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*First Unitarian (FUCSJ) are invited to join families of The Third Street Community Center (TSCC) for a Family Barn Dance and Potluck on Thursday, June 15, 6-8 pm in Hattie Porter Hall*



## In Our Own Voices:

“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.

The Worship Associates summed up requests for such themes as “Good Enough,” “Imperfection,” and “Mistakes” in May’s theme of “Forgiveness.” How do we forgive ourselves for our mistakes and imperfections? Can we accept ourselves as “good enough,” though far from perfect? What is a “good-enough life”? When and how can we forgive those who hurt us or who harm whole groups of people and creatures?

May these responses stir your own thoughts and actions. With gratitude for how we grow together,

*Rev. Nancy*

*Forgiving myself for the things I've done wrong (of which there are many!). Forgiving others who have hurt me. Asking forgiveness from the others whom I have hurt.*

*Forgiveness: easy to say, hard to do. Must forgiveness be earned?*

*Forgiving = For + Giving. What does forgiving give to us?*

*Guilt. Shame. Seeking peace with myself. Is there anything that can't be forgiven?*

*Non-religious confession is a powerful spiritual practice!*

*Forgiveness means I made a judgment: someone didn't meet my standards. How do I live with people who may not share my standards? How do I change my standards?*

*A great resource: The Gifts of Imperfection by Brené Brown*

*With this theme, I want to hear about Restorative Justice and about Truth and Reconciliation.*

*I have learned there are steps I can take in order to forgive those who have harmed me: self-differentiation (what am I responsible for, and what is theirs to own?); a truth-telling encounter (if that's possible, and if approached with both broken-openhearted vulnerability and groundedness); "giving the issue or problem back to them" (sometimes I imagine myself handing them back a package—"this is yours; it's no longer mine"); letting go; and mining what I can learn from the whole experience.*

### Around the UUA

**WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 21-25**

#### UUA General Assembly

##### New Orleans, LA

General Assembly 2017 will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, in New Orleans, LA, June 21st through 25th. Steeped in a history of influences from Europe, the Caribbean, and Africa, it is one of America’s most culturally and historically-rich destinations — the city known for its music, food, architecture, and festivals.

If you are planning to go, if you can serve as a delegate, please apply. Con-



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Housing Reservations for UUA GA (Opened March 1, 7 am). Information is at <http://www.uua.org/ga>, look under the Housing & Travel.

May Theme: Forgiveness

# Forgiveness, Discomfort, and the Work of Undoing Our Culture of White Supremacy

by the Reverend Nancy Palmer Jones

On Sunday, May 7, we here at the First Unitarian Church of San José take part in a nationwide movement called the UU White Supremacy Teach-In.

Created by religious educators and faith leaders of color, with white Unitarian Universalist allies following their lead, the teach-in includes over 550 congregations—thousands of Unitarian Universalists—across this country and around the world. All of us will “interrupt our regularly scheduled programming” to take a look at patterns that run so deep inside us, both as individuals and as institutions, that they often remain invisible or unquestioned. That unconsciousness keeps us in their grip. “I wish I knew how it would feel to be free,” sings Nina Simone in her recording of Billy Taylor’s gospel/jazz tune.\* The spiritual and actual truth is that none of us can know truly how to be free until we bring into conscious view the chains that bind us and begin with renewed energy and commitment to dismantle them.

I’m excited, I’m disturbed, and I’m a little terrified about this moment—really, this *Movement* in our faith. I’m excited to



\*You can listen to Nina Simone sing “I Wish I Knew How” at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aI-ezEtj\\_-s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aI-ezEtj_-s)

follow the lead of admired colleagues of color who have created this event. Excited because at last we Unitarian Universalists are ready to dig deep into how we too, despite our faith’s fervent proclamations to the contrary, fall asleep to the ways that the culture of white supremacy infects our institutions.

I’m disturbed because these conversations are difficult, and some folks in our movement are already acting out in the face of discomfort. I believe that we here at FUCSJ are far enough along in our awakenings around racism and other oppressions that surely we can move into this discomfort together. But I’m a little terrified because when we boldly go where we’re not supposed to go, anything can happen. Can we hold ourselves in Love, dear ones, even as we hold ourselves to account?

## Do we have to call it “white supremacy”?

Yes, we do. I know this is an uncomfortable term for many white folks and for some folks of color, too. In the United States, we associate this phrase with the Ku Klux Klan, the Aryan Nation, and other white supremacist terrorist groups.

That’s not what we are talking about. White supremacy is the accurate name for the “set of institutional assumptions and practices, often operating unconsciously, that tend to benefit white people and exclude people of color.” We use this term not to call ourselves or others names, not to shame or guilt one another, but rather to wake up to patterns that can only be challenged or changed when they become visible and conscious.

Here’s a personal example: On the Thursday before Easter this year, multiple faith leaders, community members, and I



BLACK LIVES of UU

take part in a press conference and ritual footwashing outside the offices of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Morgan Hill. The themes, “SJWeBelong,” and “Families First/Primero las Familias,” proclaim that all our residents are worthy, beloved, valuable contributors to the life of this valley. We want unjust deportations to stop.

Two moments that day stand out for me as particularly holy. The first takes place when we clergy kneel and wash the feet of immigrants from many countries. Like Jesus washing the feet of his disciples during the Last Supper, the ritual portrays an intentional reversal of society’s expectations about power. As I wash my friend Samina Sundas’s feet, I look up into the face of this Pakistani-American Muslim woman to see tears rolling down her cheeks.

The second holy moment occurs when Minerva Rosas, a Latin American woman dressed all in white, insists on washing my feet. I am grateful when the *San Jose Mercury News* article comes out the next day, and at first I don’t even notice that the lead photo shows Minerva, a Mexican immigrant, washing my feet, the feet of an older white woman. This cover photo misses the main point we were trying to make! In the simple act of my not noticing it, not questioning it, I see the deeply unconscious assumptions of white supremacy at work. I don’t have to do the “power analysis” all the time, so sometimes I forget. Do I feel

# Perdón, Malestar y la Labor de Deshacer Nuestra Cultura de la Supremacía Blanca

por la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

**E**l domingo 7 de mayo, aquí en la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José tomamos parte en un movimiento nacional llamado Diálogos de Supremacía Blanca UU.

Creado por educadores religiosos y líderes religiosos de color, con aliados blancos Unitarios Universalistas siguiendo su conducción, que incluyen a más de 550 congregaciones—miles de Unitarios Universalistas—de este país y alrededor del mundo. Todos nosotros "interrumpiremos nuestra programación regular" para echar un vistazo a los patrones que están tan profundos dentro de nosotros, como individuos y como instituciones, que a menudo permanecen invisibles o incuestionables. Esa inconsciencia nos mantiene en sus garras. "Desearía haber sabido cómo se sentiría el ser libre," canta Nina Simone en su grabación de la canción de góspel/ jazz de Billy Taylor. La verdad espiritual y real es que ninguno de nosotros puede saber realmente cómo ser libres hasta que traemos a la vista consciente a las cadenas que nos unen y comienzan con renovada energía y el compromiso para desmantelarlos.

Estoy emocionada, estoy perturbada y estoy un poco aterrada acerca de este momento— en realidad, este *Movimiento* en nuestra fe. Me entusiasma seguir el ejemplo de admirados colegas de color que han creado este evento. Emocionada porque por fin, nosotros los Unitarios Universalistas estamos dispuestos a cavar profundamente en cómo nosotros también, a pesar de las fervientes proclamaciones de la fe por lo contrario, nos quedamos dormidos a las formas en que la cultura de la supremacía blanca infecta nuestras instituciones.

Estoy perturbada porque estas conversaciones son difíciles, y algunas personas en nuestro movimiento ya se están comportando mal frente a la incomodidad. Creo que nosotros aquí, en la FUCSJ estamos lo suficiente lejos de nuestro despertar alrededor de racismo y otras opresio-

nes que seguramente podemos movernos en esta incomodidad juntos. Pero estoy un poco aterrada porque cuando vamos audazmente donde que no se supone que vayamos, cualquier cosa puede pasar. ¿Podemos sostenemos nosotros mismos en el Amor, queridos, aun cuando nosotros mismos nos hacemos responsables?

## ¿Tenemos que llamarlo "supremacía blanca"?

Sí, nosotros lo hacemos. Sé que se trata de un término desagradable para mucha gente blanca y para algunas personas de color, también. En los Estados Unidos, asociamos esta frase con el Ku Klux Klan, la Nación Aria y otros grupos terroristas de la supremacía blanca.

De eso no es de lo que estamos hablando. Supremacía blanca es el nombre exacto para el "conjunto de suposiciones institucionales y prácticas, que a menudo operan inconscientemente, que tienden a beneficiar a la gente blanca y excluir a las personas de color." Utilizamos este término no para llamarnos a nosotros mismos u otros nombres, sin la vergüenza o la culpa de unos a otros, sino más bien a despertar a los patrones que sólo pueden ser desafiados o cambiados cuando se vuelven visibles y conscientes.

Este es un ejemplo personal: el jueves antes de Pascua de este año, varios líderes religiosos, miembros de la comunidad y Yo participamos en una conferencia de prensa y el ritual del lavamiento de pies fuera de las oficinas de Inmigración y Aduanas (ICE) en Morgan Hill. Los temas, "SJWeBelong," y "las Familias Primero," proclaman que todos nuestros residentes son colaboradores dignos, amados y valiosos para la vida de este valle. Queremos que las deportaciones injustas se detengan.

Dos momentos de ese día destacan para mí como particularmente Sagradas. La primera ocurre cuando nosotros, el clero nos arrodillamos y lavamos los pies de los inmigrantes de muchos países. Como



Jesús lavando los pies de sus discípulos durante la última cena, el ritual representa una inversión intencional de las expectativas de la sociedad acerca el poder. Mientras yo lavo los pies de mi amiga Samina Sundas, levanto la mirada hacia la cara de esta mujer musulmana, Pakistán-americana y veo las lágrimas rodar por sus mejillas.

El segundo momento sagrado ocurre cuando Minerva Rosas, una mujer latina vestida de blanco, insiste en lavar mis pies. Agradezco el artículo del San José Mercury News que salió al día siguiente, y al principio incluso no note que la foto principal muestra a Minerva, un inmigrante mexicano, lavando mis pies, los pies de una mujer blanca mayor. Esta foto de portada pasa por alto el punto principal que estábamos tratando de hacer! En el simple hecho de no notarlo, no cuestionarla, veo el trabajo de los profundos e inconscientes suposiciones de la supremacía blanca. No tengo que hacer el "Análisis de poder" todo el tiempo, así que a veces se me olvida. ¿Me siento culpable? No. un poco avergonzada, pero casi de inmediato me siento más viva, más esperanzadora. Cada vez que me despierto, sé que esto mejor equipada para ayudar a desmantelar esta cultura que tiene sus cadenas sobre todos nosotros.

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# Reverend Geoff Rimositis Announces Retirement

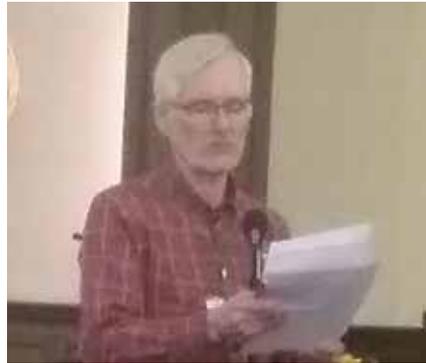
**D**ear Members & Friends of The First Unitarian Church of San José,

Reverend Geoff Rimositis began the 24th year of his ministry at First Unitarian in March—a milestone in the Pacific Central District! We are so grateful for his long tenure here at FUCSJ. He has had the privilege of being part of congregants' lives through several generations.

Over the 150 years of our history, First Unitarian has witnessed many milestones and rites of passage. As Congregational President and Senior Minister, alongside Reverend Geoff, we now share with you news of another upcoming rite of passage: Reverend Geoff has announced that he will retire from the ministry on July 1, 2018.

In short, in about 14 months, Reverend Geoff will step away from his responsibilities as our called Associate Minister, and he will step into the next chapter of his life.

When a minister has served one congregation for many years, it is good practice to give the congregation longer-than-usual notice. This extended time allows FUCSJ's board to form a Transition Team. Drawn from the wide spectrum of groups and individuals in our congregation, the team will solicit feedback from congregants and friends regarding future staffing needs. In the coming church year, the Transition Team will set up Town Hall Meetings, survey the congrega-



tion, and arrange for one-to-one interviews with congregational stakeholders. Everyone will have the chance to participate in envisioning the next exciting chapter in this congregation's long history.

Reverend Geoff started his ministry with First Unitarian shortly before our church building suffered a devastating fire in 1995. He has helped the congregation continue to be an effective force for spiritual growth and social justice in Santa Clara County. He created the Coming of Age Program, a yearlong spiritual development program for young teenagers, which includes this congregation and the entire Pacific Central District of Unitarian Universalist congregations. He conceived of and launched our summer Peace Camp, now in its fourth year. He served on the Unitarian Universalist Ministerial Fellowship Committee, which credentials promising

new ministers for our religion. He gave a congregation-wide platform to our elders Billie and Saul Wachter, as they created our Rights of Nature program. And he has brought an anti-oppressive, multicultural, justice-seeking lens to all the religious education programs he builds.

For this next year, Reverend Geoff will continue in his role as our Associate Minister, ministering to the children, youth, adults, and families of the congregation. He will work with us to deepen our common mission and will assist in our transition planning.

After Reverend Geoff's retirement on July 1, 2018, he will comply with best practices by refraining from contact with congregants and from attendance at FUCSJ services and events for a period of three years. These practices are suggested by the Unitarian Universalist Ministers' Association Professional Guidelines to ensure a healthy transition for the congregation and for any new staff who come on board.

After his retirement in July 2018, Reverend Geoff and his spouse Patty will continue to live in San José for the foreseeable future. You will most likely bump into them at community events, as he continues to help build the Beloved Community that we all long to see.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to your presence and your contributions as we move into this exciting year of transition together!

Respectfully yours,

*Robert Strong*

President, First Unitarian Church of San José

*Reverend Nancy*

*Palmer Jones*

Senior Minister

*Reverend Geoff*

*Rimositis*

Associate Minister for Religious Education & Family Ministries

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guilty? No. A little embarrassed, but almost immediately I feel more alive, more hopeful. Every time I wake up, I know I am better equipped to help dismantle this culture that has its chains on all of us.

## Being Woke, Feeling Discomfort, and Offering Forgiveness

Teach-in organizer Aisha Hauser says that "being woke" is not about being enlightened, not about having our act together around race and racism. None of us really has our act together in this area, my friends. Being woke—especially for white people like me—is about being curious,

about asking and supporting peoples of color, rather than "whitesplaining," assuming, or telling. It's about being humble in our approach to antiracism work and about being accountable to communities of color.

With our broken-open hearts, Beloved Community, we are ready to move into this "theology of discomfort." We are ready to forgive ourselves and each other, and to begin again in love.

Please join us on Sunday, May 7, as we go boldly into the renewed creation of our faith! Yours with love on this journey toward wholeness,

*Rev. Nancy*

# El Reverendo Geoff Rimositis Anuncia su Retiro

Estimados miembros y amigos de la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José,

El Rev. Geoff Rimositis empezó el año 24 de su Ministerio en la Primera Iglesia Unitaria en marzo — un hito en el Distrito Pacífico Central! Estamos muy agradecidos por su larga antigüedad aquí en FUCSJ. Él ha tenido el privilegio de ser parte de la vida de la congregación a través de varias generaciones.

En los 150 años de nuestra historia, la Primera Iglesia Unitaria ha sido testigo de muchos hitos e importantes períodos de transición. El Presidente Congregacional y la Ministra Decana, junto con el Rev. Geoff, ahora compartimos la noticia del próximo periodo de transición. El Rev. Geoff ha anunciado que se retirará del Ministerio el 1 de julio del 2018.

En definitiva, en unos 14 meses, el Rev. Geoff dejara sus responsabilidades como nuestro Ministro Asociado, y él entrará en el próximo capítulo de su vida.

Cuando un ministro ha servido a una congregación por muchos años, es una buena práctica dar a la congregación un aviso más largo de lo normal. Este tiempo extendido le permite a la Junta de Directores de la FUCSJ formar un equipo de transición. Procedentes de la amplia gama de grupos e individuos en nuestra congregación, el equipo solicitará comentarios de los congregantes y amigos con respecto a las futuras necesidades de personal. En el año que viene, el equipo de transición establecerá reuniones, encuestas con la congregación y entrevistas individuales con los miembros de la congregación implicados. Todos tendrán la oportunidad de participar en vislumbrar el siguiente emocionante capítulo en la larga historia de la congregación.

El Rev. Geoff comenzó su ministerio con la Primera Iglesia Unitaria poco antes de que el edificio de la iglesia sufriera un incendio devastador en 1995. Él ha ayudado a la congregación a continuar siendo una fuerza efectiva para el crecimiento espiritual y la justicia social en el Condado de Santa Clara. Creó el Programa Llegando a la Adolescencia, un programa de desarrollo espiritual durante todo el año para jóvenes adolescentes, que incluye a todas



las congregaciones Unitarias Universalistas del Distrito Pacífico Central. Concibió y puso en marcha nuestro Campamento de Verano de la Paz, ahora en su cuarto año. Se desempeñó en el Comité Ministerial de Convivencia Religiosa Unitario Universalista, cuyas credenciales prometen nuevos ministros para nuestra religión. Dio una plataforma de toda la congregación a nuestros miembros de la tercera edad Billie y Saúl Wachter, mientras ellos crearon el programa de los Derechos de la Naturaleza. Y él ha traído una lente anti opresiva, multicultural, que busca la justicia en todos los programas de educación religiosa que él construye.

Para este próximo año, el Rev. Geoff continuará en su papel como nuestro Ministro Asociado, ministrando a los niños, jóvenes, adultos y familias de la congregación. Él trabajará con nosotros para profundizar en nuestra misión común y ayudará en la planificación de la transición.

Después del retiro del Rev. Geoff el 1 de julio del 2018, él cumplirá con las mejores prácticas para abstenerse del contacto con los feligreses y de asistencia a eventos

y servicios en la FUCSJ por un período de tres años. Estas prácticas son sugeridas por la Asociación Profesional de Pautas para los Ministros Unitarios Universalistas para asegurar una transición saludable de la congregación y para cualquier personal que venga a bordo.

Después de su retiro en julio del 2018, el Rev. Geoff y su esposa Patty continuarán viviendo en San José en el futuro previsible. Usted probablemente se topara con ellos en eventos comunitarios, mientras él continúa ayudando a construir a la comunidad amada que todos anhelamos ver.

Si usted tiene cualquier pregunta, por favor, no vacile en contactarnos. Esperamos su presencia y sus aportaciones a medida que avanzamos en este emocionante año de transición juntos!

Respetuosamente,

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## **Estando Despiertos, Sintiendo Incomodidad y Ofreciendo Perdón**

La organizadora de la charla Aisha Hauser dice que "Estar Despiertos" no se trata de estar iluminados, no es acerca de tener nuestra actuación alrededor de la raza y el racismo. Ninguno de nosotros realmente tenemos que actuar juntos en esta área, mis amigos. Estar despiertos—especialmente para la gente blanca como yo—es acerca de ser curiosos, unos pidiendo y apoyo a pueblos de color, en lugar de "explicar en blanco," asumiendo, o diciendo. Es ser humildes en nuestro en-

foque de trabajo general y sobre ser responsables ante las comunidades de color.

Con el corazón roto abierto, amada comunidad, estamos listos para pasar a esta "teología del malestar". Estamos dispuestos a perdonarnos a nosotros mismos y a los demás y a empezar de nuevo en el amor.

¡Por favor Acompañenos el domingo 7 de mayo, entramos audazmente en la creación renovada de nuestra fe!

Suya con amor en este viaje hacia la plenitud,

*Rev. Nancy*

# Adult and Youth Classes



**SUNDAY MAY 7**

#UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn  
SUN MAY 7

Everyone has to start somewhere, and it takes a commitment to disrupt business as usual.

BlackLivesUU.com/uuwhitesupremacyteachin

## #UUwhite Supremacy Teach In

On Sunday May 7th, First Unitarian will be joining with hundreds of Unitarian Universalist congregations around the country to participate in the UU White Supremacy Teach In. The Sunday service and the children's and youth programs will focus on the day's topic.

From BlackLivesUU.com: Why "white supremacy" as the term here? It conjures up images of hoods and mobs. Here, we mean: "White supremacy as a set of institutional assumptions and practices, often operating unconsciously, that tend to benefit white people and exclude people of color." In 2017, actual "white supremacists" are not required to uphold white supremacist culture. Building a faith full of people who understand that key distinction is essential as we work toward a more just society in difficult political times.

As character Lieutenant Cable sang so many years ago in the movie, *South Pacific*: *you've got to be carefully taught to hate and fear, you've got to be taught from year to year. It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear. You've got to be carefully taught.*

And so, it is important that we as a progressive faith carefully teach our children and youth the beauty of diversity. We must counter the messages out there that want to divide us. We must teach them (and ourselves) what it means to live out the mission of our faith: to love in all that we say and do.

### 1st -4th grades

**Teaching Tolerance-Fairness and Equity.** In the story *The Sneetches*, writ-

ten by Dr. Seuss, yellow bird-like creatures take students on an adventure where green stars become the symbol of discrimination and privilege. After reading the story aloud, students participate in a simulation activity. The simulation exercise helps children understand the emotional impact of unfair practices. The activity on discrimination helps ensure that students understand that the goal is to change those practices, not the characteristics that make us different from one another.

### 5th-8th grades

**Teaching Tolerance-Discovering My Identity.** This activity created by Teaching Tolerance presents an opportunity for children to think about how they identify. The class will list how they would describe who they are to someone else. After offering an opportunity to share this, the class will discuss what books they've read. Who are they about? What characters identify the same way they do? They will hear the story of Marley Dias. Marley was tired of reading about "white boys and dogs." She decided to do something about it and she started a campaign to collect books that feature girls of color called #1000blackgirlbooks.

### 9th-12th grades

**Resisting Racism.** Senior Youth will discuss the difference between the intent behind our words and actions and the impact of our words and actions and how these differences are important. The discussion will then turn towards an exploration of institutional racism and how our privileges can play out in conversations about race.

**SUNDAY MAY 14**

CELEBRATION SUNDAY-  
MOTHER'S DAY-NO CLASSES

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

## Roots and Wings UU Parenting 0-10 years Group

Parents meeting check in about parenting and family life and then engage in a discussion relevant to parenting. Roots and Wings meets on Second Sundays in classrooms 4-6 at 9:30am, childcare provided. Meetings facilitated by The Rev. Geoff Rimositis

**SUNDAY MAY 21**

## Coming of Age Sunday

Coming of Age youth share their belief statements in the 11 a.m. service. This is the culmination of the yearlong COA program.

### 1st -4th grades

Dr. Seuss: *The Lorax Play*

### 5th-8th grades

NO CLASS-YOUTH ATTEND SERVICE

### 9th-12th grades

NO CLASS-YOUTH ATTEND SERVICE

**SUNDAY MAY 28**

### 1st -4th grades

Dr. Seuss: *The Lorax Play*

### 5th-8th grades

Celebration & Farewell

### 9th-12th grades

Group meets at regular time, 11:30-12:30

## Tweens & Teens Parent Group (10 -18 years)

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? We support each other, share deeply, and learn from each other. Fourth Sundays, classrooms 4-6, 9:30am, Childcare provided. Meetings facilitated by The Rev. Geoff Rimositis

## What is WUUKY?

**W**UUKY stands for Western Unitarian Universalist Karmic Youth, and it refers to a wonderful, fulfilling and fun week-long con-like experience for youth ages 14-20 in the Mendocino Woodlands!

WUUKY 2017 will be held from July 2nd to the 8th. The time for youth to register is now until June 10th. If a youth wishes to register after that date, we cannot guarantee a spot for them at WUUKY. If youths register by May 6th, \$30 will be taken off the registration fee (for a total of \$240)! Because WUUKY is week long and secluded out in the woods, it is extremely important that youth read the safety agreements and especially the packing list.

WUUKY registration is different this year! To register fill out online WUUKY registration form. [The Online WUUKY Registration Form](#)

Scholarships are always available! Youths are encouraged to ask if they

need one. They can email **Jacob Lewis** at [registrar@yruup.org](mailto:registrar@yruup.org) with their requests. If a youth wishes to register after June 10th, they can email the WUUKY deans ([wuukydeans@gmail.com](mailto:wuukydeans@gmail.com)) and get on the waiting list (prices go up for late registration!).

If any of you, your churches or your members are willing and able, donations to help our scholarship fund and aid more youth in attending are always greatly appreciated.

We are also always on the lookout for adult advisers to attend so that we can accommodate all of the youth who register. If any adults from your congregations are interested in advising or would like to learn more, please have them email Marlena McVey at [Adultco@yruup.org](mailto:Adultco@yruup.org)

For any questions or concerns about YRUU Cons, WUUKY, or YRUU in general, please don't hesitate to email me at [opo@yruup.org](mailto:opo@yruup.org).



## UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST MOSAIC-PEACE CAMP

At First Unitarian Church of San José



**MONDAY, JUNE 12- FRIDAY, JUNE 16**

**8:30 AM-3:00 PM**

### Unitarian Universalist Mosaic-Peace Camp for 1st-5th grades

(with aftercare available)

**With middle school and senior high CITs (Counselors-in-Training)**

**LOCATION: First Unitarian Church of San José, 160 N 3rd St**

**D**rawing from the MOSAIC Project [mosaicproject.org](http://mosaicproject.org) "Peacing It Together" curriculum, the camp activities emphasize building empathy, resilience, community and empower children to create a peaceful future.

There will be field trips to the **Children's Discovery Museum**, the **Guadalupe River Conservancy**, and an end of week **Pool Party**. There will also be a potluck **Family Barn Dance** on Thursday evening with a dance caller and live music. The camp's goal is to have fun, build community, and develop skills to be peacemakers in our lives and in our world.

To receive a registration form and a schedule of activities go to [uupeacecamp.wordpress.com/](http://uupeacecamp.wordpress.com/) or contact **Rev. Geoff Rimositis** [GRimositis@Gmail.com](mailto:GRimositis@Gmail.com), tel. 408-292-3858, ext. 225.

Snacks and beverages will be provided. Children are asked to bring a bag lunch.

**Registration Fee:** \$200. Partial scholarships are available. **NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS.** Please write checks to the First Unitarian Church with Peace Camp in the memo line. You can also pay online at [www.sanjoseuu.org/](http://www.sanjoseuu.org/)

## In Gratitude

**By the Rev. Joy-Ellen Lipsky**

**I**wanted to thank the ministers and the congregation of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose for affirming the Commissioned Community Ministers (CCM) program and approving me as the third person in the UU Society of Community Ministers (UUS-CM) to be commissioned.

It is an honor to serve our wider community doing interfaith community ministry as well as campus ministry. Shortly, we will have a webpage up at FUCSJ with information about UUSCM and the new CCM program along with the templates for those interested in learning more. Please contact me if you are considering taking the plunge and becoming a Commissioned Community Minister. You, too, can get the cool CCM name badge!

# Sunday Services / Servicios Domingo

**May Theme: Forgiveness**  
**Tema de Mayo: Perdón**

**SUNDAY, MAY 7 11 AM**



## The Water in Which We Swim: Joining the National UU White Supremacy Teach-In

On this Sunday we join with over 550 Unitarian Universalist congregations from around the country to engage in a difficult yet necessary and life-giving conversation about the ways in which racism and white supremacy (the system that continues to favor white people over others in our society) works its way into all of us and our institutions. Led nationally by Unitarian Universalists of color and white UUs working together, our own teach-in brings UUA Presidential Candidate the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray to join Rev. Nancy in sharing experiences, stories, and a vision for hope. See Rev. Nancy's essay in this month's newsletter for more information (including why we use that troubling phrase "white supremacy"), and plan on staying after worship to continue the conversation. Please join us for this historic, movement-building day!

#BuildingANewWay  
 #UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn

**Worship Leaders:** The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and The Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Worship Associate:** Rodney Lemery

**DOMINGO 7 DE MAYO 11 AM**

## El Agua en la Que Nos Bañamos: Únanse a la Charla Nacional UU de la Supremacía Blanca

En este domingo nos unimos con más de 550 congregaciones Unitarias Universalistas de todo el país a participar en una difícil pero necesaria y vivificante conversación sobre las formas en que el racismo y la supremacía blanca (el sistema que sigue a favor de los blancos sobre los demás en nuestra sociedad) trabaja a su manera en todos nosotros y en nuestras instituciones. Liderado a nivel nacional por unitarios universalistas de color y blancos trabajando juntos, nuestra propia charla trae a la Candidata Presidencial de la UUA, la Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray a unirse con la Rev. Nancy para compartir experiencias, historias y una visión de esperanza. Ver el ensayo de la Rev. Nancy en el boletín de este mes para obtener más información (incluyendo por qué usamos esa inquietante frase "supremacía blanca") y planeen quedarse después del servicio para continuar la conversación. Por favor únase a nosotros para esta histórico, construcción del movimiento!

#BuildingANewWay  
 #UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn

**Dirigen:** La Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray y La Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Asociado de Celebración:** Rodney Lemery

**SUNDAY, MAY 14 11 AM**



## Forgiveness and Our Families: A Unique Honoring for Mothers' Day

For this gentle, all-ages Mothers' Day celebration, we explore the ways we can forgive ourselves and our families for our and their mistakes and shortcomings. Let's honor our humanity with broken-openhearted love! We'll enjoy a mother-daughters trio from the Delgros family, a Dance of Universal Peace, and multigenerational Joys and Sorrows. For our Ritual of Forgiveness, please ponder these prompts on your own or with your family: Is there something for which you are ready to forgive your parent? Is there something for which you hope your children or the next generation will forgive you? Is there something for which you are ready to forgive yourself in your parenting or caregiving (whatever form that takes)?

## Stay Up-to-Date with Facebook & [sanjoseuu.org/whats happening](http://sanjoseuu.org/whats happening)



The latest church events, photos, and updates can be found on our Facebook page [www.facebook/FUCSJ](http://www.facebook/FUCSJ) and our website [sanjoseuu.org](http://sanjoseuu.org) — find out about upcoming services on the homepage, and all other events under "What's Happening."



**Worship Leader:** The Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Worship Associate:** Mary Martin

**DOMINGO, 14 DE MAYO 11 AM**

## Perdón y Nuestras familias: Un Homenaje Único para el Día de las Madres

Para este apacible, celebración del día de las madres de todas las edades, exploramos las maneras que podemos perdonarnos a nosotros mismos y nuestras familias por nuestros errores y sus deficiencias. ¡Vamos a honrar nuestra humanidad con el amor del corazón abierto y roto! Disfrutaremos de un trío de madre-hijas de la familia Delgros, una Danza de Paz Universal y alegrías y tristezas multigeneracionales. Para nuestro Ritual de Perdón, por favor reflexionen estos mensajes por su cuenta o con su familia: ¿hay algo por lo que estén listos para perdonar a su progenitora? ¿Hay algo que ustedes esperan de sus hijos o la próxima generación que los perdonará? ¿Hay algo que están dispuestos a perdonarse a ustedes mismos en su crianza o cuidados (cualquier forma que tome)?

**Dirige:** La Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Asociada de Celebración:** Mary Martin

**SUNDAY, MAY 21 11 AM**



## Coming of Age Sunday: "Roots hold me close. Wings set me free. Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me."

Our yearlong Coming of Age Program for youth in 8th-10th grades comes to its triumphant crescendo as our participating youth share their credos, "belief statements" with the congregation. With youth

from seven congregations in the south bay they have participated in three themed retreats and hosted a fundraiser for Second Harvest Food Bank with their adult mentors. Add your spirit to the celebration and join us for this important milestone in the life of the church and in these young people's lives.

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

**DOMINGO, MAYO 21, 11 AM**

## "Las raíces me mantienen cerca. Las alas me liberan. Espíritu de Vida, ven a mí, ven a mí."

Nuestro programa llegando a la adolescencia de un año para jóvenes en los grados 8-10 llega a su crescendo triunfal mientras nuestros jóvenes participantes comparten su credos, "declaraciones de creencia" con la congregación. Con jóvenes de siete congregaciones del sur de la bahía que participaron en tres retiros temáticos y organizados para recaudar fondos para el Second Harvest Food Bank con sus mentores adultos. Agregue su espíritu a la fiesta y únase a nosotros para este importante hito en la vida de la iglesia y en la vida de estos jóvenes.

**Dirige:** El Rev. Geoff Rimositis

**SUNDAY, MAY 28 11 AM**



## Forgiveness, Our Country, Ourselves: Honoring Memorial Day

What are these United States for each of us? On this day set aside to honor those who have died in service to our country, let's look at the kind of country we want

to create that is worth serving—in peace. Some of us may long for a "world without borders," for a diminishment of nationalisms of all kinds. Let this longing become part of our imagining today. What do we need to forgive in ourselves and our country in order to move into this new and renewed creation?

**Worship Leader:** The Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Worship Associate:** Karen Conrotto

**DOMINGO, 28 DE MAYO 11AM**

## Perdón, a Nuestro País, a Nosotros Mismos: Homenaje del Día de la Recordación

¿Que son los Estados Unidos para cada uno de nosotros? En este día dejando a un lado para honrar a los que han muerto en servicio de nuestro país, veamos el tipo de país que queremos crear que vale la pena servir—en paz. Algunos de nosotros podemos anhelar un "mundo sin fronteras," una disminución de los nacionalismos de todo tipo. Que este anhelo forme parte de nuestro imaginar hoy. ¿Lo que tenemos que perdonar en nosotros mismos y a nuestro país para avanzar en esta nueva y renovadora la creación?

**Dirige:** La Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Asociada de Celebración:** Karen Conrotto

**ALABANZAS 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.

# Partner Church Visitors Visit for 2 Week This Summer

By Monty Low

The minister of our Partner Church, Reverend János, shared a picture of the Homoródszentmárton church from this winter showing the church and village with a blanket of snow.

He says that the villagers coming this summer to visit San Jose are excited about the trip. The villagers will arrive late in the evening July 25. Everyone is invited to a welcome potluck dinner for them on July 26 (7pm - 8:30pm) in Hattie Porter Hall. Everyone is invited to participate in the various activities for our visitors from July 27 to August 8 (some activities will have number limits). On August 8, we will have a goodbye dinner for our visitors who will depart on August 9. If anyone has any sug-



gestions or can help organize an experience for our visitors, please contact **Monty Low**, (408) 348-2778, [low.monty@gmail.com](mailto:low.monty@gmail.com).

We are looking for anyone who can provide a homestay for any of our travelers. We will have nine visitors:

## Adults –

- Rev. János
- Szász Barna-- lay president of the congregation
- Sorbán Camelia-Adriana
- Balázi Csaba

## College age -

- Bancsi-Rigó Zsuzsanna
- Zsombori Paula-Ottilia

## High School Youth -

- Bencze Rajmund
- Vass Rita
- Szócs Norbert

For questions and comments about the villager visit this summer, please contact Monty. We are looking forward to returning the hospitality that we were given when we visited our partner church in 2015.



## Circling Around: Spring? Has sprung!

By Torchy Hunter

In line with my usual extensive prep for the questions I ask you, this morning on the way to church, I was considering a question about why the Democratic party is unpopular in the country (e.g. Republican congress), and realized that not only my usual "I can't think of an answer" people wouldn't answer it, nobody except maybe Mike Pelizzari would answer it. So my default question, between getting on the makeup and eye liner while driving, became What's Your Favorite Thing About Spring.

I figured even perpetual non-answer Genie Bernardini would answer this, and she did! "Looking forward to corn on the cob," she replied, showing that she, for one, is not living in the moment.

Flowers was the most popular answer: Catherine Pelizzari, Marty Glanzman, Saul Wachter, Nancy PJ, Carol Roszkowski. Many other earth-related answers: Blooms or blossoms: Nancy Prinz, Rodney Lemery, Ben Cadena, Mina Kelly (almond and cherry particularly). Wildflowers in some form: Joyce Miller, Alice Lynch, Rob Strong (poppies) Karl Vidt (dogwood), Connie Bloch, green hillsides.

The earth bound of us: Lois Smallwood, gardening, Me, dirt, and then the sun worshippers: Shelley Leiser, Jay Porter, Mike Pelizzari. Wildlife people: Crystal Isola, Bev Clifford, Mary Helen Daugherty, birds, birds, and finches, respectively. MM Feldman likes that the chickens start to lay, Nancy Coleman likes ducklings. Earth specifics: Susan Miller likes the swing in her back yard, Diana Wirt decides upon sandals, and Karen Conrotto says swimming! We have a couple of more abstract thinkers: Doug Zody: reproduction, and Natalie Heling, new life. Alec MacClean unable to choose: it's a gestalt, and Diane Saichek, always unclassifiable says Spring? Has sprung!

And finally, two homeless guys, Juan and Jose who were outside sitting on the steps, both said "Playa", which Carol Green translated for me as "Beach."

Yeah, beach. This is all much better to think about than Washington.

## Letters to the Editor

### Spring Deferred

Spring seedlings are bursting with elemental energy  
Ready to be birthed from their dark loamy womb  
But beating them back are torrents of wind and rain  
Upsetting the seasonal balance.  
Must they die before they are born,  
These tiny links in life's sacred circle?

And where is my spring  
Held back by torrents of guilt and shame?  
Shall my buried gifts die before they are born?  
Spring provides only the fertile ground.  
We must provide the flowers.

~Anonymous

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:uuthful_spirits-owner@yahoogroups.com)

**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 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:GRimositis@gmail.com).

**MONDAY, MAY 1**

**3 PM**

## This Monday!!! May Day March With Coalicion Primero de Mayo San Jose/May 1st Coalition

**Start:** Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue (at King Road), San José **March:** 3 pm to Arena Green (at SAP Center, North Autumn & Santa Clara Streets).

This march may be as big and historic as in 2006. Our church had a presence and has been represented every year since. There are many ways to get involved in the May Day March. Wear yellow and if you can't walk at that time, perhaps you can bring water and pass it out at the rally or before at Arena Green (at SAP Center, North Autumn & Santa Clara Streets) around 4 pm to 6 pm.

Community, faith, labor, and justice

come together for a day of demonstration!! Program starts at 1 pm at the School of Arts & Culture, Mexican Heritage Plaza at 1700 Alum Rock Avenue (at King Road), San José. March begins at 3 pm and will end with a rally at Arena Green (at SAP Center, North Autumn & Santa Clara Streets). [#MayDaySV17](https://www.uua.org/loveresists/blog/rise-may-1st-national-day-action-resistance-uniting-movements-beyond-moment)

The UUA and UUSC are joining faith communities, unions, Movement for Black Lives, migrant rights organizations, climate justice groups, indigenous networks, and a spectrum of progressive allies on May 1st. Whether you can join a march or vigil, send dozens of postcards to Congress, support striking workers and a day without immigrants, participate in a teach-in, or pledge not to shop on that day, you can live our UU values and be part of Rise Up!

<https://www.uua.org/loveresists/blog/rise-may-1st-national-day-action-resistance-uniting-movements-beyond-moment>

Stay tuned for more details or call or text **John Burk** at 408-259-3781.

**THURSDAY, MAY 4**

**1-3 PM**

## Women's Alliance

### Ramsden Fireside Room

The Women's Alliance will meet on Thursday, May 4, from 1-3 pm in the Fireside Room. We will conclude our discussion of the novel *The Left Hand of Darkness* and make a plan for our June meeting, the last one until September. For further information, contact **Nancy Coleman** at [nbcoleman@gmail.com](mailto:nbcoleman@gmail.com) or 408.256.1622 for further information.

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**

**8 PM**

## Dances of Universal Peace

### Sanctuary

Come join us on the labyrinth under the dome of our church. The Dances of Universal Peace are a spiritual practice honoring the inherent worth and dignity of every human being, celebrating the interconnected web of all existence. The words of the sa-

cred 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](mailto:patrick.smiley@sbc-global.net) or telephone and leave a message on his cell phone: 408-421-6492.

**SUNDAY, MAY 7 10-11 PM**



## Sunday 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](mailto:nextgalaxy@aol.com). Warning: your most cherished presuppositions may be challenged.

**SUNDAY, MAY 7 12:45 PM**



## Band of Writers

**Youth Room**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 14 2:15-5 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.



**MONDAY, MAY 8 & 22 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, MAY 8 7-9 PM**

## Social Justice Council Meeting

**Conference Room**

Please join the Social Justice Council on Monday, May 8, at 7 pm in the downstairs conference room to talk about Special Collections, General Assembly or anti-racism. What would you like to discuss? We meet the 2nd Mondays of the month. Please join us to make your voice heard! For more information or if you are locked out, call or text **John Burk** at 408-259-3781.

**MONDAY, MAY 8 DEADLINE**  
**SAT/SUN, MAY 20 & 21 SUPPERS**

## Have you been hearing about Circle Suppers?



## 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 May will be Saturday, May 20, and Sunday, May 21. The deadline to sign up is Monday, May 8. Contact **Barbara Derbyshire** at [CircleSuppers@AOL.com](mailto:CircleSuppers@AOL.com).

**SUNDAY, MAY 21 2:30 - 6 PM**



## South Bay Contra Dance

**Hattie Porter Hall**

Introduction to Contra 2:30 pm, Dancing 3-6 pm. Social dance for all ages to live music. No experience or partner needed. All dances taught and called. If it's your first time trying Contra dance, and you come to the Introduction at 2:30, then your admission is free. Dance starts at 3 pm.

Wear comfortable shoes. Suggested donation - \$5 - \$15; no one will be turned away for lack of funds. All details available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/South-BayContraDance/>

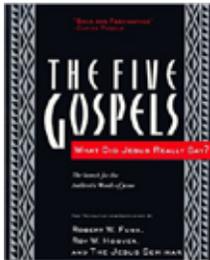
**MONDAY, MAY 15 7:30-9 PM**

## 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](mailto:nextgalaxy@aol.com). Warning: your most cherished presuppositions may be challenged.

**THURSDAY, MAY 25 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 May is scheduled for Thursday, May 25. We will focus on the Gospel of Thomas (470-532) [62 Pages]. As we review 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. The Gospel of Thomas gives us a story that has no birth, no miracles, no crucifixion, and no resurrection – just the words of Jesus and the questions of his disciples.

Questions? Contact **Bob Miess** at [Bob@BobMiess.com](mailto:Bob@BobMiess.com) or 925-392-5901.

**SUNDAY MAY 28**

## Walk and Bike to Worship Day

Have you been waiting for a little extra encouragement to get on your bike, or to go for a walk in the glorious spring weather? Sunday May 28th is Walk and Bike to Worship Day at First Unitarian. If you are willing and able, walk or bike to worship that day. Whether you walk, bike, take transit, or drive to worship, help us to celebrate walking and biking on this special day. Want to help? Contact **Moria Merriweather** [moriam@earthlink.net](mailto:moriam@earthlink.net).

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15 6- 8PM**

## FUCSJ & TSCC Family Barn Dance & Potluck

**Hattie Porter Hall**

Members and friends of First Unitarian (FUCSJ) are invited to join families of The Third Street Community Center (TSCC) for a Family Barn Dance and Potluck on Thursday, June 15, 6-8 pm in Hattie Porter Hall at First Unitarian. All are invited to eat, dance or just watch the dancing, while you catch up with old friends and make new ones. Claire Takemori, our dance caller, will lead people of all ages in fun dances as we enjoy live music sponsored by the Bay Area Country Dance Society: Elizabeth Dequine on fiddle and Gary Breitbard on piano. No experience or partner needed. All dances are taught, then prompts are called during the dancing. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing. For more information contact **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**, [GRimositis@gmail.com](mailto:GRimositis@gmail.com)

## Hiking Schedule (May 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](mailto:j408miller@sbcglobal.net). home phone 408-730-1052 or cell 408-769-0534. — **Joyce Miller**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 9 AM**

Note later time!! (to help with commute traffic from San Jose). Arastradero Open Space, 5 miles, moderate. Meet at trailhead parking lot.

**SATURDAY, MAY 6 8:30 AM**

Butano State Park, 7 miles, moderate. This is a long day due to travel time and pie eating in Pescadero (we can substitute sampling goat cheese at the goat dairy just outside Pescadero for pie eating). Plan to get back around 4:30PM. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 8:30 AM**

Sierra Vista Open Space, 5 miles, moderate with a couple of steep hills. We will carpool from the parking lot at the Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Road.

**SATURDAY, MAY 13 8:30 AM**

Arastradero Open Space, 5 miles, moderate. Meet at trailhead parking lot.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 8:30 AM**

Big Basin Berry Falls hike, 8 miles, moderate. This is a beautiful hike. We will not be doing the really long hike this time. We will go out to the falls and back. Plan to get back around

3:00 PM. Meet at Saratoga parking lot. Turn right into first driveway just past the Union 76 station at the corner of DeAnza and Big Basin Way.

**SATURDAY, MAY 20 8:30 AM**

Alum Rock County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at VTA Park and Ride on Capitol Ave off Alum Rock.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 8:30AM**

Long Ridge Open Space, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at Saratoga parking lot. Turn right into first driveway just past the Union 76 Station at the corner of DeAnza and Big Basin Way.

**SATURDAY, MAY 27 8:30 AM**

Wunderlich County Park, 6 miles, moderate. We will go up to Skyline. We should finish around 12:20 pm. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 8:30 AM**

Castle Rock State Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at Saratoga parking lot. Turn right into first driveway just past the Union 76 Station at the corner of DeAnza and Big Basin Way.



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**May 1**, Monday, 3 pm, May Day March with Coalición Primero de Mayo San José, Start: Mexican Heritage Plaza

**May 4**, Thursday, 1-3 pm, Women's Alliance, Ramsden Fireside Room

**May 5**, Friday, 8 pm, Dances of Universal Peace, Sanctuary

**May 5-6**, Friday-Saturday, 2017 Pacific Central District Assembly, Mt. Diablo

Unitarian Universalist Church, Walnut Creek, CA

**May 7**, Sunday, 12:45-2 pm, Budget Townhall, Fireside Room

**May 8 & 22**, Monday, 7 pm, UU Knitters, contact Julia Rodriguez at 408.379.0759 for directions

**May 8**, Monday, 7-9 pm, Social Justice Council, Conference Room

**May 14**, Sunday, 12:45-2 pm, Budget Townhall, Fireside Room

**May 15**, Monday, 7:30-9:00 pm, HUUMANATI Monday Meeting, Church Library

**May 20 & 21**, Saturday & Sunday, Circle Suppers. Contact Barbara Derbyshire at [CircleSuppers@AOL.com](mailto:CircleSuppers@AOL.com); sign-up deadline, May 8

**May 21**, Sunday, 12:45-2 pm, Congregational Budget Meeting, Sanctuary

**May 21**, Sunday, South Bay Contra Dance: Introduction to Contra 2:30 pm, Dancing 3-6 pm, Hattie Porter Hall

**May 28**, Sunday, Walk or Bike to Worship Day

**June 15**, Thursday, 6-8 pm, FUCSJ & TSCC Family Barn Dance & Potluck, Hattie Porter Hall

**June 21-25**, Wednesday-Sunday, Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly, New Orleans, LA

**July 19-23**, Wednesday-Sunday, All-Church Campout, details later

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

### Contacting the Ministers

**Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones** and **Rev. Geoff Rimositis** feel honored to serve this congregation, and we cherish your trust! Here is how to reach us: Nancy (408) 292-3858, ext. 223 Mon.-Thurs.; cell (408) 952-9418; e-mail: [revnpj@yahoo.com](mailto:revnpj@yahoo.com). Geoff: (408) 292-3858, ext. 225 Mon.-Thurs.; cell (408) 309-7796; e-mail: [grimositis@gmail.com](mailto:grimositis@gmail.com).

### Cuidado Pastoral

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### Contactando a los Ministros

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