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SJ UU Feminist Activists Book Club--at Back A Yard on May 16. For this month, we read (or re-read) Zora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God." E-mail Rev. Nancy to join.

June 11 — Join First Unitarian's Contingent for The Equality March for Unity and Pride!

by Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

- 10:30 a.m.: Meet at FUCSJ with banners and signs to move together to City Hall
- 11:00 a.m.: March begins at City Hall Plaza
- 200 E. Santa Clara St., San José, CA 95112
- 1:00 p.m.: Rally at Cesar Chavez Plaza, downtown

Please wear your Standing on the Side of Love (SSL) t-shirt, if you have one, or other festive attire! You can find SSL t-shirts for all ages here:

<http://www.uuabookstore.org/Standing-on-the-Side-of-Love-Adult-T-P17932.aspx>

Revs. Nancy and Geoff and Choir Director John Ector will help lead the FUCSJ contingent! Families are encouraged to attend!

Worship Associate Julia Rodriguez will lead a worship service called "We Are Marching" in the FUCSJ sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. for those who don't join the march. More information:

Event website: <http://equalitymarchsj.domoreproject.org/>

Event Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1189488021160566/>

From the website:

Why We March

The Equality March for Unity and Pride San José is part of a national movement in support of equality for all led by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transexual, Queer (LGBTQ+) community. June is typically a time to celebrate with pride, but much of what the LGBTQ+ and many other oppressed communities fought for is once again being challenged by some of our elected officials and community leaders.



Equality March San José is meant to encourage self-expression and education on our political climate, while allowing our community to march in solidarity. The march will be followed by a rally with a line-up of diverse local speakers, community engagement tables, and readings of open letters.

Mission

We, the LGBTQ+ community, our allies, and loved ones, stand

united against the hatred and bigotry that divide our nation. We march to defend inclusion, celebrate diversity, and ensure the equal protection of human rights for all regardless of age, nationality, socio-economic status, skin color, gender identity, immigration status, faith, disability, or sexual orientation.



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-



tact Board President Robert Strong (e-mail strong00@pacbell.net) or Rev. Geoff Rimositis (grimositis@gmail.com).

Housing Reservations for UUA GA: Information is at <http://www.uua.org/ga>, look under the Housing & Travel.

Continuing the Conversation: “Teach On!”

by the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

On Sunday, May 7, 2017, we here at the First Unitarian Church of San José join about 700 congregations in the nationwide UU White Supremacy Teach-In, examining the ways in which the insidious culture of white supremacy infects not just our whole country but even our own beloved faith.

We engage in the spiritual practice of saying those dreaded words, “white supremacy,” while wrapping our minds and hearts around its systemic definition: “White supremacy”—not *white supremacists* but the broader noun *white supremacy*—“is the set of institutional assumptions and practices, often operating unconsciously, that tend to benefit white people and exclude or harm people of color.”

The sanctuary is packed with long-time members, brand-new visitors, and every-



one in between. Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, candidate for president of the UUA, and I share worship leadership. Together with all of you, we create “brave space,” where we Unitarian Universalists can be strong, brave, curious, humble, and collaborative enough to build a new way of being.

After worship, 53 people return to the sanctuary for a talk-back about the service and a deeper exploration of the proposed 8th Principle. The 8th Principle, written by Bruce Pollack-Johnson and Paula Cole Jones and endorsed by Black Lives of UU, builds on the passage 25 years ago, at the 1992 General Assembly, of a Resolution of Immediate Witness that affirms the “vision of a racially diverse and multicultural Unitarian Universalism.” Five years later, at the 1997 General Assembly, delegates vote that the Unitarian Universalist Association commit to intentionally becoming a multicultural and antiracist institution. That’s 20 years ago now. How are we Unitarian Universalists and our institutions making this commitment real?

The 8th Principle would explicitly name our shared commitment to dismantling this culture of white supremacy in our own institutions. Here’s the principle:

“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

One of our largest congregations, All Souls Church in Washington, D.C., has already created an 8th Principle Task Force, in order to implement antiracism tools and practices toward institutional cultural change in their congregation. The task force has clear and measurable goals: to equip 50 percent of the active congrega-

tion with a shared antiracist power analysis within five years, and to engage all parts of the church in setting goals and measuring progress toward racial justice and inclusion.

At FUCSJ on May 7, our initial responses to the proposed 8th Principle run the gamut from enthusiasm to doubt, from worries about accountability to helpful hints about wordsmithing. Here are some of our responses.

As you continue to ponder the heart of this nationwide call for deeper systemic change, what do you want FUCSJ’s commitments to be?

In Our Own Voices: The 8th Principle

Affirmation

I believe this principle is a good idea. I agree that we need to explicitly name goals to achieve them. [repeated by several people]

The 8th Principle is needed to keep the challenging work of undoing racism in the forefront.

I like the concept of “journeying,” which implies that churches will be on a journey and at different places on a continuum, just like “accountably dismantle” implies measuring at points along the journey and that the institutional norms of white supremacy require being taken apart not just tweaked.

Like it and support it. It’s beautiful and recognizes what we have to undo to move change.

The 8th principle is active! “Dismantling” is a powerful word! I like it very much. We need to be active!

It is active (do something), not just passive.

Love the “spiritual wholeness” language! As a white person, I have struggled to articulate why the work of dismantling white supremacy is important to me. I am not spiritually whole as long as white supremacy continues. And none of us is.

It’s spiritual. It’s about becoming whole in ourselves and congregations.



The best mention of community (as experienced) in the 7 Principles

Community should be a principle.

It gives UUs a permanent commitment, like our other principles.

I would like to see the 8th Principle included!
[repeated by many people]

Yes. Yes. You are welcomed here.

Yes!!! [x 4]

Strongly support this principle, whether or not formally added as #8.

This principle would be a powerful addition and seems critical to putting our principles where our mouths are. However, if it is all we do, it will not be enough.

The 8th Principle is good as long as it is not just words!

It tells us how to do this, and that is to be accountable and dismantle racism and oppression.

I like that the 8th principle is explicitly written to promote multiculturalism and dismantle racism. It is a needed addition to the 7 Principles.

This is an important principle, written in a very loving way. I hope San José and the wider church community find their way to affirming it.

Dissent

The proposed 8th Principle isn't a principle at all. It's a course of action driven by our 7 existing principles. Adding it would add nothing to our principles.

The other principles are Ends Statements. This is not.

Proposed 8th Principle sounds like a goal; content should be a principle.

Humanists will not like "spiritual growth" in this area.

Accountability

"Accountably" is important, too: we have to create measurable change.

I am for it, but what does "accountability" mean?

It's about taking responsibility for our actions.

I like the idea of adding the 8th Principle. I don't object to any of the words used, and I think they make a powerful statement. My questions are: How will we be accountable and to whom? And when do we start?

"Accountably dismantle"—what does this mean to me?

"Other oppressions" seems too vague to me, which makes it hard to be accountable.

I like that "other oppressions" is included. It broadens it to ethnicity and culture (not just skin color).

It feels odd to put "accountably" into a principle. That belongs in an action plan to implement the principle.

The 8th and the 1st Principles

The need for the 8th Principle highlights the failure of us to act on the 1st Principle, the "inherent worth and dignity of every person."

Doesn't "dignity" cover this?

At its base, the 8th Principle is contained in the 1st Principle, but it is good to make this facet explicit. It's part of the RESPECT for every individual.

Wordsmithing

Very important to state commitment explicitly; does need wordsmithing.

Edit down to this: "We, the member congregations of the UUA, covenant to affirm and promote dismantling racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

I like the proposed principle, but it could be more simply worded as "We, the member congregations of the UUA, covenant to affirm and promote: Building a diverse multicultural Beloved Community that accountably dismantles racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

Not "by working to ..." but "by building ..."
Working sounds like trying.

This 8th Principle looks good to me, but I would move "by our actions" right after "to build." I think it works better there; it seems to disrupt flow where it is.

Support 8th Principle but change to start with "To build a diverse ..."

I think it is important to not only promise to stop the bad but to also promote the good ... to eradicate racism and replace it with love and compassion.

Love the wording, however can we add something about celebrating diversity?

The principle is in the right direction, but the wordiness waters down its purpose, which is to identify and change what's inside that holds us back.

Yes and too much description of HOW; more succinct would be better, placed after the 3rd or 4th Principles

"By our actions" is the how for all the principles.

More Thoughts

Maybe it is part of the real mission (not just a principle).

Many in our congregation feel we are already expressing the value expressed by the 8th Principle.

I would also like us to add a 7th Source, liberation movements, such as civil rights, feminism, and gay liberation.

Interconnectedness in Practice

by Rodney Lemery

As my first year of internship ends, I find myself in a kind of fog. I just can't believe that it was nine months ago that I joined this congregation marking the beginning of a two-year, 20-hour per week internship.

As I reflect on this year, there is much I have learned, and this learning goes far beyond my two teaching pastors and my current intern committee. All of you have been an integral part of my learning process, and I hope you feel the profound sense of connectedness that I feel with all of you.

This connectedness was evident in many services over the past year but most palpable in the service where we collectively held a newly homeless man in the dark depths of despair before beginning our worship service. At that moment, our collective Love was made manifest. As a Unitarian Universalist, I am not inclined to believe in miracles but that word, miracle, is the best one I have for what was present in the sanctuary at that moment. Not the miracle of a divine entity that manipulates and alters our lives but the miracle of community and connectedness. We all took in the pain of that man and allowed him the time and space he needed to process and lament his new situation. To me, this demonstrated the immense possibility of holding and healing that a community can manifest. It is a moment that is etched forever into my soul.

I am grateful to all of you who are helping to teach me the importance of this deep interconnectedness so essential to our faith movement. I am also learning how these relationships can be complex as well as miraculous. As many of you know, my call drives me to reclaim religious terminol-



ogy often stolen by the Christian religious right. Through this reclamation process, I have worked with the ministerial team to learn how to contextualize this language when using it from the pulpit. Realizing that explaining the terms prior to using them, was something new to me before this internship, and I forgot how damaging these terms could be if left without explanation.

It was a hard lesson of how these deep connections can sometimes inadvertently cause harm instead of

healing.

I am entering a full-time Clinical Pastoral Education program for the next three months. The summer internship at the Solano County Jail will prepare me to become more active in the work of the FUCSJ Pastoral Care team. While I will not be around much this summer, know that I hold all of you in my heart and I look forward to my return in September for the Labor Day service.

“I am entering a full-time Clinical Pastoral Education program for the next three months.”

Interconexión en Práctica

por Rodney Lemery

Mientras mi primer año de prácticas termina, me encuentro en una especie de niebla. No puedo creer que hace nueve meses que me incorporé a esta congregación que marca el comienzo del primero de dos años, 20 horas por semana de prácticas.

Al reflexionar en este año, hay mucho que he aprendido, y este aprendizaje va más allá de las enseñanzas de mis dos pastores y mi actual Comité interno. Todos ustedes han sido una parte integral de mi proceso de aprendizaje, y espero que ustedes sientan el profundo sentido de conexión que siento con todos ustedes.

Esta conexión fue evidente en muchos servicios durante el año pasado pero más palpable en el servicio donde colectivamente abrazamos a un hombre recientemente sin hogar en las oscuras profundidades de la desesperación antes de iniciar

nuestro servicio religioso. En ese momento, nuestro amor colectivo se manifiesto. Como un Unitario Universalista, no estoy inclinado a creer en milagros pero esa palabra, milagro, es lo mejor que tengo para lo que estaba presente en el Santuario en ese momento. No el milagro de una entidad divina que manipula y altera nuestras vidas, pero el milagro de comunidad y conexión. Todos tomamos el dolor de aquel hombre y le dimos el tiempo y el espacio que necesitaba para procesar y lamentar su nueva situación. Para mí, eso demuestra la inmensa posibilidad de sostener y curar que una comunidad puede manifestar. Es un momento que se graba para siempre en mi alma.

Agradezco a todos ustedes que están ayudando a enseñarme la importancia de esta interrelación profunda tan esencial para nuestro movimiento de fe. También estoy aprendiendo cómo estas relaciones pueden ser complejas, así como milagrosas. Como muchos de ustedes saben, mi llamado me conduce a recuperar la terminología religiosa a menudo robada por la derecha religiosa cristiana. A través de este proceso de recuperación, he trabajado con el equipo ministerial para aprender a contextualizar este lenguaje al usarlo desde el púlpito. Darse cuenta de que explicar los términos antes de usarlos, fue algo nuevo para mí antes de esta práctica, y olvidé cómo dañar estos términos podría ser si se deja sin explicación. Fue una dura lección de cómo estas conexiones profundas a veces sin darse cuenta pueden causar daño en lugar de curación.

Yo estoy entrando en un programa de educación clínica Pastoral a tiempo completo por los próximos tres meses. La pasantía de verano en la cárcel del Condado de Solano será prepararme a ser más activo en el trabajo del equipo de Cuidado Pastoral de la FUCSJ. Aunque no estaré mucho alrededor este verano, sepan que a todos los tengo en mi corazón y espero verlos a mi regreso en septiembre para el Servicio del Día del Trabajo.

Forgiveness and Our Families: Taking the Ritual of Forgiveness Home

by the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

In worship on Mother's Day this year, we shared an all-ages Ritual of Forgiveness. So many people found it meaningful that we want to share it with you here. Maybe this ritual can become part of your regular spiritual practices at home, on your own or with your family.

The Ritual

We all make mistakes—big ones and little ones and everything in between. Maybe, just maybe, you've experienced this in your family, too. Parents, grandparents, caregivers, children, youth, young adults—our families are great places for practicing the art of *asking for*, and *offering*, FORGIVENESS.

In this Ritual of Forgiveness, we use the word parent to represent anyone who has cared for you or is caring for you now. This could be a grandparent, a foster parent, another adult, an older sibling, your mom or moms or dad or dads ...



Photos by Kristin Rivers

We invite you to go as deep with this as you feel ready, or you can keep it really simple.

After a moment of quiet meditation, write down on a slip of paper your answers to one or more of these prompts. You can share these slips with your family—or burn them mindfully to release them into the gentle air.



- A mistake or problem for which you are ready to forgive your parent
- A mistake you made as a child—either now, or earlier in your life—that you'd like to ask forgiveness for from your parent
- A mistake or problem you made for which you hope your children or the next generation will forgive you
- A mistake or problem for which you are ready to forgive yourself in your parenting and caregiving ...

May this Ritual of Forgiveness offer you strength, hope, and guidance on your journey toward wholeness!



Adult and Youth Classes



Children and Youth Summer 2017 Programs

Children and youth join the community for the first part of worship at 11 am and then go to their respective classes until 12:30.

Nursery: Birth - Five Years

Location: Nursery, Church's Lower Level
Childcare Staff: Denni Fernandez and Kimberly Fernandez

We provide a safe, clean environment in which to support each child in initiating play activities at the developmental level they manifest. Each week our paid staff, Denni Fernandez and Kimberly Fernandez, provides a loving presence as they engage children in games, stories and crafts with seasonal and holiday themes throughout the year.

Jun 11 ... ALL AGES SERVICE & The 11 am Equality March for Unity and Pride.

San José is part of a national movement in support of equality for all led by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Queer community

Grades 1-8: Naming Miracles/ Stories of Courage and Wisdom

Naming Miracles--June 18-August 6

To me every hour of the light and dark is a miracle. Every cubic inch of space is a miracle.
— Walt Whitman

Everything that can be counted does not necessarily count; everything that counts cannot necessarily be counted. — Albert Einstein

It is inherently Unitarian Universalist to explore the miraculous. Our first Source is the direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life. The fifth Source, Humanist teachings, counsels us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science,

and warns us against idolatries of the mind and spirit. In this curriculum, participants begin to explore miracles, to engage in the transcending mystery and wonder that surrounds us, and to use reason to find their own personal truth and meaning. Participants identify what they consider miraculous and investigate the miracle of life on Earth through story and play.

- Jun 18 – Session 1: Naming Miracles
- Jun 25 – Session 2: The Miracle of Close Attention
- Jul 2 – Session 3: The Miracle of Transformation
- Jul 9 – Session 4: It's All in the Timing
- Jul 16 – Session 5: A Miracle Inside
- Jul 23 – Session 6: The Miracle of Social Change
- Jul 30 – Session 7: Miracles We Can Make
- Aug 6 – Session 8: Still a Mystery

Stories of Courage and Wisdom--August 13-September 3

The goals of this curriculum are to introduce children and youth to the stories of women and men who have acted with courage and wisdom in their attempts to live their lives fully and make the world a better place for others. These women and men who have come out of our religious tradition encourage children to live their own lives fully and to use their own positive powers as they interact with the world around them, and as they do so, to grow both spiritually and ethically.

- Aug 13 – Lewis Latimer: Inventor with A Bright Idea
- Aug 20 – Clara Barton: A Shy Little Girl Becomes A Brave Woman Who Saves Others

- Aug 27 – King John Sigismund: The Only Unitarian King (Hungarian) Promises Religious Freedom to All His People
- Sep 3 – Beatrix Potter: The Tale of Peter Rabbit and Beatrix Potter
- Sep 10 – No Class, Homecoming, Water Communion
- Sep 17 – Fall Classes Begin



PCD UUA Middle School Camp

BEGINS: MONDAY, JULY 3 – 4 PM
ENDS: SATURDAY, JULY 8

Mendocino Woodlands State Park

A Middle School Unitarian Universalist Weeklong Camp from Monday, July 3, 2017, 4 pm through Saturday, July 8, 2017.

Are you currently in grades 6-9? (Campers must have finished 6th grade at start of camp.) Would you enjoy meeting other amazing UU middle school youth? Then join us at MiSC! Much like a MUUGs' Retreat, you'll be able to join other youth in small groups for play, fun and just talking. There will be regular meals, snacks, youth worship and large group activities. Campers may go on guided hikes, roast marshmallows over the fire and spend time in a beautiful redwood forest. Cost: There will be a sliding scale depending on when

youth register and on ability to pay. Registration costs include food, lodging, a camp shirt and activities for the week. For those who register by May 31, \$225-250, sliding scale by June 15, \$255-280, sliding scale.

Grades 9-12: Senior High Youth Group

Youth Room

The senior high youth group meets on Sundays from 11:30- 12:30.

The group offers its members a safe place to share their lives and find support and friendship among open-minded and loving peers. The group engages in discussions about issues relevant to youth's lives and communities. They plan social and service projects throughout the year. They also participate in youth conferences in area Unitarian Universalist churches under the auspices of the Pacific Central District of Unitarian Universalist Congregations and Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU). The youth group's empowering philosophy educates youth to be leaders within the group, church community and denomination.

Week-Long Camp for UU Youth (14-20) July 3-9

WUUKY "Western Unitarian Universalist Karmic Youth"

Mendocino Woodlands

This year, WUUKY registration will be held online! The registration fee is \$270 and the deadline is June 10.

Those who register by May 6 will receive \$30 off and there is a \$50 discount for youth who have never attended a YRU-UP event before. If you register after the deadline you will not have a guaranteed spot at WUUKY and the registration fee will be \$310. You will also not be applicable for any scholarships or discounts. After registering, you receive an email telling where to mail your registration funds.

Register online here! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jJtMb3L86vcB4MvRMcPOqj47dBIGbFHQ6blqCvubHgs/viewform?edit_requested=true

Scholarships are available! For more information and to apply for one, email the registrar (registrar@yruup.org).

If you are interested in being a YELLer (Youth Empowered Lay Leader) at WUUKY or if you have any other questions, please contact the Cococos (cococos@yruup.org).

Senior High 2017-Summer Island Trip--Canceled

The Senior High Island Trip is canceled for this year. With the campout being later, our partner church visitors coming, and our youth group attendance low, the trip coordinators decided to cancel the trip this year and revisit it again next year.



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

Drawing from the MOSAIC Project 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/ or contact **Rev. Geoff Rimositis** 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/

Sunday Services / Servicios Domingo

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 11 AM



Getting Out of Our Own Way —To Growth

Youth Sunday

Our senior high graduates share thoughts about their experiences at First Unitarian and their connection with the larger youth ministry of our district and region; and how they are going to take their Unitarian Universalist values into the next phase of their lives. After the service everyone is invited to make (and eat) a Sunday Sundaes!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis; **Worship Associates:** Our Youth!

DOMINGO, 4 DE JUNIO 11 AM

Salir de Nuestro Propio Camino— crecimiento

Domingo de la Juventud

Nuestros graduados altos de preparatoria comparten sus experiencias con la Primera Iglesia Unitaria y su conexión con

el resto del ministerio juvenil de nuestro distrito y la región; y cómo ellos van a tomar sus valores de Unitarios Universalistas a la siguiente etapa de sus vidas. Después del servicio, todos están invitados a hacer (y comer) un domingo helado!

Dirige: el Rev. Geoff Rimositis; **Asociados de Celebración:** Nuestros jóvenes!

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 11 AM



“As We Come Marching, Marching!”

Why do we march? To protest, for pride, for connection, for joy? We will explore our experiences of “joining the march” as fellow congregants march in the Equality March for Unity and Pride. Whether you have ever marched or not, come join us for the solidarity and inspiration of this all-ages worship service.

Worship Leader: Julia Rodriguez;
Worship Associate: TBD

DOMINGO, 11 DE JUNIO 11 AM

“Mientras venimos marchando, marchando”!

¿Por qué marchamos? ¿Para protestar, por orgullo, por la conexión, por la alegría? Vamos a explorar nuestras experiencias de “unirse a la marcha” mientras los compañeros congregantes marchan en la Marcha de la igualdad por la Unidad y el Orgullo. Si alguna vez han marchado o no, únase a nosotros para la solidaridad y la inspiración de este servicio para todas las edades.

Dirige: Julia Rodríguez

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 11 AM



Sankofa: “Go Back and Get It”

Fifty years after the Civil Rights Movement, what lessons can we learn for today? Special guest Alex Haider-Winnett shares an award-winning sermon about his experiences traveling to Ferguson, Missouri, one year after the killing of Michael Brown. A great follow-up to our UU White Supremacy Teach-In on May 7!

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The latest church events, photos, and updates can be found on our Facebook page www.facebook/FUCSJ and our website sanjoseuu.org — find out about upcoming services on the homepage, and all other events under “What’s Happening.”



Worship Associate Bob Owen also honors "gender-nonspecific nurturing-parental-figure day" (aka Father's Day), and we share Joys and Sorrows!



Alex Haider-Winnett is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist originally from Southern California. He holds a B.A. in Peace Studies from Earlham College and is pursuing ordained UU ministry at Pacific School of Religion. He lives in Berkeley with his wife Christine, their two cats, and their newborn baby Elliott. He enjoys watching movies, eating tacos, reading comics, and Universalist theology.

Worship Leader: Alex Haider-Winnett;
Worship Associate: Bob Owen

DOMINGO, 18 DE JUNIO 11 AM

Sankofa: "Ir Hacia Atrás y Obtenerlo"

Cincuenta años después del Movimiento de Derechos Civiles, ¿qué lecciones podemos aprender para hoy? El invitado especial Alex Haider-Winnett comparte un sermón galardonado sobre sus experiencias viajando a Ferguson, Missouri, un año después de la muerte de Michael Brown. ¡Un gran seguimiento de nuestro aprendizaje de Supremacía Blanca UU el 7 de mayo!

El Asociado de Celebración Bob Owen también honora "el día de la figura de crianza parental sin género específico" (también conocido como día de los padres), y compartimos alegrías y tristezas!

Alex Haider-Winnett es un Unitario Universalista de toda la vida originario del sur de California. Tiene un B.A. en Estudios de Paz de Earlham College y está aplicando al ministerio ordenado UU en la escuela de

religión el Pacífico. Vive en Berkeley con su esposa Christine, sus dos gatos y su bebé recién nacido Elliott. Le gusta ver películas, comer tacos, leer comics y la Teología Universalista.

Dirige: Alex Haider-Winnett; **Asociado de Celebración:** Bob Owen

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 11 AM



Hands, Head and Heart

According to the teachings of Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita, the path to enlightenment is threefold: the Yoga of Wisdom, the Yoga of Service and the Yoga of Devotion. This is the highest expression of the same unique combination of qualities that has enabled humans, (but not, significantly, octopuses) to conquer and dominate the Earth. If we learn to exercise these qualities in the right way, we will create a spiritual civilization and take humanity to the stars. We are excited to once again have Dada Nabhaniilananda (www.TheMonkDude.com) sharing his gifts of meditation, wisdom, humor and song. Make it a full day of centering by also joining us for his workshop from 1-3 pm in the sanctuary.

Worship Leader: Dada Nabhaniilananda;
Worship Associate: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

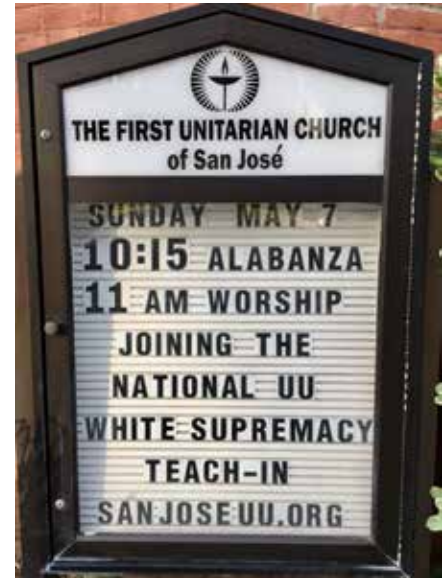
DOMINGO, 25 DE JUNIO 11 AM

Manos, Cabeza y Corazón

Según las enseñanzas de Krishna en el Bhagavad Gita, el camino hacia la iluminación es triple: el Yoga de la sabiduría, el Yoga de servicio y el Yoga de la devoción. Esta es la máxima expresión de la misma única combinación de cualidades que ha

posibilitado a los seres humanos, (pero no significativamente, pulpos) para conquistar y dominar la tierra. Si aprendemos a ejercitar estas cualidades en la forma correcta, crearemos una civilización espiritual y llevaremos a la humanidad a las estrellas. Estamos muy contentos de tener nuevamente a Dada Nabhaniilananda (www.TheMonkDude.com) compartiendo sus dones de meditación, sabiduría, humor y canción. Que sea un día completo de centrarse para también acompañarnos en su taller de 1 a 3 pm en el Santuario.

Dirige: Dada Nabhaniilananda; **Asociado de Celebración:** El Rev. Geoff Rimositis



Our wayside pulpit for May 7, the UU White Supremacy Teach-In.

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.



The three UUA Presidential Candidates: Jeanne Pupke, Alison Miller, Susan Frederick-Gray, on a panel at the Pacific Central District Assembly May 6. Lots of people from FUCSJ showed up!



Remembering Evan

The dedication of Evan Stapleton-Hart's bench at Martial Cottle Park on May 13



Bathing the Buddha

by Rev. Joy-Ellen Lipsky, CCP, PMP, CCM, jelipsky@successwithjoy.com, 408-513-4418

One of the community ministry tasks I perform as an Executive Committee member of the Silicon Valley Interreligious Council (SiVIC) is to represent Unitarian Universalism at Interfaith Prayer Services and events when Rev. Nancy is not available.

On this Mother's Day, May 14th, 2017, I attended the Bathing the Buddha teachings and ceremony at the Chung Tai Zen Center in Sunnyvale. Each year officers of SiVIC are asked to speak, say a prayer, in commemoration of the birth of the Buddha. This year, I chose to invoke the words

of UU Elena Westbrook on Being Present:

Let every moment be a prayer.

With every sip of tea,

let your lips move in thanksgiving.

Be fully present to every stroke of the hairbrush,

every cup of milk you pour for the children.

Be present, without judgement or regret,

without plans or expectations,

or even dreams,

And every moment

becomes a prayer.

In participating in the celebrations and events of other faiths, UUs become known to others, in addition to our social justice

work, as the people who walk their talk and stand with others of faith. You can join me and others in attending one of the upcoming Interfaith Community Iftar Dinners by Pacifica Institute. I plan to attend the dinner at St. Joseph's Basilica. These dinners are part of the Muslims' breaking of their daily fast during Ramadan and are free. You just need to register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-community-iftar-dinner-tickets-33935378631>. The Pacifica Institute is an affiliate of SiVIC and plays a large role in interfaith activities in Santa Clara County.



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@yahoo.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. Please note that the special summer choir schedule

— Thursdays in June, the 8th, 22nd and 29th, but no rehearsal on the 15th; and back to the normal Wednesday schedule starting August 2. Questions? **Liz Owen** lowen@data-time.com

WEDNESDAYS 6 PM



"Breathe in Peace, Breath out Love" Silent Meditation

Ramsden Fireside Room

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 1-3 PM

Women's Alliance

Ramsden Fireside Room

The Women's Alliance meets for its final session before the summer break on Thursday, June 1, from 1-3 P.M. in the Ramsden Fireside Room. We'll confirm a date for the summer potluck, look at various possibilities for our fall book study, and support and encourage each other's efforts in responding to the demands of our current political landscape. All are welcome. Contact **Nancy Coleman** at nbc Coleman@gmail.com or 408.256.1622 for further information.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 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 sacred phrases, as well as the melodies and the movements, are taught each time.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Newcomers/Returning Members Gathering with Rev. Nancy

Ramsden Fireside Room

Come enjoy a special morning with Rev. Nancy for folks who are new to First Unitarian and/or who are returning after some time away! We will get to know each other; explore Unitarian Universalism; discover new ways to connect with our community; learn about membership; and offer the chance to join a new small-group ministry group! RSVP by May 31: Office Manager **Sharmeen Enayat**, fucsloffice@gmail.com, 408-292-3858 x 221.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 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. Warning: your most cherished presuppositions may be challenged.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 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.

MONDAY, JUNE 12 7-9 PM

Social Justice Council Meeting

Conference Room

Please join the Social Justice Council on Monday, June 12, 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.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 5 DEADLINE
SAT/SUN, JUNE 18 & 19 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 and 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 June will be Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th. The deadline to sign up is Monday, June 5. Contact **Barbara Derbyshire** at CircleSuppers@AOL.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 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, JUNE 20 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. Warning: your most cherished presuppositions may be challenged.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 9 AM – 1 PM

All-Church Work Party --Service Is Our Prayer (SIOP) Day

On Saturday morning, June 24, it's time to gather again at an SIOP day to cleanup and fixup the church. We missed having the spring cleanup day because of church scheduling conflicts, so lots of deferred maintenance is in store for us. Please come and join the party! We meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 am, review work that needs to be done and solicit volunteers for each task. Then we get to work. Lunch is provided in the conference room at noon.

Afterwards we clean up our lunch stuff and finish any leftover tasks. Generally we're all out by 1 pm.

Interested? Please join us. No skilled labor is required this time, just a willingness to pitch in and help! If you have questions, please contact **Bob Howd** at 408-257-6844 or bhowd@aol.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 1-3 PM

Workshop: The Secret of Meditation - Making it Fun!

First Unitarian Sanctuary

Many people try meditation but give up because it they find it dry or boring. Drawing on his book about meditation, Dada reveals how a simple shift in perspective can take our practice to another level, making it a richly emotional and supportive experience, transforming what felt like a chore into a healthy addiction.

The workshop will include: Spiritual chanting and music; Heart Circle Meditation – this is the highlight of the day; Putting it all into practice – personal goals.

Dada Nabhaniilananda <http://www.themonkdude.com/> is a yoga monk, a meditation instructor, an author, a keynote speaker and a musician. Born in New Zealand, he was ordained as a monk in India in 1979. Dada has appeared on stage with the Dalai Lama, taught or performed in more than 40 countries and has spoken for TEDx, NVIDIA, Google, CISCO, Lam Research Intel and Facebook.

OCTOBER 13-14, 21, 22



Save the Date for "The Tremendous Old West"

Hattie Porter Hall

It's 1893 and a tent revival has come to the town of Blessed, Texas. The twist? It's a Unitarian revival. In addition to that

headache and troubles at home, the sherrif has heard that the town's most notorious criminal — a wealthy real estate developer with a tremendous way of speaking — has been freed from prison and will arrive on the noon train. A lot of people in town are looking forward to his arrival for reasons of their own. Many of them sing and make jokes about it.

Save some tickets to buy Murder Motive Cards — the audience will choose the murderer at each performance.

Our annual musical mystery comedy is a fundraiser to support the church's social justice activities by helping to pay its dues to People Acting in Community Together (PACT). Visit <http://sanjoseuu.org/WhatsHappening/mysterycomedymusical.html> to see videos of past shows.

Hiking Schedule (June 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**



SATURDAY, JUNE 3 8:30 AM

Alum Rock Park, 5 miles, moderate. Meet at VTA Park and Ride at Capitol and Alum Rock by turning right on Capitol and going two blocks to the light rail station and turning right into a large parking lot which is shared with an apartment complex. Drive to the back.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 8:30 AM

Skyline Ridge Loop, 7 miles. Meet at 280/Page Mill Park and Ride.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 8:30 AM

Joseph Grant County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at VTA Park and Ride at Capitol and Alum Rock.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 8:30 AM

Los Gatos Creek Trail with a stop at coffee shop for a snack. Meet on Garden Hill Drive where there is ample street parking. If you want to put this address in your GPS it will get to the area for parking: 296 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos (near the intersection of Highway 17 and Lark Ave). Take the Lark exit and go straight across Lark onto Garden Hill Drive. Continue on Garden Hill for about 5 blocks. We meet at the entrance to the trail. This is 4.5 miles out and back. We can make it a bit longer if we want to.

An Incident

by **Bob Owen**

On a recent Sunday morning, weekend-sexton **Tariq Tayab** brought to the attention of **Bob Howd** and **Bob Owen** some sawdust and termite damage in the Ramsden Fireside Room. It was quickly agreed that it would help with repairs to give a pejorative religious, ethnic or national name to the insects. The winning choice was Bob Howd's "North-Korean Termites". Office manager **Sharmeen Enayat** showed her ready knowledge of UU traditions by proclaiming it a successful Naming Ceremony.



SATURDAY, JUNE 17 8:30 AM

Castle Rock State Park, 5 miles, moderate. Meet at the parking lot in Saratoga. Turn right into the first driveway just past the Union 76 station at the corner of DeAnza and Big Basin Way.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 8:30 AM

Sanborn car-shuttle-hike, 6 miles, moderate. Saratoga Gap. Meet at parking lot in Saratoga. Turn right at first driveway beyond the 76 Union Station at the corner of De Anza and Highway 9 (Big Basin Way), and drive to parking lot behind. Hike starts at Sunnyvale Mt. trail head in Sanborn Park on Skyline, goes along Skyline and ends at Indian Rock across the road from Castle Rock.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 8:30 AM

Wunderlich County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at 280/Page Mill Park and Ride.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 8:30 AM

Portola Redwoods, 7 miles, moderate. Meet at 280/Page Mill Park and Ride. This will be a longer day due to distance to the park. We should be back by 3 PM.



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Save the Dates

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

June 2, Friday, 8 pm, Dances of Universal Peace, Sanctuary

June 3, Saturday, 10 am-12:30 pm, Newcomers/Returning Members Gathering with Rev. Nancy, Ramsden Fireside Room

June 4, Sunday, 10-11 am, First Sunday Forum, Hattie Porter Hall

June 11, Sunday, begins 10:30 am, First Unitarian's Contingent for the Equality March for Unity and Pride, meet at FUCSJ

June 12, Monday, 7-9 pm, Social Justice Council, Conference Room

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

June 18 & 19, Saturday & Sunday, Circle Suppers, contact Barbara Derbyshire CircleSuppers@AOL.com; sign-up deadline June 5

June 20, Monday, 7:30-9 pm, HUUMANATI Monday Meeting, Library

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

June 24, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm, All-Church Work Party/SIOP Day, FUCSJ

June 25, Sunday, 1-3 pm, Meditation Workshop, Sanctuary

July 15 & 16, Saturday, & Sunday, Circle Suppers

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

October 13, 14, 21, 22, The Tremendous Old West, musical mystery comedy show fundraiser

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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! Here is how to reach us: Nancy (408) 292-3858, ext. 223 Mon.-Thurs.; cell (408) 952-9418; e-mail: revnpj@yahoo.com. 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! Aquí esta como puede contactarnos: Nancy (408) 292-3858, ext. 223 de Lunes a Jueves; cell (408) 952-9418; e-mail: revnpj@yahoo.com. Geoff: (408) 292-3858, ext. 225 de Lunes a Jueves; cell (408) 309-7796; e-mail: grimositis@gmail.com

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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.