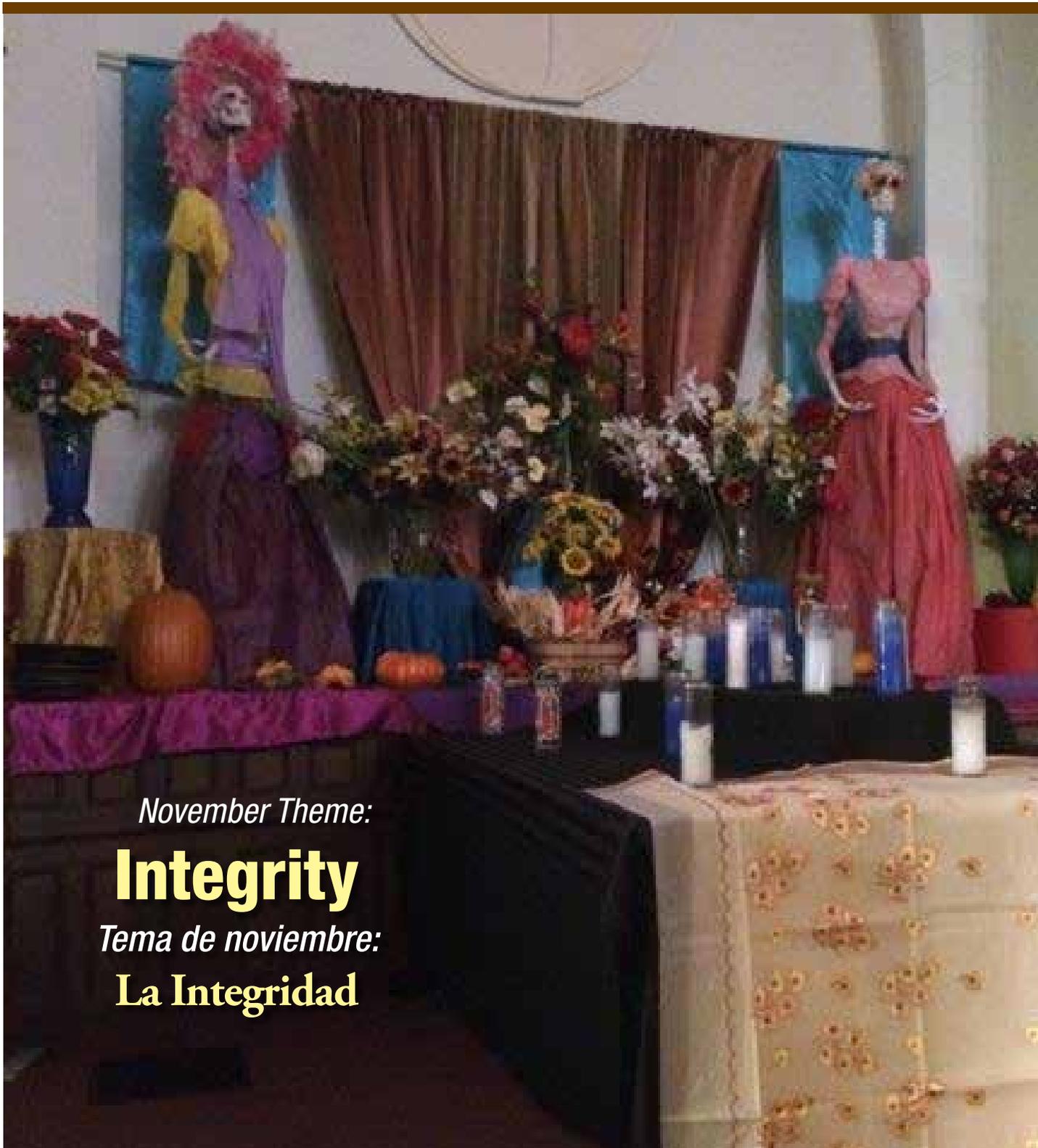




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The cast of the "Last Chance Lounge," an original musical mystery comedy that supports the church's membership in PACT.

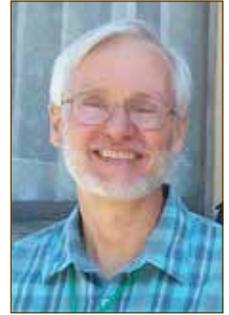
150 Years of Integrity

by the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

*In an ephemeral world, how can anything be built to last?
My father told me that poor people cannot afford to buy cheap stuff.
Obsolescence is the state of adolescence soon to pass out of the home
and into the world to learn to juggle bills, forestall the electricity to pay the rent;
hold back the student loan to get the car a brake job.
Integrity is getting arrested for a noble cause.
It is righteous to put your principles before your comfort.
Integrity is also showing up for work, following through on responsibilities;
even if the fear of destitution is a motivator.
This is for all the people who live lives of noisy or quiet integrity:
people who give life their full throated enthusiasm
and those who drag their tails behind them.
Integrity is doing what you have to do and refusing to give up.*

This month First Unitarian celebrates 150 years of living out loud its principles in the world. From the first services when Charles Gordon Ames rode on horseback across the Santa Cruz Mountains to deliver sermons praising God the Father and Mother. From founding church mother Laura Watkins who in 1900 also created the Sempervirens Club that gave us Big Basin Redwoods State Park; preserving old growth redwoods for future generations to enjoy. In 1953 the congregation refused to kowtow to Senator McCarthy and did not sign the Loyalty Oath. We followed our principles all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court who

gave us back our taxes. The congregation protested Japanese internment during World War II and stood with our Japanese neighbors in solidarity when they were sent off by trains from their homes. And that integrity continues to this day with our involvement in creating beloved community where Black Lives Matter and the Rights of Nature are protected so all life can thrive on this Earth.



Join Unitarian Universalist President Peter Morales on Sunday November 13th when we celebrate together 150 years of making love visible. We have done much good in our history but there is still so much we must do. The world needs us to be the change we want to see.

150 Años de Integridad

por el Rev. Geoff Rimositis

*En un mundo efímero, ¿cómo puede algo ser construido para durar?
Mi padre me dijo que los pobres no pueden comprar cosas baratas.
Obsolescencia es el estado de la adolescencia al pasar pronto fuera de casa
Y en el mundo para aprender a hacer malabares con facturas,
Posponer la electricidad para pagar el alquiler;
Retener el préstamo estudiantil para mandar arreglar el coche.
Integridad es ser arrestado por una causa noble.
Esta justificado poner sus principios antes que su comodidad.
Integridad también es hacer acto de presencia en el trabajo,
siguiendo a través de responsabilidades;
aunque el miedo de la indigencia es un motivador.
Esto es para todas las personas que viven vidas de integridad ruidosas o tranquilas:
personas que dan vida, su entusiasmo
a todo pulmón y aquellos que arrastran su cola detrás de ellos.
Integridad es hacer lo que tienes que hacer y rehusándose a abandonarlo.*

Este mes la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José celebra 150 años de vivir en voz alta sus principios en el mundo. Desde los primeros servicios cuando Charles Gordon Ames montó a caballo a través de las montañas de Santa Cruz para entregar sermones alabando a Dios el padre y la madre. Desde la madre Iglesia fundadora Laura Watkins quien en 1900 también creó el Sempervirens Club que nos dio el Big Basin Redwoods State Park, preservación de antiguos secoyas para el disfrute de las generaciones futuras. En 1953 la congregación se negó a plegarse al senador McCarthy y no firmó el juramento de lealtad. Seguimos nuestros principios todo el camino a la Corte Suprema que nos devolvió

nuestros impuestos. La congregación protestó por la internación japonesa durante segunda guerra mundial y estaba parada con nuestros vecinos japoneses en solidaridad cuando fueron enviados por tren desde sus casas. Y esa integridad continúa hasta este día con nuestra participación en la creación de la amada comunidad donde la Vida de los Negros Importa y los derechos de la naturaleza están protegidos para que toda la vida pueda prosperar en esta Tierra.

Únete a Peter Morales, Presidente de la Asociación Unitaria Universalista el domingo 13 de noviembre cuando juntos celebremos 150 años de hacer el amor visible. Hemos hecho muchas cosas buenas en nuestra historia, pero todavía hay mucho que hacer. El mundo necesita que seamos el cambio que queremos ver.

In Our Own Voices: Integrity

By the Reverend Nancy Palmer Jones

“In Our Own Voices” shares congregants’ free-flowing responses to the theme of the month. We draw these responses from on-line surveys and use them in creating worship, small-group ministry content, and other opportunities for spiritual growth.

No matter what our age, we wrestle with these questions about how best to live. Let’s take up these questions in community! I know we will gain wisdom from each other—and find comfort in our common humanity.

The responses to this month’s theme, “Integrity,” reveal that it is a particularly pertinent topic in this election year. Our fellow congregants’ kaleidoscope of views brings to mind our Unitarian Universalist principles: trust, respect, morality, role modeling, right action and much more.

Models of Integrity / Recognizing Integrity in Others

How do we recognize integrity in others? How do we incorporate it into our own lives and actions?

It is not necessary to believe in a god to have integrity. There are innumerable human models to inspire us.

My father probably has the most integrity of any person I’ve ever met and has been my lamp for living with integrity my entire life.

Unitarian Universalist Principles, Morality, Religion

Living out our UU Principles is an exercise in integrity. What we do shows who we are and what we value, as in the opening chant of the Aitareya Upanishad, which starts: “May my speech be one with my mind, and may my mind be one with my speech.” Walking the talk demonstrates integrity.

Thoughts on integrity: morality; how to live; respect.

To me, this theme embodies our principles of inherent worth. We are being asked to live into integrity by standing with our brothers and sisters that are not yet liberated from constraints within our society that make them feel and embody “less than.” This may be racism, sexism, heterosexism, transphobia, etc. What does it mean to live a life of integrity?

What do UU principles advise about developing and fostering integrity in our children?

Actions Speak Loud

[Integrity is] doing what you know is right in your heart of hearts. Excellent theme, definitely needed today, especially during this election season where it seems in very short

supply, by both parties, but especially by one.

A person with integrity is a person who can be trusted. Integrity means to me doing the right thing even when it’s difficult. Integrity=consistency=honor.

How do we act consistently with a value system that is very flexible and almost amorphous in comparison to the harsh realities of the world?

Great topic. Say what we mean; mean what we say, including, “I don’t know.” Ask yourself: “Why did you change your course and is it OK?” “Did I rectify the damage?”

Living Our Values

Wholeness of mind, body, and spirit. To have my actions, thoughts, values, loves, earned wisdom, and growing edges integrated into an ever-emerging expression of self—that feels like integrity to me. Not perfectly whole, but wholly beautiful in our humanness and committed to the process of living “broken-openhearted.”

I think of integrity as having carefully considered positive values, living by them, and holding to them when they are challenged. We sure could use more integrity in public life today. I think of how propaganda rules in much of politics, and how greed rules in much of the business world, like marketing and price-setting.

Questions to Ponder

Are we being true and respectful to ourselves, our loved ones, our friends, our communities?

What does it mean to live with integrity? How is that different from, say, compassion?

Is there a difference between morality and integrity? If so, what?

How can we live with integrity when there are so many demands constantly in our lives?

What compromises our integrity?

How can we live with more integrity? What should we expect of ourselves or others with regard to integrity?



What role does religion play in regard to integrity?

How does integrity play out in the world—with the police, with "Black Lives Matter," with the general election close at hand?

Integrity in the workplace. Integrity in interpersonal relationships. Integrity elsewhere.

How does one maintain integrity in a complex and difficult world?

Political Leadership

How do we survive as a democracy if, by horrible circumstance, a person without any integrity is elected to be president of the United States?

When a favorite politician is scrutinized and appears to fall short of living with integrity, can we dismiss that, even when we are strongly opposed to their opponent? What does it mean to lead with integrity? How have our leaders fallen short in that regard?

We love to make fun of politicians because they often lack this quality.

This topic is perfect for the election. But it's easy to throw stones at Trump. We always need to gauge our own integrity.

In November, if we have a President Trump (God forbid!) I will be wrestling with whether or not to move to Canada. In case that happens, I will be looking for guidance on how to, with Integrity, protect and defend my country, and, to use his language, "Make America Great Again." If we were truly great, we would not have just elected the circus showman, who, I believe, is without integrity. . . . If, however, the other candidate wins, I would like to consider how I can help her maintain the integrity of the Constitution and the nation. Sorry, but I just got done watching the vice-presidential debate, and the word "integrity" is hitting me less as a personal thing and more of a patriotic thing.

We cannot discuss integrity without a discussion of the collateral consequences of our actions. It's easy to have integrity when there's no cost. But what if there is?

How do we define it? How do we identify it in others? How do we recognize it in others with different belief systems or worldviews? How do we decide what forms of integrity engender trust in leaders, especially political candidates whom we otherwise do not personally know? How do we deal with integrity conflicts?

Partner Church Projects

The temperatures are dropping in our partner church village of Homoródszentmárton, Romania, and the villagers are preparing for the snow that will fall this winter.



The Partner Church Committee has three exciting up-coming projects.

First, we are sponsoring the high school students of the village church to help them with their education expenses. There are about 10 students and we are trying to raise \$300 for each student. If you would like to sponsor a student or make a contribution, please contact **Connie Hall**, Connie.we5@gmail.com.

Secondly, we will hold the Jean von Kaenel Tea on February 11, 2017. You are invited to attend and enjoy tea snacks, entertainment, fellowship and tea. We will have informational fliers available at coffee hour on Sundays. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact **MM Feldman**, mm@feldmo.com or 408-287-1464.

Third, this summer we are planning to bring 9 villagers to visit us in San Jose for 2 weeks at the end of July. To help with expenses, we are seeking donations of frequent flier miles or credit card travel points. If you would like to participate, contact **Monty Low**, [Low.monty@gmail.com](mailto:monty@gmail.com) or 408 348-2778.

This last spring, we had a special collection for the Partner Church that was earmarked for a children's Unitarian summer camp. This camp was cancelled this summer so we will use your generous donations for the cost of bringing our villager friends to San Jose this summer. The summer camp is planned for next summer and we will support that camp when it is held.

Additional Phone Banking Opportunities through PACT

PACT Voter Engagement Phone Banking contacts as many potential voters as possible to inspire them to get out and VOTE!!!

Below is a list of additional Phone Banks that are scheduled at other PACT congregations. We are all invited!

Wednesday, November 2 PACT/Westminster 5:30 – 7 pm
PACT office at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1100 Shasta, San Jose

Friday, November 4 St. Maria Goretti 6:30 – 9 pm
Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 2980 Senter Road, San Jose

Monday, November 7 St. Paul's United Methodist 6:30-9 pm
405 S. 10th Street, San Jose

For more information, contact **John Burk**, tbonejohnburk@aol.com .

Children and Youth Classes



Youth Classes for November

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Celebration Sunday-NO CLASSES TODAY

Coming of Age Mentor-Youth Bowl Making at Petroglyph in Willow Glen, 1-3 pm

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

1st -4th grades—Atonement

5th-8th grades—Jesus Chooses His Close Companions

9th-12th grades—Group meets at regular time, 11:30-12:30

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

1st -4th grades—Walls Came Tumbling Down

5th-8th grades —The Beatitudes

9th-12th grades—Group meets at regular time, 11:30-12:30

Coming of Age Mentor-Youth Meeting, 12:45-2 pm

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27

1st -4th grades — Samson and Delilah

5th-8th grades — Treat Others as You Wish to Be Treated

9th-12th grades — Group meets at regular time, 11:30-12:30



Upcoming Adult RE Events

By the Reverend Geoff Rimositis

Announcing Adult OWL...

We are sexual beings and often have not fully integrated this aspect of our mental and physical being into our lives. When we haven't, we experience wounding around this important area of our existence. However, when we realize and honor our sexuality, a richer more complete actuality is achieved. The "Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education" and the "Sexuality and Our Faith" curricula are bold antidotes by the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalists to our ever-conflicted culture about sexuality.

The inability to integrate this aspect of self into our lives results in mixed messages and misinformation.

The curricula support and nurture four sexuality values:

- Self-Worth
- Sexual Health
- Responsibility
- Justice and Inclusivity

Our Unitarian Universalist faith compels us to create safe settings where people can come to understand and respond to the challenges facing them as sexual beings. As faith communities, we promote justice for all people, and we affirm the dignity of every individual.

Join our facilitators **Kristin Rivers** and Intern Minister **Rodney Lemery** as they assist us this January, Thursday evenings, in our exploration of sexuality and sexual health. The class will provide us an opportunity to step back, reflect, and evaluate these messages so that we can increase

our ability to act on and communicate our faith-based sexual values. For additional information or to register for the class, please contact Intern Minister Rodney Lemery at rlemery@meadville.edu.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 9:30 AM

Roots and Wings UU Parenting 0-10 Years Group

Classrooms 4-6, Childcare Provided

Session: From Parenting to Being a Parent

"If parenting is the wrong model, what's the right one? 'Parent' is not actually a verb, not a form of work, and it isn't and shouldn't be directed toward the goal of sculpting a child into a particular kind of adult. Instead, to be a parent—to care for a child—is to be part of a profound and unique human relationship, to engage in a particular kind of love. Work is central to human life; we couldn't do without it. But as Freud and Elvis both remarked, apocryphally at least, work and love are the two things that make life worthwhile.

"In this book I'll focus on two kinds of paradoxes: paradoxes of love and paradoxes of learning. These paradoxes are built into the evolutionary nature of childhood itself. The parenting model just can't deal with them."

We will explore Berkeley professor, Alison Gopnik's new book, *The Gardener and the Carpenter: What the New Science of Child Development Tells Us About the Relationship Between Parents and Children*.

The Roots and Wings class meets on Second Sundays in classrooms 4-6 at 9:30 am, childcare provided. Meetings facilitated by **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 9:30 AM

Support Group for Parents of Teens and Tweens

Classrooms 4-6, Childcare by Request

Parenting is one of the most important and least supported roles in society. How can we support each other to stay compassionate with our children, our partners, and ourselves when the inevitable breaks in connection happen? How do we repair the connection? How do we get out and stay out of power struggles? These are some of the goals of this new group for parents of teens/tweens. We support each other, share deeply, and learn from each other and are also reading the book *Getting to Calm* by Jennifer Wyatt. Fourth Sundays, classrooms 4-6, 9:30 am, Childcare provided by request.

MUUGs Program—Middle School Youth

MUUGs stands for "Middle School Unitarian Universalist Gatherings," and it is a district-wide program created to help congregations meet the needs of their middle school youth. MUUGs programming is designed for Unitarian Universalist middle-school youth and most consistent with the needs of 7th and 8th graders. Also welcome are youth in 6th grade, and those in 9th grade who have not bridged to YRUU from MUUGs. Our district planning group for the MUUGs' Program, the MUUGs' Ministry, determined the following dates for future retreats:

- November 4-6 in Livermore
- January 13-15
- March 17-19
- July 3rd-8th Middleschool Camp at Mendocino State Park, Mendocino, CA

Marlene Abel, the MUUGS Registrar, will let us know more when she knows the location of the January and March retreats.

Save the dates for these retreats. Questions? Contact **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**, GRIMOSITIS@gmail.com.

Scenes from a Sabbatical

Senior Minister Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones began her sabbatical on October 15, after an amazing singing cameo in the annual fundraising mystery musical comedy show, "Last Chance Lounge." Video of it will be available someday soon. Here are some images of some of her sabbatical experiences so far. She returns on March 15, 2017.



Democratic Governance

October Board Meeting Report

by Marnie Singer, Secretary

The Board met on October 6 with all elected members present (Bruce Halen, Robert Strong, Bill Shepard, Marnie Singer, Susan Miller, Kristin Rivers), along with Rev. Geoff Rimosis and Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones (ex officio). Newly appointed Ro Morris had not yet joined the Board Yahoogroup and did not receive the meeting notice. Although guests are

always welcome to Board meetings except when we are in executive session, there were no visitors.

We did customary business, approving minutes and reviewing the Treasurer's Report. The Program and Operations Council (POC) is keeping expenses on target, and we're on track to build a surplus. In preparation for the transparency in the finance meeting to be held the following Sunday af-

ter church, Bill Shepard asked about any church finance concerns.

In the interest of greater linkage between the Board and the POC, Board members were encouraged to attend POC meetings. We made plans for a joint retreat including members of both bodies, which was held two days later.

The Board had been asked to consider making a statement in support of Proposition 59, which stimulated an active conversation, both about the mechanism for making a congregational statement about a social justice issue and about this issue in particular. The congregation had approved a Statement of Conscience on Corporate Personhood on January 15, 2012, which put the Board in the position of being able to make a statement about this issue. The Board decided that concerns about the Proposition raised by the League of Women Voters brought enough questions that we could not support the Proposition as a body.

The consensus, however, is that the Board is very interested in using the simplified provisions in our Bylaws (adopted by congregational vote November 10, 2013) to make further social justice statements in the future. The relevant provisions are ARTICLE XV: CHURCH REPRESENTATION, Sec. 1: Adoption of Moral Position and Sec. 2: Statement in Support of a Moral Position. (Our Bylaws can be found at <http://www.sanjoseuu.org/AboutUs/Governance/Bylaws%202013/Bylaws-2013-adopted.pdf>.)

The meeting was energizing, and I look forward to learning how to do a better job as your Secretary!



Big 150th and 125th Anniversaries: *Celebrating 150 Years of Making Love Visible*

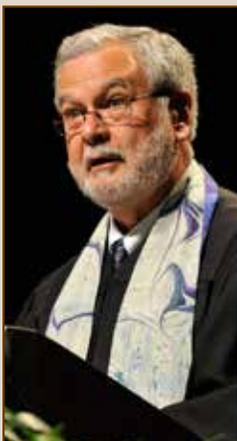
Sunday, November 13, 2016

By Madeline Morrow

Join us at First Unitarian Church of San Jose as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our founding as well as the 125th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our historic building.

For 150 years this congregation has worked for compassion and justice in our community.

We reflect on the gifts from the past that help us continue the work of building Beloved Community. Rev. Peter Morales, president of the Unitarian Uni-



versalist Association, will be our worship leader, and the President's Council—a



nationwide group of prominent Unitarian Universalists—will join us.

The service will include a children's story about one of our founders, Laura J. Watkins, and a commendation from **City Councilmember Raul Peralez**. We encourage you to come in costume, of any time from 1865 to the present and beyond. Represent our church's history or dress like its 2116!

Worship begins promptly at 11 am, with a reception and party (with lunch) following. Celebrate with us!

Democratic Governance

Combined Board and POC Retreat Considers our Moral Positions and Statements

by Robert Strong, Board President



On the beautiful afternoon of Saturday, October 8, the Board and the Programs and Operations Council (POC) met for a combined retreat. The objectives for the retreat were primarily to enhance the communication and relationships between these two groups of church leaders in preparation for Rev. Nancy's sabbatical, and to create a common understanding of the distinct roles that the two groups play in the process of the creation and adoption of "Moral Positions" and of specific "Statements in Support of a Moral Position."

You may recall that the POC is charged primarily with running the day-to-day activities of the Congregation, and the Board is charged with strategy and oversight. From the POC, both **Reverends Geoff and Nancy**, and our ministerial intern **Rodney Lemery**, the POC Chair **Francisco Hernandez**, Financial Officer **Mary Idso**, **John Burk** from Social Justice, and **Henry Ruddle** from Communications were there. From the Board we had President **Robert Strong**, Secretary **Marnie Singer**, and Directors **Kristin Rivers**, **Susan Miller**, and **Ro Morris**, and former President **Madelaine Morrow**.

After an opening blessing and check-in, the first half of the Retreat reviewed our "Vision 2020" and "Opportunities and Needs of the Church", as well as the recent change to our bylaws that streamlined the process by which the Church may make a public statements on issues. To make any public statement, our Congregation must first have adopted a written "Moral

Position" by at least a two-thirds majority at a Congregational Meeting. Once that is accomplished, then by a 2/3rds vote the Board can approve specific "Statements in Support of a Moral Position" brought forward by the POC, focused upon immediate events and issues.

Our "Vision 2020", and "Opportunities and Needs of the Church" identify justice work for our Church in four areas: Racial Justice, Economic Justice, Environmental Justice, and Homelessness. We had sifted the statements that have been adopted by the Church before the current bylaws went into effect (Nov. 2013), seeking those written broadly enough to be a "Moral Position" and identified two (of the 13 adopted since 1952): "2012 - Corporate Personhood" and "2013 - Rights of Nature". The others had been drafted and adopted in re-

sponse to very specific events of their time.

We broke into four teams aligned with our four justice areas. Each team brainstormed what a "Moral Position" to enable "Statements" within its area might look like, and considered what timely issues that our Church is-or-should-be working upon, needing a "Statement in Support of a Moral Position." We reconvened to summarize each team's findings and thoughts, and future plans, and ended with a blessing upon Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones as she embarks on her well-deserved sabbatical.

If you have a justice issue that you deem important, please talk with any of the leadership of our Church to learn how you can plug into the ongoing justice work of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose!

Together When We're Apart

The Alegriá Singers performed "Adinu," a traditional Sufi melody, at the October 9 service

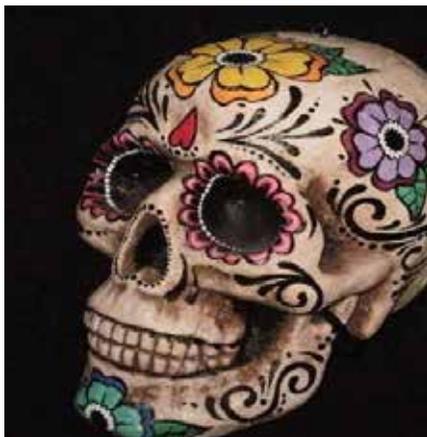


Sunday Services / Servicios Domingo

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 11 AM



Day of the Dead / Día de los Muertos: Trusting the Connections that Last

Celebration Sunday!

For our annual Día de los Muertos service, please bring photos, mementos, or flowers in honor of your loved ones (people or pets) who have died, and place them on our colorful ofrenda (altar) before the service. We take time during the service to write a note or draw a picture for those who have died, and then we'll add those to

ALBANZAS EN ESPAÑOL 10:15 AM

Venga a unirse a nosotros para este servicio simple de oración-meditación de media hora (sin sermón) a las 10:15 am en una mezcla de inglés y español en la biblioteca de la iglesia.

Come join us for this simple prayer-meditation service (without sermon) at 10:15 am, held in a mixture of English and Spanish in the Church Library.

the altar too. We look at what we need to forgive, and how a relationship can continue, even after death. We conclude by gathering into the heart of the labyrinth all who have lost a beloved in the last three years and singing our comfort to them. Come celebrate this beautiful tradition with us!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis; **Ministerial Intern:** Rodney Lemery; **Worship Associate:** Inés Zapiola

DOMINGO, 6 DE NOVIEMBRE 11AM

Día de los Muertos / Day of the Dead: Confiar en las Conexiones que Duran

¡Domingo de Celebración!

Para nuestro anual servicio del Día de los Muertos, favor de traer fotos, recuerdos o flores en honor de sus seres queridos (personas o mascotas) quienes han

Worship / Small-Group Themes for 2016-17

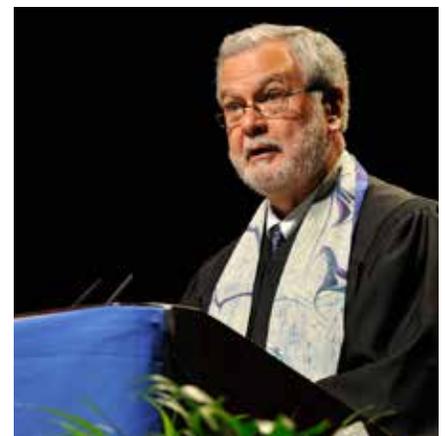
Based on congregants' responses to the Spring 2016 Worship Survey, FUC-SJ's Worship Associates and Small-Group Ministry Content Team, working with Rev. Nancy, have chosen these themes for September 2016 through May 2017! Let's go deep!

- September 2016:Change
- November 2016: Living with Our Fears
- November 2016: Integrity
- December 2016 Earth
- January 2017: Stages of Life
- February 2017: Kinship and Friendship
- March 2017: Understanding "the Other"
- April 2017: .. The Boundaries That Harm and That Heal Us
- May 2017: Forgiveness

muerto y colocarlas en nuestra colorida ofrenda (altar) antes del servicio. Nosotros tomaremos un tiempo durante el servicio para escribir una nota o dibujar un dibujo para aquellos que han muerto, y luego los agregaremos al altar también. Miramos lo que tenemos que perdonar, y cómo puede seguir una relación, incluso después de la muerte. Concluimos reuniéndonos en el corazón del laberinto, todos los que han perdido a un ser querido en los últimos tres años y cantando nuestro consuelo a ellos. ¡Vengan a celebrar esta hermosa tradición con nosotros!

Dirigen: el Rev. Geoff Rimositis y Rodney Lemery; **Asociada de Culto:** Inés Zapiola

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 11 AM



150th and 125th Anniversaries: Celebrating 150 Years of Making Love Visible Sunday!

Join us at First Unitarian Church of San Jose as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our founding as well as the 125th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our historic building. For 150 years this congregation has worked for compassion and justice in our community. We reflect on the gifts from the past that help us continue the work of building Beloved Community. Rev. Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, is our worship leader, and the President's Council—a nationwide group of prominent Unitarian Universalists—joins us. The ser-

vice includes a children's story about one of our founders, Laura J. Watkins, and a commendation from City Councilmember Raul Peralez.

We encourage you to come in costume, of any time from 1865 to the present and beyond. Represent our church's history or dress like it's 2116! Worship begins promptly at 11 am, with a reception and party (with lunch) following. Celebrate with us!

Worship Leaders: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis and the Rev Peter Morales; **Worship Associates:** Mary Martin & Rodney Lemery

DOMINGO, 13 DE NOVIEMBRE 11 AM

Domingo del 150 y 125 Aniversarios: 150 Años de Hacer el Amor Visible

Únete a nosotros en la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José mientras celebramos el 150 aniversario de nuestra Fundación así como el 125 aniversario de la colocación de la piedra angular de nuestro edificio histórico. Por 150 años esta congregación ha trabajado para la compasión y la justicia en nuestra comunidad. Nosotros reflexionamos sobre los dones del pasado que nos ayudan a continuar el trabajo de construir la Querida Comunidad. El Reverendo Peter Morales, Presidente de la Asociación de Unitarios Universalistas — se unen a nosotros. El servicio incluye un cuento infantil sobre uno de nuestros fundadores, Laura J. Watkins y una mención de Raúl Peralez, concejal de la ciudad.

Te animamos a venir en vestuario de cualquier tiempo de 1865 hasta el presente y más allá. ¡Representa la historia de la iglesia o vístase como su 2116! El servicio comienza puntualmente a las 11, con una recepción y fiesta (con almuerzo) después. ¡Celebra con nosotros!

Dirigen: El Rev. Geoff Rimositis y el Rev Peter Morales; **Asociados de Culto:** Mary Martin y Rodney Lemery

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 11 AM

Gotta Serve Somebody

Nobel Prize winner Bob Dylan wrote a song by this title suggesting we all give

ourselves to something or someone. Dylan suggested that no one really gets out of this, no matter how much above it we might think we are. So he suggests getting aware and intentional about it. There are many variations on the word "serve", some of them not inspiring. But here's one that is - "to be of use in satisfying or achieving a purpose." As we engage with the service auction today, it's a good time to consider what it means to us to offer ourselves in service.

Worship Leader: the Rev Dana Bainbridge, Pastor of First Christian Church and Program Director and Founder of Recovery Café San José; **Worship Associate:** Mary Martin



DOMINGO, 20 DE NOVIEMBRE 11 AM

Tienes que Servir a Alguien

Bob Dylan, ganador del Premio Nobel escribió una canción con este título sugiriendo que todos nos entregamos a algo o alguien. Dylan sugirió que nadie realmente se escapa de esto, no importa que tanto pudiéramos pensar que estemos por encima. Así que él sugiere llegar consciente e intencional acerca de ello. Hay muchas variaciones en la palabra "servir", algunas de ellas no inspiran. Pero aquí hay una que es - "para ser de utilidad en la satisfacción o logro de un propósito." Como nos involucramos con la subasta del servicio de hoy, es un buen momento para considerar lo que significa para nosotros ofrecernos nosotros mismos en el servicio.

Dirige: La Rev. Dana Bainbridge, Pastor de la Primera Iglesia Cristiana, Directora y Fundadora del Programa Café Recuperación de San José; **Asociada de Culto:** Mary Martin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 11 AM



"Living into Love – My Place as an Ally"

In this time of great transition, what does it mean to be an ally to any marginalized groups? Regardless of our race, gender, economic status or sexuality, it is likely that we experience some kind of privilege. What is our privilege and how can we use it to heal the greater world? Join Intern Minister Rodney Lemery and the worship team as they explore this question through an interactive, multi-media service peppered with inspiring music, YouTube videos and a post-service discussion to explore ways we can live more deeply into the love of our faith movement.

Worship Leader: Rodney Lemery, Intern Minister; **Worship Associate:** Marnie Singer

DOMINGO, 27 DE NOVIEMBRE 11 AM

"Vivir en el Amor – Mi Lugar como un Aliado"

En este tiempo de gran transición, ¿qué significa ser un aliado de cualquiera de los grupos marginados? Independientemente de nuestra raza, género, estatus económico o sexualidad, es probable que experimentemos algún tipo de privilegio. ¿Cuál es nuestro privilegio y cómo podemos usarlo para sanar al gran mundo? Únete al pasante de Ministro Rodney Lemery y al equipo de los servicios mientras exploran esta cuestión a través de un servicio interactivo, multimedia, con música inspiradora, videos de YouTube y una discusión posterior al servicio para explorar maneras de que podemos vivir más profundamente en el amor de nuestro movimiento de fe.

Dirige: Rodney Lemery; **Asociada de Culto:** Marnie Singer

CIRCLING AROUND



The question was What is Your Worst Habit?

When too many people hesitated before answering, I knew they were thinking of it, but didn't want it published, so I asked "OK, what's your 2nd worst habit?" Crazy how many people answered "procrastination." Enough to start a group, but none of them would get around to RSVPing, and most would forget

when the meeting was. So here they are: **Sarah Pu, Monty Low, Jeff White, Mary Martin, Jenny Cussman**, but I think **Barbara Grover** belongs in that group, too, because she said "not finishing projects." Then we started to think about a group of project finishers, to whom you would take your unfinished projects, and they would finish them. Now before you get too excited about this one, there would be problems: who owns the finished product? who furnishes the stuff to finish it with, is there a time limit for projects that have been in your closet for ten years?

Jean Embree talks too much (her words). **Frey** gets too many snacks; **Greg Larson** stays up too late watching TV. **Bob Redfern** falls asleep in sermons. Thankfully

NPJ isn't around to see this. **Steve Madden** swears at other drivers. Many years ago **Dan** made me stop giving others the finger. **Ervin Barrios** eats too much. **Carolyn Bowman** says "what?" too much; **Carol Green** watches too much TV and Facebook. **Karen Conrotto** eats too much peppermint fudge ice cream from Willow Glen Creamery. Sounds like a field trip. **Marnie Singer** is also up too late. You could call Greg — he's up. **Mary Martin** has (oh no!) clutter!

Some of you may notice I interviewed you but you don't appear in print: my ghastly secret: I can't read my writing. And I have the 2010 directory and never have time to look you up because I always slide these articles into the editors at the very last, dead last, ultimate last minute. So I'll see you guys in the P group.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAYS

8-9 PM



Guitars Aloud!

Fireside Room (in Library Oct. 11)

Guitarists! Let's get together each Tuesday to play UU hymns and other music suitable for services. This free event (for multiple levels) will help you develop your musicianship as you serve the church and its ideals. Ages teen through adult are welcome. Please call **Sally Cooperrider** (408-204-1046) before attending for the first time as the group occasionally skips a week.

WEDNESDAYS

7-9 PM



Alegría Singers Choir Practice Sanctuary

Join the FUCSJ choir in singing at Sunday services, special events such as solstice celebrations and Coffeehouses, and various church activities. Questions? **Liz Owen** lowen@data-time.com

WEDNESDAYS

6 PM

"Breathe in Peace, Breath out Love" Silent Meditation

Ramsden Fireside Room

We meditate in the Ramsden Fireside Room. We begin with ringing the meditation bell and setting the timer for 30 min-

utes. Come in the door at the end of the ramp and quietly enter the Fireside Room from the hall past the elevator. 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, the **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**, GRimositis@gmail.com.



2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS 12:45 PM

Young-at-Heart Fellowship Group Sunday Lunch

Hattie Porter Hall by Newcomer's Table

Join our young adult/young-at-heart fellowship group for Lunch! Meet in Hattie Porter Hall near the Newcomer's table at about 12:45 pm. Questions? Contact uuthful_spirits-owner@yahoo.com

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 1-3 PM

Women's Alliance

Ramsden Fireside Room

We will be sharing our thoughts on Chapters 5-10 of Ayaan Hirsi Ali's best-selling memoir, *Nomad: From Islam to America: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations*. Contact **Nancy Coleman** at nbcoleman@gmail.com or 408.256.1622 for further information. All are welcome.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 8 PM



Dances of Universal Peace

Sanctuary

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, and using sacred phrases from the world's religions.

Come join us on the labyrinth under the dome of our church. **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.

If you have questions you can email **Patrick Smiley** at patrick.smiley@sbc-global.net or telephone and leave a message on his cell phone: 408-421-6492.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5 9 AM – 2 PM

Service is Our Prayer Day

All Areas of Church

Come join us to spread our love all over our beautiful church building on Saturday, November 5 from 9 am – 2 pm. Chores will be available for helpers at all skill levels. A light lunch will be served at noon, you may park in the 3rd Street garage. Be part of getting the building looking great for the 150th celebration! RSVP Building Committee at fucsjbc@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY, NOV. 6 10-11 PM

HUumanati Forum

Hattie Porter Hall

We gather, socialize, check in, read aloud, write haiku, play games, or whatever. Come by to tarry awhile, share your thoughts, or just listen. It's fun, and interesting talk always happens. We meet at the table nearest the coffee. For more information, contact **Mike Pelizzari**, email nextgalaxy@aol.com.

SUNDAY, NOV. 6 12:45 PM

Band of Writers

Youth Room

Writers are encouraged to look through the things they've written over the past few years and submit the best of them to **Catherine Pelizzari** at caleeson@aol.com for inclusion in the newest Band of Writers published collection. 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.

SUNDAY, NOV. 6 12:45 PM

Homelessness Concerns Group Sunday Meeting

Ramsden Fireside Room

This newly-formed group meets on the 1st Sunday of the month to concentrate its efforts on finding a meaningful way to add to the resources already available to the homeless in our own neighborhood.

SUNDAY, NOV. 6 2:15 – 5:30 PM



South Bay Contra Dance

Hattie Porter Hall

Social dance for all ages to live music. If you can walk, you can contra dance. No experience or partner needed. All dances taught and called. First time visitors are free if they come to the newcomers' lesson at 2:15. Dance starts at 2:30. Wear comfortable shoes. Suggested donation - \$5-\$10; no one will be turned away for lack of funds. All details available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/South-BayContraDance/> or <http://bacds.org/sbc>.

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MONDAY, NOV. 14 & 28 7 PM

UU Knitters

Julia Rodriguez's Home

Join the drop-in group of lively crafters: including knitting, crochet, beading (so far) on 2nd and 4th Mondays. All levels of experience are welcome! Call **Julia** at 408 379-0759 for directions.

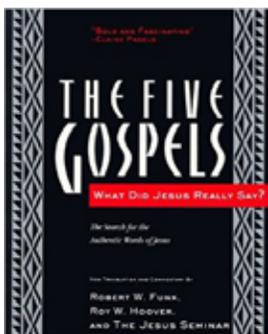
MONDAY, NOV. 14 7-9 PM

Social Justice Council Meeting

Conference Room

Please join the council on Monday, November 14, at 7 pm in the downstairs conference room to make your voice heard about the issues under discussion. We regularly meet the 2nd Mondays of the month. For more information or if you are locked out, call or text **John Burk** at 408-259-3781.

THURSDAY, NOV. 17 7-9 PM



Christian Origins Book Study – The Five Gospels: What Did Jesus Really Say?

by the Jesus Seminar and Robert Funk

Our Christian Origins Book Study for November is scheduled for Thursday, November 17. This session will focus on Mark 9-16 (81-128) [48 pages]. As we continue to read this first Gospel, we will seek to understand how the scholars make their decisions, see how they differ in their opinions, develop our own perspectives on what Jesus is likely to have said, and consider how Jesus' message may or may not relate to our time and our lives.

Questions? Contact **Bob Miess** at Bob@BobMiess.com or 925-392-5901.

**MONDAY, NOV. 7 DEADLINE
SAT/SUN, NOV. 19 & 20 SUPPERS**

Circle Suppers

Have you been hearing about Circle Suppers?

"Circle Suppers are a great way to expand and deepen your circle of friends at no-stress family-style dinners - you only have to make one dish! I love that there is a different group with some overlap at each dinner. It's fun to host dinners too - you just set the table and a dinner arrives with the chance for in-depth conversation and connection." --Madeline Morrow

"Circle Suppers are a delightful melange of foods, personalities and ideas. You never know what to expect, and that's part of the fun!" --Henry Ruddle



Why not give it a try this month?

Circle Suppers offer an opportunity for members of the church community to get to know one another at casual pot luck suppers. Small groups come together in members' homes to share food and conversation. Hosting is not a requirement for all attendees. Singles and couples, long-time church members or new to this church community, all are welcome. Some folks attend often and others only occasionally.

The suppers in November will be Saturday the 19th and Sunday the 20th. The deadline to sign up is Monday, November 7. Contact **Barbara Derbyshire** at CircleSuppers@AOL.com.

The December supper will be Saturday, December 10 in Hattie Porter Hall.

Put it on your calendar now!

SUNDAY, OCT. 16 2:30-5 PM

San José English Country Dance

Hattie Porter Hall

Enjoy truly social group dancing to classical and folk music from the last five centuries! In our pattern dances, you dance with the whole room. Come alone or with friends — we change partners after every dance. All group dances taught and prompted, no experience necessary, no complicated footwork. For the best experience, come at the beginning of the dance — later patterns are more complex. Suggested donation: \$5-\$10; no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

SUNDAY, NOV. 20 12:30 PM

Service Auction: Save the Date

Hattie Porter Hall

Our Service Auction will be after the Sunday service on November 20 in Hattie Porter Hall.

You are invited to enjoy an elegant lunch while shopping during the silent auction, followed by more fun and action at the live auction!

Please support our faith community through a generous donation of a service or talent. Past Service Auction items have included skating lessons, handyman service, genealogy research, vacation getaways, massages, dinners and more.; Get Creative! Your skills are valuable to others. What will be your donation of talent or service?

For more information, contact **Jan Theiss-Guffey** at jantguffey@gmail.com.

MONDAY, NOV. 21 7:30-9 PM



HUumanati Monday Meeting

Library (to the left in the front lobby)

Come join us, rest your feet, check in, and chat about what's on your mind. There may be board games and other easy ac-

tivities also. For more information, contact **Mike Pelizzari**, email nextgalaxy@aol.com

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 7 PM



WHADDA UU KNOW? — A Comedy Game Show

Hattie Porter Hall

Enjoy an all new show with all new games and contestants, as well as a new VIP, Councilman Raul Peralez of the Third District.

Contestants go head-to-head in trivia games heavy on word play, music and fun led by your emcee **Nerdy Hurdle** (Henry Ruddle). Music Director **Trench Mojo** (John M. Ector) will co-host and, along with **Hankie Candies** (Dianne Saichek), provide music and musical games. Table

games will entertain you during the boring bits (if any).

Come Join the Fun!

It's easy and fun to be a contestant, and fun for the audience as well (of course!). For example, during our August 13 event, the game "Celebrity Mash-Ups" sounded intimidating at first, but once the contestants caught on it was easy. The clues hinted at three names of celebrities that could be arranged in a chain because of matching first and last names. Here's one:

If a wild and crazy guy with an arrow through his head and a banjo got together with the founder of the first Protestant sect and "the Velvet Voice," a soul singer famous for "Never Too Much," and "Endless Love," you would get ... (Steve Martin Luther Vandross)

If the rock and rock pianist famous for "Great Balls of Fire" and for marrying his 13-year-old cousin got together with the author of "Alice in Wonderland" and the red-headed comedian with a self-titled sketch comedy show on CBS from 1967 to 1978, you would get ... (Jerry Lee Lewis Carroll/Carol Burnett)

If the British host of HBO's "Last Week Tonight" got together with the director of "JFK" and "Natural Born Killers" and the former Dateline NBC news anchor who now works at PBS, you would get ... (John Oliver Stone Phillips)

Tickets

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Free will donation at the door or buy tickets in advance with PayPal or a credit card at <http://sanjoseuu.org/ContactUs/donate.shtml>. (Suggested: \$10). All proceeds benefit the music program. For questions, to offer help, e-mail (emcee) **Henry Ruddle** at rcreative1@gmail.com.



Hiking Schedule (November 2016)

Dear Hikers, Please call or email me if you plan to hike so I know that you are joining us and can tell you if plans have changed: j408miller@sbcglobal.net. home phone 408-730-1052 or cell 408-769-0534. — **Joyce Miller**



SATURDAY, NOV. 5 8:30 AM

Pichetti Ranch Open Space, 5 miles, moderate. Hike and wine tasting. Meet at trailhead. To get to trailhead, take Foothill as though you were going to Stevens Creek Park, but continue on past the quarry and turn right on Montebello Road. Go about a mile and you will see the sign for the Pichetti Open Space Preserve on your left.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9 8:30 AM

Saratoga Gap/Long Ridge trail loop, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at the former US Bank parking lot in Saratoga. Turn right into first driveway past the Union 76 station and drive to back.

SATURDAY, NOV. 12 8:30 AM

Butano State Park near Pescadero, 7 miles, moderate. This is long day-- goat cheese shopping and pie eating. Plan to get home around 5 pm. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16 8:30 AM

Calero County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at Bed, Bath and Beyond at Almaden Plaza shopping center.

SATURDAY, NOV. 19 8:30 AM

Almaden Quicksilver, 6 miles moderate. Meet at Bed, Bath and Beyond in Almaden

Plaza shopping center. Or at the trail head at Hacienda entrance at 8:45 am.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23 8:30 AM

Wunderlich County Park, 5 miles, moderate. This hike will be shorter due to Thanksgiving preparations. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride.

SATURDAY, NOV. 26 8:30 AM

Castle Rock State Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at the former US Bank parking lot in Saratoga. Turn right into first driveway past the Union 76 station and drive to back.

WEDNESDAY, NOV., 30 8:30 AM

Sierra Vista Open Space, 5 miles, moderate to strenuous. We will carpool from the parking lot at the Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Road.



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Save the Dates

November 3, Thursday, 1-3 pm,
Women's Alliance, Ramsden
Fireside Room

November 4, Friday, 8 pm, Dances of
Universal Peace, Sanctuary

November 5, Saturday, 9 am – 2
pm, Service is Our Prayer Day, All
Church Areas

November 6, Sunday, 10-11 am,
HUUmanati Forum, Hatti Porter Hall

November 6, Sunday, 12:45 pm,
Homelessness Concerns Group,
Ramsden Fireside Room

November 6, Sunday, 2:15-5:30 pm,
South Bay Contra Dance, Hattie
Porter Hall

November 13, Sunday, 11 am and
following the service, Celebrating

150 Years of Making Love
Visible, Sanctuary and HPH

November 14, Monday, 7-9
pm, Social Justice Council,
Conference Room

November 19 & 20, Saturday
& Sunday, Circle Suppers.
Contact Barbara Derbyshire
at CircleSuppers@AOL.com;
sign-up deadline, November 7

November 20, Sunday, 12:30 pm,
Service Auction, Hattie Porter
Hall

November 21, Monday, 7:30-9 pm,
HUUmanati Monday Meeting,
Library

December 11, Sunday, 1-3 pm,
Defying the Nazis: the Sharps'
War; a Film by Ken Burns and
Artemis Joukowsky, Sanctuary

READY TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF SAN JOSÉ? Contact Rev. Geoff, grimositis@gmail.com

For Pastoral Care

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! Rev. Nancy is on sabbatical from October 15 – March 14, 2017; therefore, she is not available for calls. To reach Geoff: (408) 292-3858, ext. 225 Mon.-Thurs.; cell (408) 309-7796; e-mail: grimositis@gmail.com.

Cuidado Pastoral

Nuestra comunidad se esfuerza en ofrecer la compasión, el compañerismo curativo, y la alegría a todos sus miembros. Nuestros coordinadores en cuidado pastoral pueden ayudarle a encontrar un oído que escucha, o las manos que ayudan cuando ustedes lo pudieran necesitar en épocas difíciles. Para el cuidado pastoral, por favor, comuníquese con el Rev. Geoff Rimositis.

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! La Rev. Nancy está en su año sabático del 15 de octubre, 2016 al 14 de marzo de 2017; por lo tanto, ella no estará disponible en este tiempo. Para contactar al Rev. Geoff: (408) 292-3858, ext. 225 Mon.-Thurs.; cell (408) 309-7796; e-mail: grimositis@gmail.com.

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Attend Sunday services, join a Small Group or one of the many social/activity groups, serve on a committee, come to events, like us on Facebook. Visit www.sanjoseuu.org for more ideas!

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Make an annual pledge of support (fulfill it by check, EFT, stock transfer or Paypal), attend fundraisers such as the service auction and mystery musical, watch for special collections.