



# Our Church Circular

February 16,  
2011 – 16 de  
febrero, 2011

## SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

Seasonal Theme: Season of Grace – Valentine's Day to Easter  
Estacionales Tema: Temporada de la Gracia – Día de San Valentín a la Pascua

**10:15 a.m.**  
Servicios en español

### Todos los domingos – labanzas 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 prelude para el servicio de múltiples idiomas a las 11:00 am. ¡Las palabras son en español; los abrazos hablan universalmente!

### Every Sunday – Spanish Lauds

Come join us for this simple half-hour prayer-meditation service (without sermon) at 10:15 am in Spanish in the Fire-side 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!

**11:00 a.m.**  
Services in English

**February 20 – 11:00 a.m.**

### What is Your Ministry in the World?

"If I am not for myself, who will be there for me? If I am not for others, what am I? And if not now, when?" (Rabbi Hillel) When we live out our values in our daily lives at home, work, and in the communities we live in and support, we are engaging in ministry. It is not only for the ordained. Each of us has our own calling to live a life of meaning and make it manifest in the world. We will hear from those who engage in a larger ministry outside our church doors.

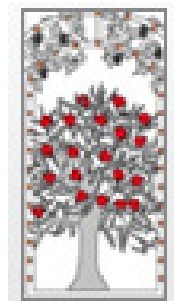
**Worship Leader: Bob Miess**

### ¿Cuál es su Ministerio en el mundo?

"¿Si no estoy para mí mismo, quien estará ahí para mí? ¿Si no estoy para otros, que soy? ¿Y si no es ahora, cuando?" (Rabino Hillel) Cuando vivimos nuestros valores en nuestra vida cotidiana en el hogar, el trabajo y en las comunidades que las que vivimos y en el apoyo con el que estamos comprometidos en el Ministerio. Esto no es sólo para los ordenados. Cada uno de nosotros tenemos nuestro propio llamado a vivir una vida con significado y hacerlo manifiesto en el mundo. Escucharemos a aquellos quienes participan en un Ministerio más grande fuera de nuestras puertas de la iglesia.

**Dirige: Bob Miess**

**February 27 – 11:00 a.m.**



### Insights into Reform Judaism

Rabbi Dana Magat of Temple Emanu-El San José will share his views on reform Judaism, expected to get people thinking and spark questions and answers with the congregation. Temple Emanu-El, founded in 1861, was Santa Clara Valley's first Jewish congregation and one of the oldest

## SAVE THE DATES

**Monday, February 21**, 7 pm, UU  
Humanist Group lower level conf.  
room

**Monday, February 28**, 7:30  
pm, PCD online discussion on  
immigration policy

**Tuesday, March 1**, 4-9 pm, FUCSJ  
fundraiser at Aqui Restaurant  
Willow Glen

**Friday-Sunday, March 4-6**, PCD  
Women's Weekend Retreat

**Saturday, March 12**, A  
"Stewardship Soiree," part of our  
annual canvass campaign

**Friday-Sunday, March 25-27**,  
PCD MUUG Retreat at FUCSJ

**Sunday, March 27**, Congregational  
Meeting – Election of Officers

**Saturday, April 2**, Balázs  
Transylvanian Tea, Starr King  
School, Berkeley

**May 13-15**, PCD District Assembly,  
Fremont

**May 22**, Annual Meeting and  
presentation of 2011-12 Budget

**June 22-26**, UUA General Assembly,  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**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](mailto:lowen@data-time.com) or Bob Miess at [bob@floweringenterprises.com](mailto:bob@floweringenterprises.com)**

# Lifespan Faith Development

## Nursery

### Birth through Four Years

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 Preschool (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 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 3 Sundays in 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 Celebration Sundays, children will be together with the whole community in worship.

### 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](mailto: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 discus-

sions 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](mailto:GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org)

## Lifespan Faith Development Calendar

### February 20

Pre-K-First and Second-Fourth grade classes  
– Use the UUA curricula, *Celebrating Home* and *Moral Tales*

Fifth grade – Continuing discussion on Buddhism

Sixth-Eighth grades – Regular curriculum

Ninth-Twelfth grades – Hold regular meeting

### February 27

Pre-K-First and Second-Fourth grade classes  
– Use the UUA curricula, *Celebrating Home* and *Moral Tales*

Fifth grade – Regular curriculum

Sixth-Eighth grades – TBD

Ninth-Twelfth grades – Hold regular meeting

## 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](mailto:sjsjuu-subscribe@yahoo.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](mailto:mus6@aceweb.com).

NOTE: See Board minutes, page 3, for information about the Study & Action Issue for this year – *Immigration as a Moral Issue*. Contact John for details, or to submit your thoughts.



# Board of Directors Meeting: February 2, 2011

By Bob Redfern, Secretary of the Board of Directors

**M**adeline Morrow enthusiastically reviewed the January 29 leadership training meeting she attended in Oakland, led by **Ginny Courter** of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) in Boston. Her quote for the day, "This whole thing is not done for you."

In other words, leadership is not for the leaders, but for the whole community. Others present echoed the positive and upbeat approach Ginny presented.

## Budget update

**D**avid Proulx reported on the budget. As is often the case, January pledge receipts were down. Many pay down their pledge before January 1, and some pay the whole amount, meaning January typically shows a lower return.

The Finance Committee will begin its 2011-12 budget work March 14. All church committees and groups need to submit their budget requests for the next fiscal year before that date.

## Committee on Ministries update

**C**lair Wagner attended the meeting in her capacity as Chair of the Committee on Ministries. This group was founded six years ago. Its job description was somewhat amorphous, with the most concrete touchstone for it a newsletter article from way back when. Its lack of place in the church's "flowchart" became a bit of a problem when they took charge of the sabbatical planning and multicultural initiative planning.

The Board settled one limitation they ran into and decided by voice vote that the Committee on Ministry would report to the Ministers. The Board also took responsibility to make the committee's charter clearer and more understandable to the committee members and church community.

As previously reported, the bylaws do not address this sufficiently. Look forward to bylaws changes for all to

contribute towards in the near future as we become more specific about this committee's responsibilities and tasks.

## Church fundraiser at AQUI

**T**amara Payne-Alex reported on the "Standing on the Side of Love" T-Shirt initiative. In addition, she reminded everyone of the fundraiser

for the FUCSJ general fund at AQUI Mexican Restaurant (Willow Glen Branch) from 4:00-9:00 pm on Tuesday, March 1. All who identify themselves

as being from our church will have a percentage of their tab donated back to the church. Their food is good, too!



## Final Mission and Vision 2015

**M**adeline solicited and gathered input from many of you about our revised mission statement and new Vision 2015 statement. We voted in favor of the following statements.

### 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 family.

### Vision 2015

1. Create a caring, connected congregation that reflects the richness and diversity of our community, honoring and nurturing with justice and compassion all that makes each of us unique.
2. Undertake bold initiatives to transform 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 lifelong faith development and social programs.

## Social Action update

**T**he Social Action Committee wants comments on the congregational Study & Action Issue for this year – *Immigration as a Moral Issue*. This issue was approved at the last General Assembly and our Social Action Committee has a March deadline to gather your contributions on this issue. It is too late to organize a Congregation of the Whole input, but you are still encouraged to submit your personal views. A future General Assembly will present the results and positions for the movement as a whole. John Burk ([mus6@aceweb](mailto:mus6@aceweb)) is your contact person to whom you should submit your input.

## Multicultural Meeting

**M**adeline reported on our multicultural meeting and cooperative sharing with the Tulsa, OK congregation. A simplified set of questions to share between our participants and theirs is the goal to best share issues and successes that both Tulsa and San Jose have had in the multicultural process.

Finally, please keep **Gene Martin** in your thoughts as he deals with his lung disorder related to asbestos (mesothelioma). Please keep those cards, letters and e-mails coming in. The recovery process will take a while, and require considerable time and effort for both Gene and Mary. ●

## Promoting Our Heritage

History buffs among our readers will be delighted to learn of the UU History and Heritage Prizes (\$500 awards) presented by the [UU Historical Society](http://uuhistoricalsociety.org). Details for award submissions are on their web site. All submissions for these are due by June 1 to Dan McKanan ([dmckanan@hds.harvard.edu](mailto:dmckanan@hds.harvard.edu)). ●



# Upcoming Events:

## MUUG in San Jose

**Friday-Sunday, March 25-27**

A weekend retreat for sixth through ninth graders will be held at FUCSJ, sponsored by Pacific Central District Middle School Unitarian Universalist Gatherings (PCD-MUUG). Registration opens Friday at 6:00 pm, and the retreat begins at 7:00 pm.

Our very own MUUG member **Ruby Delgros** is one of the deans this time around, along with **Jason George** and **Victor Lane**. Our MUUG member **Sias Payne-Alex** was dean at the recent meeting in Sacramento.

At a MUUG Retreat, participants will meet other youth in small group



meetings for play, fun and just talking. There will be regular meals, snacks, a movie, youth

worship and large group activities. The leaders at the retreat will be youth, young adults, and adults who particularly enjoy working with middle school youth. For more information go to <http://www.pcd-uua.org/MUUGS/muugsinfo.htm>

NOTE: No dinner will be served on Friday, please arrive fed! Programming ends at 10:45 am Sunday. Youth and Advisors will be attending the 11:00 am Sunday Service. If you need to pick up youth early please pick them up promptly between 10:45 am and 11:00 am, so the remaining youth and advisors can attend the service. All youth must be picked up by 12:15 am.

Cost: \$50/youth (postmarked by March 18, 2011) includes snacks, three meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday and all activities. After March 18 there is a \$10 late fee. Late registrants must contact the registrar to confirm there

is space. Scholarships available upon request.

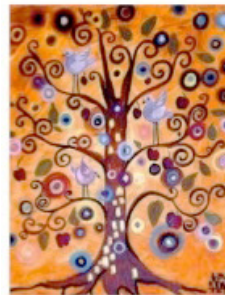
For registration questions, contact Marlene Abel, 133 Maria Drive, Petaluma CA, 94954 / 707 763-0443 / Cell: 707 364-4526 / [marlenea@sonic.net](mailto:marlenea@sonic.net). For questions about the retreat, contact the facilitator: Justin Smith at [foresthunter@comcast.net](mailto:foresthunter@comcast.net). ●

## Let Us Be Counted

— inspired by Torah passage, Exodus 30:11-34

**February 18-20, Atlanta, GA**

The first UU Jewish gathering in over 20 years, sponsored by the [Unitarian Universalists for Jewish Awareness](http://www.unitarianuniversalistsforjewishawareness.org), will explore and celebrate UU



Jewish identity. Discuss navigating a multi-faith family, multi-religious UU Jewish identities, and share the plurality of Jewish UU experiences. Registration, \$50, includes some meals and all programs. Form can be downloaded at the [UUJA web site](http://www.uuja.org). Some scholarships, hospitality and childcare assistance is available. ●

## Humanists explore evangelism

**Monday, February 21, 7:00-8:30 pm, lower level conference room**



The topic for this HUUmanist Group meeting will be "Should Unitarian Universalists/ Humanists Proselytize?" What should be the content and methods employed to get out our message? What kind of media should we use? Are there any risks, such as dumbing down the message, that we may expose ourselves to? All are welcome to enjoy some stimulating discussion. Please direct any questions about the group to [tjb@TimBlackwood.com](mailto:tjb@TimBlackwood.com) ●

## District takes discussion of immigration to the Web

**Sunday, February 28, 7:30 pm**

The next PCD Web discussion topic will be *Immigration Matters!* UUA President **Peter Morales** called this "today's equivalent of the Civil Rights Movement". Register at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9M8QMG7> to listen and talk to two ministers from the Pacific Central District. **The Rev. Pallas Stanford** and **the Rev. Greg Ward** will describe why they were willing to be arrested during the National Day of Non-Compliance Against SB 1070 in Phoenix last July. Hear UUA Trustee **Linda Laskowski's** first-hand account of the impact of that action from the recent trip the UUA Board made to the border. Most importantly, share your own questions and values around immigration with other UUs across the district. The online talk is part of a continuing series using both a conference call and an Internet connection and is limited to 20 people. ●

## Building the World We Dream About

**March 4-6 at Enchanted Hills**

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

Registration is \$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](mailto:docginger@comcast.com). ●

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## Balázs Transylvanian Tea

**Saturday, April 2, 3:30 pm,  
Berkeley**

The [Balázs Scholars Program](#) at Starr King School for the Ministry invites you to a Spring Transylvanian Tea. Featured guests will be the Rev. Levente Lázár, 2010-2011 Balázs Scholar and minister in Sovata and Csokfalva, Transylvania, and the Rev. Dr. Dorsey Blake, Dean of the Faculty and Visiting Professor of Spirituality and Prophetic Justice at Starr King School and pastor of the San Francisco Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples, an interfaith, interracial, intercultural community of seekers dedicated to personal empowerment

## Where Are We?

By Shirley Worth

Who are we?" could be a difficult question, since we are so diverse in our beliefs and backgrounds, but we can find answers to "Where are we?" in our 2010 yearbook. These answers are not totally accurate, since some members / friends did not provide addresses, and in most cases, distances are estimated, and all is subject to human error. So here's a little quiz:

### Questions:

- How far away does the most distant member live?
  - (a) 30 miles    (b) 50 miles
  - (c) 100 miles    (d) 2800 miles

and social transformation. They will speak on "Prophetic Voices."

Each year the Balázs Scholars Program brings a young Transylvanian minister (and family) to study at Starr King School and the Graduate Theological Union, and to preach at Unitarian Universalist churches throughout the Bay Area and the country. If you would like to help sustain this program please make a check to Starr King School with Balázs on the notation line, to the address above.

The fundraiser tea will be held at the Starr King School, 2441 Le Conte Avenue, Berkeley CA 94709. The suggested donation is \$25. RSVP to Arliss Ungar [Balazs@ungar.us](mailto:Balazs@ungar.us) or phone 925-283-3288. ●

- How many households are listed in the 2010 Yearbook?
  - (a) 178            (b) 243
  - (c) 306            (d) 124
- Which zip code has the most FUCSJ households?
  - (a) 95110        (b) 95126
  - (c) 95125        (d) 95112
- About how many of the 243 FUCSJ households are within 1 mile of church?
  - (a) 20            (b) 80
  - (c) 100            (d) 50
- How many households are more than 20 miles away?
  - (a) 33            (b) 26
  - (c) 11            (d) 5
 (Answers at right)

## District Assembly comes to Fremont

**Friday-Sunday, May 13-15**

This year's Pacific District Assembly will be at the Newark Fremont Hilton Hotel. The theme is *The Transient and the Permanent*. Special Guest Speakers: Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed and Rev. Dr. William Shulz. Early Bird Special, April 12: \$75.00; Regular Registration, Deadline April 30: \$95.00; Late Registration, Deadline May 9: \$105.00

For more information, please contact District Administrator Chuck Rosene at: (510) 530-1437 or [pcd@pcd-uua.org](mailto:pcd@pcd-uua.org). ●



STANDING ON THE SIDE OF

# LOVE

## Website tells the story!

If you are interested in seeing how far this action has come, take a look at their web site, at <http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org> – you'll be proud to be part of it! ●

## "Where?" Answers:

- (d) Suzanne Marsh gave her address in Harrisburg, PA, about 2800 miles from San Jose.
- (b) 243 households. 109 are at least 2-person households (listed as Person A & Person B)
- (d) 95112 houses 82 FUCSJ families. 95125, which includes Willow Glen, has the second largest contingent of FUCSJ households, at 26.
- (d) 51 households are within 1 mile of church.
- (b) 26 are more than 20 miles away. Of those, six are more than 50 miles away, in Felton, La Honda, San Francisco, Prunedale, Richmond (2), and Novato. ●

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Reform congregations on the west coast. It embraces diversity, including members from traditional Jewish backgrounds as well as interfaith couples and individuals looking to Judaism for answers.

**Worship Leader: Rabbi Dana Magat,  
Temple Emanu-El, San José**

**Worship Associate: Deb Fenzel-Alexander**

**March 6 – 11:00 a.m.**

### "Mysteries of Faith"

Rev. Geoff just returned from a UU ministerial retreat outside Monterey. Look for more details on this service in the next newsletter. Until then, we will let you consider the mysteries.

**Worship Leader: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis  
Worship Associate: Bill Bowman and Frank Bosche** ●





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**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. Please contact the Rev. Geoff Rimositis.

### Contacting the Ministers

**Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones** and **Rev. Geoff Rimositis** feel honored to serve this congregation, and we cherish your trust! Here is how reach us: **Nancy** is on Sabbatical until July, 2011. Meanwhile, please contact **Geoff**: (408) 292-3858, ext. 25 Mon.-Thurs.; (cell)408-309-7796; e-mail: [grimositis@sanjoseuu.org](mailto:grimositis@sanjoseuu.org).

### Cuidado Pastoral

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, por favor, comuníquese con el Rev. Geoff Rimositis.

### Contactando a los Ministros

**La Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones** y **El Rev. Geoff Rimositis** se sienten honrados de servir a esta congregación y apreciamos su confianza! Aquí esta como puede contactarnos: **Nancy** está en su tiempo sabático hasta junio de 2011. **Geoff**: (408) 292-3858, ext. 25 de Lunes a Jueves; (cell)408-309-7796; e-mail: [grimositis@sanjoseuu.org](mailto:grimositis@sanjoseuu.org).

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