es Eso?

La posición de Coordinador de las Colectas Especiales es una posición de uno o dos días, que implica la comunicación con la agencia sin fines de lucro que le donamos, invitar a oradores de agencias sin fines de lucro a venir a nuestra Iglesia, notificar a nuestros recolectores y contadora acerca de las colectas especiales, llenar el papeleo, como se describe en la descripción de trabajo en la Oficina, asegurándose de que la verificación se envía y escribir una nota de agradecimiento. Si es necesario, alguien ayudará con estas responsabilidades. Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Consejo de Justicia Social o con John Burk si esta disponible para ser el Coordinador de Colectas Especiales por un día.

La reunión del Consejo de Justicia Social

**22 de noviembre a las 7 pm en la
Sala de Conferencias (Board).**

El Consejo de Justicia Social está buscando llenar, al menos, dos posiciones. Un Secretario para ayudar con las minutas y la comunicación y necesitamos un Tesorero para el Consejo de Justicia Social. El trabajo del Tesorero de Justicia Social será mantener una hoja de cálculo o contable para realizar un seguimiento de dinero recolectado y su uso, y posiblemente, para trabajar conmigo para asegurarnos de que nuestros registros son los mismos que los de la Iglesia. Nuestro Tesorero no hará cheques, pero podría solicitarse que firmara algunas formas si fuera conveniente.

DeFrank Center utiliza Colección Especial

Gracias por su generosa donación en apoyo al Centro Comunitario Billy DeFrank LGBT. Su contribución nos ayudará a continuar proporcionando un espacio seguro para los jóvenes que



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vienen y conocen a otros, relacionados con los mismos problemas en la escuela. Tenemos consejeros profesionales que ofrecen Asesoría gratuita a quienes la necesitan entre los 13-25 años de edad. Contamos también con planes de expansión de tales servicios de asesoría a los adultos. También proporcionamos apoyo a las personas de la tercera edad que llegan al Centro por alimentos y camaradería con otras personas de mentalidad similar que han tenido experiencias de vida similares. Su contribución también nos ayudará a brindar pruebas de VIH en forma gratuita, anónima y confidencial y consejería de prevención a todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad que lo necesiten.

Además de proporcionar servicios a los necesitados en nuestra comunidad, también estamos comprometidos a proporcionar un lugar para nuestra comunidad que vienen juntos como una familia extensa y proporcionarles una válvula de escape social.

El Centro DeFrank ha estado en la Comunidad desde 1981. El próximo año celebraremos nuestro 30 aniversario y todos son bienvenidos para venir y ver cómo lo estamos haciendo. Con la economía en el estado que la hemos tenido, hemos estado pasando por mucho en los últimos años, pero gracias a la ardua labor de numerosos voluntarios, hemos sido capaces de mantener nuestros programas casi al mismo nivel que los tuvimos con un personal remunerado a tiempo completo y cientos de miles más en nuestro presupuesto. Con todos los recortes que se han producido en los últimos años, somos menos dependientes de grandes corporaciones o del subsidio del Gobierno y dependemos en mayor medida del apoyo de personas como usted, haciéndonos mucho más que un "Centro Comunitario" que en cualquier otro momento en nuestro pasado reciente

Apreciamos su apoyo.

Christopher Flood, el presidente,
Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center

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Upcoming Events:

Mystery Dinner Theater Performances – and Fun-Raisers, too!

Saturday, November 20, 7:00 pm, and Sunday, November 21, 1:30 pm

Join us for dinner and thrills as we try to solve *The Mystery of The Picasso on the Ocean Floor*, written by **Jay Porter**, directed by **Dianne Saichek**, and starring FUCSJ members and friends!

Set on the Titanic, this audience-participation show invites us to solve the mystery before the ship sinks. The first table to solve the mystery wins a prize! Performance and dinner (catered by the Spaghetti Factory, with vegan options) is \$25. Tickets to exchange for "clues" and for wine and/or sodas at each performance will start at \$1. **Purchase admission tickets Sunday in Hattie Porter Hall**, or contact **Jay Porter** at 408-439-9931. All proceeds go toward our PACT (People Acting in Community Together) dues. ●

First Sunday Forum

Sunday, December 5, 10:00 a.m.

Topic: What do UU's mean by "faith"? It is said that we have a faith and that we are a faith. What answers have been given, and are they satisfactory? Is faith something other than an unjustified belief? These and other questions about faith will be discussed.

Facilitator: Tim Blackwood TJB@TimBlackwood.com. Sponsor: HUUnitarian Group. Meeting Room to be announced. ●

Silent Auction & Dinner

Saturday, January 8th, 2011

Our fifth annual First Unitarian Church of San Jose Service Auction will be held on Saturday, January 8th, 2011. Mark your calendars! Please support our faith community through a generous donation of a service or talent.

Past Service Auctions items have included ice skating lessons, custom scrapbook, genealogy research, vacation getaways, massages, dinners and more. What will be your donation of talent or service? If you haven't done so yet, please let **Jan Theiss-Guffey** know what you can contribute, at jantg@yahoo.com ●

Building the World We Dream About

Progressive women from throughout the PCD (Pacific Central District) will gather March 4-6 at Enchanted Hills (near Napa) for the **PCD-UUA Women's Weekend Retreat**. Featured will be a Friday spa, fascinating workshops, six delicious meals, fully furnished cabins with bathrooms, a silent auction, a boutique and a book swap.

Early bird registration (before 2/2) is \$230; after 2/2, \$250. First timers: \$190. Partial scholarships available. For more information, contact **Jean Embree** at (408) 984-5838 or **Meg Bowman** at (408) 292-1172. To register, contact Registrar **Ginger Frederick** at (925) 451-2572 or docginger@comcast.com. ●

Toys and Gifts for



Deserving Families

Sunday Friends (a non-profit organization) makes it possible for very low-income families to earn, select and gift-wrap gifts for each other. We can help! Bring (new) toys or other gifts, buy gift certificates or write a check to *Sunday Friends*. A collection box will be available November 28 and December 5 for your generous contributions. Questions? Contact Genie Bernardini at geniebee@hotmail.com or 997-6292. ●





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Contact Rev. Geoff, grimositis@sanjoseuu.org

For Pastoral Care

Our community strives to offer compassion, companionship, healing, and joy to all its members. Our pastoral care coordinators can help you find the listening ear or helping hands that you may need in difficult times. For pastoral care in English, please contact our lay Pastoral Associate Coordinator, **Rev. Donna Lenahan:** (home) 408-354-9024; (cell) 408-204-6565; e-mail: djlenahan@aol.com. For pastoral care in Spanish, please contact our Spanish-Speaking Ministries Coordinator, **Roberto Padilla:** 408-824-8831; e-mail: paor69@yahoo.com.

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Nuestra comunidad se esfuerza en ofrecer la compasión, el compañerismo curativo, y la alegría a todos sus miembros. Nuestros coordinadores en cuidado pastoral pueden ayudarle a encontrar un oído que escucha, o las manos que ayudan cuando ustedes lo pudieran necesitar en épocas difíciles. Para el cuidado pastoral en inglés, por favor, comuníquese con nuestra Coordinadora Laica Asociada en Cuidado Pastoral, la Rev. Donna Lenahan: (casa) 408-354-9024; (celular) 408-204-6565; e-mail: djlenahan@aol.com. Para el cuidado pastoral en español, por favor comuníquese con nuestro Coordinador de los Ministerios en Español, Roberto Padilla: 408-824-8831 (celular); e-mail: paor69@yahoo.com

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