



# Our Church Circular

August 3, 2011

3 de agosto,  
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 preludio 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

### August 7

#### Art and Spirituality: Finding Your Muse

Art takes many forms and comes from different sources. The Ancient Greeks personified the connection between art and spirituality in the nine Muses, who were the daughters of the god Zeus and the Titan Mnemosyne. Native Americans base artistic creations on their sacred visions. Creativity is an expression of the soul. What inspires you? Is it your divine center, your spirituality, your muse? Join in this exploration through the eyes and voices of artist members of our church.

**Worship Associates: Dena Dickinson and Ervin Barrios**

### 7 de agosto

#### Arte y espiritualidad – Encontrando su Musa

El arte toma diferentes formas y proviene de diferentes fuentes. Los antiguos griegos personificaron la conexión entre arte y la espiritualidad en las nueve musas, quienes eran las hijas del dios Zeus y de Titán Mnemónides. Los Nativos Americanos basaron sus creaciones artísticas en sus visiones sagradas. La creatividad es una expresión del alma. ¿Cuál es tu inspiración? ¿Es tu centro divino, tu espiritualidad, tu musa? Únete en esta exploración a través de los ojos y voces de los artistas miembros de nuestra iglesia.

**Dirigen: Dena Dickinson y Ervin Barrios**

### August 14

#### Listening to our Men's Groups

Members of our Men's Groups share their experiences with the broader circle of our congregation. Lessons they have learned about the value of listening and being listened to for developing compassion and connection can apply to us all.

**Worship Associate: Bill Bowman**

## SAVE THE DATES

- ◆ **August 6, Saturday**, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Service is Our Prayer All Church Work Party
- ◆ **August 7, Sunday**, 1:15 pm, JUUST Peace Group Meetings resume, first and third Sundays, Fireside Room
- ◆ **August 13, Saturday**, 2:00 pm, Women's Alliance potluck/planning session
- ◆ **August 15, Monday**, Humanist group meeting 7:00 pm, Upstairs youth room
- ◆ **August 17, Wednesday**, ¡Ay Caray! Third Street Community Center Fundraiser, Mezcal Restaurant, San José
- ◆ **August 20 & 21, Saturday & Sunday**, Circle Suppers — sign up by August 8 (see page 3)
- ◆ **September 11, Sunday**, Homecoming Sunday! We'll share the waters of our travels and collect goods for a local agency
- ◆ **September 18, Sunday**, Religious Education classes resume; Senior High OWL program begins, 2:00-4:00 pm, FUCSJ
- ◆ **September 24, Wednesday**, InnVision Fall Gala, Villa Ragusa in Campbell
- ◆ **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

### *Leaving Home, Losing Home, Finding Home*

As I write, I am just a couple of hours away from grabbing a cab to take me to the San José airport to begin the long journey to Budapest, Hungary, and Homoródszentmárton, Romania, where our Partner Church abides. Through the generosity of all of you at First Unitarian, some 46 pilgrims from our congregation will make this trek in two overlapping trips during the coming weeks (from mid July through the beginning of August). We are so deeply grateful—and oh, what stories we will bring home to share.

As you read this column, though, it is likely to be the beginning of August. I will have already preached a sermon about my pilgrimage experiences, both overseas and on sabbatical (sermon available on-line at [www.sanjoseuu.org](http://www.sanjoseuu.org)). So today, I can feel myself traveling not just through space but also through time! What kind of spiritual grounding does such travel require?

Indeed, all this traveling—leaving home, losing home, making new homes—invites us to ponder deeper questions. I borrow some of these questions from my colleague, **Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway**, who has led many pilgrimages both outward and inward. For we don't actually need to leave home in order to travel great distances. The inner up-rootings and the inner discoveries of home may be the most important we make. I invite you to join me in these questions:

- ◆ What is home, anyway?
- ◆ What am I looking for on my quest for home?
- ◆ What am I “homesick” for?
- ◆ Where do I belong in the boundless expanse of space?
- ◆ How does each pilgrimage—every transit through life—involve both an outer and an inner journey?
- ◆ When I step outside my comfort zone, what do I learn about myself?
- ◆ How does what I learn about myself on this journey help me to love myself more?
- ◆ What supports me?
- ◆ How can we make our home in the world, no matter what our external circumstances may be?

The poet **Rainer Maria Rilke** writes, “Want the change.... Pour yourself out like a fountain. Flow into the knowledge that what you are seeking finishes often at the start, and, with ending, begins. Every happiness is the

## Mientras construimos nuestra amada comunidad...

para la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

### *Saliendo del Hogar, Perdiendo el Hogar, Encontrando el Hogar*

Mientras escribo, estoy sólo a un par de horas de tomar un taxi para ir al aeropuerto de San José para iniciar el largo viaje a Budapest, Hungría y Homoródszentmárton, Rumania, donde se encuentra nuestra Iglesia Hermana. Gracias a la generosidad de todos ustedes en la Primera Iglesia Unitaria, 46 peregrinos de nuestra Congregación harán que esta caminata en dos viajes traslapados durante las próximas semanas (desde mediados de julio a principios de agosto). Estamos tan profundamente agradecidos, y oh, qué historias traeremos al hogar para compartir.

Cuando lean esta columna, aunque es probable que sea al comienzo de agosto. Yo ya habré predicado un sermón sobre mis experiencias de mi peregrinación, tanto en el extranjero y mi tiempo sabático (sermón disponible en línea en [www.sanjoseuu.org](http://www.sanjoseuu.org)). Así que hoy, puedo sentirme a mi misma viajando no sólo a través del espacio, sino también a través del tiempo! ¿Qué tipo de base espiritual requiere tal viaje?

De hecho, todo este viaje—saliendo del hogar, perdiendo el Hogar, haciendo nuevos hogares—nos invita a reflexionar sobre las preguntas más profundas. Tomo prestadas algunas de estas preguntas de mi colega, la **Reverenda Barbara Hamilton-Holway**, que ha dirigido muchas peregrinaciones hacia fuera y hacia dentro. Nosotros realmente no necesitamos salir del hogar a fin de recorrer grandes distancias. El desarraigo interior y los descubrimientos interiores del hogar, pueden ser lo más importante que hagamos. Los invito a unirse a mí en estas preguntas:

- ◆ ¿Que es hogar, de cualquier forma?
- ◆ ¿Que estoy buscando en mi búsqueda de un hogar?
- ◆ ¿Que estoy “añorando”?
- ◆ ¿Adonde pertenezco en la extensión ilimitada de espacio?
- ◆ ¿Cómo cada peregrinación—cada tránsito a través de la vida—implican ambos, una jornada exterior y una interior?
- ◆ ¿Cuando me salgo de mi zona de confort, que aprendo sobre mí mismo?
- ◆ ¿Que aprendo acerca de mi misma en esta jornada que me ayude a amarme más?
- ◆ ¿Que me sostiene?
- ◆ ¿Cómo podemos hacer nuestra casa en el mundo, sin importar lo que puedan ser nuestras circunstancias externas?

El poeta **Rainer Maria Rilke** escribe, “desea el cambio.... Viértase a usted mismo como una fuente. Fluir dentro del conocimiento de que lo que usted busca termina a menudo en el inicio y, con el final, comienza. Cada felicidad es el hijo de una separación que no cree

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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 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

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.

## Announcements

### Sharp Eyes Wanted for Church Audit

As called for in our Bylaws, a superb small team created an Audit Committee in the summer of 2010

to conduct the Church's annual financial audit.

**Bob Howd**, our past treasurer, guided the volunteer committee.



The Audit Report was published last August, and the Finance Committee has been implementing its recommendations. For continued financial health and to comply with our bylaws, the Board of Directors is calling for volunteers to perform this

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

The senior high youth group will meet 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)

#### Join a class...

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).

### "Like" UUs on Facebook!

First Unitarian Church of San Jose:  
<http://tinyurl.com/FUCSJFaceBook>

FUCSJ Labyrinth:

<http://tinyurl.com/FUCSJLabyrinthFaceBook>

Unitarian Universalist Association:

<http://www.facebook.com/TheUUA>

Standing on the Side of Love:

<http://www.facebook.com/SideofLove>

year's audit. The procedures developed last year will be used again. This is a short-term volunteer commitment (no more than six weeks) that is an incredible service to our congregation.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact a Board of Directors member. If you have questions about what is involved, please contact our Treasurer, **Dave Proulx** [dproulx@gmail.com](mailto:dproulx@gmail.com), or our Finance Officer, **Dena Dickinson** [dickiden@comcast.net](mailto:dickiden@comcast.net).

### Eat, greet and socialize

#### Join the Circle Suppers Group

Circle Suppers offer an opportunity for people in the church community to get to know one another at casual potlucks in members' homes where small groups share food and

conversation. All are welcome—singles or couples, long time church members or people brand new to the community. Attend frequently or occasionally and hopefully meet someone new each time. To receive monthly email invitations or to sign up for dinners in August, send your name and phone number to **Barbara Derbyshire** at [CircleSuppers@aol.com](mailto:CircleSuppers@aol.com).

If you sign up, you will be assigned to a host home and asked to bring a dish to share--salad, entree, or dessert. We ask that you please honor your commitment because groups are small, so the absence of one or two has a large impact.

The next Circle Suppers will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21. The deadline to sign up is Monday August 8.

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## *Your Special Collections Contributions at work*

For almost a year, FUCSJ has designated one Sunday each month for a special collection, to be donated to a non-profit organization connected to the church and its values. Our congregation recently received two thank-you letters for its donations.

**Masen Davis**, the executive director of the Transgender Law Center in San Francisco, thanked us for our contribution of \$150 from a special Sunday service collection for that group. The group provided legal information to 1,400 people last year, and educated more than 2,500 community members, attorneys, providers and policy makers about transgender rights.

**Sister Maureen Duignan**, executive director of the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, thanked us for our donation of \$858.29 in June to the Haiti Emergency Relief Fund (HERF).

While many Haitians still remain untouched by foreign aid, HERF is working closely with Haii's grassroots movements to deliver medical supplies, and to set up a mobile school project. ●



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

## *Please Read This if You Enjoy Coffee Hour!*

If you have been enjoying a cup of coffee and a donut or other goodies along with your conversation in Hattie Porter Hall, please take a moment to consider becoming one of those volunteers who makes it all happen!

The commitment is for only one Sunday a month. The job is preparing donuts and lemonade before church (about 1/2 hour, as the sexton sets up the coffee, tea and cleanup section) and about an hour after church to wash cups and glasses and put things away. There are two volunteers scheduled for each Sunday and substitutes standing in the wings. Training and support is provided.

This is not the most glamorous job in the world but it is one of the most important! Without coffee hour our visitors would have a very different experience, as this is the time that they make their first contacts with people in our church community. It is also an important time for community building for long-time attendees as well. And if you have an after-church meeting, that donut and coffee may just tide you over until a late lunch! Please contact **Liz Owen** to learn more at 408-257-2237 or [lowen@data-time.com](mailto:lowen@data-time.com). ●

## **Spotlight on Social Justice**

The Social Justice Council blog appears on the Church Webpage at: <http://www.sanjo세uu.org/socialjusticeblog/>. You can subscribe to the YahooGroup For Social Justice News & Events at: [sjsjuu-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:sjsjuu-subscribe@yahoo.com). ●



## *Social Justice Group Discusses Rights of Nature, Ecuador Trip*

Discussions are beginning in our congregation about the Rights of Nature, as part of an international campaign to restrict exploitation of natural resources. A related trip to Ecuador is also in the works.

*The Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth* was proclaimed on April 22, 2010, by more than 32,000 participants in the World People's Conference on Climate Changes and the Rights of Mother Earth in Cochabamba, Bolivia. The Declaration recognizes that all natural

entities which exist as part of Mother Earth including plants, animals, rivers and ecosystems, are subjects that have the inherent and inalienable right to exist and play their role within the community of beings.

The international community and most countries defend human rights, but do not recognize that other beings also have inherent rights that humans must respect. Advocates work to assert that nature in all its life forms has the right to exist, persist, maintain and regenerate its vital cycles. Leadership for the Rights of Mother Nature in our country is afforded by Global Exchange, an organization based in San Francisco.

Ecuador is the first country in the world to enact into law the necessary

changes which the declaration recommends, seeking to reverse a legacy of oil exploitation in that country. A few cities in the United States have also passed such laws. Many indigenous groups whose past practices have served to maintain and protect their agricultural resources have also supported this struggle.

An opportunity to observe these pro-Declaration struggles in Ecuador, and to talk with the proponents – as well as to enjoy Ecuador's unique beauties – will be offered in a tour planned for January 13-22, 2012. For more information contact Global Exchange, 2017 Mission St. 2nd floor San Francisco, 94110 or [www.globalexchange.com](http://www.globalexchange.com).

To learn more about the Declaration, you can purchase the book "The Rights of Nature" for \$10. For more details, contact **Billie Wachter** at (408) 258-0439. ●



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**14 de agosto**

## Escuchando a Nuestros Grupos de Hombres

Los miembros de nuestros grupos de hombres comparten sus experiencias con el amplio círculo de nuestra congregación. Las lecciones que ellos han aprendido acerca de escuchar y ser escuchados para desarrollar compasión y la conexión puede aplicar a todos nosotros.

**Dirige: Bill Bowman**

**August 21**

## “Spirit of Life”: How a Song Can Cross Borders and Make a Home Wherever We Go

~ BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY! ~

“Spirit of Life” — the great anthem written by Unitarian Universalist Carolyn McDade — thrives in translation, as Rev. Nancy discovered during her sabbatical. Come learn how “Spirit of Life” can serve as our elevator speech, that short description of our faith deliverable between floors on an elevator. A great service for bringing a friend who has wondered, “What is this Unitarian Universalism you’re so wild about?”

**Worship Leader: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones**

**Worship Associate: Jim Rumbaugh**

**21 de agosto**

## “Fuente de Amor”: Cómo una Canción Puede Cruzar las Fronteras y Hacer un Hogar Donde Quiera que Vayamos

~ DOMINGO DE TRAER UN AMIGO! ~

“Fuente de Amor”—el gran himno escrito por la Unitaria Universalista Carolyn McDade, prospera en la traducción, como la reverenda Nancy descubrió durante su tiempo sabático. Ven a aprender cómo “La Fuente de Amor” puede servir como nuestro “discurso de ascensor” (que corta descripción de nuestra fe entregada entre los pisos en un ascensor), cruzando fronteras y haciendo amigos donde vamos. Un gran servicio para traer a un amigo que ha preguntado, “¿Qué es este Unitario Universalismo del que eres tan apasionado?”

**Dirige: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones**

**Asociado de Culto: Jim Rumbaugh**

**August 28**

## Kindness: What Binds Us Together

“Before you know what kindness really is, you must lose things,” begins a powerful poem by Naomi Shihab Nye which captures how the world’s brokenness and beauty live side by side. In English, the words “kindness” and “kinship” spring from the same root. Come discover how we can make our true home in this deeper kindness—a way of living that embodies connection and compassion and that roots us in what we love. How will kindness “raise its head from the crowd of the world to say, ‘It is I you have been looking for,’ and then [go] with you everywhere?” Join us this Sunday to find out!

**Worship Leader: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones**

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child of a separation it did not think it could survive.” (From “Sonnets to Orpheus” in “In Praise of Mortality,” translated and edited by Anita Barrows and Joanna Macy)

“Every happiness is the child of a separation it did not think it could survive.”

Friends, every “leaving”—every change (and we encounter change every day)—involves some degree of loss. Rilke suggests that within that loss we will find our richest resources for a good and whole life. I find that I can only discover my true home—my sense of being at home in the world no matter where I am—through a deep rootedness in something larger than myself: in community, in faith—by which I mean a deep connection to what I truly love, and to what holds me in love.

How about you?

With great gratitude and anticipation, for I am so glad to be “home” among you,

Nancy

**28 de agosto**

## Bondad: Que Es lo que Nos Une

“Antes de que sepas qué es realmente bondad, debes perder cosas,” inicio de un poderoso poema de Naomi Shihab Nye que captura como la decadencia y la belleza del mundo viven lado a lado. En inglés, las palabras “bondad” y “parentesco” surgen de la misma raíz. Ven a descubrir cómo podemos hacer nuestro verdadero hogar en esta profunda bondad—una manera de vivir que encarna la conexión y la compasión y que nos arraigan en lo que amamos. ¿Cómo la bondad “levantará su cabeza entre la multitud del mundo para decir, ‘soy yo a quien has estado buscando,’ y entonces [iré] contigo a todas partes?” Únete a nosotros este domingo para saber!

**Dirige: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones**

**Asociados de Culto: Bill Bowman y K’Ailsa Rowan**

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que podría sobrevivir”. (De “Sonetos a Orfeo” “En alabanza de mortalidad,” traducido y editado por Anita Barrows y Joanna Macy)

“Cada felicidad es el hijo de una separación que no cree que podría sobrevivir”. Amigos, cada “partida”—cada cambio (y encontramos cambios cada día), implica cierto grado de pérdida. Rilke sugiere que dentro de esa pérdida, encontraremos nuestros más ricos recursos para una buena y completa vida. Me parece que sólo puedo descubrir mi verdadero hogar—mi sensación de estar en el hogar en el mundo, no importa donde estoy—a través de un profundo arraigo en algo más grande que yo misma: en comunidad, en fe—me refiero a una profunda conexión a lo que verdaderamente amo y a lo que me mantiene en el amor.

¿Y ustedes?

Con gran gratitud y anticipación, porque yo estoy tan contenta de estar en el “hogar” entre ustedes,

Nancy



# Upcoming Events

## *Dances of Universal Peace*

**Friday, August 5, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary**

The Dances of Universal Peace are a spiritual practice in honoring the inherent worth and dignity of every human being, celebrating the interconnected web of all existence and using sacred phrases from the world's religions.

Beginners and experienced dancers join together in these moving meditations. The words of the sacred phrases, as well as the melodies and the movements, are taught each time.

Come join us the first Friday of each month at 8:00 pm on the labyrinth under the dome of our church. If you have questions, you can email **Patrick Smiley** at [patrick.smiley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patrick.smiley@sbcglobal.net) or telephone and leave a message at (650) 596-8829. ●

## *Service Is Our Prayer Work Party*

**Saturday, August 6, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, FUCSJ**

Don't forget we'll have our quarterly Service is our Prayer work party at the church on Saturday, August 6



from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. A full slate of jobs is planned from changing light bulbs to basic

scrubbing and cleaning. No special skills are needed to join the fun.

We'll meet in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am for a blessing and job assignments, break for lunch (provided) at noon, and finish up afterwards. Please come down and help for the entire period or just a of couple of hours--any assistance is appreciated. Please contact **Bob**

Howd [bhowd@aol.com](mailto:bhowd@aol.com) or **Patrick Myers** [jpatrickmyers@yahoo.com](mailto:jpatrickmyers@yahoo.com) if you need more information. ●

## *HUUG First Sunday Forum*

**August 7, 10:00-10:45 am, Hattie Porter Hall**

The First Sunday Forum will be led by Peter Schenk on this subject: "Should taxing be a strength or a memory?" A brief discussion about how one

feels about taxes of all kinds (Federal, State, Sales, Property etc.) in general.

The plan is to not make this a political discussion, but one of ethics, fairness and one's attitude toward their own taxation situation. We welcome all to come and share their thoughts and feelings. ●



## *Women's Alliance Potluck*

**Saturday, August 13, 2:00 pm**

Women's Alliance members will have their summer potluck/ planning session on Saturday, August 13 at 2:00 pm at the home of Nancy Coleman. Monthly meetings resume on Thursday, September 1, from 7:15 to 9:15 pm in the Fireside Room.

All are welcome. Please contact chair **Nancy Coleman** at (408) 985-5778 or [nbc Coleman@gmail.com](mailto:nbc Coleman@gmail.com) for further details. ●

## *HUUMANIST Group meets*

**Sunday, August 15, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Youth Room**

What's on your mind? Got a topic you just have to talk about? Come share it at the HUUMANIST Group meeting in the youth room at the church on Monday, August 15 from

7:00 to 8:30 pm. If no other topics are suggested, we'll discuss whether its time for a change in the UU Principles and Purposes. For more info, contact **Amy Baldwin**, [ABaldwinBiz@aol.com](mailto:ABaldwinBiz@aol.com). ●

## *¡Ay Caray! Third Street Fun Fundraiser*

**Wednesday, August 17, Mezcal Restaurant**

The Third Street Community Center will hold an ¡Ay Caray! fundraiser to support its youth programs on Wednesday, August 17 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Mezcal Restaurant, 25 West San Fernando Street in San José. You can visit Third Street's Facebook page to vote on whether the event will feature a tequila tasting, wine tasting or beer tasting. Our August host also will be announced on the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/3rd.Street.Community.Center>. ●



## *Annual PCD Men's Retreat*

**Friday-Sunday, October 14-16, Westminster Retreat Center**

For many years now, UU men of the Pacific Central District have gathered on the third weekend in October and have talked, explored, meditated, sung, made new friends and learned from one another. This year our theme is "Men at Play". We will use games, creativity, and even art to get to know each other and ourselves in ways that help us make the changes we want in our lives. Cost: Early-bird fee, \$175; after September 1, \$200; under 30, \$150. Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/MensRetreatRegistration>. For more information, please contact **Gordon Smith** at (408) 393-6182 or [pcdmensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:pcdmensretreat@gmail.com). ●



# 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 on vacation?

**Torchy** is taking summer break! You can look forward to seeing her amazing column again when she's back!



## Music Box

### Upcoming Music Events at FUCSJ

### Moving Music Forward

**Saturday, August 27, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm, UU Church of Berkeley**

Spend a day expanding your musical horizons. **Matt Meyer** will lead ministers, music directors, choir members and lay worship leaders in exploring UU music and transformative worship. For more information, contact the PCD Office at: [pcd@pcd-uuu.org](mailto:pcd@pcd-uuu.org) or (510) 530-1437. More about Matt: <http://www.rhythmrevelations.com>. Cost is \$40. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/MMFworkshop>. Contact **Shirley Worth** [shirley@worth.org](mailto:shirley@worth.org) (408) 978-2406 to coordinate carpooling. ●

### Love to sing?

Alegria Singers choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, August 17, 7:30 pm. Welcome all singers! No auditions, no previous experience necessary. Lots of fun and singing! Join our spirited community offering the beauty and joy of song. Look for new energy and creativity in the FUCSJ music program as our new season begins! Questions: **Anand Solest**, [2solest@gmail.com](mailto:2solest@gmail.com). ●

### Love to dance?

**Sundays, October 2 and November 6**

Find out why **Jane Austen** loved English Country Dancing, at the upcoming *Jane Austen Dances* in Hattie Porter Hall. Good exercise, good fellowship, good music and fun for all ages! Watch for the flyer, or contact **Genie Bernardini** [geniebee@hotmail.com](mailto:geniebee@hotmail.com) or **Shirley Worth** [shirley@worth.com](mailto:shirley@worth.com) for more information. ●

### UU Mini-Vacation at Bass Lake

**Thursday-Sunday, September 15-18, Sierra foothills**

UU Church of Palo Alto (UUCPA) invites you to join them for a three-day "mini-vacation" at beautiful 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). ●

### InnVision Gala Fundraiser

**Saturday, September 24, Villa Ragusa, Campbell**

Proceeds from the 2011 InnVision Fall Gala will benefit InnVision programs for thousands of homeless and at-risk families in Silicon Valley. Visit the website at <http://www.innvision.org> to purchase tickets. ●

### UU Hikers & Friends

By Joyce Miller

Here is the August hiking schedule. Be sure to call if you want to hike unless you are a regular, then let me know if you are not coming.. My home phone is 408-730-1052 and cell is 408-570-7052. Use my cell phone after 7:30 am. All other times use my home phone. See you on the trails!

**Saturday, August 6**

Butano State Park, 8 miles. This is long day. Travel time and pie eating. Plan to get back around 4:30 pm Meet at PageMill/280 park and ride at 8:00 am.

**Wednesday, August 10**

Purissima State Park. We will do a shuttle hike. 6 miles. Meet at Page Mill / 280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

**Saturday, August 13**

Saratoga Gap 6 miles. Meet at US Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:00 am.

**Wednesday, August 17**

Stevens Creek/Fremont Older 6 miles. Meet at parking lot at Stevens Creek county park at 8:30 am.

**Saturday, August 20**

Wunderlich County Park 6-8 miles. We can decide if we want to do the longer hike. Meet at Page Mill / 280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

**Wednesday, August 24**

Montebello Open Space Preserve. 6 miles. Meet at Page Mill / 280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

**Saturday, August 27**

Skyline Ridge Loop 7 miles. Meet at Page Mill / 280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

**Wednesday, August 31**

Huddart County Park 6 miles. Meet at Page Mill / 280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

### Easier Hiking

We hope to start an additional Saturday morning schedule for not-so-intrepid hikers. If you would be interested in shorter hikes — three to five miles with little or no climbing — please contact **Shirley Worth**, [shirley@worth.org](mailto:shirley@worth.org), (408) 978-2406. ●





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**Our community strives to offer compassion, companionship, healing, and joy to all its members.** Our pastoral care coordinators can help you find the listening ear or helping hands that you may need in difficult times. Please contact the Rev. Geoff Rimositis.

### Contacting the Ministers

**Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones** and **Rev. Geoff Rimositis** feel honored to serve this congregation, and we cherish your trust! Here is how reach us: **Nancy** (408) 292-3858, ext. 23 Mon.-Thurs.; cell (408) 952-9418; e-mail: [revnpj@yahoo.com](mailto:revnpj@yahoo.com). **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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### Contactando a los Ministros

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