



Our Church Circular

January 5,
2011 – 5 de
enero, 2011

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

JANUARY/FEBRUARY THEME: Season of Love: Christmas Day to Valentines Day
TEMA DE ENERO/FEBRERO: Temporada de Amor: Día de la Navidad al Día de San Valentín

10:15 a.m.
Servicios en español

Todos los domingos en diciembre

Alabanzas en Español

Vengan a unirse a nosotros para esta simple media hora de oración-meditación (sin sermón) a las 10:15 am en español en el salón de la chimenea. Creado para nosotros por los miembros conectados con nuestro Ministerio en Español, este servicio proporciona tiempo de culto y comunión en el lenguaje del alma para nuestros hispanoparlantes, junto con el íntimo abrazo alimentador que es tan significativo para algunos de nuestros oradores de inglés y español por igual. Una meditación atractiva que sirva como un preludio para el servicio de múltiples idiomas a las 11:00 am. ¡Las palabras son en español; los abrazos hablan universalmente!

Every Sunday in December

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. Created for us by members connected with our Spanish Speaking Ministry, this service provides time for worship and fellowship in the language of the soul for our Spanish speakers, along with the intimate hug-full gathering that is so meaningful to some of our English and Spanish speakers alike. This engaging meditation serves as a prelude to the multi-lingual service at 11:00 am. The words are in Spanish; the hugs speak universally!

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11:00 a.m.
Services in English

January 9 – 11:00 a.m.

We Are Family

Chosen, blended, extended, genealogical, spiritual, by blood and birth, families come in many shapes and sizes. We can't live with them and we can't live without them. Some family members have two feet; some have more, and require walks to the park. Are the people at church our family or our community? What is the difference? What keeps a family together in these difficult times? Let's celebrate families of all kinds!



Worship Leader: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Worship Associates: Bill Bowman and Mary Martin

¡Somos Familia!

Elegida, mezclada, extendida, genealógica, espiritual, por la sangre y el nacimiento; la familia viene en muchas formas y tamaños. No podemos vivir con ellos y no podemos vivir sin ellos. Algunos miembros de la familia tienen dos pies, algunos tienen más y requieren paseos por el parque. ¿Son las personas de la Iglesia nuestra familia o nuestra comunidad? ¿Cuál es la diferencia? ¿Que mantiene a una familia junta en estos tiempos difíciles? Vamos celebrar a las familias de una y de las muchas maravillosas variaciones posibles.

Dirige: la Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Asociados de Culto: Bill Bowman y Mary Martin

January 16, 11:00 a.m.

Love, Hope, and Justice

Please join us for an inspirational look at these important aspects of our lives in our culture by Rev. McCall, Unitar-

SAVE THE DATES

January 7, Friday, Dances of Universal Peace, 8:00 pm

January 8, Saturday, Service Auction and dinner, Hattie Porter Hall, begins 4:30 pm

January 9, Sunday, Sunday Forum, 10:00 am, location TBD

January 16, Sunday, Caring for Care Givers Workshop, Sanctuary, 12:30 pm

January 17, Monday, HUUmanist Group, 7:00 pm, Lower Level Conference Room

January 20, Thursday, 6:30 pm, Candlelight Labyrinth Walk, Sanctuary

January 23, Sunday, Benefit Music Concert, "African American Composers: Yesterday and Today," 3:00-5:00 pm, Sanctuary

January 27, Thursday Partner Church Sponsored Folk Dancing 8:00 pm, Hattie Porter Hall

January 30, Sunday, Everyone's Un-Birthday Party! 12:30-2:30 pm, Hattie Porter Hall

February 12, Saturday, Partner Church Benefit Tea, Hattie Porter Hall 1-3 pm

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

Partner Church News

Partner Church Benefit Tea

February 12 1-3 p.m.

This will be a great afternoon when we put on more polish and china than is our usual fare. There will be great food with tea sandwiches, sausage rolls, and never-ending carts of pastries and tea. Our church members and friends have an opportunity to share their musical and vocal talents with us—and a few surprises. Also, the **Eszterlanc Hungarian Dance troupe** returns!

We will use the money to fund our Traveler scholarships, especially for the youth, and also the service project we will be doing in the village of Homoródszentmárton, Romania this summer. More than 40 folks have signed up so far for our two trips to our partner church.

The Tea is a great time to share fellowship with those from our church, and you are also encouraged bring neighbors, friends and family you have been meaning to introduce to the church. Please buy your tickets early, which really helps us plan.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth. If you are able to contribute food or a talent (or would like to volunteer someone else who is talented) please



contact Connie at Connie_Bloch@yahoo.com or 206-2163.

Partner Church Pilgrimage

We have openings for adults and high school youth on Trip #1, July 14 - July 29. For more information, contact Monty Low, low.monty@gmail.com.

High School Scholarship Sponsorships Continue

Our church members from First Unitarian again participated generously this year to sponsor high school students in our Partner Church village of Homoródszentmárton, Romania. This year we raised \$2,250, despite the challenges of our own finances.

Our small partner church village (population approximately 500 people) does not have a high school. Some choose to attend a Unitarian

boarding school, or there are additional expenses for high school families struggle to pay.

Our program pairs benefactors, or a group, with students. This is the 4th year we have been sponsoring scholarships. Last year we sponsored 12 students. We hope to meet some of our sponsored students or graduates this summer when we visit Homoródszentmárton.

For more information about how you can become a sponsor, or make a contribution to this program, contact Connie_Bloch@yahoo.com.

Scrip Sales Fund-Raiser

We are excited to launch our scrip fund-raising project. Profit from scrip sales will be split with 25% going towards the church general operating fund and 75% going towards the cost of the 2011 partner church pilgrimage.

You can buy scrip for your own use or sell it to friends and family. Scrip is like a gift card or gift certificate to a store. For example if you pay \$25 for Orchard Supply Hardware scrip, you will receive a card that you can use to purchase \$25 worth of merchandise. Orchard Supply Hardware scrip will pay a 4% rebate to us. We can order scrip for over 300 merchants. These merchants carry most of the things we all normally purchase. Depending on the merchant, rebates will range from 1% to 50%. Unfortunately we do not carry Costco, Trader Joe's or Whole Foods.

This is truly fund-raising where you are not "selling" something at an inflated price. The people who buy scrip will get 100% of their purchase back when they use their scrip. We can set up accounts for folks who would like to order scrip online.

For a list of merchants and order forms you can go to the church web site: <http://www.sanjoeseu.org/AboutUs/Fundraising/Scrip.html> For further information, contact Monty Low, low.monty@gmail.com or Crystal Isola, cisola@genesisphoto.com.

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

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ian Universalist consulting minister and health care professional.

Worship Leader: the Rev. William Chester McCall

Worship Associates: Deb Fenzel-Alexander and Frank Bosche

Amor, Esperanza, y Justicia

Por favor, únase a nosotros para una mirada inspiradora a estos aspectos importantes de nuestras vidas en nuestra cultura por el Rev. McCall, Ministro consultor Unitario Universalista y profesional de la salud.

Dirige: el Rev. William Chester McCall

Asociados de Culto: Deb Fenzel-Alexander y Frank Bosche

January 23 – 11:00 a.m.

Holy Hearts in Sacred Places

Rev. Wendy Pantoja, consulting minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palisades (UUCP) in New Jersey, will inspire us with her vision of the sacred.

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Worship Associate: Bruce Halen

Corazones Santos en Lugares Sagrados

La Rev. Wendy Pantoja, Ministra consultora de la Congregación Unitario Universalista de Palisades (UUCP) en Nueva Jersey, nos inspirará con su visión de lo sagrado.

Dirige: la Rev. Wendy Pantoja

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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 Sandra Soletto, 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 (began September 19, 2010) this year.

Second through Fourth Grades – *Moral Tales*

Children participate in the Unitarian Universalist Association curriculum *Moral Tales* for 15

Reading "The Five Gospels" Along With Bob

Sunday, January 9, 6-8 p.m., Fireside Room

New participants are always welcome, so whether you've been participating up to this point or not, please come join us in our next session discussing our readings from "The Five Gospels". For this session, we are reading pages 401 to 450 (first part of John). Questions? Contact Bob Miess at 408-781-7073 or Bob@FloweringEnterprises.com.

Sundays (began September 19, 2010) 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 (January 17) 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 11:30-12:30 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

January 9 – Classes Resume

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@yahoogroups.com.



by John Burk, POC Social Justice Representative

Second Friday Event Coordinator needed

Are you committed to social justice? Can you develop a plan for a regular monthly event – movies, discussions, outings? The Social Justice Council needs your leadership! Contact John Burk at 408.259.3781 or mus6@aceweb.com.



Silent Auction and Dinner: Saturday, January 8th, 2011

By Jan Theiss-Guffey

Come, join us for friendship, fun, and stewardship at the FUCSJ Service Auction on Saturday, January 8, starting at 4:30 pm with the Silent Auction. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and the Live Auction begins at 7:00 pm. **Dan Zulevic** will again be our spell-binding auctioneer. To catch a glimpse of the offerings on which you'll be bidding, please take a look at the Service Auction Catalog. (Go to <http://www.sanjoseuu.org/WhatsHappening/UpcomingEvents> for a link to the full catalog.) Then please join us on Saturday, January 8, starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and Hattie Porter Hall.



What to Bring:

• Yourself, Your Friends, Your Children, Donation for Dinner: cash donation, or a bottle of wine or sparkling cider (if you can, otherwise, please come and be treated!).

- **Dinner Menu:** Chicken Marsala and Spinach Filo; Rice Pilaf, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert
- **Suggested Donation: \$12** – Please note: If you can contribute to the costs of dinner, for yourself and another, that is fantastic. If you can't, please know that everyone can sit at our Welcome Table!
- **Please RSVP** to Jan Theiss-Guffey, jantg@yahoo.com.

The Labyrinth — Not Just For Locals!

By Genie Bernardini

In just the last two years, we have had people walking our labyrinth from Kempton, N.Y.; Dallas, TX.; Mystic, CT; PA; Trent Creek, MI; El Salvador and China. In addition, we have provided our sacred walking meditation to Californians from 16 different cities! And this is what one of those walkers wrote in the labyrinth Guest Book: "Oh, glorious! This is just what I needed! I am so grateful to have the labyrinth walk available--what a blessing!" ●



Photo by Dani Hope

- **Child care** is available beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please let Jan Theiss-Guffey know if your children will need child care.

How to Bid on Items

You will need to register for the auction in order to bid on an item.

You can fill out a registration form beginning Sunday, December 19th at the Service Auction table, or you can register at the service auction, starting at 4:30 pm. You will receive a number to use for all of your bids, silent or live.

If you will not be present for the auction, you may make absentee bids by filling out a registration form, listing no more than five offerings you would like to bid on, including the item number, the maximum you will bid for the item, and the bid increment you would like to use.

Winning

When the auction ends, we will try to close it out quickly so that you can receive confirmation of your winning bid before you leave. If that is not possible, you can come to the Service Auction table after church on January 9th to find out what you won – and who won on what you of-

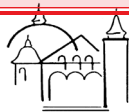
fered! For physical items, you must be present when the group closes in order to win.

Guidelines for physical items donated for the auction

For donors: In case the object is not bid upon and claimed, the donor must be present at the end of the auction to take it back. If not, the service auction committee will bring it to Goodwill. For bidders: To win the item, you must make the highest bid and you must be present when the auction closes to receive your item. If you are not present, the item will go to the next-highest bidder.

Additional Offerings for the Auction:

Whoops! Did you forget to get your own offering in for the silent auction? No worries! You can still email it to Jan Theiss-Guffey, jantg@yahoo.com and we'll put out another catalog right before January 8th. Include a brief description, the estimated value, your minimum bid, and your contact information. ●



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Service Auction Catalog

- 1 – California Gourmet Dinner!** (Jim Rumbaugh/Madeline Morrow) Min Bid \$40; Value \$50
- 2 – Condo in Lake Tahoe!** (Bill and Sally Souders) Min Bid \$300; Value \$1,500
- 3 – “Secret Berrine” spread** (Bill Bowman) Min Bid \$15; Value \$20
- 4 – A Greater Legacy Workshop** (Bob Miess) Min Bid \$20; Value \$40
- 5 – Tips for Urban Bicycling** (Bruce Halen) Min Bid \$30; Value \$50
- 6 – Resume Help** (Catherine Pelizzari) Min Bid \$25; Value \$100
- 7 – Software Coaching or General Organizing.** (Susan Burke-Diquisto) Min Bid \$40; Value \$100
- 8 – Hand-made Baby Afghan** (Brian Singer) Min Bid \$75; Value \$150
- 9 – Handyman Service** (Edward Gardner) Min Bid \$25; Value \$40
- 10 – Spanish Language Tutoring** (Jan Theiss-Guffey) Min Bid \$40; Value \$60
- 11 – Tarot Readings** (Jean Embree) Min Bid \$5/reading; Value \$10/reading
- 12 – Tarot Lessons** (Jean Embree) Min Bid \$10/lesson; Value \$30/lesson
- 13 – Lap or Baby Quilt or Table Runner** (Joyce Miller) Min Bid \$40; Value \$100
- 14 – Hand-made baby afghan** (Donna Lenahan) Min Bid \$75; Value \$150
- 15 – Computer Help for your PC** (Julia Rodriguez) Min Bid \$50; Value \$100
- 16 – Let’s Make Bread Together!** (K’Ailsa Rowan) Min Bid \$25; Value \$60
- 17 – Worm Composting** (Kathryn Axtell) Min Bid \$30; Value \$60
- 18 – Collection of Fine Wines!** (Kim Aldridge and Doug Gallinat) Min Bid \$60; Value \$100
- 19 – Beautiful Chalice Painting** (Madeleine Bodisco Alexander) Min Bid \$100; Value \$1,000
- 20 – 3 1-hr Drawing Lessons** (Madeleine Bodisco Alexander) Min Bid \$60; Value \$120
- 21 – Jam/Preserves Class** (Madeline Morrow) Min Bid \$25; Value \$50
- 22 – Snowboarding Instruction!** (Monty Low) Min Bid \$35; Value \$100
- 23 – Ice Skating Lesson!** (Monty Low) Min Bid \$35; Value \$50
- 24 – San Jose Giants Baseball Tickets** (Patricia and Annette Ohanian-Coffey) Min Bid \$60; Value \$100
- 25 – A Pie!** (Sally Cooperrider) Min Bid \$15; Value \$20
- 26 – 1-Hour Ride on an Ecocycle** (Terra Wood-Taylor) Min Bid \$20; Value \$20-\$50
- 27 – Child Care for 2+ hours!** (Terra Wood-Taylor) Min Bid \$30; Value \$40
- 28 – House Sitting** (Terra Wood-Taylor) Min Bid \$30; Value \$60
- 29– 4 half-hour voice or piano lessons with Dianne!** (Dianne Saichek) Min Bid \$80; Value \$150
- 30 – Italian Dinner** (Liz and Bob Owen, and Bob and Sherry Howd) Min Bid \$35 each; Value \$40/person
- 31 – A Day of Beading with Mary Mary** (for up to 3 people) (Mary Mary Feldman) Min Bid \$30; Value \$60
- 32 – Two Nights at a Mountain Cabin** (Susan Burke-Diquisto) Min Bid \$150; Value \$300
- 33 – Pet-sitting** (Terra Wood-Taylor) Min Bid \$30; Value \$45
- 34 – Eischens Yoga 30-minute private lesson** (Shirley Worth) Min Bid \$35; Value \$55
- 35 – Eischens Yoga 45-minute semi-private lesson** (Shirley Worth) Min Bid \$40; Value \$75
- 36 – Eischens Yoga 90-minute group lesson** (Shirley Worth) Min Bid \$75; Value \$130
- 37 – Non-Violent Communication Empathy** (Katy Dawson) Min Bid \$40; Value Priceless!
- 38 – 4-day Truckee Vacation!** (Steve Saunders and Julia Rodriguez) Min Bid \$400; Value \$800
- 39 – Fresh Strawberry Rhubarb Cobbler!** (Madeline Blackwood) Min Bid \$20; Value \$20
- 40 – Complete Mexican Dinner for six!** (Don Rector) Min Bid \$25; Value \$30
- 41 – 1-hour Private Tennis Lesson** (Gautam Biswas) Min Bid \$50; Value \$200
- 42 – Lawn Mowing** (Mike Pelizzari) Min Bid \$25; Value \$50
- 43 – 1 hr of cello/quartet classical music** (Deb Fenzel-Alexander) Min Bid \$40; Value \$100/250
- 44 – Geocaching** (Treasure hunting with a GPS!) (Joyce Miller & Carol Low) Min Bid \$30; Value \$30
- 45 – 2 hrs of English tutoring and/or editing** (Brian Singer) Min Bid \$60; Value \$150
- 46 – Chancel Decoration Coaching,** (Steve Stein) Min Bid \$50; Value \$200
- 47 – 1-hr private interior design consultation** (Steve Stein) Min Bid \$100; Value \$225
- 48 – 3 sessions, beginning guitar or ukulele lessons** (Sally Cooperrider) Min Bid \$50; Value \$150
- 49 – 3 sessions of flute lessons** (Sally Cooperrider) Min Bid \$50; Value \$150
- 50 – 1-hour relaxing massage** (Gary McCumber) Min Bid \$50; Value \$100
- 51 – 2 2-hr sessions of handyman service.** (Michael Payne-Alex) Min Bid \$100; Value \$200
- 52 – Learn bridge or improve your game!** (Tempest) Min Bid \$30; Value \$40
- 53 – Math or science tutoring,** 90-minute session (Crystal Lanier) Bid \$20; Value \$90 ●



Remember to bring your recyclable bottles and cans to help us improve the print quality of this newsletter!



Upcoming Events:

HUUG Sunday Forum

Sunday, January 9, 10-11 a.m.

Because January 2 falls on a holiday weekend we will meet on January 9 from 10 am until the service starts. Topic: Should the church have some sort of press for news about issues and controversies facing the church community? The Church Circular is not designed for handling controversial matters. The "press" could be in the form of a Yahoo group, an e-mail newsletter, a hardcopy newsletter, or perhaps some other form. This would not be a media for personal attacks or wild speculations. Facilitator: Tim Blackwood. Room: TBA. Sponsored by the HUUMANIST Group ●

Caring for Care Givers

Sunday, January 16, 12:30 p.m.

Charlotte Bear, MFA, MDIV, will provide support and information assistance for people caring for others living with serious and terminal illness, and those who may need to do this in the future. The workshop will focus on understanding compassion fatigue, or care-giver-related stress, which is different from simple burnout. The emphasis will be on recognizing symptoms of compassion fatigue and developing habits to help alleviate it. If you are caring for a loved one, a family member, or extended family member... If you are feeling confused, tired, worried, and alone... If you are not allowing yourself to take care of yourself... All good reasons for coming to this informative seminar. Everyone is welcome. ●

HUUMANIST Group Meeting

Monday, January 17th, 2011 at 7 p.m. Conference Room

The January meeting of the HUUMANIST Group will be on Monday,

January 17th, at 7 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room. Topic: *Ethics Bowl Problems: topical moral quandaries*. Last semester I helped coach the ethics bowl team at SJSU. They won the regional competition and will compete at the national competition in Cincinnati in March. The problems they will deal with are to be distributed in early January. If you are not on the HUUGroup mailing list and would like a set, let me know at tjb@tim-blackwood.com. ●

Benefit Music Concert

Sunday, January 23 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Spread the word! There will be a first-class musical event held here at our church and all proceeds will benefit our very own

music program. Titled *African American Composers: Yesterday and Today*, this performance will feature vocalist **Yolanda Rhodes** (pictured, www.yolandarhodes.com), pianists **Josephine Galdolfi**, **LaDoris Cordell** and **Deanne Tucker**, clarinetist **Carol Somersille**, and violinist **Susan Brown**. Suggested donations are \$15 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets will be available only at the door. Join us for what promises to be an exquisite afternoon of entertainment! ●



Circle Suppers

By Barbara Derbyshire

Circle Suppers offer an opportunity for members of the church community to get to know one another at casual pot luck suppers. Small groups come together in a member's home

to share food and conversation. As our most frequent participant, Dave Proulx, says, "Good food, good conversation, getting to know other church folks better, why would someone NOT participate?"

We are starting the fifth year of this program at FUCSJ. So far there have been 81 suppers. There are now 85 people on the roster, about 1/3 are singles. Some people attend frequently and others come only occasionally. If you are on the roster, you will receive monthly invitations. You can sign up for that month or say "no, thanks." If you sign up, you will be assigned to a host home and asked to bring a dish to share—salad, entree, or dessert. Because these are small groups, the absence of one or two has a large impact. If you sign up for a supper, we hope you will honor that commitment—to bring the assigned menu item and to participate in the evening's conversation.

If you want more information about these suppers, look for the table in Hattie Porter Hall during coffee hour on 1/9 or send questions to CircleSuppers@aol.com.

If you would like to join the group and receive monthly mailings, send your name(s) and phone number. Ready to attend in January? The dates are Friday, 1/21 and Saturday, 1/22. Tell me which you prefer or if they are equally convenient. The deadline to sign up this month is 1/10. ●

Open Enrollment for Small Group Ministry

Sundays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 after the service

Our Small Group Ministries (SGM) program is an exciting opportunity to meet other people who are interested in Unitarian Universalism, to get to know people in this congregation in a deep and meaning-

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ful way, and to discuss and learn more about our own and one another's personal spiritual paths. "Intimacy and ultimacy," some folks say when they try to sum up what participation in Small Group Ministry offers. "Walking with each other through all of life's journeys" is another way to put it. Participation in Small Group Ministry offers a sense of belonging and a chance to grow. It encourages skills of "deep listening" to each other and gives us a chance to be heard. Through Small Group Ministry, we create a deeper connection to our own best self as well as to others in our congregation. Check out the SGM portion of our web site for more information: www.sanjoseuu.org/FUSJC_SGM. During the month of January, we welcome everyone who would like to enroll in our small groups. If you are not currently active in a small group, you can sign up at the SGM table during Social Hour following the service any Sunday in January. There will be lists of current groups that have openings along with their meeting times, locations, leaders, and the number of openings available in each. If you are curious about SGM and would like to try it out with a shorter commitment time, look for the sign-up sheet for the brand-new "starter group," which will meet twice a month at church on Sundays. ●

Women's Alliance

Thursday, February 3, 7:15, Fireside Room

Our January 6 meeting has been cancelled, but we will meet again on Thursday, February 3, from 7:15 to 9:15 pm in the Fireside Room. The Women's Alliance provides a venue to share political and historical women's events and discussion. It is very different every month but always fun and lively! Please join us. Contact Nancy Coleman at nbc Coleman@gmail.com or 408 985 5778 for more information. ●

You Are Invited to the Un-Birthday Party!

Sunday, January 30 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

Everyone is invited to the party—come join the fun!

After the Sunday service, we will have cakes, beverages, and sing "Happy Birthday." Instead of the usual setup, Hattie Porter Hall will be set with 12 tables—one for each month—so we can play short, fun party-games and celebrate with members and friends who share our birthday month.

Don't miss this Un-Birthday Party hosted by the Program and Operations Council. ●



UU Hikers & Friends

By Joyce Miller

Here is the January hiking schedule. Be sure to call if you want to hike unless you are a regular, then let me know if you are not coming. Only big rain storms cancel hikes. In case of rain, call the morning of the hike to find out if we are changing the venue to the Stanford dish or if the hike is cancelled. My home phone is 408 730-1052 and cell is 570-7052. Use my cell phone after 7:30 am. All other times use my home phone. See you on the trails!

Wednesday, January 5

Purisima Redwoods, 6 miles, moderate. We will do the car shuttle hike. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park & Ride at 8:30 am.



Saturday, January 8

Santa Teresa County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at Bed, Bath, and Beyond at Almaden Plaza, at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, January 12

This is a new shuttle hike from Grizzly Flat on the Ridge trail to Russian Ridge. It looks like it is around 6 miles. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park & Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, January 15

Joseph Grant County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at VTA Park & Ride at Capitol and Alum Rock at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, January 19

Arastradero Preserve, 5-6 miles, moderate. The trail head is very close to the Page Mill Park & Ride. We will still meet at Page Mill at 8:30 am. If you want to go directly to the trail head, let me know, so we are not looking for you at Page Mill Park & Ride.

Saturday, January 22

Mission Peak, 6 miles, moderate/strenuous. Meet at VTA Park & Ride at Capitol and Alum Rock at 8:00am.

Wednesday, January 26

Shuttle hike from Sunnyvale Mt trail head in Sanborn Park to Indian Rock. Although this hike is in Sanborn Park, we will be doing a trail which is accessed from Skyline. Meet at US Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:30 am.

Saturday, January 29

Wunderlich County Park, 5-8 miles. I plan to do the long hike up to Skyline, but if anyone wants to do a shorter hike, we can adjust car pooling to accommodate. ●

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