



# Our Church Circular

April 6, 2011  
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6 de abril, 2011

## SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

**10:15 a.m.**  
Servicios en español

### Todos los domingos – 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 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 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!

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

### April 10

#### Utopia or Reality?

This service will celebrate our Unitarian Transylvania heritage. Our guest speaker is the Rev. Levente Lázár, who is this year's Balázs Scholar ([http://www.sksm.edu/graduates/balazs\\_scholars.php](http://www.sksm.edu/graduates/balazs_scholars.php)) at Starr King School for the Ministry and minister to churches in Sováta and Csokfalva, Transylvania, Romania. His sermon is based on Matthew 5:48: "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Is this just utopian hyperbole or can we actually achieve perfection? Our values lead us to strive for perfection, even if we fail in the practice. But our inner strength keeps pushing us to reach and touch eternal perfection.



**Worship Leader: the Rev. Levente Lázár**

**Worship Associate: Jim Rumbaugh**

#### Utopía o Realidad?

En este servicio celebraremos nuestra herencia Unitaria de Transilvania. Nuestro orador invitado es el Rev. Levente Lázár, quien es el Balázs Scholar del año. ([http://www.sksm.edu/graduates/balazs\\_scholars.php](http://www.sksm.edu/graduates/balazs_scholars.php)) en la Escuela para Ministros Starr King y ministro de las iglesias en Sováta y Csokfalva en Transilvania, Rumania. Su sermón esta basado en Mateo 5:48: "Por lo tanto, sean perfectos como su Padre celestial es perfecto". ¿Es esto sólo una utopía hiperbólica o podemos conseguir realmente la perfección? Nuestros valores nos llevan a buscar la perfección, aún si fallamos en la práctica. Pero nuestra fuerza interior sigue empujando para alcanzar y tocar la eterna perfección.

**Dirige: El Rev. Levente Lázár**

**Asociado de Culto: Jim Rumbaugh**

## SAVE THE DATES

**April 7**, Thursday, Women's Alliance Meeting, 7:15 pm, Fireside Room

**April 8**, Friday, Presentation on Buddhism, 7pm, Sunnyvale Center (see page 6)

**April 9 and 10**, Saturday and Sunday, Dr. William Schultz speaks at Palo Alto Church (see page 6)

**April 10**, Sunday, The Buck-a-Book Church Benefit Sale, 12:30 pm, Hattie Porter Hall

**April 10**, Sunday, Reading the Five Gospels Along With Bob, 6-8 pm, Fireside Room

**April 16**, Saturday, Re-Engage, UULM Training Conference on Becoming a Marriage Equality congregation, (see page 6)

**April 18**, Monday, HUUMANIST Meeting, Conference Room, 7-8 pm

**April 22**, Friday, Soulful Sundown Service for Earth Day, 7 pm

**May 13-15**, PCD District Assembly, Newark, CA

**May 21**, Saturday, Opera Bravura Concert, 8 pm, Sanctuary

**June 22-26**, UUA General Assembly, Charlotte, NC

**July 14-29 and 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@flowersingerenterprises.com](mailto:bob@flowersingerenterprises.com)**

# Other Voices

## Reflections of a Choir Director: Inner Revolution By Anand Solest

*It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.*

— Albert Einstein

*The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.”*

— Albert Einstein

Throughout my long years developing a very eclectic set of musical skills, I have been constantly amazed at the effects music has on our consciousness and personal sense of self.

I have witnessed many singers – especially shy singers – over the years discover the joy of singing with freedom. As a vocal workshop facilitator and music teacher, I know what courage it takes to get up in front of people and sing. I’ve watched people shift their whole way of looking at themselves and therefore the world. It happened to me. This is Inner Revolution.

These thoughts come after reading *Inner Revolution*, a book by **Robert Thurman**, a well-known Buddhist who spent a part of his life as a Tibetan monk and later as a householder and scholar. *Inner Revolution* gives us a taste of the Tibetan world and dives deeply into the core of Buddhism, revealing yet another facet of this most amazing system of thought. Thurman reminds us that Buddhism is essentially concerned with inner revolution, also called self-realization, enlightenment, etc., that then leads to outer societal evolution and change.

I came to this church knowing how important inner revolution is. My spiritual tool and practice of choice (or as Thurman puts it, “enlightenment technology”) is music, voice, inner listening and especially chant. One does not at all have to be a “master” to utilize this beautiful way of unfolding the rose of our being, revealing our inner light and beauty. As

I get to know so many new friends, this church and its people express such amazing grace. I feel so grateful to have landed in such a light-filled place.

Since coming here, entering into the music and congregational life in San José and knowing the power of music, I’ve steered my interests in the direction of using music for this purpose: to help us all on our spiritual journey together. “Singing the Journey” is such an appropriate and, to me, appealing title for our supplemental hymnal and reminds us all of the power of music and song.

We in the choir are starting to feel a shifting by the simple act of singing together. I’ve witnessed music and choir giving people the power to support a healthy and broadly based community, providing a wellspring of energy for an individual and collective journey. It also has the power to change our perceptions – and that is inner revolution.

### *Alegría Singers Want YOU!*

**A**legría Singers (the wonderful name chosen for our church choir) seek to embrace and celebrate humanity’s highest aspirations through song and music, welcoming people of all ages and cultures. Join us as we work to bring our music dreams to life. From shy beginners to seasoned singers who help us all along, your voice is welcome as we sing our journey together.

There is no audition, no special enrollment period, and no vocal experience is required, just a desire to sing in harmony with others. Come rehearse with us on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9 pm in the First Unitarian Church of San José sanctuary to join in a special soulful sundown worship service that will take place Friday, April 22, 2011 at 7 pm. It takes a community to build a choir. Join us this week, or any Wednesday!

### 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).



decision, a committee that is authorized by the Board to do the work, or someone who gathers opinions from congregants. This makes it clear to me that the input is not about church stance but is about relying on those who have been working on the issue or who are somewhat familiar with it.

Now I’m looking for help writing an article about our church’s past involvement with CSAIs. If you have any information about this subject, please email me, John, at [mus6@acweb.com](mailto:mus6@acweb.com) or [socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org](mailto:socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org).

Please see the “Upcoming Event” announcement of our Book Study Group on page 5.

### *Interested in CSAIs?*

The Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) is an invitation for congregations and districts to take a topic of concern and confront it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, comment on it, take action—each in their own way. A CSAI is not a statement—it is a question. Delegates at the UUA General Assembly each year

choose an action/issue to study for the next four years.

For example, delegates at the 2010 General Assembly in Minneapolis, MN, selected “Immigration as a Moral Issue” to be the 2010-2014 CSAI of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUAC).

According to a UUA document about CSAIs, the UUAC seeks input from any of three processes: a Board



# 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 – *Love Surrounds Us*

Children participate in the Unitarian Universalist Association curriculum *Love Surrounds Us*, which can be reviewed at: <http://tinyurl.com/LoveSurroundsUs>.

### Second through Fourth Grades – *Moral Tales*

Children participate in the Unitarian Universalist Association curriculum *Moral Tales*, which can be reviewed at <http://tinyurl.com/moral-tales>.

### Music and Yoga

Children from PreK through Fourth Grade are engaged in music with leaders Sally Cooperrider and Nayo Ulloa <http://www.nayoulloa.com> for three Sundays in May. The morning includes 30 minutes of singing and music using Orff percussion instruments, 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 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 Cen-

tral 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: 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

### April 10

Pre-K-First and Second-Fourth grade classes use the UUA curriculums, *Love Surrounds Us* and *Moral Tales*

Fifth grade - Discusses Sikhism

Sixth-Eighth grades - Hold regular class

Ninth-Twelfth grades - Mentors and youth meet 12:45 to 2:00 pm

### April 17

Pre-K-First and Second-Fourth grade classes use the UUA curriculums, *Love Surrounds Us* and *Moral Tales*

Fifth grade - Discusses Sikhism

Sixth-Eighth grades - Hold regular class

Ninth-Twelfth grades - Hold regular meeting

### April 15-17

*Coming of Age Retreat* at Mt. Madonna County Park

### April 24

Celebration Sunday: children will celebrate Easter Sunday with the whole community in worship.

## *A House for Hope: Book Discussion Group Cancelled*

Discussion of the new book by former Unitarian Universalist President John Buehrens and Starr King School for the Ministry President and Professor of Theology, **Rebecca Parker**, *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century*, has been cancelled.



# Announcements

## Welcoming our New Members

On Sunday, March 20, Youth Leaders **Greg Muller** and **Terra Woods-Taylor** officially joined our church and were warmly welcomed into our community.

Greg was introduced by **Bruce Halen**, and stated:

“What I love about UUism is that it has always encouraged freedom of thought, of expression, of word and deed. It has encouraged, instead of stifled, the search for truth and meaning and it leads its members toward helping the world rather than sequestering themselves from it.

“Here at the First Unitarian Church of San Jose I have found a place that accepted and encouraged my search for truth and through it. I've found ways to serve my community as a youth leader and as a medic and, through it all, it has not been for the glory of the church or a higher power, but simply because it's the right thing to do.”

Terra was introduced by fellow youth leader **Cordelia Willis**, with these words:

“Terra looks forward to every Sunday -- she truly wants to be here every week to learn, give, and worship. She finds everyone at our church friendly, respectful, and loving and does not feel judged. She feels like she's found a home here, 1300 miles away from her old home in Wisconsin. She's proud to call herself a UU!

“...She hopes to continue her involvement in PACT LOC and the Senior High Youth Group. She also wants to get to know more church members by name and is interested in getting involved in a small group, helping with worship services, and becoming a Worship Host. In addition, she wants to learn about the church's history. In the future, she hopes to travel to our partner church and go to Conferences.”

## Congregational Meeting Elects Officers

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, March 27, the congregation voted to elect the following new officers:

### Board of Directors

Secretary, Nancy Coleman  
Director, Rob Strong  
Director, Cheri Goodman  
(second 2-year term)

### Officers of the Program and Operations Council

Program Officer, Tamara Payne-Alex  
(second 2-year term)  
Personnel Officer, Liz Shivell  
Financial Officer, Dena Dickinson  
(second 2-year term)

### Nominating Committee

Susan Butler-Graham  
(second 2-year term)  
Melanie Lanstrom  
(second 2-year term)

Jan Thiess-Guffey  
(second 2-year term)  
Bob Howd  
(1-year term, filling vacant position)  
Mark McClure  
(1-year term, filling vacant position)

The congregation also voted to become an Inaugural Congregational Affiliate of the Silicon Valley Interreligious Council ([www.sivicouncil.org](http://www.sivicouncil.org)) and after some discussion and explanations, to sponsor the Human Agenda's planned “Emulation Tour of Cuba” this summer. (For more information, see <http://humanagenda.net>.)

## Second Harvest Food Bank Says Thanks!

To thank our church community for the donations we brought in at Thanksgiving time, the Second Harvest Food Bank wrote us the thank-you note shown below.

### To members of First Unitarian Church of San Jose:

Thank you for running a food and fund drive in 2010 to provide food for people in need in our community. Together, we raised more than \$11.1 million and collected 1.6 million pounds of food for our neighbors in need in the last few months of the year alone!

Second Harvest Food Bank deeply values your support and generosity. Please accept the enclosed certificate for your Bronze award as an expression of our gratitude. .

As a community we have much success to celebrate. But our celebration is tempered by the fact that hunger still has a daily presence in the neighborhoods we call home. Last year's food drives are a shining example of how we cannot do that alone. It is our relationship with advocates like you that make this dream of ending hunger a possibility and, sooner than later, a reality. Every can of food, every dollar, and every hand working with the Food Bank is changing the odds for the families that need our help.

So on behalf of the nearly quarter of a million people we are feeding together each month, thank you for being a community champion committed to a region free from hunger. We look forward to working with you again in 2011.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Jackson, Chief Executive Officer,  
Second Harvest Food Bank



# Upcoming Events

## Wednesday Evening Yoga Resumes

**Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 pm**

Yoga with Shirley is once again meeting at 6:15-7:15 pm Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. From easy chair work to simple standing poses and floor stretches, the work is adjusted for the abilities and interests of those attending each time. Please bring your mat, block and belt if you have them, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. Shirley teaches this class for the benefit of FUCSJ; donations in any amount are most welcome.

## Inspiring Book Study Group

**First and Third Sundays, 1:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to discuss the book *Blessed Unrest: How the Largest Social Movement in History Is Restoring Grace, Justice, and Beauty to the World* by Paul Hawken. A leading

environmentalist started noticing that many working on the most salient issues of the day were part of a larger social movement not bound by ideology. As ecologists and biologists know, systems achieve stability and health through diversity. So no matter what your interests are, this is the group for you! Used copies of the book are available on Amazon.com at \$3.73. Look Inside and Google Books Preview are available. Sponsored by The Social Justice Committee.

## Women's Alliance

**Thursday, April 7, 7:15 pm, Fireside Room**

Please join us at our meeting on Thursday, April 7, where we will conclude our sessions of the revised Rise Up and Call Her Name curriculum. All are welcome. Contact Nancy Coleman at 408 985 5778 or nbcoleman@gmail.com for further information.

Capitol and Alum Rock at 8:00 am. Call Alice Lynch at 408 298-7050 for information about this hike.

**Wednesday, April 13**

Hike cancelled.

**Friday, April 15 — Pinnacles National Monument**, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at Bed, Bath & Beyond at Almaden Plaza Shopping center at 8:00 am. I will be sending out an email a couple of weeks before to see how many want to go and who will be driving. This is a long day if you decide to stay for an early dinner in San Juan Bautista (and most of us do).

**Saturday, April 16** — No hike planned due to Pinnacles hike on Friday.

**Wednesday, April 20** — Foothills Park, 7 miles, moderate. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park & Ride at 8:30 am.

**Saturday, April 23** — Santa Teresa County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at Bed, Bath & Beyond at Almaden Plaza Shopping Center at 8:00 am.

**Wednesday, April 27** — Purisima Redwoods. This is a shuttle hike. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park & Ride at 8:30 am.

**Saturday, April 30** — Almaden Quicksilver, Hacienda entrance. We'll do the Boy Scout hike that includes the historical sites. Meet at Bed, Bath & Beyond at 8:00 am. ●

## Reading "The Five Gospels" Along With Bob

**Sunday, April 10, 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 page 500 to the end of the Gospel of Thomas. Thomas is the Gospel that is most unfamiliar to most, since it is not in the Christian Testament, so this should be a great discussion!. Join us in the Fireside Room. Questions? Contact **Bob Miess** at 408-781-7073 or [Bob@FloweringEnterprises.com](mailto:Bob@FloweringEnterprises.com) Or see [www.HistoricalJesusNow.com](http://www.HistoricalJesusNow.com).

## Got Books? Want Books? Visit the Buck-a-Book Sale

**April 10, Sunday, 12:30 pm, Hattie Porter Hall**

Join us in Hattie Porter Hall after the service for our fabulous *Buck-a-Book sale*, at which all books sell for only a dollar apiece. And you can bring books that you'd like to pass on to us the day of the sale! Get new books to read, unload books you've already read, or both! We look forward to seeing you Sunday at this church-benefit sale.

## Human Agenda on Love, Compassion, Contentment

**Friday, April 8, 7-9 pm, Sunnyvale**

Can love be uncalculated, beneficent, and free of the "I want" of ego? What is the difference between love and compassion? How can the Buddhist concept of contentment help our lives, our nation, and our planet? Dress comfortably. We will be sitting on the floor with pillows. No cost. Donations are accepted. Sunnyvale Center, 750 E. Arques Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94085.

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# CIRCLING AROUND

Milestones  
in the lives of the  
First Unitarian Community

## The all-new all-different Circling Around

I want to be up to date with you, so here's what we need: birthdays (especially those with zeros), parties of any kind, promotions, college destinations, anything that you diverse groups are doing is interesting to everyone else.

"Tell Me Everything" when you see me at church, or e-mail me at [torchyhunter@gmail.com](mailto:torchyhunter@gmail.com).



by Torchy Hunter

## What's a Basketball Pirate? Whose eyes are aching from too many movies? Which UU mites are becoming stars?

Your humble reporter is gripped by March Madness due to her and Dan's long-term obsession with the Stanford Women's Basketball Team. Such women! You think they are normal size until you stand next to one of them. Here's a picture of one of our favorites, Jeanette Pohlen, and the flag I made for her because she plays like a pirate.



There are many other UUs often seen at the games, including **Katy Dawson**, who was a first-time visitor, starry eyed at all the bread & circuses of a college game: bands, dancing mascots, gymnasts who turn backflips with more stomach muscles than other people have, crowds yelling, and then even an athletic contest. Go Stanford!

Cinequest, San Jose's increasingly important independent film festival occupied a bunch of us for 13 days early March. We proudly saw 33 movies in that time and would do it again, too. Also seen: **Barbara & Dana Grover**, and same Katy Dawson. Many very Unitarian things to see: amazing documentaries, Chinese and Balkan comedies (not to be missed), and views of how to live in the world.

**Henry Ruddle** had yet another letter published in the Merc. He seems to be on their good side. It certainly couldn't be that what he writes is on-topic, cogent and reasonable, could it?

**Ruby and Maddie Delgros** are in another show with Children's Musical Theater San Jose; this time it's *Starmites!* No, you've never heard of it – and yet it was nominated for no fewer than SIX Tony Awards, including Best Musical, in 1989. The characters are from an imaginary comic book; the costumes, hair and makeup will be way over the top; scenery will most

assuredly be chewed. If you wish to get an idea of the rather convoluted plot, go here: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Starmites#Synopsis>

The girls are in the PILGRIM cast; with performances on Thursday, April 28, 7 pm, Saturday, April 30, 8 pm, and Sunday, May 1, 1 pm.

Tickets are already on sale to friends and family; the promotional access code is POW. Adult tickets are \$18; children 12 and under are \$15.

Purchase tickets: Online at <http://tinyurl.com/42e7zd82>. By phone, 408-792-4111, or in person at the box office in the San Jose McEnery Convention Center, or in person, no earlier than one hour before curtain, at the Montgomery Theater box office, located at 271 S. Market Street in downtown San Jose (no handling fee)

**Heidi Delgros**, Ruby and Maddie's mom, says, "If you should decide to buy tickets, please let me know so the girls can be on the lookout for you – and thanks for supporting CMTSJ!"

## Upcoming Events continued from previous page

### Opportunity to Hear UUSC President William F. Schultz

April 9 and 10, Palo Alto

The Rev. Dr. **William F. Schulz**, president and CEO of the UU Service Committee (UUSC), will deliver a free public lecture on Saturday at the UU Church of Palo Alto, and will give the Sunday sermon "The Eighth Deadly Sin" at 9:30 and 11:00 am. Details and directions are available at their website, <http://www.uucpa.org>.

### Marriage Equality Re-Engage Training

Saturday, April 16, 9:30 am-3:30 pm  
Palo Alto

This is a program of the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry-CA that engages with Marriage Equality to enable congregations to grow their capacity for social justice ministry. You will learn tools for effective organizing, deepening your capacity for sustaining social justice work, and changing how you as a congregation

approach outreach.

Cost: \$15/ person - \$5 for young adults, Includes lunch.

Location: UU Church of Palo Alto, 505 East Charleston Road

Registration: <http://www.uulmca.org/programs/events.html>

### HUUG: The Physics of Everyday Life

Monday, April 18, 7:00-8:30 pm in  
the Youth Room

Our presenter will be Dr. Mike Pelizzari (aka The Phunny Physicist)



who will answer our questions on the Physics of Everyday Life. Some examples: A candle flame is extinguished and a lit match is put about an inch above the wick in the smoke stream; and voila, the flame jumps to the wick, which is reignited. Why? Does sound travel faster or farther in water than in air? These are some of the questions MP will consider and he welcomes others to submit questions to him at [nextgalaxy@aol.com](mailto:nextgalaxy@aol.com). Other questions: [TJB@TimBlackwood.com](mailto:TJB@TimBlackwood.com). ●

***Love, Lust,  
Revenge, and Death***  
Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m.,  
Sanctuary

One of the most fun events our church will host this year through our venue rental program will be an opera concert (with costumes and

supertitles!) **Opera Bravura** presents opera, musical theatre, and music of the “Golden Age of Hollywood,” all at a very affordable cost. Tickets are \$25 and may be obtained by calling (408) 673-7228 or at their website: <http://www.operabravura.org>.

***Time to Start Thinking  
about District Assembly***

**May 13-15, 2011, Fremont**

Celebrate the consolidation of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America into our Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. See the District Assembly website, <http://www.pcd-uua.org/events/DA-2011/index.htm>

Early Bird Registration opens, April 12 \$75.00!  
Regular Registration opens, April 30th: \$95.00!  
Later Registration, Deadline May 9th: \$105.00!

***With deep sympathy to  
the family of V Kingsley***

It is with deep sadness that we say good-bye to V Kingsley, who died Thursday, March 31 at her home in Felton surrounded by the love of her family and friends. V, who served as our senior high advisor, had courageously lived her life to the fullest even through years of severe medical conditions. V grew up as a Unitarian Universalist, had a spiritual practice of helping the marginalized and homeless, and was a passionate believer in the power of our faith to change and even save lives. She was a fabric artist who made beautiful quilts and textile art. Our hearts go out to her spouse, Dani Hope and son Parker Langston, and all her many friends and admirers.

**SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO**

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**April 17**

**Urban Ministry and Homelessness**

Join us as Merida Wilson Wong leads us through the connections between these important topics.

**Worship Leader: Merida Wilson Wong**

**Worship Associate: Julia Rodriguez, Patricia Ohanian-Coffey**

**Ministerio Urbano y personas sin hogar**

Únase a nosotros mientras Mérida Wilson Wong, nos guía a través de las conexiones entre estos importantes temas.

**Dirige: Merida Wilson Wong**

**Asociadas de Culto: Julia Rodriguez, Patricia Ohanian-Coffey**

**April 24 — Easter Sunday**

**The Cycle of Life! Combined All-Ages Worship for EASTER SUNDAY with Flower Communion!**

On this Easter Sunday, we gather together to celebrate the great cycle of life and this beautiful spring ritual. We'll share in our annual Flower Communion, and we just might receive a visit after worship from a long-floppy-eared friend. Join in the joy! Flower Communion: Please

bring a flower or two to share, and leave them with the Flower Gatherers (Worship Associates and children) at the tables on the sidewalk in front of the church before the service. The Flower Gatherers will place your floral offerings in baskets and then process with them into the sanctuary. Our children will later pass these baskets through the congregation for a swift and gentle ritual that will create a field of flowers blooming in our sanctuary—along with bright mementos to take home. Special note: If you bring roses or other prickly flowers, please strip off the thorns before bringing them to church! We're hoping for a pain-free day. Come, bring a flower to give; take home a flower to relish for the rest of the day.

**Worship Leader: The Rev. Geoff Rimositis**

**Worship Associate: Frank Bosche**

**24 de abril — Domingo de Pascua**

**El Ciclo de la Vida! Servicio Combinado para todas las Edades para un DOMINGO DE PASCUA Con la Comunión de las Flores!**

En este domingo de Pascua, nos reuniremos juntos para celebrar el gran ciclo de la vida y este hermoso ritual de primavera. Compartiremos nuestra anual comunión de las

flores, y podríamos recibir una visita después del servicio de un amigo de orejas grandes y caídas. Únanse a la alegría! Comunión de las flores: Favor de traer una o dos flores para compartir y dejarlas con los recolectores de flores (Asociados de culto y niños) en las mesas de la acera frente a la Iglesia antes del servicio. Los recolectores de flores colocaran sus ofertas florales en cestas y, a continuación, harán una procesión con ellas en el santuario.



Nuestros niños más tarde pasarán estas cestas a través de la congregación para un ritual rápido y suave que creará un campo de flores que florece en nuestro santuario — junto con recuerdos brillantes para llevar a casa. Nota especial: Si usted trae rosas u otras flores espinosas, por favor, quítele las espinas antes de traerlas a la Iglesia! Nosotros estamos esperando un día libre de dolor. Venga, traiga una flor para dar; lleve a casa una flor para disfrutar durante el resto del día.

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### 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).

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