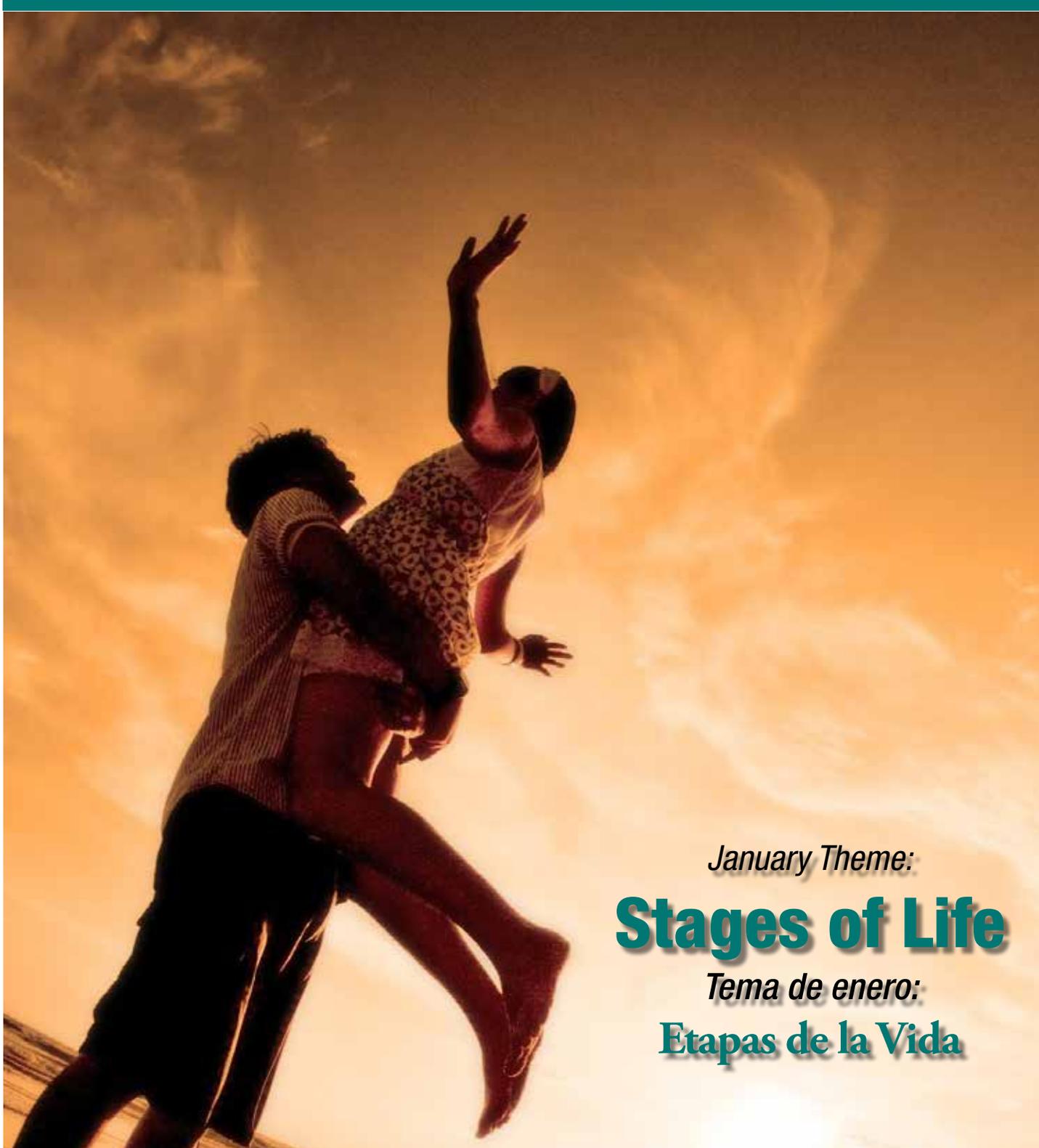




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The annual holiday play included a solo by Lily Ruddle.

In Our Own Voices: Stages of Life

By Mary Martin

“In Our Own Voices” shares congregants’ free-flowing responses to the theme of the month: Stages of Life.

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, which is particularly evident in the responses to this month’s theme. Many respondents’ answers were questions.

In General

All stages of life have challenges and rewards. It is important to acknowledge both at each stage.

This is a broad category, but I am feeling drawn to our inherent worth and dignity. This could be dignity in death or dignity throughout the other stages of life. I believe our faith is driving us toward helping all humans reach that whole state of being.

Hearing other peoples’ experiences with these stages and how the stages define themselves is always useful and insightful.

Lifelong patterns of intergenerational friendships have given me insights about aging before I would have been assumed to have any concept of them.



This is a good topic because it affects people of all ages from young adults to parents to elders.

Stages: Birth, infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, middle age, old age, death.

I take a deep breath and give thanks for this gift of life in all its stages.

What does it mean to move through the stages of life as a single person?

How do we connect across the generations to have a full sense of our humanity?

I'm interested in how people who are physically in one stage of life may feel that mentally they're in another stage of life.

Sometimes a person can feel he or she is in one stage of life for years and then, all of a sudden, feel catapulted into another stage without a gradual transition.

I'm curious about how this topic could be approached with a perspective other than time/chronology.

What does it mean to have lived a "full life," and is it the same for everyone? What do we value on the road through life?

How does life look from different stages of life?

In the Beginning

What courage does it take to be a child and a youth in these times? What joys and strains come with parenting?

Where and when does life begin? What is life exactly? (Note: science is unable to define life.)

In the Middle

What happens when we're in the "sandwich" days—caring for family, but also caring for our elders?

The concept of stages of life is something I think more about as I grow older and get to experience different stages myself.

I think this is the best theme this year. I'm most interested in this theme as I move toward some of the latter stages with questions such as: What did I miss? What should I celebrate? What is incomplete?

In Later Years

How do we want to live as older people, and how do we want to approach death?

When our life ends, how do we leave this life behind? What does it mean for the people who are left behind? (Note that there is a beginning and an end to all life. Immortality does not exist.)

Caring for my mother in assisted living, I will echo Dr. Kate Pulaski of Star Trek Next Generation: "If I survive this experience (of course I will), I will have a much better understanding of geriatrics."

Since my mother is in assisted living, I need to realize to be slower with her, in speech, physical speed, driving, etc. I want her to be more like me, but I need to accommodate more for her stage in life.

I was privileged to have a personal conversation with a 96-year-old man where he shared with me his feelings about the changes in his life as he got older. I wish I had been taking notes!

I think the people participating in the Year to Live seminar, have—and are still—gleaning wisdom and profound thoughts and ideas on the stages of life. They have been contemplating the final stage of life in detail—the last stage we know of, anyway.

Suggestions for Action

Add a sermon or program topic once a quarter that reflects the stage of life associated with that season: birth, childhood, adulthood, death.

Create an older-members task force to address issues and solutions for the aging baby-boomer contingent in our congregation. There are a lot of us.

Read Judith Viorst's age-related books of poetry, which include When Did I Stop Being 20 & Other Injustices: Selected Poems from Single to Mid-Life; How Did I Get to Be 40 & Other Atrocities; Suddenly Sixty and Other Shocks; I'm Too Young to Be 70 & Other Delusions; and Unexpectedly Eighty & Other Adaptations.

Celebrating Stages of Life

By the Reverend Geoff Rimositis



When I served the First Parish (Unitarian Universalist) in Lexington, Massachusetts as its associate minister in my first settlement as an ordained minister, I relished being at a historic church on the village green where a major battle of the Revolutionary War was fought and continued to be fought every year at 5 a.m. on Patriot's Day in a historical reenactment. I am fortunate to have been in two congregations that have celebrated major anniversaries: The First Unitarian Church of San José's 150th and The First Parish in Lexington's 300th.

Though they have 150 years separating them, they have much in common as lifespan intergenerational spiritual communities. They both have the unique feature of gathering together all ages from birth to elderhood.

One of the experiences I looked forward to each month in Lexington was attending the Women's Alliance Luncheon which was always a scrumptious affair with delicious food. Because I was one of the church's ministers I received a free gender

pass. I liked it not only because I obtained a free meal but I also enjoyed the women's company; most of whom could have been old enough to be my grandmother. I never knew my grandparents on either side of my family because of death and divorce. These First Parish women were models of civic involvement, running a clothing exchange in the church, supporting a host of worthy causes, and they were just nice people I enjoyed being around.

The First Unitarian Church of San José also has a **Woman's Alliance** that has a rich history with its roots in Unitarianism and Unitarian Universalism. They meet for support, education, service, and fun. Contact **Nancy Coleman** (nbc Coleman@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining them for their monthly meetings. Their next meeting is at the church on Thursday, January 5 at 1 p.m.

There is something to be learned and celebrated at every stage of life. Instead of thinking of life as a series of developmental milestones with the next stage better than the one before, one could think of each as having its own integrity of experience. A young child unfettered by the indoctrina-

tion of a society putting children on tracks to become good citizens and reliable workers already has an innate wisdom and joy to be revealed in every moment of life's encounter. A children's spirituality is as bona fide as an adult's spirituality. Each comes with its own access to wonder.

The joy for me having now been at the First Unitarian Church of San José for nearly 23 years is that I have been around long enough to see children grow up and become young adults. And there are adult members of the congregation that have also seen those changes, like our hair turning gray with the years.

I have been thrilled that **Ro Morris**, who was among the first participants in the church's Coming of Age rite of passage program for youth in 8th-10th grades, is now a mentor for a youth in the current program. He is also on the church board, serves as a senior high advisor and teaches children occasionally on Sunday mornings. And there is more that he does because he is a member of this congregation who believes in its mission to make love visible in all the many ways that love shows up.

This is what is special about being in a lifespan intergenerational religious community like the First Unitarian Church of San José; we learn and grow together. There is something we can learn from our children and youth. There is something we can learn from our sage elders. There is something to be learned from the member who is a Hewlett-Packard computer engineer and from the member who is a kindergarten teacher. Each is a facet on the prism that shines forth the multicolored, multicultural, multigenerational rainbow that is our beloved community.



Celebrando las Etapas de la Vida

por el Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Cuando serví en la Primera Parroquia (Unitaria Universalista) en Lexington, Massachusetts como su ministro asociado en mi primer asentamiento como un ministro ordenado, yo disfrutaba el estar en una iglesia histórica en el pueblo donde una gran batalla de la guerra revolucionaria fue luchada y continua luchando cada año a las 5:00 de la mañana en una recreación histórica el Día del Patriota. Soy afortunado el haber estado en dos congregaciones que han celebrado importantes aniversarios: En la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José en su 150 aniversario y en la Primera Parroquia en Lexington en su 300 aniversario.

Aunque ellas tienen 150 años de separación, tienen mucho en común como comunidades espirituales intergeneracionales. Ambas tienen la característica única de reunir a todas las edades, desde el nacimiento hasta la vejez.

Una de las experiencias más esperada cada mes en Lexington fue el asistir al almuerzo de la Alianza de Mujeres, el cual siempre fue un asunto para chuparse los dedos con comida deliciosa. Porque yo era uno de los ministros de la iglesia recibí un pase libre de género. Me gustó no solo porque obtuve una comida gratis sino también porque disfrutaba de la compañía de las mujeres; la mayoría de las cuales podrían haber sido tan grandes para ser mis abuelas. Yo nunca supe de mis abuelos de ambos lados de mi familia debido a la muerte y el divorcio. Estas mujeres de la Primera Parroquia eran modelos de participación cívica, ejecutando un cambio de ropa en la iglesia, apoyando una serie de causas valiosas, y ellas solo eran buena gente que disfrutaban estando alrededor.

La Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José también tiene una **Alianza de Mujeres**

que tiene una rica historia con sus raíces en el Unitarismo y en el Unitario Universalismo. Ellas se reúnen para apoyar, educación, servicio y diversión. Contacte a **Nancy Coleman** si usted está interesada en participar de sus reuniones mensuales. Su próxima reunión es en la iglesia el jueves, 5 de enero a la 1 pm.

Hay algo para ser aprendido y celebrado en cada etapa de la vida. En lugar de pensar en la vida como una serie de acontecimientos importantes del desarrollo con la siguiente etapa mejor que la anterior; cada una de ellas tiene su propia integridad de la experiencia. Un niño sin el adoctrinamiento de una sociedad para poner a los niños en vías a convertirse en buenos ciudadanos y trabajadores confiables que tienen una innata sabiduría y alegría para ser manifestada en cada momento de encuentro de la vida. La espiritualidad de los niños es de tan buena fe como la espiritualidad de un adulto. Cada uno viene con su propio acceso a la maravilla.

La alegría para mí del haber estado en la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José por casi 23 años es que he tenido el tiempo suficiente para ver a los niños crecer y convertirse en adultos jóvenes. Y hay miembros adultos de la congregación que también han visto esos cambios como nuestro pelo se convierte en gris con los años.

Yo he estado emocionado de que **Ro Morris** quien estuvo entre los primeros participantes en la mayoría de edad de la iglesia, programa de rito de iniciación para los jóvenes de 8 - 10 grados es ahora un mentor para los jóvenes en el programa actual. Él está también en el Consejo de la iglesia, que sirve como joven asesor y enseña a los niños de vez en cuando el domingo por la mañana. Y hay más de lo que lo hace porque él es un miembro de esta congregación que cree en su misión

para hacer el amor visible en las muchas maneras que amor se manifiesta.

Esto es lo que tiene de especial estar en una comunidad religiosa intergeneracional de por vida como la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José; nosotros aprendemos y crecemos juntos. Hay algo que podemos aprender de nuestros niños y jóvenes. Hay algo que podemos aprender de nuestros ancianos, viejos y sabios. Hay algo que aprender del miembro que es un ingeniero en computación Ingeniero de Hewlett Packard y el miembro que es un maestro de jardín de niños. Cada uno es una faceta en el prisma que brilla el arco iris multicolor, multicultural, multigeneracional que es nuestra querida comunidad.

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

October 2016: Living with Our Fears

November 2016: Integrity

January 2017 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

Children and Youth Classes



Youth Classes for January

SUNDAY JANUARY 1

No Classes; Nursery Available

SUNDAY JANUARY 8

1st -4th grades—Jonah and the Large Fish

5th-8th grades—Who is My Neighbor?

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

Coming of Age Mentor/Youth Gathering after service (12:45-2:00 pm)

FRIDAY-SUNDAY JANUARY 13-15

Pacific Central District Coming of Age "SOCIAL JUSTICE" RETREAT- San Francisco

SUNDAY JANUARY 15

1st -4th grades—Job

5th-8th grades—Every Person is Worthy

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

SUNDAY JANUARY 22

1st -4th grades—Religion of Ruth

5th-8th grades—Your Trust Has Made You Whole

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

SUNDAY JANUARY 29

1st -4th grades—Fiery Furnaces & Roaring Lions

5th-8th grades—Parable of the Sower

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

A scene from the Holiday Children's Service on Sunday, December 18..

Upcoming Adult RE Events

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 9:30 AM

Roots and Wings UU Parenting 0-10 Years Group

Classrooms 4-6, Childcare Provided

Session: HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT RACE, World Trust Educational Services, Dia Penning, Dr. Allison Briscoe-Smith, Aimee Reeder, Edited by Ryan Mehar

"We live in a complex world. We are all trying the best we can to support the growth, health, and understanding of our kids. Today, as we get information at warp speed and events are televised from all parts of the globe, we are exposed to things that we might not have had an understanding of 20, 30, 40 or 50 years ago. As a parent that is interested in developing an honest and robust dialogue with your child about race and equity, there are a few things that you will want to keep in mind. It's not too soon! By 6 months old, your child can distinguish between skin color and hair texture. As toddlers, children develop preferences and start to associate 'good' with people that look like them. As preschoolers, they are all about sorting and are finding many ways to practice exclusion. By supporting their questions and

By the Reverend Geoff Rimositis

guiding them in positive directions when they ask questions that seem jarring, we are setting them up for being inclusive and healthy adults."

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, JANUARY 29 9:30 AM

Tweens & Teens Parent Group (10 -18 years)

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.



Announcing Adult OWL...

By Rodney Lemery, Interim Minister

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, wounding around this important area of our existence is experienced. However, when we realize and honor our sexuality, a richer more complete actuality is achieved. **Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education** and **Sexuality and Our Faith** curricula are the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist bold antidotes 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

Schedule:

Date	Time	Chp	Topic	Location
1/19/17	7-9 pm	1	Sexuality and Values	Fireside Room
1/26/17	7-9 pm	2	Sexuality and Communication	Fireside Room
2/9/17	7-9 pm	3	Sexuality and Spirituality	Fireside Room
2/16/17	7-9 pm	4-5	Discovering the Sexual Self and Other	Fireside Room
2/23/17	7-9 pm	6-7	Sexual Attraction and Early Relationships	Fireside Room
3/9/17	7-9 pm	8	Sexuality and Committed Relationships	Fireside Room
3/16/17	7-9 pm	9	Guest Panel on Sexual Diversity	Conf. Room
3/23/17	7-9 pm	10-11	Sexuality and Family	Fireside Room
3/30/17	7-9 pm	12	Sexual Health	Fireside Room

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,

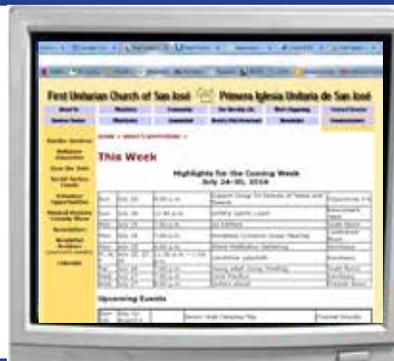
in our exploration of sexuality and sexual health. The class will provide us an opportunity to step back, reflect, and evaluate these messages so that we can increase our ability to act on and communicate our faith-based sexual values.

For additional information or to register for this free adult education class, please contact Intern Minister Rodney Lemery at rdlemery@meadville.edu.

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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:

- 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.

Democratic Governance

Homeless Concerns Committee: December 4 Meeting

Present: Liz Owen, Barbara Grover, Lynn Morison, Jan Theis-Guffey, Moria Merriweather, Bob Roszkowski, Carole Roszkowski, John Burk, Melanie Lanstrom, Connie Hall

December Homeless Concerns Events Noted:

Tuesday December 6, 6:30–8:30: Winter Faith Collaborative meeting at Christ the Good Shepherd church 1550 Meridian in San Jose near Hamilton

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 pm, Winter Faith Collaborative meeting at Christ the Good Shepherd church, 1550 Meridian in San Jose

Tuesday, December 6, 1:30 pm, City Council meeting to discuss the Housing impact fee, item 4.2 on the agenda. This is an important source of funding.

Saturday, December 10, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Coat and Soup Ministry at Grace Baptist Church 10th and San Fernando in San Jose, They ask for new or slightly used coats, as well as new scarves, socks, hats, gloves, tents, blankets, sleeping bags, and underwear for the homeless.

Tuesday December 13: This City Council meeting for voting on PATH to move forward with their building to house homeless on North 2nd St. has been postponed to a future date.

January Homeless Concerns Events Noted

Saturday January 24th and Sunday January 25: Point-in-Time Count: This is a Volunteer Opportunity to help with the Santa Clara Homeless Census and Survey. See below.

Lynn Morison, church member who works for Abode, an agency that works to find housing for the homeless, spoke about Point-In-Time-Count. This is a mandated homeless survey which takes place every two years and is used to determine funding. On Tuesday January 24th and Wednesday January 25th, volunteers with cars will team up with a paid homeless partner to tour a given area to count the homeless. Lynn encouraged us to sign up to be a part of this important survey which will also provide us an opportunity to get to know a homeless person. Ask Barbara or Liz for a flyer with more information and how to sign up.

Lynn described her work at Abode, an organization that helps get people off the streets by providing funding for housing.



She described the assessment process by the county which determines who will be eligible to receive aid. It was mentioned that preference often goes to those who are the most expensive to maintain because they require many services and Lynn added that preference also goes to those the most in need. She also mentioned a rapid rehousing program which offers up to two years of permanent housing to help people get back on their feet.

Even though long-term permanent housing solutions are increasing, Lynn stressed the importance of helping the homeless in the short term. A homeless person's involvement in short-term programs can be very helpful in locating a

person who is eligible for housing funding. Homeless people can be very hard to find and might miss a chance for housing even though eligible.

Lynn also applauded the programs that try to reconnect the homeless with their families.

The Winter Faith Collaborative

Phil Mastrocola from The Winter Faith Collaborative: spoke about ongoing work with the City and especially Councilman Raul Peralez to provide more safe parking for those 1,500 people estimated to be living in their cars. Santa Barbara provides a model where a ticket is issued stating that the occupant takes responsibility, an important concern of the City.

Phil is also working with San Jose State campus ministry to provide safe parking in campus parking lots. An estimated 300 students are presently living in their cars, and it is estimated that 11% of the student population is homeless and hungry. San Jose State presently offers emergency housing for 2 weeks

Safe Parking programs need staff for intake and security shifts, usually split and for two people. This costs about \$4500 a month. Could we propose such an item for our church budget?

San Jose has a grant to provide portable showers. There are plan to announce and publicize this possibly in San James Park and with other services offered as well. John Burk has information on this.

Grace Baptist Church is offering overnight housing this winter for three months to adult men and women. Phil encouraged our participation in supporting this effort with meals and other resources. Phil can be reached at 408-839-9815 or there is an online sign-up sheet.

Democratic Governance

November and December Board Meetings

by Marnie Singer, Secretary

To increase transparency of the operations of the Board for the congregation, I intend to write a monthly summary until the end of my term as Board Secretary in May. This report covers the meetings in November and December.

Our meetings always include certain elements – an opening reading or prayer, members volunteering to be timekeeper and process monitor, approval of minutes and other consent items, a Treasurer’s report by **Bill Shepard** (We’ve been in great shape this year!), and a report from **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**.

We flexibly follow the agenda set by our President, **Robert Strong**. When we have issues to address, we use a mutual invitation process to make sure every voice is heard. In mutual invitation, one person speaks at a time, and everyone listens without interruption. When that person is done speaking, they invite the next person to speak. After all have had the opportunity to speak, discussion is open before some-

one proposes a motion; and then there may be more discussion before the vote.

At the end of the meeting, we review our action items and motions, hear a report from the process monitor, and close with words or a song – generally within five minutes of the advertised ending time of 9:00 pm!

Within that structure, Board members strengthen our bonds with each other, which cannot help but nurture the health of the congregation. Visitors are always welcome – whether they are posing a concern, making a proposal, or simply observing – unless we are in executive session. If you plan to attend, it is good to let Robert Strong (strong00@pacbell.net) or me (marniesinger@sbcglobal.net) know in advance, so we can let you know of any last-minute changes and can have a seat ready for you.

Some of the topics we addressed in November and December:

- The processes codified in our Bylaws for the congregation to vote on approv-

al of Moral Positions and the Board to approve statements of support (Robert Strong says more on page 12).

- Approval of our Statement on Standing Rock
- Preparations for the 150th Celebration on November 13, and afterward, appreciation for everyone’s contributions
- Some operational concerns to take to the Program and Operations Council (POC)
- Agreement to increase linkage with the POC by one Board member attending one POC meeting a month
- Consideration of processes for attending meetings remotely by video conference and for voting online (Policies are still being drafted.)
- Future discussions to set Board Goals for 2016-17

Our next meeting is scheduled to be on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

Groundwerx Ambassadors Help with Homeless People Near Church

On Sunday morning a homeless person had strewn belongings on the church steps and adjoining sidewalk and was being abusive to passersby. Members who discovered this were uncertain about what to do.

It is important that everyone know that there is an organization, Groundwerx, who handles these situations.

Groundwerx is located right across St. James Park from the church and if called at 408 287-1520 will send an Ambassador to help 7 days a week. The Ambassador will clean up the belongings and if they are not able to help the person they will call 311 or on weekdays, PATH.

This information and phone number is posted in the Narthex.



Sunday Services / Servicios Domingo

JANUARY THEME: Stages of Life
TEMA DE ENERO: Etapas de la Vida

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 11 AM



Help, Hope and Support in Life's Transitions

Happy New Year! Please join us to explore our January theme of the Stages of Life in our first service of the New Year. The Stages of Life may include a variety of transitions and challenges; some expected and others unexpected. In these transitions, where can we find help, hope and support?

Worship Leader: Rodney Lemery, Ministerial Intern; **Worship Associate:** Moria Merriweather

DOMINGO, 1 DE ENERO 11AM

Ayuda, Esperanza y Apoyo en las Transiciones de la Vida

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Por favor únanse a nosotros para explorar el tema de enero

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.

de las etapas de la vida en nuestro primer servicio del año nuevo. Las etapas de la vida pueden incluir una variedad de transiciones y desafíos; algunos esperados y otros inesperados. En estas transiciones, ¿dónde podemos encontrar ayuda, apoyo y esperanza?

Dirige: Rodney Lemery, Ministro Interino
Asociada de Culto: Moria Merriweather

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 11 AM



"Selfishness, Self-Awareness, Selflessness"

We all move through stages in our life. Those stages affect us as individuals, churches or in other organizations. We move through chronological stages. We move through emotional stages. We even move through spiritual stages where we move back and forth between believing and doubting. What role do our attitudes and values play in these movements?

Worship Leaders: the Reverend Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, Pastor of Good Samaritan Methodist Church, Cupertino; **Worship Associates:** Alice Lynch and Joyce Miller

Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, a native San Franciscan, received his Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Since 1999, he has served four United Methodist congregations in Silicon Valley. All four have been cross-racial and cross-cultural appointments. He currently serves as senior pastor of The Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in Cupertino.



Dale has a passion for justice ministry, loves traveling, and teaching. He sees himself as a cultural bridge person who works to help people see not only their commonalities but to appreciate and value their differences. He believes that only in community and in service together can we grow in our love for one another and deepen our trust in God.

Pastor Dale is married to the Rev. Debbie Weatherspoon. They have two sons, Wesley and Justus.

DOMINGO, 8 DE ENERO 11 AM

"Egoísmo, Auto - Conciencia, Desinterés"

Todos pasamos por etapas en nuestra vida. Estas etapas nos afectan como individuos, iglesias u otras organizaciones. Nos movemos a través de etapas cronológicas. Nos movemos a través de etapas emocionales. Incluso pasamos por etapas espirituales donde nos movemos hacia adelante y hacia atrás entre creer y dudar. ¿Qué papel juegan nuestras actitudes y valores en estos movimientos?

Dirige: El Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, Pastor de la Iglesia Metodista del Buen Samaritano en Cupertino; **Asociadas de Culto:** Alice Lynch y Joyce Miller

El Reverendo Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, un nativo San franciscano, recibió sus grados de Maestría en Teología y Doctor en Ministerio del Seminario teológico Wesley en Washington, DC. Desde 1999, ha ha servido en cuatro congregaciones Metodistas Unidas en el Silicon Valley. Las cuatro han sido citas multi-racial e interculturales. Actualmente se desempeña como Pastor del Buen Samaritano de la Iglesia Metodista Unida en Cupertino.

Dale tiene una pasión por el Ministerio de Justicia, le encanta viajar y la enseñar. Él se ve a sí mismo como una persona puente cultural que trabaja para ayudar a la gente a ver no sólo sus puntos en común sino para apreciar y valorar sus diferencias. Él cree que sólo en comunidad y en servicio junto podemos crecer en nuestro amor los unos por los otros y profundizar nuestra confianza en Dios.

El Pastor Dale está casado con la Rev. Debbie Weatherspoon. Tienen dos hijos, Wesley y Justus.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 11 AM



Raising Your Children in the Social Justice Movement

On this weekend when we honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., our guest minister, Rev. Jennifer Goto, will explore how we as a church community can help to pass our legacy of involvement in social justice work on to younger generations.

We'll also hear a moving solo from John Ector, our choir director.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Jennifer Goto;
Worship Associates: Bob Owen and Mary Martin

Rev. Jennifer Goto is an ordained United Methodist minister who served throughout Northern California before coming to St. Paul's United Methodist Church of San Jose in July 2012 as a half-time pastor. In addition to leading worship each Sunday and offering care and leadership to the people of her congregation, Rev. Goto is active in People Acting in Community Together (PACT) where she became friends with our Rev. Nancy, who is her neighbor. She is also the Associate Community Director for CommUniverCity of San Jose which helps build community by engaging residents and students in community-engaged learning projects. Rev. Goto has a passion for campus ministry, so one of her dreams is to expand the congregation's connection with nearby San Jose State and students there. She is the mother of two children, and her husband, Rev. Shinya Goto, serves as pastor of another downtown church, First United Methodist.



DOMINGO, 15 DE ENERO 11 AM

Criando a Sus Niños en el Movimiento de Justicia Social

En este fin de semana cuando honramos al Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, nuestra Ministra invitada, la Rev. Jennifer

Goto, explorará cómo nosotros como una comunidad de la iglesia podemos ayudar a pasar nuestro legado de participación en la obra de justicia social a las generaciones más jóvenes.

También escucharemos un movimiento solo de John Ector, nuestro director del coro.

Dirige: La Reverenda Jennifer Goto;
Asociados de Culto: Bob Owen y Mary Martin

La Rev. Jennifer Goto es una ministra Metodista Unida ordenada quien sirvió a través del norte de California antes de llegar a la iglesia St. Paul's United Methodist de San José en julio de 2012 como un pastor de medio tiempo. Además de dirigir el servicio religioso cada domingo y ofrecer cuidado y liderazgo a las personas de su congregación, la Rev. Goto es activa en Personas Actuando Juntos en Comunidad (PACT) donde ella se hizo amiga con nuestra Rev. Nancy, quien es su vecina. También es la Directora asociada de la Comunidad CommUniverCity de San José que ayuda a construir una comunidad para involucrar a residentes y estudiantes en proyectos comprometidos por la comunidad de aprendizaje. La Rev. Goto tiene una pasión por el Ministerio del campus, así que uno de sus sueños es ampliar la conexión de la congregación cerca de la Universidad de San José y los estudiantes. Ella es la madre de dos hijos, y su esposo, el Reverendo Shinya Goto, sirve como pastor de otra iglesia en centro de la ciudad, Primer Iglesia Metodista Unida.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 11 AM



Stepping Forward for Liberation

"What will you do with this one wild and precious life?" asks the poet Mary Oliver.

As liberal religious people, we are called to step forward during these uncertain and perilous times to equip ourselves to become spiritually centered and awake. We will explore the why and how of being on a path of personal spiritual growth and societal transformation.

Worship Leaders: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis and Rodney Lemery, Ministerial Intern

DOMINGO, 22 DE ENERO 11 AM

Un paso hacia adelante para la liberación

"¿Qué vas a hacer con esta vida salvaje y preciosa?", pregunta la poetisa Mary Oliver. Como personas religiosas liberales, estamos llamados a dar un paso adelante en estos tiempos inciertos y peligrosos para dotarnos a estar espiritualmente centrados y despiertos. Vamos a explorar el por qué y cómo estar en un camino de crecimiento espiritual personal y transformación social.

Dirigen: el Rev. Geoff Rimositis y Rodney Lemery, Ministro Interino

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 11 AM

Come Hear Pastor Jason

Those of us who have participated in Beloved Community events have gotten a taste of the charisma of Pastor Jason Reynolds. Come and give him a warm welcome and receive the gift of great preaching.



Worship Leader: the Rev. Jason Reynolds, Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church; **Worship Associates:** Julia Rodriguez and Inez Zapiola

DOMINGO, 29 DE ENERO 11 AM

Vengan a Escuchar al Pastor Jason

Aquellos de nosotros que han participado en eventos de la Amada Comunidad han conseguido una probada del carisma de Pastor Jason Reynolds. Vengan a darle una cálida bienvenida y recibir el regalo de la gran predicación.

Dirige: El Rev. Jason Reynolds, Pastor Decano de la iglesia Bautista de Emmanuel; **Asociadas de culto:** Julia Rodríguez y Inez Zapiola

Partner Church High School Scholarships and Summer Visit

Winter has settled in on our partner church in the rural village of Homoródszentmárton (Mártiniş), Romania.

The fields sleep and the livestock are sheltered. As of December 12, I read that the two local ski hills (15 and 17 miles away) opened for the season. Our partnership with the Unitarian Church of the village began in 1991, two years after the fall of communism. Economic conditions in this rural village are still difficult, where some church families send one adult family member to work outside of Romania and send money home.

We would like to thank everyone who together contributed \$3,900 to the High School and College Partner Church scholarship program. Because of your generosity, we were able to fund all 11 high school students from our Partner Church and two college scholarships. We also send money for their annual Christmas party for the children.

The students from our partner church need to travel to high schools in a city and, therefore, have additional expenses.

We are also planning for our Partner Church visit to our church this summer, the last week of July through the first week of August 2017. Visiting us will be Rev. Janos Pal and eight church members, which include adults, high school and college age travelers.

If you want to become involved in planning the 2-week Partner Church trip, or can offer frequent flyer miles, or a place to stay in your home for the travelers, please contact **Monty** at Low.Monty@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

12:30 PM

Bread & Soup & Conversation

Hattie Porter Hall

Please plan to attend a Bread & Soup & Conversation on January 8 after the service. We will discuss a draft of a Moral Position on Racial Equity.

A Moral Position is a formal statement of concern by the Congregation on a significant issue. It is the first step first step to enable the church to make timely public statements on events concerning that issue. Each moral position requires passage by two-thirds of our quorum at a congregational meeting. Once the Congregation has adopted a moral position on an issue, the church can quickly respond publicly to events that pertain to that moral position by approval of the Board of Trustees.

Please come have a Bread & Soup & Conversation with your fellow FUCSJ congregants to discuss the importance of racial equity, and provide input and feedback to the folks who are drafting this important moral position. The lunch is free, the fellowship will be wonderful, and the conversation important to our future capability.

I hope you will be able to participate in this meeting!

Respectfully,

—Robert Strong, Board President

DOMINGO, 8 DE ENERO

12:30 PM

Pan & Sopa & Conversación

Hattie Porter Hall

Por favor planeen asistir a Pan y Sopa y Conversación el 8 de enero después del servicio. Vamos a discutir un proyecto de una Posición Moral sobre Equidad Racial.

Una posición Moral es una declaración formal de interés por la congregación en un asunto importante. Es el primer paso para permitir a la iglesia hacer declaraciones públicas oportunas sobre acontecimientos relativos a esta cuestión. Cada posición moral requiere aprobación por dos tercios de nuestro quórum en una reunión congregacional. Una vez que la congregación ha adoptado una posición moral sobre un tema, la iglesia puede responder rápida y públicamente a los eventos que pertenecen a esa posición moral por la aprobación de la Mesa de Directores.

Por favor vengan a tener Pan y Sopa y Conversación con sus compañeros feligreses de la FUCSJ para discutir la importancia de la equidad racial y proporcionar una contribución y retroalimentación a las personas que están elaborando esta importante posición moral. El almuerzo es gratis, la camaradería será maravillosa y la conversación importante para nuestra capacidad futura.

¡Espero que puedan ser parte de esta reunión!

Respetuosamente,

—Robert Strong, Presidente de la Mesa de Directores



UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAYS

8-9 PM



Guitars Aloud!

Fireside Room

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

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 minutes. 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.

WEDNESDAYS

7-9 PM

Alegría Singers Choir Practice

Sanctuary

Join the FUCSJ choir in singing at Sunday services, special events such as sol-

stice celebrations and Coffeehouses, and various church activities. Questions? **Liz Owen** lowen@data-time.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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 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, JANUARY 1 12:45-2:15 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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 1-3 PM

Women's Alliance

Ramsden Fireside Room

At this session, we will complete our discussion of *Nomad: From Islam to America: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. We'll also plan our reading for our next book, Ursula K. LeGuin's classic, *The Left Hand of Darkness*. All are welcome. For further information, contact **Nancy Coleman** at nbc Coleman@gmail.com or 408.256.1622.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 12:45 PM

Band of Writers

Youth Room

We have recently published the newest Band of Writers published collection. Copies are available for sale during social hour.

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, JANUARY 8 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. Sug-

gested donation: \$5-\$10; no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 & 23 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, JANUARY 9 7-9 PM

Social Justice Council Meeting

Conference Room

Please join the council on Monday, January 9, at 7:00 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.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9 DEADLINE
SAT/SUN, JANUARY 21 & 22 SUPPERS**



Circle Suppers

Have you been hearing about Circle Suppers?

"What I love most about Circle Suppers is the opportunity to get to know each other on a more personal level, and have stimulating conversation about topics of mutual interest in a comfortable home setting." — Natalie Heling

"Chance to relax & get to know folks better over new tasty recipes (dietary restriction friendly). Friendly, intelligent folks who welcome a non-UU partner to attend as well." — Heather Engle

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 January will be Saturday the 21st and Sunday the 22nd. The deadline to sign up is Monday, January 9. Contact **Barbara Derbyshire** at Circle-Suppes@AOL.com.

Hiking Schedule (January 2017)

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



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 8:30 AM

Canada del Oro Open Space, 6 miles, moderate to strenuous. Meet at lot across from Bed, Bath & Beyond at Almaden Plaza Shopping Center.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 8:30 AM

Huddart Park, 5 miles, moderate. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park & Ride.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 8:30 AM

Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve. There are two hikes, one long (around 7-8 miles), moderate to strenuous, and one short, moderate, around 4.5 miles. We will carpool from the parking lot at the Berryessa Community Center. 3050 Berryessa Road. We can decide about how many cars to take based on how many will be doing which hike.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 8:30 AM

Big Basin State Park, about 8 miles. We will do an out and back to Berry Falls only. Allow for a longer day; we will get back around 3:30 pm. Meet at the parking lot in Saratoga behind what used to be US Bank.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 8:30 AM

Grizzly Flat Trailhead /Long Ridge to Horseshoe Lake in Skyline Ridge Open Space. It is out and back, about 6 miles. This is a section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Meet at the parking lot in Saratoga. Turn right in driveway just past the 76 Union station at the corner of DeAnza and Big Basin Way and drive to the back.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 8:30 AM

Wunderlich County Park, with hike up to Alice's Restaurant for brunch. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park & Ride. Plan on getting back around 1:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 8:30 AM

Los Gatos Creek Trail, 4 miles, easy. Meet on Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, where there is ample parking. Trail head is nearby. You can use 296 Garden Hill Drive as the address for your GPS. It is off the Lark exit on Highway 17. We stop at the Purple Onion in Los Gatos for a snack.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 8:30 AM

Sunol, 5 miles, moderate. We will do the flatter hike with less elevation gain. Meet at VTA Park & Ride on Capitol off of Alum Rock.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 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>.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 7:30-9 PM

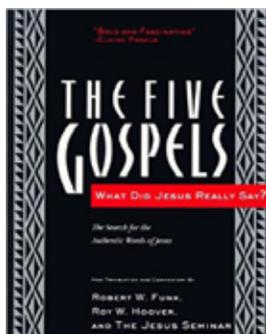


HUUMANATI Monday Meeting

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 7-9 PM



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

by the Jesus Seminar and Robert Funk via Zoom Conference.

Our Christian Origins Book Study for January is scheduled for Thursday, January 26. We will focus on Matthew 15-28 (pages 200-270) [71 pages]. As we continue with this 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. We'll also continue comparing what we see in one Gospel vs. another, and consider what those differences tell us about the authors and their intent.

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 12:45 PM

Congregational Meeting to Consider: A Moral Position on Racial Equity

Sanctuary

After the Sunday service on January 29, there will be a special congregational meeting to consider a Moral Position on Racial Equity. Your attendance is important!

Our process for being able to make public statements on any issue requires that the congregation first adopt a "Moral Position" to enable those public statements. For us as a Congregation to be able to respond quickly to emerging events around racially-based issues, be it immigration or the Black Lives Matter movement, we must have passed an enabling "Moral Position" by at least two-thirds of our quorum in a congregational meeting.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 1:00-3:30 PM



Partner Church 2017 Tea

Hattie Porter Hall

Please mark your calendars to attend the **Jean von Kaenel Tea**, held this year on Saturday, February 11, 1 to 3:30 pm. It is a church favorite and a time to break out your fancy hats when our church is decked out with its finest linens and china. There will be great food and entertainment as well, and always a few surprises. This is a good time to treat your mom, neighbors and other friends to an enjoyable afternoon at our church. We suggest a \$20 donation for adults and \$10 for children and youth. The donations from the Event will help to help us bring villagers from our Partner Church in Transylvania to San Jose in 2017.

If you can donate food or help with the Tea, please contact **MM Feldman**, mm@feldmo.com, 408 393-7979.

East Side Social Group Forming

Jo Balzer and Torchy Hunter are giggling happy to inform you that we think the East Side should have some fun, too. Therefore, we are forming an East Side Social Group, meeting monthly, and open to all Eastenders, or east end hopefuls.

Format is flexible: it could be food, cards, movies, walks, picnics, show and tell, or whatever the members propose. Initially, we would meet either at Jo's or at Torchy's, although Jo has more chairs. We'll be sending emails to members in the lucky zip codes, but if you'd like to be an early adopter, email us: torchy.hunter@gmail.com, balzarodesign@earthlink.net.



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Save the Dates

January 1, Sunday, 10:00-11:00 am, HUumananti Forum, Hattie Porter Hall

January 5, Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm, Women's Alliance, Ramsden Fireside Room

January 6, Friday, 8:00 pm, Dances of Universal Peace, Sanctuary

January 8, Sunday, 2:15-5:30 pm, South Bay Contra Dance, Hattie Porter Hall

January 9, Monday, 7-9 pm, Social Justice Council, Conference Room

January 21 & 22, Saturday & Sunday, Circle Suppers. Contact Barbara Derbyshire at CircleSuppers@AOL.com; sign-up deadline, January 9

January 16, Monday, 7:30-9:00 pm, HUumanati Monday Meeting, Library

January 29, Sunday, 12:45 p.m., Congregational Meeting to Consider: A Moral Position on Racial Equity

February 11, Saturday, 1:00 -- 3:30 pm, Jean von Kaenel Tea,

Hattie Porter Hall, suggested donation: \$20 Adults, \$10 Children; for information: MM Feldman, mm@feldmo.com, 408 393-7979

February 18 & 19, Saturday & Sunday, Circle Suppers. . Contact Barbara Derbyshire at CircleSuppers@AOL.com

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.

How You Can Support This Congregation:

Your Presence and Time

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!

Contribute to Fundraisers, Weekly Collections

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.