

**Highlights for the Coming Week
March 1-7, 2015**

Sun.	March 1	Social Hour	Produce Market	Hattie Porter Hall
Sun.	March 1	12:15 p.m.	Newcomer's Light Lunch	Library
Sun.	March 1	12:45 p.m.	Band of Writers	Youth Room
Sun.	March 1	1:00 p.m.	Christian Origins Book Study	Conference Room
Sun.	March 1	2:30 p.m.	San Jose Community Dances	Hattie Porter Hall
Mon.	March 2	6:00 p.m.	Silent Meditation Gathering	Sanctuary
M, W, F	March 2, 4, 6	11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Lunchtime Labyrinth	Sanctuary
Wed.	March 4	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Thurs.	March 5	7:00 p.m.	Guitars Aloud!	Classrooms 4-6
Thurs.	March 5	7:15 p.m.	Women's Alliance	Conference Room
Fri.	March 6	8:00 p.m.	Dances of Universal Peace	Sanctuary

Save the Dates

Sun.	March 8	12:30 p.m.	Refugee Foster Program Presentation	Fireside Room
Sun.	March 8	12:45 p.m.	Film Showing: "Selma – The Bridge to the Ballot"	Classrooms 4-6
Sat.	March 14	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	How to Be An Adult in Spirituality	See insert
Sun.	March 15	12:45 p.m.	Ocean Acidification and Its Remediation	Fireside Room
Sun.	Mar. 22	12:30 p.m.	Congregational Meeting – Board Elections	Sanctuary

It Takes a Village to Create Worship!

In addition to all those listed in the order of service, we offer our deep thanks to the following volunteers for bringing their gifts to help create today's service:

Order of Service Production	Colleen Cabot, Joyce Miller, Gerrit TenBrink
Worship Setup	Deb Fenzel-Alexander
Worship Hosts	Madeline Morrow, Steve Saunders,
Coffee Hosts	Christopher Frey
Sound Operator	Jean Rivers
Pastoral Care	Barbara Grover
Newcomer Table	Dena Dickinson, Ellie and Jeff White
Chancel Decoration	Alice Lynch

Today's Children and Youth Classes - 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Nursery (to 3 years)

We provide a safe, clean environment in which we support each child in initiating play activities at the developmental level they manifest. Each week our paid staff members provide a loving presence engaging children in games, stories and crafts with seasonal themes through the year.
Caregivers: Nicole Faby, Jasmine Stapleton-Hart Lower Level Nursery

3-5 Year Olds

The Spiritually Growing Child: Shadows Classrooms 2-3

In this session, the children explore and play with shadows. Sophia L. Fahs identifies play with one's shadow as one of the 12 main types of experiences connected with natural religious development in young children. Playing with our shadow is an experience that awakens wonder and the thrill of discovery. Shadows also bring a bit of mystery into our world. However, darkness and shadows can also be frightening for small children. Sharing our fears with our friends can help us feel less afraid and less alone in the darkness.

Teachers: Abby Holmes, Kristyn Greenwood

1st – 4th Grades

Create Magic, Change the World

Classrooms 4-6

Whatever you think you can do, or believe you can do, begin it. Action has magic, grace, and power in it. — Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Any ritual is an opportunity for transformation - Starhawk

In this session, children explore the third Unitarian Universalist Principle, acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. Children hear a contemporary story about Aisha, a pagan Unitarian Universalist girl who celebrates the harvest holiday Lammas at a peace rally. Participants learn a concept of "magic" based on focusing one's energy on purpose, positive action to change the world in a positive way. We discuss ways our spiritual practices, such as the pagan practice of magic, lead us to involvement and faithful action in the world.

Teachers: Suchitra Chander, Valeri Hovland

5th – 8th Grades

World Religions: Visit to St. Joseph's Basilica

The class will be attending 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Basilica

Teachers: Suzie Balch-Delacey, Deborah Rosenquist

9th – 12th Grades

Balcony Level above Hattie Porter Hall, Youth Room

The senior high youth group meets from 11:30-12:30 after attending the first part of the 11 a.m. service. The group offers its members a safe place to share their lives and find support and friendship among open minded and loving peers. The group engages in discussions about issues relevant to youth's lives and communities.

Advisors: Rick Morris, Matt Trask

Announcements for Sunday, March 1, 2015

TODAY! During Social Hour, Produce Market, Hattie Porter Hall

Karen Conrotto would like to request continued donations of fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, etc. to be sold at the Produce Market table. Our next trip to visit our partner church in Transylvania is drawing closer (July, 2015) and your continued support is needed to help cover the costs of the trip. If you have questions, call Karen at 408-832-2827 or via e-mail at conrotto96@gmail.com.

TODAY! 12:15 p.m., Newcomers Get Acquainted Light Lunch, Library

Visitors and new (and old) members gather in the Library to meet and eat, to get acquainted with each other and to learn a bit about our church. Please let Ed Gardner know if you would like to attend ednatsj@sbcglobal.net.

TODAY! 12:45 p.m., Band of Writers Meeting, Youth Room

The UU Band of Writers offers support and encouragement to people who enjoy writing. We have a monthly homework assignment and a 10-minute writing session during our meetings, which is always a lot of fun. New people are always welcome.

TODAY! 1:00-3:00 p.m., Christian Origins Book Study, Conference Room

Contact Bob Miess, Bob@Heart-HealthyLifestyles.com, 408-753-0541.

TODAY! 2:30 p.m., San Jose Community Dances, Hattie Porter Hall

Enjoy English Country Dancing and Contra Dancing. All dances are taught, no experience necessary, no partner required. Suggested donation, \$8-10; no one will be turned away.

Monday, March 2, 6:00 p.m., "Breathe in Peace. Breathe Out Love" Silent Meditation Gathering, Sanctuary

We will be meditating under the sanctuary dome at First Unitarian. We meditate for 30 minutes. We begin with the ringing of the meditation bell and setting the timer for 30 minutes. Come in the door at end of the ramp and quietly enter the sanctuary. You can sit in a chair or bring a cushion to meditate on. All are welcome to stay afterwards for a check in about our meditation experience and practice. Contact, Rev. Geoff Rimositis, GRimositis@Gmail.com

Friday, March 6, 8:00 p.m., Dances of Universal Peace, Sanctuary

Come join us on the labyrinth under the dome of our church. The Dances of Universal Peace are a spiritual practice honoring the inherent worth and dignity of every human being, celebrating the interconnected web of all existence. The words of the sacred phrases, as well as the melodies and the movements, are taught each time. If you have questions you can email Patrick Smiley at patrick.smiley@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at 408-421-6492.

Sunday, March 8, 12:30 p.m., Fostering Refugee and Immigrant Children, Fireside Room

Are you interested in learning more about the undocumented and refugee children in our country? Would you like to make a real impact in a child's life? Refugee Foster care places unaccompanied refugee and immigrant minors into foster families throughout the Bay Area. Our minors have been either orphaned or separated from their parents due to war and conflict in their home countries. Most are between the ages of 14 and 17, and are resettled in the U.S. without a parent or guardian. Young people come from all across the world and are of various ethnic and religious groups. Our most recent arrivals have arrived from Burma, Ghana, Congo, Honduras, Guatemala, and Korea. We are always seeking foster parents who would be willing to open their homes to one of our youth. Our foster parents are

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provided with training, lots of support, and a monthly stipend. Join us for an informational meeting on March 8th at 12:30 in the Fireside room.

**Sunday, March 8, 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.,
Film: Selma- The Bridge to the Ballot,
Classrooms 4-6**

On the 50th Anniversary (March 7) of the March to Selma, join Rev. Geoff and Coming of Age mentors and youth as we watch the Southern Poverty Law Center's 40 minute film, Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot; the story of a courageous group of Alabama students and teachers who, along with other activists, fought a nonviolent battle to win voting rights for African Americans in the South. All are invited to join us in discussion after viewing the film.

**Sunday, March 15, 2015, 12:45-2:00 p.m.,
Ocean Acidification and Its Remediation,
Fireside Room**

Do you know about the "other" carbon-dioxide

problem? Dr. Alexander Cannara, a consultant and educator on climate and energy issues, will describe how atmospheric CO2 dissolves into the oceans, forming carbonic acid, and how our excess CO2 emissions are expected to make the oceans too acidic by 2050 for continued survival of the marine food chain. This would not only threaten the entire seafood industry (20% of human food protein), it would also eliminate the natural carbon sequestration services provided by organisms with carbonate shells and skeletons. Their disappearance would make it even harder to keep a lid on atmospheric CO2 levels, which must be done to stop the upward drift of global mean temperature. How might humans halt ocean acidification before it's too late? This discussion is sponsored by the Rights of Nature Group at First Unitarian Church of San Jose, after the service on March 15. For questions about the meeting, contact Mike Pelizzari at nextgalaxy@aol.com.