



# Our Church Circular

June 15, 2011

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2011

## SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

Season of Renewal: Summertime! — June 26 to September 11  
Temporada de Renuevo: Verano! — 26 de junio al 11 de septiembr

**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

### June 19

#### Seeking the Truth in Freedom

No, we cannot believe anything we want and call ourselves Unitarian Universalists. The truth has a higher standard than that. Yes, we are free to make fools of ourselves and spout off all manner of outrageous propositions. But what can we nail to the door of our own personal Wittenberg Church as Luther did in starting the Protestant Reformation and declare. this is what I believe? With great freedom comes great responsibility. How free are we to live out those beliefs? Are they paper tigers without teeth or a manifesto for personal living? How do we achieve congruence between our deeply held beliefs and our actions? How free are we?

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

**Worship Associate: Frank Bosche**

#### Buscando la verdad en libertad

No, no podemos creer todo lo que queramos y llamarnos Unitarios Universalistas. La verdad tiene un estándar más alto que eso. Sí, somos libres de hacer el ridículo y lanzar chorros de agua frente a todo tipo de proposiciones indignantes. Pero, ¿podemos clavarnos a la puerta de nuestra propia Iglesia de Wittenberg como Lutero lo hizo cuando inicio la Reforma Protestante y declarar esto es lo que creo? Con una gran libertad viene una gran responsabilidad. ¿Cuan libres somos de vivir esas creencias? ¿Son ellas tigres de papel sin dientes o un manifiesto para la vida personal? ¿Cómo logramos la congruencia entre nuestras creencias más profundas y las acciones que nos responsabilizan de esas creencias? ¿Qué tan libres somos?

**Dirige: Rev. Geoff Rimositis**

**Asociado de Culto: Frank Bosche**

## SAVE THE DATES

- ◆ **June 16, Thursday**, Folk Dancing – beginners welcome – in Hattie Porter Hall, 8:00-10:00 pm
- ◆ **June 17, Friday**, UUCPA Singles event: pot luck and movie showing, Palo Alto (see page 6)
- ◆ **June 20, Monday**, HUUMANIST Meeting, 7:00 pm Youth Room
- ◆ **June 22-26, Wednesday-Sunday**, UUA General Assembly, Charlotte, NC
- ◆ **July 3, Sunday**, HUUG First Sunday Forum, Hattie Porter Hall, 10-10:45 am
- ◆ **July 4-9, Monday - Saturday**, PCD Middle School and Youth Summer Camp
- ◆ **July 14-29 and July 21-August 4**, Partner Church Committee trips to Homoródszentmárton
- ◆ **July 24, Sunday**, Special Women's Alliance service highlighting UU women of our past
- ◆ **September 18, Sunday**, Religious Education classes resume, Senior High OWL program begins, 2-4 pm, FUCSJ
- ◆ **October 14-16, Friday-Sunday** All-Church Retreat at the church
- ◆ **October 14-16, Friday-Sunday**, PCD Men's Retreat, Alamo, CA ●

### 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)**



# As we build the beloved community...

By the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

# Mientras construimos nuestra amada comunidad...

para la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

## *Sabbatical Snapshots (Vol. 3): Confirming the Call*

Sitting in a hotel ballroom at a ministers' conference in May, my spouse Kevin and I hear the worship leader ask: "Imagine your vocation—your call to ministry—as a light that burns within you. What kind of light is your call right now? Is it a flickering pilot light, in danger of snuffing out? Is it strong and steady like an energy-saving light bulb? Is it in the midst of changing?"

We close our eyes. Kevin turns his heart toward his new congregation in Danvers, Massachusetts, and I think of you, the members and friends of the First Unitarian Church of San José, from first-time seekers to long-time leaders. As corny as it sounds, I sure enough see a light, which springs from no one place and from everywhere within me. The light spreads like molasses through my system, glowing brighter and brighter, warming me in that air-conditioned ballroom, from the inside out.

Just then, Kevin leans over and says quietly, "My call is a TORCH!"

"Yes," I stage-whisper back, "mine, too!" Our faces shine.

**Before I left on sabbatical**, almost six months ago, I shared a long list of paths I wanted to explore, of things to do and ways to be that I hoped would reconnect me with my sources of healing, refreshment, renewal, change, and balance. Most of all, I wanted to remember how to be receptive, for this is how the Holy comes to us. I wanted to reconnect with the Ground of My Being.

Now, on the verge of my official return, I can say that every dream I had has been fulfilled—and then some! Some plans unfurled exactly as I had envisioned (I really did learn a whole form of Tai Chi, for instance), and some hopes were satisfied in ways I couldn't have imagined beforehand—like the heart-pounding pleasure I rediscovered in learning, even when it's simply a new verb tense in Spanish. I have lived deeply into my life, with its joys, its sorrows, its ordinary and extraordinary days, and I have discovered practices that, with faithfulness, will sustain me even as the "hubbub" returns. Most of all, I have felt my call to ministry and my call to you, dear community, reconfirmed and recentered, brought back to its essence.

What is the essence of this call? Unitarian Universalist minister **David Pohl** writes that the minister's vocation

## *Instantáneas del Sabático (Vol. 3): ¡Confirmando el llamado!*

Sen mayo, mi esposo Kevin y yo escuchamos al líder del servicio preguntar: "Imaginen su vocación— su llamado al Ministerio — como una luz que arde dentro de ustedes. ¿Qué tipo de luz es su llamado ahora? ¿Es un piloto de luz parpadeando, en peligro de apagarse? ¿Es fuerte y estable como una bombilla que ahorra energía? ¿Esta a la mitad del cambio?"

Nosotros cerramos los ojos. Kevin voltea su corazón hacia su nueva congregación en Danvers, Massachusetts, y yo pienso en ustedes, los miembros y amigos de la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José, desde los buscadores por primera vez, a los líderes desde hace mucho tiempo. Tan cursi como suena, efectivamente veo una luz, que no viene de un lugar y de todas partes dentro de mí. La luz se propaga como melaza a través de mi sistema, iluminándose más y más brillante, calentándose en ese salón con aire acondicionado, desde el interior.

Solo entonces, Kevin se inclina y dice tranquilamente, "Mi llamado es una ANTORCHA!"

"Sí," yo contesto en un murmullo de escena, "el mío también!" Nuestras caras brillan.

**Antes de irme en sabático**, hace casi seis meses, compartí una larga lista de rutas que quería explorar, de cosas que hacer y maneras de ser que esperaba me reconectarían con mis fuentes de sanación, relajación, renovación, cambio y equilibrio. Sobre todo, quería recordar cómo ser receptiva, esto es cómo la santidad llega a nosotros. Quería volver a reconectarme con la base de mi ser.

Ahora, a punto de mi regreso oficial, puedo decir que cada sueño que tuve ha sido cumplido—y, a continuación, algunos! Algunos planes se desplegaron exactamente como lo había previsto (realmente aprendí toda una forma de Tai Chi, por ejemplo), y algunas esperanzas fueron satisfechas de maneras que yo no podría haber imaginado con anticipación—como el placer vibrante que redescubrí en el aprendizaje, aún cuando es simplemente una nueva conjugación de un verbo en español. He vivido profundamente en mi vida, con sus alegrías, sus penas, sus ordinarios y extraordinarios días, y he descubierto prácticas que, con fidelidad, me sostendrán incluso mientras el "alboroto" regresa. Sobre todo, he sentido mi llamado al Ministerio y mi llamado a ustedes, querida comunidad, reconfirmada y re centrada, trayéndola de regreso a su esencia.

¿Cual es la esencia de este llamado? El Ministro Unitarismo Universalista **David Pohl** escribe que la vocación del ministro "es amar a aquellos confiados a nuestro cuidado, construir la Iglesia que nos refugia y ser fiel a la visión en la que nos basamos". Ministerio,

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# Lifespan Faith Development

## Nursery

### Birth through Four Years Nursery, Lower Level

Open all Summer! 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

Classes for Pre K (4 years) through Eighth Grades have ended for the summer break. There will be no Sunday morning program from June 12 through September 11. Classes resume September 18. The nursery will be available throughout the summer.

### Pre Kindergarten through Fifth Grades: Meeting, Sunday, June 19

Parents and members are invited to a meeting before church (9:30-10:45 am, lower level classrooms 4-6) to talk about next year's church programming for children in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Childcare will be provided. For more information contact Rev. Geoff Rimositis, 408-292-3858, x25, or [GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org](mailto:GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org).

### Ninth through Twelfth Grades – Senior High Youth Group

The senior high youth group will meet on July 10 and on August 14, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. The group engages in discussions about issues relevant to youth's lives and communities, plans social and services projects throughout the year and participates in youth conferences in area UU churches.

Youth Group Advisors: Rick Morris, Terra Wood Taylor, and Cordelia Willis

## Our Whole Lives

### Sexuality program for Senior High Youth, Sunday afternoons beginning September 18

The program is being organized in partnership with the senior high youth groups of FUCSJ and the First Congregational Church of San Jose. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, Our Whole Lives provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

Leaders: Rev. Geoff Rimositis, Rev. Jack Michael (First Congregational Church of San Jose)

If you are interested in participating in any of the children, youth or adult classes or activities, please contact the Rev. Geoff Rimositis, 292-3858, ext.25 or [GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org](mailto:GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org).

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June 26

### The Big Bang: Celebrating the Grand Opening of the Universe

All cultures have their world-creation stories from creation ex nihilo to the cosmic egg. Come celebrate the ongoing creation with our own "little bang" ceremony. All there ever is, was, and shall be - it all started with a big bang. Join the HUUmanists to celebrate the amazing creation story of modern science

**Worship Leaders: Amy Baldwin and Mike Pelizzari**

**Worship Associate: Bob Owen**

### El Big Bang: La inauguración del Universo

Todas las culturas tienen sus historias de la creación del mundo desde su creación desde la nada al huevo cósmico. Venga a celebrar la

creación continua con nuestra propia ceremonia del "pequeño bang." Todo alguna vez es, fue y será - todo comenzó con un big bang.

**Dirigen: Amy Baldwin y Mike Pelizzari**  
**Asociado de Culto: Bob Owen**

July 3

### Season of Renewal: Independence and Interdependence

Independence Day has been touted as the birth of our nation; and we have been known to cling proudly to our independence, both nationally and personally. However, consider independence as just one point in the movement from dependence to interdependence and back again. What does independence mean, anyway, and is it really what we want?

**Worship Leader: Marnie Singer**

**Worship Associate: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones**

### Día de la Interdependencia

El día de la Independencia ha sido proclamado como el nacimiento de nuestra nación; y hemos sido conocidos por aferrarnos con orgullo a nuestra independencia, tanto a nivel nacional y personalmente. Sin embargo, hay que considerar a la independencia como solo un punto en el movimiento de la dependencia a la interdependencia y viceversa. ¿Qué significa independencia, de cualquier modo, y es realmente lo que queremos?

**Dirige: Marnie Singer**

**Asociada de Culto: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones**



“is to love those entrusted to our care, build up the church that shelters us, and be faithful to the vision that draws us on.” Ministry, Pohl goes on, “is, first of all, a way of living, and only secondarily a way to make a living. It is about being in love with people, with learning, with the church, with a faith that, for us, is both tough-minded and tender-hearted.... It is about sharing hope and love and courage with those we are privileged to lead and serve.”

**Friends, in our shared ministry**, these words apply to us all. As I reenter the stream of our community life, won't you join me in renewing our commitment to this call? To love, to build, to stay true to our vision. To be in love with people and learning, in love with this institution we build together and with the faith that sustains it, which asks of us and gives to us so much. To share hope, love, and courage by living our lives out loud together, honoring our learnings, our joys, our sorrows, our ordinary and extraordinary days, always opening our hearts to the stranger, making room for the voices we have not yet heard, drawing the circle wider still.

With such a “vision of ministry clear,” the flame of our call will, sure enough, brighten our hearts and help to warm the world. I'll see you in a few weeks!

In joyful anticipation of our reunion,

Nancy

Pohl prosigue, “es, ante todo, una manera de vivir y sólo secundariamente una manera de ganarse la vida. Se trata de amar a las personas, con el aprendizaje, con la iglesia, con una fe que, para nosotros, es ambos, fuerte de mente y de buen corazón.... Se trata de compartir la esperanza y el amor y el coraje con aquellos que somos privilegiados para liderar y servir”.

**Amigos, en nuestro Ministerio compartido**, estas palabras aplican a todos nosotros. Mientras vuelvo a entrar a escribir la secuencia de nuestra vida comunitaria, ¿no me acompañarían en la renovación de nuestro compromiso con esta llamada? Para amar, para construir, para permanecer fieles a nuestra visión. Amar a las personas y aprender, amando esta institución que construimos juntos y con la fe que la sostiene, que nos pide y nos da mucho para nosotros. Para compartir la esperanza, el amor y el coraje viviendo nuestras vidas juntos en voz alta, honrando nuestras lecciones, nuestras alegrías, nuestras penas, nuestros días ordinarios y extraordinarios, siempre abriendo nuestros corazones para el extraño, dando cabida a las voces que todavía no hemos escuchado, trazando el círculo más amplio todavía.

Con tal “visión clara de ministerio”, la flama de nuestro llamado, seguramente brillará en nuestros corazones y ayudara a dar calor al mundo. Nos vemos en unas semanas!

En alegre anticipación de nuestra reunión,

Nancy

## Other Voices

### *Reflections on the Pacific Central District (PCD) Assembly*

by Dee Howard

The Friday evening program, convened by a parade of beautiful banners, made and displayed by UU church members from around the Bay Area, flowed into a service of vibrant music and worship led by the PCD UU Ministers' Association.

Saturday morning began with a breakfast buffet and a disheartening talk by the **Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed** titled, “We Took a Collection and Sent Him on His Way.” Rev. Morrison-Reed outlined a devastating history of the Unitarian's Church's racial discrimination over the past 150+ years and invited church members to look at the events when the church turned away people of color who wanted to affiliate with organization. He chided us for asking why more

people of color aren't included in church activities and asked us to look at the times when Unitarians turned them away.

It was hard to choose from the plethora of workshops offered all day Saturday and Sunday morning. They included such topics as: “*Immigration and Marriage Equality – Supporting All Families*,” “*Spirited Worship*,” “*Theism and Atheism: The Differences That Unite Us*,” “*The Sticky Church – A New Way for Congregations to Grow*.” A group of smart, committed, enthusiastic young UU ministers and ministers-in-training discussed their “*Tomorrow's Vision and Yesterday's Heritage*,” lead by the Intergenerational Ministers' Panel.

The best workshop of all – “*The Historical Jesus: What is Transient and Permanent Now?*” – was led by FUCSJ's

own **Bob Miess**, with help from **Thomas Atwood**. Attendees lingered half an hour over time to hear more about this fascinating topic from the knowledgeable and well organized presenters.

Saturday's Banquet featured the Rev. Dr. William Schulz, President and CEO of the UU Service Committee, discussing “*Memories of the Future*.” Dr. Schulz, a UU minister, was the former director of Amnesty International.

Sunday morning services called all attendees into worship together and culminated the PCD Assembly's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the union of the Unitarian and Universalist Association. The afternoon's activities focused on the ordination of a new minister for the Mission Peak UU congregation. ●



# Upcoming Events

## *Rev. Lindi Ramsden Hosts Third Street Benefit*

**Wednesday, June 15, Mezcal  
Restaurant at 6:00 pm**

Support the Third Street Community Center by attending the *Ay Caray* summer fundraising series! From now until September, friends, supporters and a monthly guest host/hostess will be gathering at **Mezcal Restaurant** to help raise money to benefit



Mezcal Restaurant patio

various Third Street programs.

Events will take place on the third Wednesday of the month, 6:00-8:30pm. Each month will feature a tequila tasting or a wine tasting or a beer tasting. The hostess for the June wine tasting is Third Street founder **Rev. Lindi Ramsden!** July's host will be announced shortly on the Third Street Facebook page. ●

## *Diaper Day!*

**Sunday, June 19**

We will be collecting diapers in Hattie Porter Hall on Sunday, June 19, for the very low-income families served by **Sunday Friends**, "the working alternative to charity." (<http://www.sundayfriends.org>)

Sizes 3 and 4 are especially welcome and Whole Foods has eco-friendly diapers called Whole Foods 365 Everyday Value Brand Diapers.

If you would prefer to just write a check to Sunday Friends, that would be fine too. For further information, contact Genie at [geniebee@hotmail.com](mailto:geniebee@hotmail.com). ●

## *HUUmanist Group Meeting*

**Monday, June 20, 7:00-8:30 pm**

As usual the meeting will be in the Youth Room. Please RSVP to [tjb@timblackwood.com](mailto:tjb@timblackwood.com) if you will attend this meeting. ●

## *San José Architecture Tour*

**Saturday, June 25**

Many people may walk by our downtown San José's historic civic buildings every day without noticing them. Now is your chance to explore these hidden architectural gems in our church's neighborhood during a special walking tour.

**12:00 Check in** at San Jose City Hall, Community Room

**12:15 Lecture** by Anthony Raynsford, assistant professor at San Jose State University School of Art and Design

**1:00 City Hall Tour** by Steinberg Architects

**2:00 Historic Santa Clara County Courthouse** tour led by Beth Wyman

**3:00 St. James Post Office** tour led by Alida Bray

**4:00 San Jose Museum of Art** tour led by Walter Rask

**4:45 Wine and cheese reception** at the San Jose Museum of Art

Tours at each location will start promptly, please don't be late. Admission is \$25 and includes talk, walking tour, admission to the Museum and all buildings on the tour, and a reception. <http://www.sjmusart.org/event/architecture-tour-san-jose>

This program is sponsored by *History San José, Preservation Action Council of San Jose, San José Public Art, the American Institute of Architects, and the San Jose Museum of Art.* ●

## *HUUG First Sunday Forum*

**Sunday July 3, 10:00-10:45 am,  
Hattie Porter Hall**

The First Sunday Forum will take on our independence/dependence as individuals. We may feel independent but as a matter of fact, we may not be. So is it merely a matter of degree? How does independence work with our need for others as friends, lovers, parents, co-workers? We welcome all to come and share their thoughts and feelings. ●

# Board Notes

## *June 1 Board Meeting*

At the June 1 meeting, Program Officer **Tamara Payne-Alex** reported that the POC is grateful that so many members have responded to the Stewardship Drive. Those who have not responded will receive letters and may be moved to inactive status if no response is received by mid-July.

The **Very Reverend David Bird** from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral informed us about his concerns regarding the city's change in weekend parking fees, which he feels will have a negative impact on attendance for both of our congregations. He would like to work with us and with the San Jose Athletic Club to address the situation. The Board approved the following

motion: For the long term health of our church and our neighborhood, the Board recognizes the need to collaborate with neighboring churches and businesses to mitigate the effects of the city's new parking policy and to promote a safe St. James Park environment. Therefore we direct the Board and the POC to work together to investigate and develop a plan of action.

**Rev. Geoff** reported that the Third Street Community Center is looking at a substantial decrease in its funding if the proposal to redirect the Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund is enacted. Concerned members are urged to make contact with Mayor Reed and City Council representatives.

— Nancy Coleman, Board Secretary



# Announcements

## *UU Mini-Vacation at Bass Lake*

**September 15-18**

The UU Church of Palo Alto (UUCPA) invites you to join them for a three-day "mini-vacation" at beautiful Skylake Yosemite Camp on Bass Lake, located near Oakhurst in the Sierra foothills.

This annual getaway is organized by UUCPA in conjunction with Northern California UU Camps and Conferences; all are welcome.

For complete information about this wonderful end-of-summer getaway, go to: [http://www.uucpa.org/bass\\_lake/about\\_bass\\_lake.html](http://www.uucpa.org/bass_lake/about_bass_lake.html). ●

## *UUSM Seeking Part-Time Co-DRE*

The Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo (<http://www.uusanmateo.org>) is looking for a part-time Co-Director of Religious Education to serve their congregation, with a special focus on ministry to and with youth. The Director of Youth Ministry would have primary responsibility for middle and high school youth programs, as well as shared responsibility for other aspects of the religious education program as a whole. He or she would collaborate with the current Director of Religious Education. For complete information on this position or to submit a resume and cover letter, contact them at [uusmdrehire@gmail.com](mailto:uusmdrehire@gmail.com). ●

## *UU Church of Palo Alto Singles Group Event*

**June 17, 7:00 pm, 505 East Charleston Road, Palo Alto, CA**

Join a growing singles group at the Palo Alto UU church for a potluck dinner and a movie on Friday, June 17, in their Fireside Room at 7:00 pm. BYOB, a dish to share, a serving utensil, and your own plate/silverware/ glass. It would be helpful if you'd also bring a list of your dish's ingredients. They will be showing "The Year of Living Dangerously." with Mel Gibson. Please RSVP via email with what dish you will bring at [singles@uucpa.org](mailto:singles@uucpa.org). Childcare is available with one week's at [child-care@uucpa.org](mailto:child-care@uucpa.org). ●

## *This Summer at FUCSJ*

Opportunities to nurture our spirits and help to heal the world continue throughout the summer with our First Unitarian community. Please join us for worship on Sunday mornings, and continue to check our website and on-line calendar for the activities that call to you: [www.sanjosueu.org](http://www.sanjosueu.org).

Rev. Nancy will join us in worship on Sunday, June 19, for the commissioning of our pilgrims to Hungary and Transylvania. She officially returns from her sabbatical after General Assembly, with her first day back in the office on Tuesday, June 27. She will travel with Pilgrimage # 1 in the second half of July and will lead the first returning pilgrims in offering worship on Sunday, July 31. Rev. Geoff travels with Pilgrimage # 2 in late July/early August. Both our ministers will preach at our partner church in Homorodszentmarton while overseas.

Whether your own travels take you across town or across the country, deep into your own mind and heart or deep into foreign territory, we hope you will collect a small amount of water

to share on Homecoming Sunday, September 11, in worship at 11 am. This water represents the gathering of our diverse lives into one community, large enough and loving enough for all.

We will also collect goods for a local agency on Homecoming Sunday, as we did for InnVision on Homecoming Sunday 2010. Stay tuned for more information, coming in August! ●

## *Este Verano en FUCSJ*

Las oportunidades para nutrir a nuestros espíritus y ayudar a curar el mundo continúan durante todo el verano con nuestra comunidad de la Primera Iglesia Unitaria. Por favor únase a nosotros para el servicio religioso el domingo por la mañana y continúe checando nuestro sitio Web y calendario en línea para las actividades que le interesan: [www.sanjosueu.org](http://www.sanjosueu.org).

La Rev. Nancy se unirá a nosotros en el servicio del domingo 19 de junio, para la puesta en marcha de nuestros peregrinos a Hungría y Transilvania. Ella oficialmente regresa de su tiempo sabático después de la Asamblea General, con su primer día en la Oficina, el martes 27 de junio. Ella

viajará con la peregrinación # 1 en la segunda mitad de julio y conducirá a los primeros peregrinos de regreso, dirigiendo el servicio el domingo 31 de julio. El Reverendo Geoff viaja con la peregrinación # 2 a finales de julio y principios de agosto. Nuestros dos ministros predicaran en nuestra iglesia hermana en Homorodszentmarton mientras están en el extranjero.

Si sus propios viajes los llevan a través de la ciudad, o a través de todo el país, profundice dentro de su propia mente y corazón, o adentrándose en algún territorio extranjero, esperamos que recogerá una pequeña cantidad de agua para compartir en el domingo de Regreso al Hogar, el 11 de septiembre, en el servicio de las 11:00 am. Esta agua representa la reunión de nuestras diversas vidas en una comunidad, suficientemente grande y suficiente amorosa para todos.

También recogeremos mercancías para una agencia local en el domingo de Regreso al Hogar, como lo hicimos para InnVision el Domingo de Regreso al hogar en el 2010. ¡Manténgase en contacto para obtener más información, en agosto! ●



# 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

## Who's back making unemployment insurance payments? Ever camped with a Labrador?

Happy to report that **David Lambert** is back among the working class. Has a new job at Fortify Software. Woo Hoo!

need to bring is your tent and sleeping bag! We do communal cooking, and all the food and cooking equipment is provided."



From **MM Feldman**: "I had some people ask: with so many church people going to Transylvania this summer, will we still have a **Campout**? The answer is "Yes, indeed we will!" If you couldn't manage to get in on one of the Transylvania trips, this campout is a nice opportunity to get away from the city and relax with some church people. No passport required.

"In hopes of finding a somewhat cooler location, we have relocated the campout to another campsite, just down the river from where we have camped for the past few years. We will camp at George Hatfield State Recreation Area [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=556](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=556), also near Turlock, a little closer to San Jose, about 2 hours' drive. Like McConnell (last year's spot), Hatfield has easy access to the Merced River with sandy beaches for the kids, a bath house with showers and flush toilets, lots of picnic tables, and running water right in the campsite. It has everything we need for another fantastic campout. All you

This campout is appropriate for pretty much anyone of any age. It's easy camping. *And you can bring your dogs.*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 13 through Sunday, July 17 (or any portion thereof). You can come for one, two, three, or all four nights.

**COST:** Same as always: \$50 for adults, \$25 for kids 4-11, and \$0 for kids 3 and younger. Cost includes campsite fees, 3 meals per day including snacks, firewood, and marshmallows.

**QUESTIONS?** Email MM at [mm@feldmo.com](mailto:mm@feldmo.com) or Alec MacLean at [CAlecM@aol.com](mailto:CAlecM@aol.com).

**TO REGISTER,** Email MM at [mm@feldmo.com](mailto:mm@feldmo.com).

I (Torch) actually camped here when the kids were little. There's an oxbow bend in the Merced and the campground is a little peninsula easy to walk across. Considering bringing a Labrador, **Tug**, who will keep the place tidied up because he roots out and steals food.

Peace to all of you. And sunshine. ●

## UULM Offers Activism Training Program

by The Rev. Sonya Sukalski, Consulting Minister for The Young Leaders Project

The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of California is accepting applications for a new program called Spiritual Activist Leadership Training. SALT has openings for 20 people between the ages of 18-35 who want to deepen their leadership skills, grow in their UU faith, and reach into the public arena to effect justice.

This intensive 10-month program begins with a retreat in Sacramento August 25-28, toward the end of the state legislative session. SALT Fellows will gather at two other retreats and participate together in monthly phone calls. The group will have Northern California and Southern California Justice Plunges once a month (except when there are retreats) to experience a California justice story, develop leadership skills, and reflect together on each of our unique calls to be people making justice in our communities.

There is no cost to apply. Early admission deadline is May 31, 2011.



Early applicants will be notified by June 15. Regular admission deadline is July 15 with a notification date of August 1. For more information contact [sonya@uulmca.org](mailto:sonya@uulmca.org) or go to <http://www.uulmca.org>





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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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