



Our Church Circular

April 20, 2011
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20 de abril, 2011

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

Season of Grace – Valentine's Day to Easter Sunday • Season of Freedom – April 25 to June 19
Temporada de la Gracia – Día de San Valentín al Pascua de Resurrección • Estacion de Libertad – 25 abril al 19 junio

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 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. Com-partiremos 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

SAVE THE DATES

April 21, Thursday, 6:30-8:30
pm, Candlelight Labyrinth Walk,
Sanctuary

April 22, Friday, 7:00 pm, Earth
Day celebration with special
music, Sanctuary

April 26, Tuesday, Human Right to
Water Day in Sacramento

May 1, Friday, 8:00 pm, Dances of
Universal Peace

May 13-15, Friday-Sunday, PCD
District Assembly, Fremont, CA

May 20, Friday, 7:30-9:30 pm
Chant and Drum Circle, FUCSJ

May 21, Saturday Memorial Service
for V Kingsley, 1pm FUCSJ

June 4, Saturday, Service Is Our
Prayer Day, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

June 5, Sunday, 3:00 pm Santa
Cruz World Choir and Orchestra
at FUCSJ

June 22-26, Wednesday-Sunday,
UUA General Assembly, Charlotte,
NC

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

October 14-16, Friday-Sunday
All-Church Retreat *at the church* ●

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**

First Unitarian Sponsors Successful PACT Action

Thanks to all the PACT supporters from our church and affiliate congregations who filled our sanctuary on the evening of April 4 with almost 200 people. Our community action meeting, “What Affects One, Affects Us All,” was the third in a series of actions on public safety, law enforcement and immigrant community relations, building on work in January and February of congregations at Christ the King and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Since last June we have been working diligently on issues of immigrant justice and racial bias through many meetings with elected officials, community organizations and the police. At this meeting, PACT leaders along with city and county

officials took significant steps forward in making our community more safe, respectful and supportive of all residents, including immigrants and people of color.

John Burk co-chaired the meeting with Maria Ester Cabrera from St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Liz Owen and Diana Wirt did a tremendous job writing and delivering our research report digesting months of meetings. Roberto Padilla, Roberto Cruz, Dan Mayfield, and Robin Stepto delivered very impassioned testimonials of their personal experience of the immigration and justice systems.

By the end of the evening, District Attorney Jeff Rosen, Assistant Police Chief Diane Urban and Council



Maria Ester Cabrera from St. Patrick’s Catholic Church and John Burke of our Social Justice Council led the April 4 meeting.

Member Sam Licardo all agreed to our requests for improvements to the local immigration system, training of the police in non-bias techniques and the use of an innovative “Lifelines” model to reduce recidivism and crime in our county.

Media outlets including Spanish

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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.

Dirige: El Rev. Geoff Rimositis
Asociado de Culto: Frank Bosche

May 1

The Integrity of the In-Between

Rev. Sean tells his own story to reflect on the spaces “in-between.” The first step in achieving freedom is the realization that every one of us is too beautifully complex to fit in any of the little boxes we face so often in this culture. Rev. Sean is one of the first transgender ministers in our UU movement and currently serves as the Interim Minister at the UU Fellowship of San Luis Obispo.

Worship Leader: Rev. Sean Parker Dennison
Worship Associate: Marnie Singer

1 de mayo

La Integridad del Intermedio

El Rev. Sean cuenta su propia historia para reflexionar sobre los espacios “intermedios”. El primer paso para lograr la libertad es la comprensión de que cada uno de nosotros somos extremadamente bellos y complejos para caber en las pequeñas cajas que tan a menudo nos enfrentamos en esta cultura. El Rev. Sean es uno de los primeros ministros transexuales en nuestro movimiento UU y actualmente se desempeña como Ministro interino en la Congregación UU de San Luis Obispo.

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Asociada de Culto: Marnie Singer

May 8

Nature & the Inter-dependent Web

“Reverence for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, supported by responsible stewardship of a sustainable environment.”

Rev. Tom Owen-Towle in his book “Theology Ablaze: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Unitarian Universalism” shares an expanded version of our seventh principle (above) from a fellow UU. “Many Unitarian Universalists contend that the seventh principle should be the first principle not the final one, since all our other principles emanate from this foundational commitment to being honorable

stewards of the well-being of the cosmos,” writes Rev. Owen-Towle. Let us celebrate together Interdependence Day and Mother’s Day, and reflect on how each of us can be stewards of a blessed creation.

Worship Leader: Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Worship Associate: Bruce Halen

8 de mayo

Naturaleza y la Red Interdependiente

“Reverencia por la red interdependiente de toda la existencia del cual somos una parte, apoyada por una administración responsable de un medio ambiente sostenible”.

El Rev. Tom Owen-Towle en su libro “Teología en Llamas: Celebrando el Quincuagésimo Aniversario del Unitarismo Universalista” comparte una versión ampliada de nuestro séptimo principio (arriba) de un compañero UU. “Muchos Unitarios Universalistas sostienen que el séptimo principio debe ser el primer principio, no el último, ya que todos nuestros otros principios emanan de este compromiso fundamental de ser honorables guardianes del bienestar del cosmos,” escribe el Reverendo Owen-Towle. Debemos celebrar juntos, el día de la interdependencia y el día de la madre y reflexionar sobre cómo cada uno de nosotros podemos ser guardianes de una creación bendita.

Dirige: Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Asociado de Culto: Bruce Halen ●



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 Soleto, 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/moraltales>.

Music and Yoga

Children from PreK through Fourth Grade are engaged in music with leaders Sally Cooperrider and Nayo Ulloa <http://www.nayoulloa.com> on May 8 and 15. 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 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

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: 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

April 24

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

May 1

Pre-K-First grade - regular classes, UUA curriculum, *Love Surrounds Us*

Second-Fourth grade classes - Social Justice Sunday – Creek Cleanup

Fifth grade - Discusses Paganism

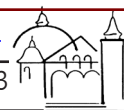
Sixth-Eighth grades - Social Justice Sunday – Creek Cleanup

Ninth-Twelfth grades - meet at regular time, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Help shape a Sunday service

The Worship Associates group invites members of the congregation interested in future topics for Sunday services to get involved. If you are interested in one of the topics below, please contact the worship associate/leader for that service.

Date	Topic	Worship Associate/Leader
May 15	Charting Freedom's Highway	K'Ailsa Rowan
May 29	Memorial Day	Dena Dickinson, Marnie Singer
June 12	Whole, Unbroken	Alice Lynch
June 19	How Free Are We?	K'Ailsa Rowan, Frank Bosche
June 26	The Big Bang	Mike Pelizzari, Amy Baldwin
July 10	Mental Illness	K'Ailsa Rowan
July 17	Crossing Christianity	Kathleen Bardin, Dena Dickinson
July 31	Animals as Spiritual Teachers	Mary Martin, Frank Bosche
August 7	Living with Chronic Disease	Dena Dickinson
August 14	Men and Men's Groups	Bill Bowman



Board Notes

April 6 Board Meeting

Following reports by the Treasurer and Program Officer, the members voted upon the following three motions:

1. To approve the Human Agenda Emulation Tour co-sponsorship as specified to the board in the itinerary and as approved by the congregation on March 27, with the provisos that Human Agenda provide the number of FUCSJ church members who will take part in the trip and that they provide a report of their findings when they return.
2. To approve Marnie Singer as delegate to the PCD Assembly in May, and Madeline Morrow as church delegate to General Assembly in June.
3. To enthusiastically accept Rev. Geoff's outline for outreach in the area of Lifespan Faith Development, and

request that he work with the POC to create a measurable strategic plan, with a timeline, to be provided to the Board by August 1, with need for further clarification regarding the item on the proposed Spiritual Growth Center.

All three motions received approval.

The Board began a self-evaluation process by reviewing policy 4.1 Board Covenant/Commitment for their own compliance. Board members agreed to continue this work to complete the review at the May meeting.

Present were Madeline Morrow (President), Nancy Coleman (Secretary), Dave Proulx (Treasurer), and Rodrigo Garcia, Rob Strong, Nancy Taylor (Directors), as well as Rick Morris (outgoing Director) and Tamara Payne-Alex (POC Program Officer).

— Nancy Coleman, Secretary

Gifts of Service

by Genie Bernardini

One-Sentence Salutes for Gifts of Service

"Kudos to all the people who worked so hard to make our PACT action so significant!" — Liz Owen

"A million thanks to Claire Wagner for her dedicated, very skilled leadership of the folks working to build a superior music program at our church." — Genie Bernardini

"Sending special recognition and appreciation for the work Dena Dickinson does to keep our congregation financially solvent." — Carol Greene

To express your appreciation of someone in our Beloved Community, please send your Salutes to Genie at geniebee@hotmail.com ●

Program & Operations Council

April 12 Meeting

Travel Insurance Recommended – Notice to all our travelers!

The Programs and Operations Council (POC) recommends travel insurance for all individuals traveling with church-related programs. This is for their safety. Liz Shivell is researching travel insurance and will provide more information later.

Important Events

June 4, Saturday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Service Is Our Prayer Day for repair and extra cleaning tasks at the church, and inventorying stored supplies

October 14-16, Friday through Sunday, All-Church Retreat *at the church*: Instead of an offsite retreat, we will have fun for all at this onsite retreat with multiple sessions. Details to be reported later.

December 4, Sunday, Combined Service Auction and Craft Faire after worship service, in Hattie Porter Hall

and the Ramsden Fireside Room. Details to be reported later.

Pledge Drive Update

Dena Dickenson, Treasurer, reported that about 32% of the anticipated pledges have been received. Further canvassing will continue by directly contacting members and friends who have not already made a pledge. The pledge table will continue to be set up in Hattie Porter Hall after Sunday services so you can submit pledges there, too.

Pledging is critical to maintain the church's programs. The final budget will be based on actual pledge revenue. Please make your pledge this week if you haven't made one.

To everyone who has pledged, thank you for your support and promptness.

Budget Development Timeline

The table at right gives the timeline for the Board of Directors (BoD) and POC to produce in 2012 our next budget.

February 15—Solicit budget requests from Program and Operations Council (POC) and Board of Directors (BoD)

March 14—Deadline for budget requests from POC and BoD

March 15—Finance Committee constructs proposed Fiscal Year 2011 budget

April 12—POC reviews, modifies and approves proposed budget at current and projected revenue levels

May 4—BoD considers and approves proposed budget

May 10—POC finalizes budget based on actual pledge revenue

May 15—Dena and Tamara present the Budget Rationale to the congregation

May 22—Congregational Meeting to vote on budget

The following members attended the meeting: Tamara Payne-Alex (Program Officer and POC chair), Rev. Geoff Rimositis, Liz Shivell (Personnel Officer), Dena Dickinson (Treasurer), John Burk (Social Justice), Jean Embree (Stewardship co-leader), Patrick Myers (Building), and Sherry Howd (Communications/Outreach).

—Sherry Howd.



Upcoming Events

Environmentalism book study

Sunday, May 1, 1:00 p.m.

This is the final meeting of a discussion group on the book *Blessed Unrest: How the Largest Social Movement in History Is Restoring Grace, Justice, and Beauty to the World* by Paul Hawken. Ramsden Fireside Room. Sponsored by The Social Justice Committee. ●

May Day discussion on organized labor

Sunday, May 1, 10:00-10:45 am

The First Sunday Forum in Hattie Porter Hall will be a celebration and discussion of the international labor movement timed with the International Workers' Day (also known as May Day). May 1 is a national holiday in more than 80 countries, but in the US, labor appears to be under attack. What are the pluses and minuses of labor unions? Why are so many working people opposed to unions? Please join us with an open mind and warm heart in this important discussion. Facilitator: Tim Blackwood, tjb@timblackwood.com ●

Women's Alliance plans lay-led service

Thursday, May 12, 7:15-9:15 pm

The Women's Alliance will meet on the second Thursday of the month, in the Fireside Room. *This marks a change from the previously announced date.* We will be planning our lay-led service for this summer and discussing plans for next fall's meetings. This will be our last meeting until fall. — Nancy Coleman ●

Memorial Service for V Kingsley

Saturday, May 21, 1:00 pm

A memorial service for V Kingsley will be held Saturday, May 21 at 1:00 pm at First Unitarian Church of San Jose. In lieu of flowers, V asked for contributions to her son Parker's College Fund (see <http://tinyurl.com/V-Kingsley>). Cards and correspondence can be sent to Dani Hope at 5495 Jackson Way, Felton, CA 95018. ●

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>. ●



UU hikers and friends

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!

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.

Wednesday, May 4 — Huddart County Park, 7 miles mod. We will do the longer hike up to Skyline. Meet at Page Mill/280 at 8:30 am.

Saturday, May 7 — Sunol Regional Park. McGuire Peaks trail, 6 miles mod. Meet at VTA park and ride at Capital and Alum Rock at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, May 11 — Montebello/Grizzly Flat car shuttle hike. 6-7 miles mod. Meet at US Bank parking lot in Saratoga. at 8:30 am

Saturday, May 14 — Sierra Azule, 6-7 miles mod. Meet at Bed, Bath and Beyond at Almaden Plaza shopping center at 8:00 am ●

PACT Action continued from page 2

language television broadcast portions of our meeting and interviews with our members. We were on KPIX and Univision. Our PACT organizer, Sabrina Parra-Garcia and other staff from PACT provided invaluable organizing and media response.

We extend a warm invitation those at our church to join us and other PACT congregations on these important issues. The next large PACT Action will be scheduled at St Julie's Church. For more information, contact Connie_Bloch@yahoo.com or John Burk at MUS6@Accweb.com ●



Announcements

Get a Massage or Buy Scrip and Raise Funds

The Partner Church Committee has organized two fundraisers for FUCSJ and the Partner Church Pilgrimage. We have committed to provide \$4,500 of scholarship help for people traveling to Romania.

Ken McCain of Renovo Integrative Massage (whose family attends our church) will donate profits from massages to the church's pilgrimage scholarship fund. He also gives FUCSJ members and attendees an introductory 30% discount. He offers deep tissue, injury recovery, sports massage and more. He is based at 5050 El Camino, Suite 201, Los Altos and can be contacted for a reservation at (408) 368-1590 or kjmccain4@hotmail.com.

The committee also is selling scrip from more than 300 merchants. Scrip is like a gift card or gift certificate to buy most of the things we all normally purchase for yourself, friends and family. Depending on the merchant, rebates to the church from scrip will range from 1% to 50%. 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. For a list of merchants and order forms go to www.sanjoseuu.org/AboutUs/Fundraising/Scrip.html.

For more information, contact: Crystal Isola, cisola@genesishphoto.com, (408) 244-5288. ●

Singles group in Palo Alto

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto launched a group designed for singles age 45-70 (give or take) to help them connect, have fun, share the challenges and joys of living single and develop new skills and insights. Members of other Unitarian Universalist congregations and other members of the community are welcome. Sign up for the singles email list at <http://www.uucpa.org/Singles->

[Group/alias.html](http://www.uucpa.org/Group/alias.html) to learn about events, RSVP and post your own invitations for outings. Check www.uucpa.org/bulletin/about_bulletin.html for future events. ●

Right to water campaign launched

The UULM Action Network joined UUSC to launch a Human Right to Water campaign in California. Organizers are seeking UUs willing to collect letters from people in the congregation in support of a proposed state bill. They are also seeking people willing to come to Sacramento on April 26 for Human Right to Water Day. To learn more about the campaign go to: <https://sites.google.com/a/uulmca.org/human-right-to-water-ab685/home> ●

Christy Baker Earns Master of Divinity degree

FUCSJ member Christy Baker will receive a Master of Divinity degree from Starr King School for the Ministry at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 19th at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco, 1187 Franklin Street. Christy has been working in the UU Legislative Ministry, where our former senior minister Lindi Ramsden is now Executive Directory. She is moving to Scottsdale, where her partner will work as Social Justice Director for the UU Congregation of Phoenix. However, they will both be back in the Bay Area for the May graduation ceremony and hope to attend FUCSJ while they are here. Meanwhile, Christy says she is already hatching post-grad plans. ●

Band of Writers members celebrate Silicon Valley

UU Band of Writers members Dana Grover, Ellie White and Jeff White were among the fine poets who read their works at a ceremony in the Board

of Supervisors Chambers on March 30. They had answered the call of the out-going Poet Laureate Nils Peterson for haiku-like verses related to life in Silicon Valley. ●

In Santa Clara County

our multi-hued people
share varied cultures
enhancing life's dance
— Ellie White

cherry, plum and prune
orchards now bulldozed away
just an Apple grows
— Dana Grover

Santa Clara County

Once the world's High Tech center
Then came The Crash
Now, piles of broken dreams
— Jeff White

Seeking focus group facilitators for UUA

Focus groups will study the topic, "Who's in charge here? The complex relationship between minister and authority." Each moderator will recruit volunteers, conduct a focus group, and report to the UUA's Commission on Appraisal. See <http://pcd-uua.org/currentsdocs/coamoderator.htm> for more information. ●

Redeem your auction items

Jan Theiss-Guffey reminds people who volunteered services for our services auction to contact the people that bought their service or vice-versa. If you need a reminder of who's on your list, email her at jantg@yahoo.com. ●

We are appreciated!

Shelby Minister, Coordinator of the San Jose Peace and Justice Center, sent FUCSJ a thank you letter for our donation of \$483.19 as part of our practice of taking a regular service collection for community organizations. ●



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.



by Torchy Hunter

What's wrong with nostalgia? Comparisons are odious. Where can you get great company and almost free food?

Everybody try to remember when they were 17, 18, 19.

Maybe the Vietnam War was on and all the good guys spit on the homecoming soldiers, Chicago and Watts were in flames, and you were wearing very narrow ties and crinolines. Younger folks might have to get a translation of some of these terms. Ask anybody with more wrinkles than you have.

You were in school, maybe just graduated and were studying very hard, but probably not very well because this was before full-fledged classes in study skills. Anyway, it was hard. That's the kind of thing I was thinking when the following came in from **Claire Wagner**.

"April 14, **Lucie** turns 21. She'll be at work at YMCA Camp Campbell that day and celebrate with her co-

workers. She will fly that weekend to join us in New York because I, Lisa Hettler-Smith, and Joseph Strong will be preparing to sing with the Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale and other choirs on stage in Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center.

"The concert is Monday night, April 18, and it is the East Coast premiere of a beautiful work by English composer **Will Todd** called *Mass in Blue*. Yes, it's a jazz mass in Latin by an Englishman. Mr. Todd will actually perform with us, playing the piano. We are thrilled.

"After a few days of sightseeing, Lucie will fly to Istanbul to join **Maggie Morris**, who is wrapping up a semester of her global studies program there. As Lucie leaves for Istanbul, **Greg** and I will travel to Baltimore to spend Easter weekend with our UU friends and

Greg's former co-workers. Then in early May, Lucie and Maggie will travel to Berlin to stay with the German family who hosted Lucie her senior year of high school.

"Lucie has been accepted to SF State for the fall, where she will study International Relations. Woo-hoo! I will miss her but it will be nice to have my home office back."

Geez. I don't look all that good in green, but I certainly have it. I wanna go back and do this. Rats.

But one very good thing you can do this month and next is to go to a *Circle Supper*. They are very fun ways to sit around a dinner table and get to talk to people in new ways, and get fed. Call Barbara Derbyshire to sign up 335-4131. I think I'll do this, so see ya there.



Music Box Upcoming Music Events at FUCSJ

"We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results."

— Herman Melville

Each month we offer a variety of musical opportunities and gifts including the following, all in the Sanctuary:

- ◆ Dances of Universal Peace at 8:00 pm on the first Friday of the month
- ◆ Candlelight Labyrinth Walk with live music at 6:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month
- ◆ Alegria Singers church choir rehearsals at 7:30 pm each Wednesday. All voices are welcome from shy beginners to experienced singers.

In addition, look for the following events:

- ◆ Earth Day, Transformation and Renewal: An intergenerational homegrown celebration of love for the ground we walk on. 7:00 pm on Friday, April 22. Players/singers include Crystal, Brian and Mike Lanier, Anand Solest, Madeline Althoff and Chris Pasillas, The Alegria Singers, Nancy Hada, Mark McClure, Patrick Smiley and Greg Gaye with organizational help from Joy-Ellen Lipsky, Melanie Lanstrom, Terra Wood-Taylor and many others.
- ◆ Easter Sunday service, at 11:00 am on April 24 with the Alegria Singers.
- ◆ Sunday service at 11:00 am on May 1 includes experienced guest musicians, The Transcendence Gospel Choir
- ◆ The Santa Cruz World Choir and Orchestra will perform at 3:00 pm on Sunday June 5 at FUCSJ a program of music from Europe and Asia as well as compositions of director Stephen Bigger. Cost \$10 adults, \$5 students

Finally, Anand Solest is organizing two music-learning opportunities:

- ◆ Rhythm and Rhyme: Getting into the Groove: a chant/drum circle. 7:30-9:30 pm, Friday, May 20. Those wanting to help lead us in chants, please contact Anand. All singers and drummers are welcome. Please bring any hand drums and shakers for yourself and others to use. Suggested \$5-15 free will donation supporting music at FUCSJ.
- ◆ Sacred Singing for Vocal Development: Anand is offering a series of classes 7:45-9 pm on Monday nights on May 2, 16, June 13 and 20. Fees for the series of four classes are \$30-60 on a sliding scale. Registration required. Anand is also available for private vocal coaching and beginning and intermediate flute lessons.

Contact Anand Solest at 2solest@gmail.com or 510-796-5529 for more information on these events or to share information on other music events at FUCSJ.

— Anand Solest





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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.

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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.

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