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Small Group Ministry organized an all-groups outing to Kelly Park and Happy Hollow on Thursday, August 23.



In Our Own Voices:

“In Our Own Voices” captures congregants’ thoughts and feelings on the theme of the month. This year, our Worship Associates offer their first responses to each theme, in hopes that they will inspire you, too, to ask:

- How does this theme relate to my life?
- What does it inspire in me?
- How does it trouble or perplex me?
- How can it help us strengthen our Unitarian Universalist faith?

What does it mean to be a People of Vision and to practice Intentional Imagination?

It means to expand awareness. To behold possibilities. To appreciate growth.

We envision a future we can realize. We build our collective faith in who we are and our existence and our capacity for the expression of love. With an intentional and imaginative vision, we can overcome our fears and strengthen our faith. We can articulate that which we are sure will come, and guide ourselves into more perfect examples of love.

To be a people of vision is to see clearly, truthfully, harmoniously, in alignment, with “all/and” glasses on.

Lifting blinders and self-limitations —> sudden clarity!

Vision is what motivates, drives, and inspires us. It’s what we dream about—our goals and ideals. What we want.

How do we know where to go without spending time figuring out what we want?

Vision armors and protects us as we go about our daily jobs. It nurtures and sustains us. It enraptures us.

Vision is part imagination. What does the future hold?

Nothing would ever be accomplished without vision. Look at Jules Verne imagining things that wouldn’t come to be a reality until much later. And at Steve Jobs imagining and bringing to reality things that seemed impossible. A visionary or imaginer who wants to bring dreams into reality must be inspirational and a good leader (or delegator). Vision and imagination are dandy, but there have to be action and goal-setting in order to make visions a reality.

With regard to church: As we strive to build the Beloved Community, it takes intention and imagination to move toward that goal.

The word intentional is a bit problematic for me. What about brainstorming, day-dreaming, and so on, without a set goal in mind? These are key to visioning what is yet to be!

In creative imagining, we spend time imagining utopia, then we envision our progress toward it. But the counterpoint lies in appreciating where we are. We are a culture built on “progress”; we’re never satisfied. I’m not talking about complacency but rather about recognizing the good in what is. Here’s the both/and: Taking stock and appreciating what-is can go hand in hand with recognizing that change happens and that we want this change to move us forward.

Where does our vision come from? What does it mean to have a vision? Does everyone have a vision, or is it a gift? Are those who have “visions” special? What about drug-induced visions? Are they real? How much are visions based on experience? What is the purpose of a vision? How can we encourage visioning? Should we?

If we take a day at a time and live in the moment, why is visioning important . . . or is it? Does any change come without a vision? Whose vision do we follow? How does visioning influence society—and whose vision is it? When policies are related to a vision, it is important to know our leaders’ vision.

Is “vision” an ableist word? To be inclusive, do we need to eliminate all words that are a part of being human—words that refer to the senses, to physical activity, and more? I agree with attempting to include everyone, but I feel that the focus on these words does not increase inclusion. Actions—such as making sure the room is accessible, being sure that everyone can be included in the discussion and exercises, planning alternate but equally strong activities for when something does leave someone out—those are what embody inclusion.

Look more deeply into hymn #20 in the gray hymnal, “Be Thou my Vision.” Why is that re-worded but still high-falutin’ and theistic hymn even in our hymnal? (See Eleanor Hull’s translation from 1912 and other bits of history in Wikipedia and beyond.) Let’s challenge people to come up with modern language with the same essential meaning. Is that the story behind Thomas Mikelson’s writing the words for #298 “Wake, Now, My Senses”?

Dreams, inspiration from dreams. Perspective, binocular vision. Headlights will show only so far, and that’s all we have to go on. Theodore Parker in his 1853 sermon “Justice and the Conscience”: “I do not pretend to understand the moral universe; the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways; I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight; I can divine it by conscience. And from what I see I am sure it bends towards justice.

Taking It Home: A New Series

by Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, with help from the Soul Matters Sharing Circle



Welcome, everyone, to our new congregational year 2018-19! This year and next—the two years of this Interim Period with Susie Idzik—will be exciting times for all of us at FUCSJ.

We will be looking within and among us for how we can best embody our Unitarian Universalist faith. We'll be more explicitly exploring how we can make tangible and real First Unitarian's mission: to Make Love Visible in all we say and do. Please do take a look at Susie's essay in this edition to learn more about the plans already afoot!

Like the old joke about "how do you get to Carnegie Hall," I'm convinced that the only way to strengthen our capacity to live the life-saving, life-giving core of Unitarian Universalism is to "Practice, Practice, Practice."

So this year I'm launching a new series for our monthly newsletter. Instead of another essay—another set of ideas and stories, which we pour our hearts into offering in worship every week—I want us all to have some way to take these ideas home. How can we make our monthly themes practical, life-changing guides?

Each month I will offer one or two Spiritual Exercises that you and your family can try on. We'll call this series "Taking It Home," based on a family-oriented program from the UUA. And the spiritual exercises will come from our Soul Matters Sharing Circle of UU congregations diving into the same themes—and from our own creativity. I hope we will all give them a try! Here's the first one.

Taking It Home: Creating Your Own Vision Statement

Companies—even congregations—write vision statements, but we rarely write one for ourselves. Let's use this month to fix that.

Simple, clear, and memorable statements of vision inspire us, help clarify our choices, and motivate us to get out of bed each morning. Without them, we may wander. With them, we choose and shape our own path. It's one of the best gifts we can give ourselves.

And it's not really that hard to give ourselves this gift. It doesn't have to be complicated. In fact, the best personal vision statements are short and simple, even just one sentence. Try making it less intimidating by narrowing the timeline. Instead of trying to write a vision of what you will make of your entire life, just focus on what you want to accomplish this year. For instance, try answering one or both of the following questions:

- "How do I want to be different when this congregational year comes to an end in June 2019?"
- "What do I want to have done when this congregational year ends?"

Are your thoughts and feelings already stirring? Dive in!

For More Inspiration:

Would you like some more inspiration? You might like these videos about writing your "life sentence":



<https://youtu.be/gw2xSdp4b0c>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjBmnfl4Tn4>

Here's a great seven-page essay that offers a road map to creating your personal vision statement:

<https://tinyurl.com/vs-fucsj>

For Visual Learners:

Some of us are visual learners, so instead of writing your personal vision statement, try creating a visual representation of it. This popular technique is called vision-boarding. Here are two good sites that explain what a vision board is and how to go about creating one:



https://www.huffingtonpost.com/elizabeth-rider/the-scientific-reason-why_b_6392274.html

Llevándolo a Casa: Creando Su Propia Declaración de la Visión

Empresas — incluso congregaciones — escriben declaraciones de visión, pero nosotros raramente escribimos una para nosotros mismos.

Vamos a utilizar este mes para corregir eso. Simples, claras y memorables declaraciones de visión nos inspiran, ayudando a clarificar nuestras opciones y nos motivan a salir de la cama cada mañana. Sin ellas, nosotros podemos vagar. Con ellas, elegimos y formamos nuestro propio camino. Es uno de los mejores regalos que podemos darnos a nosotros mismos.

Y no es realmente tan difícil para nosotros darnos este regalo. No tiene que ser complicado. De hecho, las declaraciones de mejor visión personal son cortas y simples, incluso una sola frase. Trate de hacerlo menos intimidante estrechando la línea de tiempo. En lugar de intentar escribir una visión de lo que usted hará de toda su vida, solo céntrese en lo que quieren lograr este año. Por ejemplo, tratar de responder una o ambas de las siguientes preguntas:

- "¿Qué tan diferente quiero ser cuando este año congregacional llegue a su fin en junio de 2019?"
- "¿Qué quiero haber hecho cuando termine este año congregacional?" ¿Sus pensamientos y sentimientos todavía están agitados? ¡Suméjase en ellos!

Para más inspiración:

¿Le gustaría un poco más de inspiración? Es posible que les gusten estos videos acerca de cómo escribir su "cadena perpetua":

<https://youtu.be/gw2xSdp4b0c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjBmnl4Tn4>

Aquí está un gran ensayo de siete páginas que ofrece una hoja de ruta para la creación de su visión personal:

<https://tinyurl.com/vs-fucsj>

Para los Aprendices Visuales:

Algunos de nosotros somos aprendices visuales, así que en lugar de escribir su declaración de visión personal, trate de crear una representación visual de la misma. Esta técnica popular se llama visión de pizarrón. Aquí hay dos buenos sitios que explican que es una visión de pizarrón y que hacer para crear una:

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/elizabeth-rider/the-scientific-reason-why_b_6392274.html

<http://marthabeck.com/2010/06/how-to-make-a-vision-board/>

Compartan lo que ustedes crean:

Queridos, ¡por favor compartan lo que ustedes crean! Traigan la declaración de su visión o visión de pizarrón a su pequeño grupo. Revíselo con un amigo o con los

miembros de su familia. ¿Qué es lo que ellos ven en lo que ustedes han creado? Envíenme una copia a mí: revnpj@yahoo.com y déjenme saber si nosotros lo podemos compartir en el Boletín de octubre. ¡Y vengan al servicio religioso el domingo, 23 de octubre, cuando jugaremos con esta práctica en comunidad!



El poder de una visión:

Cuando pienso en el poder de crear una visión para mi vida, creo que la hermosa cita de James Baldwin: "No todo lo que se enfrenta puede cambiarse, pero nada puede ser cambiado hasta que se enfrenta". Todos tenemos aspectos de nuestra vida que nos gustaría cambiar. A la mayoría de nosotros les gustaría ser agentes más consistentes para el amor en nuestras familias y nuestro mundo. ¡Vamos a experimentar juntos con la creación de una declaración de visión que nos puede guiar a través del año que viene!

Con fe en el poder de nuestra visión y con profundo amor para todos ustedes,

Rev. Nancy

Vision Statement

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<http://marthabeck.com/2010/06/how-to-make-a-vision-board/>

Share What You Create:

Dear ones, please do share what you create! Bring your vision statement or vision board to your small group. Go over it with a friend or family members. What do they see in what you have created? Send

a copy of it to me: revnpj@yahoo.com, and let me know if we can share it in October's newsletter. And come to worship on Sunday, October 23, when we will play with this practice in community!

The Power of a Vision:

When I think of the power of creating a vision for my life, I think of James Baldwin's beautiful quotation: "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing

can be changed until it is faced." We all have aspects of our lives we would like to change. Most of us would like to be more consistent agents for love in our families and our world. Let's experiment together with creating a vision statement that can guide us through the year to come!

With faith in the power of our visioning, and with deep love for all of you,

Rev. Nancy

In the Interim

By Susie Idzik, Interim Director of Religious Education



In the past 10 weeks, I have felt the anticipation, the eagerness, and the hope of this Interim Period. I have been inspired by the energy to get to the “work” of this time. I came on board as the Interim Director of Religious Education and “Visionary Change Agent.”

And while I am enchanted and awed by the vast possibilities that come with a job titled Visionary Change Agent, it is definitely time to start to manage the scope and to distill the questions that FUCSJ would like to grapple with during this period.

This is your Interim Period. The decision to take these two years to ask questions, and to be in reflection and discernment, allows for some rich curiosity and deep growth. The opportunities to explore are significant. This next year is a time of reflection, process, and experimentation. While I am here to help you question and reflect, this period will be driven by the church as a whole.

The work of this time is to review, assess, change, and strengthen three essential strands of church life. We want to look at these three strands through the lens of how does FUCSJ continue to meet its vision of **Making Love Visible**.

The first strand is **Faith Formation**, which includes the ways in which we all strengthen our understanding and embodying of Unitarian Universalism, our own sense of self, and our own individual search for truth. This includes Adult Religious Education, Children’s Religious Education, Small Group Ministries, and, of course, Worship, Alabanzas, and so on. During the Interim Period we hope to answer the question *How are we learning about and deepening our grounding in Unitarian Universalism?* By the end of this time, we want to have a clear path to a robust program that supports Whole-Church Faith Formation.

The second strand is **The Spiritual Cooperative**, meaning how the congregation works together as a whole to support the

vital work of the community. This includes how FUCSJ manages itself in order to meet its financial goals, to get its work done through volunteerism, and to create a community that supports each of its members and friends. During the Interim Period we hope to answer the question *How are we building and sustaining this community grounded in Unitarian Universalism?*

The third strand is vital for evaluating the success of Faith Formation and the Spiritual Cooperative. This strand is **Community**, which means how are we showing up in the world – in our own families, in the broader church community, and in the world – expressing our UU values and making love visible. During the Interim Period we hope to answer the question *Am I going home and out into the world embodying these values and this mission?*

We will be discussing these strands again and again over the next year. The ongoing work of this Interim Period will lead to a deeper understanding of who FUCSJ is, a clear idea of where FUCSJ is going, and the courage and curiosity to make it all happen. It is an exciting time.

We will be holding **monthly lunches after worship on the Second Sundays of most months this year, starting in October, to continue this congregational work**. In an experiment with building Whole-Church Religious Education, some of these monthly lunches will not only take up the Interim Period but will also include dynamic conversations with our youth on topics they will be exploring in their own classes.

Please make time in your schedule to join the community for lunch, deepening conversation, and youthful exploration!

The 2018 FUCSJ Photo Directory!

On Sundays After Church: Sign up at the Photo Directory table in Hattie Porter for an appointment for the photo directory!

Photo sessions will resume after service on **Sunday, September 9**. You can also submit your own personal or family photo to rcreative1@gmail.com Please try to include the whole family, make sure you tell us all of the subjects' names, minimum size 1,024x768 pixels (the “high” setting on most digital cameras), JPG format, square or slightly horizontal (4:3 ratio, like a standard monitor or TV). If the pose involves more than three people, make the it three-dimensional by organizing subjects in rows or having

some sit while others stand. Please, no photos more than five years old.

We also need to review your preferred contact information and have you fill out a questionnaire. Once we receive your photo, we will e-mail you a form you can fill out online. If you can volunteer, we need help at the Directory sign up table to schedule appointments and make appointments for photos for at least the next several Sundays. You'll want to be part of the new photo directory!

En el Interinato

por Susie Idzik, Directora Interina de Educación Religiosa

En las últimas 10 semanas, he sentido la anticipación, la impaciencia y la esperanza de este Período Interino. He sido inspirada por la energía para llegar al "trabajo" de este tiempo. Yo vine a bordo como Director Interino de Educación Religiosa y "Agente Visionario del Cambio."

Y aunque estoy encantada y asombrada por las vastas posibilidades que vienen con un trabajo titulado Agente Visionario del Cambio, definitivamente es hora de empezar a manejar el alcance y para destilar las preguntas que la FUCSJ le gustaría afrontar durante este período.

Este es su Período Interino. La decisión de tomar estos dos años para hacer preguntas y estar en la reflexión y el discernimiento, nos permite algunas ricas curiosidades y crecimiento profundo. Las oportunidades a explorar son importantes. Este próximo año es un tiempo de reflexión, de los procesos y de la experimentación. Mientras yo estoy aquí para ayudarles a cuestionar y reflexionar, este período será conducido por la iglesia como un todo.

El trabajo de este tiempo es revisar, evaluar, cambiar y consolidar tres líneas esenciales de la vida de la iglesia. Nosotros queremos mirar a estas tres líneas a través del lente de cómo la FUCSJ continúa cumpliendo con su visión del **Hacer el Amor Visible**.

La primera línea es la **Formación en la Fe**, que incluye las formas en que todos reforzamos nuestro entendimiento y personificación del Unitario Universalismo, nuestro propio sentido de nosotros mismos y nuestra propia búsqueda individual de la verdad. Esto incluye la Educación Religiosa de Adultos, la Educación Religiosa de los Niños, los Ministerios de Pequeños grupos y, por supuesto, los Servicios Religiosos, Alabanzas y así sucesivamente.

Durante el Período Interino esperamos responder a la pregunta *¿cómo estamos aprendiendo y profundizando en nuestro conocimiento básico del Unitario Universalismo?* Al final de este tiempo, queremos tener un camino claro hacia un programa robusto que apoye la Formación de Fe de Toda la Iglesia.

La segunda línea es la **Cooperativa Espiritual**, que significa el cómo la congregación funciona junta como un todo para apoyar el vital trabajo de la comunidad. Esto incluye el cómo la FUCSJ se administra para satisfacer sus metas financieras, para realizar su trabajo a través del voluntariado y crear una comunidad que apoye a cada uno de sus miembros y amigos. Durante el Período Interino esperamos responder a la pregunta *¿cómo estamos construyendo y sosteniendo esta comunidad basada en el Unitario Universalismo?*

La tercera línea es vital para evaluar el éxito de la Formación en la Fe y la Cooperativa Espiritual. Esta línea es la **Comunidad**, que significa cómo estamos nosotros mostrándonos en el mundo – en nuestras propias familias, en la comunidad más amplia de la iglesia y en el mundo – expresando nuestros valores UU y Haciendo el Amor Visible. Durante el Período Interino nosotros esperamos responder a la pregunta: *¿estoy yendo a casa y hacia fuera en el mundo incorporando estos valores y esta misión?*

Vamos a discutir estos hilos una y otra vez durante el próximo año. La labor de este Período Interino conduce a una comprensión más profunda de lo que la FUCSJ es, una idea clara de dónde va la FUCSJ, y el coraje y la curiosidad para hacer que todo suceda. Es un momento emocionante.

Nosotros llevaremos a cabo **almuerzos mensuales después de los servicios**

religiosos los segundos domingos de la mayoría de los meses de este año, a partir de octubre, para continuar este trabajo congregacional. En un experimento con la construcción de la Enseñanza Religiosa de Toda la Iglesia, algunos de estos almuerzos mensuales no solo involucrará el Período Interino pero también incluirá conversaciones dinámicas con nuestra juventud en temas que ellos exploran en sus propias clases.

¡Por favor, hagan tiempo en su agenda para disfrutar con la comunidad el almuerzo, conversaciones profundas y exploración juvenil!

The Ambush

I'm so sorry.
It seemed to come suddenly.
You weren't prepared
Nor was I, dear daughters
It ambushed us both—
My coming into OLD Age.
Not maturing, not aging
But apple-doll withering
The trajectory once up
Now down
And toward its end.
My spirit once strong
Now off balance, almost fragile
With a mind that constantly defies
remembering,
Leaves me asking, repeatedly, "Why
am I here?"
In the kitchen or study the answer
comes slowly.
But the bigger answer is clear:
To use this time to prove
My lined face and battered soul
Cannot stop me from loving you
And loving the life
You have made so much sweeter,
Cannot stop me from serving in
ways still open to me.
I am old, but I'm OK
And it's good to be alive!

by Genie Bernardini, 2013

Adult and Youth Classes



Children and Youth Programs for 2018-19

by **Susie Idzik, Interim Director of Religious Education**

We welcome all children and youth to join the community for the first part of worship at 11 am through the Story for All Ages and then go to their respective classes until 12:30 pm.

Nursery: Birth–Five Years

Lower Level Starting 10:45 to 12:30

We provide loving attention and care, support each child in initiating play activities at their own developmental level. Each week our paid staff, Alicia Keene and Mayra Cerda-Klinkhammer, provide a loving presence as they engage children in games, stories, and crafts with seasonal and holiday themes throughout the year.

Grades 1-5: Soul Matters & Stories of Courage & Wisdom

This class will be engaged in Soul Matters themes that will be explored in Sunday services. In September they will explore "What does it mean to be a people of Vision?" The children will experience this theme in the stories of people who have acted with courage and wisdom in their attempts to fully live their lives and make the world a better place. Each session strives to be experiential and is designed to engage children in three fundamental spiritual experiences; what we call "the three S's." Silence = meditation, listening, mindfulness. Service = leadership, helping others. Sunshine = connection with our bodies through movement.

In September:

Sept. 2 The Water Ceremony – discussion and activity in preparation for Homecoming

Sept. 9 Homecoming Sunday – Whole Church Sunday with the wonder-making area available during the service

Sept. 16 Vision and Justice

Sept. 23 Vision and the Autumnal Equinox

Sept. 30 Vision and UU Inclusion

Grades 6 through 9, Middle School+: Lodestone!

This year we will be exploring the Lodestone curriculum. Each Sunday will include a check in and chalice lighting, focusing questions, activities, conversation and closing. Thematically, we will be diving into four areas: Unitarian Universalism, Money, Race, and Death. Each week will allow for deep sharing and listening while plunging into these core life topics. The curriculum is written specifically for Middle Schoolers and will be a fun and meaningful time. The group will meet during the Sunday worship service.

Throughout the year, starting in October:

We will be holding monthly lunches after worship on the Second Sundays of most months this year, starting in October, to dive into the Interim time. Please plan on joining us. In an experiment with building Whole-Church Religious Education, some of these monthly lunches will not only take up the Interim Period but will also include dynamic conversations with our youth on topics they will be exploring in their own classes.

ALSO, keep an eye out for ALL CHURCH SOCIAL NIGHTS for families and everyone else. This will come out of the Middle School curriculum but fun for all ages. We hope you will join us. We will start in October.

Congregational Themes for the Coming Year: September 2018-June 2019

SEPTEMBER: What does it mean to be a People of Vision? *The practice of intentional imagination*

OCTOBER: What does it mean to be a People of Sanctuary? *The practice of finding sacred space within and ensuring welcoming space for all*

NOVEMBER: What does it mean to be a People of Memory? *The practice of honest remembrance and honoring the shoulders of all our ancestors and predecessors on whom we rest*

DECEMBER: What does it mean to be a People of Mystery? *The practice of embracing life with humility and awe*

JANUARY: What does it mean to be a

People of Possibility? The practice of personal unfolding and prophetic vision

FEBRUARY: What does it mean to be a People of Trust? *The practice of commitment and faith in a love that won't let us go*

MARCH: What does it mean to be a People of Journey? *The practice of pilgrimage, courageous growth and patient change*

APRIL: What does it mean to be a People of Wholeness? *The practice of repairing what is broken and knowing we are enough*

MAY: What does it mean to be a People of Curiosity? *The practice of moving from fear to broken-openheartedness*

JUNE: What does it mean to be a People of Beauty? *The practice of savoring life's gifts*

Transcendentalism, Mystics and UUs

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

Back in 2007 at the General Assembly (GA) in Portland, I gave a workshop called "Walking the UU Path with Mystical Feet." People were obviously hungry for this type of spiritual sustenance, as the room was overflowing with attendees.



Prior to GA, I was contacted out of the blue by a founder of the UU Mystics in Community group. David said he had seen the title of my workshop and wanted me to know about the group that was a few years old then. He had wanted to help promote the workshop through the group's email and at the booth that they had in the Exhibit Hall. Of course I was interested in learning more and having help in promoting my workshop.

The UU Mystics in Community's purpose is to **create a community of Unitarian Universalists who share an interest in mysticism**, in order to gain the rewards of mutual stimulation and support. Back in 2007, there were several hundred people who were on the email list. I joined and became a trustee for the group. Since then,

I started the UU Mystics in Community Facebook group, which is closed so that members can feel safe to share their experiences. I am the primary facilitator of the group that is hovering close to 900 members.

At GA in 2006 the UU Mystics created a vlog by recording volunteers who spoke about their mystical experiences. Along with the Facebook page, I became the editor for the group's quarterly newsletter. The trustees come up with a theme for the issue and we all write an article to be included in the newsletter. One of our trustees, Susan, became the lead for the creation of a UUA brochure called UU Mystical Experiences, in which people described their own mystical experience. Then, a couple of years ago, a trustee wanted to have online dialogues with UUs about topics around transcendentalism, mysticism, religion, etc. These UU Mystics dialogues are now on Zoom at 6 pm Pacific time on the second and third Tuesdays of every month. The Zoom link can be found on www.uumystics.org.



"Transcendentalism made personal spiritual experience and individual conscience its guides. Viewing the Unitarianism of the day as cold and dry, the Transcendentalists wanted a religion unmediated by priest or church, one that allowed for a personal connection to the Divine... The followers of Transcendentalism felt a deep calling

to live lives of personal integrity and to bring about social change. Henry David Thoreau both practiced and wrote about social responsibility. Theodore Parker was well known for his anti-slavery stance while Margaret Fuller championed the rights of women and Bronson Alcott worked for the reform of education." [Leader Resource 3: Transcendentalism, www.uua.org/re-tapestry/adults/river/workshop13/178793.shtml, 8/21/2018]

UU's have been a part of Transcendentalism since the 1830's and we are going strong in the 21st Century. We have people from all backgrounds as members and many who follow the spiritual practices of other faith communities or sanghas. Transcendentalism taught that divinity pervades all nature and humanity, and its members generally hold progressive views. Rumi gave us the basis for one of our most beloved hymns on the subject: Come, come, whoever you are. Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. It doesn't matter. Ours is not a caravan of despair. Come, even if you have broken your vows a thousand times. Come, yet again, come, come.

Why don't you join us on Facebook and see for yourself that there are hundreds of UUs who believe in the mystical, the transcendental? It will only cost you a few minutes of your time. It could make a profound difference in your life. Yes, I am a UU Mystic.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Service Auction Coming Soon

by Jan Theiss-Guffey

Save the date! Our fun Service Auction is coming up this fall, on Sunday, November 18th! What is a Service Auction, you say?

A Service Auction is a shopping fun time, where people offer services, and you get to bid on them, and if you win, you get that thing! Past Service Auction items have included ice skating lessons, handyman services, genealogy research, massages, dinners, home-made pies, vacation getaways, and more! And all the proceeds go to our church!

Our question to you is: what would you like to see in our Service Auction? Cell phone help? Organizing a shelf, a closet, or a garage? Play or musical tickets, an overnight vacation spot? Send me your ideas at jantguffey@gmail.com. Thanks!

Sunday Services / Servicios Domingo

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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 11 AM



From Unions to Cooperatives: Democracy in the Workplace

It is in the best interests of workers to organize into unions as the recent success of security guards in Silicon Valley demonstrates. It is in the even better interests of workers to buy out the business where they work, make all workplace decisions affecting wages and working conditions democratically without having to bargain them, and share the profits of the enterprise among themselves, enriching their lives and not the 1%.

Richard Hobbs is an immigration attorney with the immigration legal collective CLARO and the Executive Director of Human Agenda, a human rights community-based organization located in San Jose, California. He also has his own private law practice, the Law Office of Richard Hobbs. In 1990 Richard was instrumental in establishing CERCA, the FUCSJ effort to support Central American refugees. He is legal advisor to the local sanctuary movement today.

Worship Leaders: Anne Rosenzweig, Lorena Mata, Elizabeth Sarmiento and Richard Hobbs; **Worship Associate:** Rick Merritt

DOMINGO, 2 DE SEPTIEMBRE 11 AM

De los sindicatos a las cooperativas: democracia en el lugar de trabajo

Es en el mejor interés de los trabajadores organizarse en sindicatos, como lo demuestra el reciente éxito de los guardias de seguridad en Silicon Valley. A los intereses de los trabajadores les conviene comprar el negocio en el que trabajan, tomar decisiones laborales que afecten los salarios y las condiciones de trabajo de forma democrática sin tener que negociarlos, y compartir las ganancias de la empresa entre ellos, enriqueciendo sus vidas y no el 1 %

Richard Hobbs es un abogado de inmigración con el colectivo legal de inmigración CLARO y el Director Ejecutivo de Human Agenda, una organización comunitaria de derechos humanos ubicada en San José, California. Él también tiene su propia práctica de derecho privado, el bufete de Richard Hobbs. En 1990, Richard fue instrumental en el establecimiento de CERCA, el esfuerzo de FUCSJ para apoyar a los refugiados centroamericanos. Él es asesor legal del movimiento santuario local hoy.

Dirige: Anne Rosenzweig, Lorena Mata, Elizabeth Sarmiento y Richard Hobbs; **Asociada de Celebración:** Rick Merritt

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 11 AM



“Water Is Life”: Homecoming Sunday 2018!

On this Homecoming Sunday, we honor the sacredness of all water, and we lift up our call to protect and preserve its sources. The Alegría Singers offer a beautiful song—“Water is Life (Mni Wičoni)” by Sara Thomsen—inspired by the Lakota protests at Standing Rock. And we—all of us present—create a flowing stream of wisdom and aspiration with our **Water Communion ritual**.

What to Bring: Please bring a small quantity of water to pour into our common bowl. This water is filtered and boiled and becomes the water we use in rituals. Please also bring your fill-in-the-blank sentence: “This summer I learned . . .” We heartily encourage all ages to participate in this ritual!

We also introduce a Wonder-Making Area where children can enjoy a tactile experience related to the theme.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Worship Associates:** Eric Meece, Joyce Miller—and YOU!

DOMINGO, 9 DE SEPTIEMBRE 11 AM

“El agua es vida”: ¡Domingo del Regreso a Casa 2018!

En este domingo del Regreso al Hogar, honramos la santidad de toda el agua y elevaremos nuestro llamado a proteger y preservar sus fuentes. Alegría Singers ofrece una hermosa canción—“Water is Life (Mni Wičoni)” por Sara Thomsen—inspirada por las protestas de Lakota en Standing Rock. Y todos nosotros—todos los presentes—crearemos una corriente de sabiduría y de aspiración con nuestro **Ritual de la Comunión del Agua**.

Qué traer: traiga una pequeña cantidad de agua para verter en nuestro tazón común. Esta agua es filtrada y hervida y se convierte en el agua que utilizamos en los rituales. Traiga también su frase del espacio en blanco: “Este verano aprendí...” ¡Animamos sinceramente a todas las edades a participar en este ritual!

Presentamos también un Área de Fabricación de Maravilla donde los niños pueden disfrutar de una experiencia táctil relacionada con el tema.

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Asociados de Celebración:** Eric Meece, Joyce Miller—y UTEDES!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 11 AM

To Begin Again in Love

Drawing on themes from the Jewish High Holy Days, especially Yom Kippur (which begins at sunset on Tuesday, September 18), we dive into the process of

forgiving ourselves and each other in order to create a fresh vision of how we want to live. The choir will sing "We Have Enough" by Beverlyt Feldt and Angela Salvaggione, and "Shehecheyanu" by Svika Pick, arranged by Jeremy Fox.



Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Worship Associates:** Eloise and Sue Pelmulder

DOMINGO, 16 DE SEPTIEMBRE 11 AM

Para Comenzar Otra Vez en el Amor

Extrayendo temas de las Celebraciones más importantes Judías, especialmente Yom Kippur (que comienza al anochecer del martes, 18 de septiembre), nos sumergimos en el proceso de perdonarnos a nosotros mismos y a los demás con el fin de crear una visión fresca de cómo queremos vivir. El coro cantará "We Have Enough" de Beverlyt Feldt y Angela Salvaggione, y "Shehecheyanu" de Svika Pick, arreglado por Jeremy Fox.

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Asociados de Celebración:** Eloise y Sue Pelmulder

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 11 AM

A Personal Vision for the Congregational Year

Every week we gather to reflect on our lives and the world around us. Every week, we ask, "How are we to live in these days? How are we to embody this life-saving Unitarian Universalist faith? How can we possibly Make Love visible in all we say and do?"

This week we play with the spiritual practice of creating our own personal vision statements for the coming congregational year, September 2018 – June 2019. If you

can, read Rev. Nancy's "Taking It Home" column on page 4 to get your own creativity flowing. But even if you don't have time for "homework," come join us as we discover the power of vision for our own lives.



Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Worship Associates:** Marta and Jeff Norment

DOMINGO, 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE 11 AM

Una Visión Personal para el Año Congregacional

Cada semana nos reunimos para reflexionar sobre nuestras vidas y el mundo que nos rodea. Cada semana, nos preguntamos, "¿cómo estamos viviendo en estos días? ¿Cómo estamos personificando esta salvadora fe Unitaria Universalista? ¿Cómo podemos posiblemente Hacer el Amor Visible en todo lo que decimos y hacemos?"

Esta semana jugamos con la práctica espiritual de crear nuestras propias declaraciones de visión personal para el próximo año congregacional, en septiembre del 2018 – junio de 2019. Si pueden leer la columna de la Rev. Nancy "Llévatelo a Casa" en el Boletín de este mes para mantener su propia creatividad fluyendo. Pero incluso si no tienen tiempo para hacer las "tareas," Únanse a nosotros para descubrir el poder de la visión para nuestras vidas.

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Asociados de Celebración:** Marta y Jeff Norment

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 11 AM

Bridges and Walls

It isn't your imagination: the landscape of social and political views in our country has been increasingly divided in the past several decades. A recent episode of the Ezra Klein Show featured Sam Rosenfeld,

a political scientist specializing in the history of polarization in American politics. An April PBS News Hour segment explored how American political opponents increasingly regard one another as enemies: "not just wrong, but ... malevolent." Whether or not we encounter people from the "other side" in our everyday life, this gap in structure of American society affects our communities, our congregations, our families, and our inner experience. In this bifurcated landscape, how can we best support loving interdependence and the goal of world community?



Worship Leader: the Rev. Pamela Gehrke, Ph.D.; **Worship Associate:** Marnie Singer

DOMINGO, 30 DE SEPTIEMBRE 11 AM

Puentes y Muros

No es su imaginación: los puntos de vista en el terreno social y político en nuestro país se han dividido cada vez más en las últimas décadas. En un episodio reciente de la Ezra Klein aparece Sam Rosenfeld, un politólogo especializado en la historia de la polarización en la política estadounidense. En abril en el segmento de la Hora de Noticias, PBS exploró cómo los oponentes políticos americanos cada vez más uno con el otro se consideran enemigos: "no sólo equivocado, pero ... malévolo." Tanto si o no, nos encontramos con gente de el "otro lado" en nuestra vida diaria, esta brecha en la estructura de la sociedad estadounidense afecta a nuestras comunidades, nuestras congregaciones, nuestras familias y nuestra experiencia interior. ¿En este paisaje bifurcado, cómo podemos apoyar mejor el objetivo de la comunidad mundial y la interdependencia amorosa?

Dirige: la Rev. Pamela Gehrke, Ph.D.; **Asociada de Celebración:** Marnie Singer

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!

Ramsden 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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 10-11 AM

First 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 info, contact **Mike Pelizzari**, nextgalaxy@aol.com; or **Amy Baldwin**, 408-730-9622.

Warning: This meeting is run by the church's HUUMANATI group, so your most cherished presuppositions might be challenged.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 12:45 PM



Band of Writers

Youth Room

The UU Band of Writers is a place for writers, readers, and those who like to listen. We have a monthly prompt-driven assignment and a 10-minute writing session at each meeting. But if you'd rather not share your own literary masterpieces, come and read aloud someone else's. Comic, dramatic, fantastic, poetic; memoirs, dreams, musings, novels "a birthing"—it's all good. Join us in the upstairs Youth Room on the first Sunday of the month. New folks are always welcome. Next meeting's prompt for non-obligatory homework assignment: *Hands*.

SUNDAY, SEPT 2 12:45-2:15 PM



Homeless Concerns Committee Meeting

Classrooms 4-6

Please plan to come to our regular Homeless Concerns committee meeting on the 1st Sunday in September. That's September 2, at 12:45 to 2:00 pm. We

hope to have an exciting new project to discuss!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 7-9 PM

Social Justice Council Meeting

Conference Room (First Mondays)

The Social Justice Council meets on September 3 at 7 pm in the downstairs Conference Room. Let us know if there's a better time to meet for you. We can preview and plan movies and talk about what happened at General Assembly and possible Moral Issue Statements. What would you like to discuss?

Please join us to make your voice heard! If you are running late by 30 minutes or more, or if you are locked out, call or text **John Burk** at 408-259-3781.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 3 DEADLINE
SAT/SUN, SEPT. 15 & 16 SUPPERS**



Circle Supper!

Member's Homes

Have you been hearing about Circle Suppers? Try attending a Circle Supper this month - enjoy a fun summer evening with others from First Unitarian San Jose.

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 September will be Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th. The deadline to sign up is Monday, September 3. Contact **Barbara Derbyshire** at CircleSuppers@AOL.com.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6 1-3 PM

Women's Alliance

Ramsden Fireside Room

Please join the members of the Women's Alliance on Thursday, September 6, from 1 to 3 pm as we kick off the new series of gatherings. This year we'll learn about goddess worship in ancient times using the UUA's *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven* curriculum. We will meet in the Ramsden Fireside Room. For more information, contact **Nancy Coleman** at 408 256 1622 or nbcoleman@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 8 AM – LATE



Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice National March

San Francisco

Thousands will march in San Francisco as part of a global people's day of action to demand that our elected leaders commit to no new fossil fuels and a just and fair transition to 100% zero-carbon energy. This is the premier West Coast climate march of the year, there are no small local marches. FUCSJ will join Interfaith Power and Light for a multi-faith prayer service and send off at 9:15am at Ferry Park, and then march with IPL in their designated place in the march line-up.

Why is this march so important here and now?

It precedes the Global Climate Action Summit for policy makers in San Francisco the following week. This summit promotes the actions governments and private interests have taken to reduce their carbon emissions and to show that decarbonization, job generation and economic growth can go together.

Who wants to march in this national march in San Francisco?

If you wish to join UU Rights of Nature and other congregants to travel to San Francisco Saturday morning, September 8, send Colleen your email address and your phone number. Once we find out how many folks want to take part, we will coordinate travel via BART or CalTrain. Please email colleencabot@earthlink.net.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9 2:30 – 6 PM

San José English Country Dance

Hattie Porter Hall

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 5:30 PM

Second Sunday Supper for Julian Street Inn

We will serve a baked chicken dinner for the residents of Julian Street Inn, a LiveMoves homeless shelter.

To help prepare and serve the meal, please contact **Mary Mary Feldman** at mm@feldmo.com or **David Proulx** at dp@dpsw.tech.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 9 AM – 12 PM

SIOP Work Party

The next work party date is coming up almost before we know it. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 9 am – 12 pm at the church with a simple lunch served at noon. Please keep in mind that phrase we repeat every Sunday: Service is our Prayer! Yes, the church needs your help, too. You may contact **Bob Howd** (bhowd@aol.com, or 408-257-6844) with any questions or suggestions on projects and maintenance issues.

SUNDAY, SEPT 16 12:45 PM

Rights of Nature Group

Ramsden Fireside Room

The Rights of Nature group meets in the Ramsden Fireside Room after the service at 12:45 pm. The next meeting is September 16. Everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 12:45 PM

"Expanding our Welcome" Workshop

The Membership & Connections committee invites all members and friends to participate in this workshop, where we will learn and practice ways to be more welcoming and more connected to both newcomers and long-term congregants.

If you are a worship host, a small group leader, in a leadership position, any committee member, or a member of the congregation, come and help us make our welcome stronger and bolder as we build strong connections.

If you have questions, contact **Madeline Morrow** (madelinemorrow@earthlink.net) or **Connie Hall** (connie_bloch@yahoo.com).

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16 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/SouthBayContraDance/>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 12:45 PM

Partner Church Pilgrimage Information Meeting

Sanctuary

Anyone interested in going on the 2019 Pilgrimage to our Partner Church is invited to a meeting. The trip is scheduled from July 18 to August 1, 2019. Scholarships will be available to help with costs. For more information, contact **Monty Low**, low.monty@gmail.com, or phone (408) 348-2778.

Rise Against Hunger

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 5-7 PM

Sponsorship Fundraising Reception

Our "Rise Against Hunger" Sponsorship Reception will be held at the home of **Liz and Bob Owen** on Sunday, September 23 from 5-7 pm. Come and enjoy wine and hearty appetizers as well as good company! Your contribution of \$30-50 per guest will help to fund our major "Rise Against Hunger" food packing event, which is en-

dorsed by the Program and Operations Council of our church.

Please RSVP to **Connie Hall** at 408 206 2163 or Connie.wr5@gmail.com if you're interested in attending the Reception!

SATURDAY, OCT. 13 9:15 AM – 12 PM



Volunteers Needed for Food Packing Event!

Hattie Porter Hall

The Church is recruiting NOW for a major food packing Event on Saturday, October 13 from 9:15-12:00 pm at the Church. We are partnering with "Rise Against Hunger," (RAH) who are well respected for their work in the community

and around the world. During this spirited and upbeat 2 1/2 hour food packing Event, our goal is to pack 10,000 dried meals to send to developing countries overseas that are at risk for food shortages and responding to emergencies. With the help of Dena Dickinson, church members and friends, our church successfully packed and sent 10,000 meals 2 years ago.

We need to recruit 60 volunteers to help us with this event. We will also be working with a few volunteers sent from the UU Fellowship of Sunnyvale and Los Gatos UU Fellowship! This is a great event for persons of all ages. Consider attending as a family! Children from 5 years and older will be given "a job." If your teen is not coming with a parent, please contact Connie prior to the Event to sign a waiver form.

Please mark your calendars and RSVP for the packing Event. It is important for us to recruit at least 60 people so we can finish on time. To volunteer or for more information, please RSVP to **Connie Hall** at Connie.wr5@gmail.com.



Circling Around

By Torchy Hunter

You may try to tell me that summer is over, but I don't want to hear it. I want to get TIRED of summer, but nonetheless I did ask people recently, thinking of school, what was their favorite class in high school? Some people had to stare up and away for a minute. Others shouted "Physics!" Nerds.

Olga Loya said singing. **Barbara Grover** said Spanish and drill team. Picture Barbara, if you can, on the drill team. My school didn't have one, so I don't know what or whom they were drilling for. Maybe it was a geology team, and looking for places to put oil rigs. But **Jan Theiss-Guffey** also said Spanish.

Behold the math nerds: **Alec MacLean**, math; **Monty Low**, physics. **Julia Wong** said English; also **Bob Owen**, English (surprise); **Bev Clifford**, lit and French (she never minds when you ask for ONE thing); **Sundar Mudupalli**, history; **Jenny Redfern**, music; **Robert Strong**, humanities; **Karen Conrotto**, music; **Mary Martin**, journalism; **Bob Howd**, biology.

And me, speech/debate. My hubby **Dan Zulevic** has no doubt of that. Sometimes I have to show him my trophy. So here's the thing: all you math/science nerds can go on changing the world for us, but the best of you are the humanities ones who make the world worth living in. Now you are saying, "That isn't very inclusive." I will, however, invite you to dinner if you bring a humanities type with you. Let the fall begin (gag)!



Fundraising Online for RAH

The church is also fundraising to give a donation to RAH to pay for the wholesale cost of the food that we pack. This option is available now. To donate, please follow these steps:

1. Use your web browser to go to the church website (www.sanjoseuu.org).
2. Scroll down to the "Rise Against Hunger" button for the special donation.
3. Click the button and follow the instructions displayed on the screen.

SAT/SUN SEPT 29-30, OCT 6-7



Come for the Mystery, Stay for the Dumb Jokes: Mr. Peeper's Peppered Pickles Radio Hour

Two evenings, two matinees

This year's musical mystery comedy show fundraiser will be set during the broadcast of the Radio Hour, sponsored by Mr. Peeper's Peppered Pickles, in 1938. It features the popular radio drama, "Come

Into My Garden" starring Oscar-nominated Veronica Seville and original ad jingles written by our music director, **John "perse" Ector**, and choir accompanist, **Chris "chocolate puddin' pie" Pasillas**.

Written by **Henry "monkeys and peanut butter" Ruddle**, directed by **Amy "stop breaking the 4th wall" Baldwin** and produced by **Jay Porter**, this year's cast includes **Ro Morris, Amanda Sullivan, Federico Zapiola-Madden, Art Henrick, Torchy Hunter, Dan Zulevic, Jenny Cressman, MM Feldman, Paul Milleson, newlyweds Greg and Maiclaire Smith, Doug "break out role" Zody, Bob Owen, Tina Hemmenway**, and a cameo performance by **Rev. Nancy**. This year, the audience gets to choose both the victim and the murderer!

TICKETS: See **Jay Porter** during social hour or buy online at: <http://sanjoseuu.org/ContactUs/donate.shtml>



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Hiking Schedule (September 2018)

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



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 8:30 AM

Montebello Open Space Preserve. There will be two hikes. Longer one is 6 miles. Shorter one is about 4 miles. Meet at the Page Mill/280 Park and Ride

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 8:30 AM

Los Alamitos Trail, 5 miles out and back. Easy and in the shade. Meet at trailhead at Almaden Lake Park. Directions: take 85 south to Almaden Expressway exit. Turn left on access road and then right on Almaden Expressway. Go a few blocks to Coleman and turn left. Take first right on Winfield Blvd. Park on Winfield Blvd. close to the blue cement block building on the right, which is the bathroom. I plan to do the whole hike. The trailhead is nearby.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 8:30 AM

Wunderlich County Park, 3-6 miles, moderate. Mostly in the shade. There will be two hikes. One will be a 3-4 mile loop and the other will be 5-6 miles, depending on which loop is chosen. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 8:30 AM

Sunnyvale Mt. out and back, 6 miles, moderate. Short hike will turn around at 2 miles. All in the shade. Meet in Saratoga at parking lot. Directions: Turn right at first driveway beyond the Union 76 Station at the corner of DeAnza and Highway 9 (Big Basin Way) and drive to parking lot behind. Hike starts at trailhead across the road and about 500 ft. south of the entrance to Castle Rock State Park. There is roadside parking for several cars. Trail goes to the right to Sunnyvale Mt.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 8:30 AM

Joseph Grant County Park, 3-6 miles, moderate. There are several loops we can take. We will decide at the trailhead which loops to take for both a long and a short hike. Meet at VTA Park and Ride at Capitol and Alum Rock. Directions: Take Alum Rock exit off of 680, turn right on Capitol go three blocks to VTA station. Turn right into large parking area shared with Monte Vista apt. complex. Drive to the back.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 8:30 AM

Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve. Two hikes: one longer, around 6 miles, moderate to strenuous, and one moderate, about 4 miles. We will carpool from the parking lot at the Berryessa Community Center at 3050 Berryessa Road.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 8:30 AM

Saratoga Gap/Achistaca Loop. Two hikes: 3+ miles and regular 5+ miles. The short hike will start at the trailhead at Long Ridge, and the longer hike will start at the parking lot at the intersection of Highway 9 and Skyline. The folks doing the shorter hike will car pool separately. It is all in the shade. Meet at Saratoga Parking lot. Turn right into first driveway past the Union 76 station and drive to back.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 8:30 AM

Castle Rock State Park, two hikes: 3-4 and 6 miles, moderate. I have not figured out the short hike yet, but there will be one. Meet at Saratoga parking lot. Turn right into first driveway past the Union 76 station and drive to back.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 8:30 AM

Palo Alto Baylands, 3-5 miles, flat and easy. Meet at trailhead. Take San Antonio Rd exit off of 101 and go east to the end where there is ample street parking. People wanting a short hike can turn around at 2 miles.



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Save the Dates

September 2, Sunday, 10-11 am, First Sunday HUUmanati Forum, Hattie Porter Hall

September 2, Sunday, 12:45-2 pm, Band of Writers, Youth Room

September 2, Sunday, 12:45-2 pm, Homeless Concerns Committee Meeting, Downstairs Classroom 4-6

September 3, Monday, 7:00-9:00 pm, Social Justice Council Meeting, Conference Room

September 6, Thursday, 1-3 pm, Women's Alliance, Ramsden Fireside Room

September 8, Saturday, 8 am –late, Rise for Climate, Jobs, Justice National March, San Francisco

September 9, Sunday, 11 am, Homecoming, Water Communion, Sanctuary

September 9, Sunday, 12:45 pm, Volunteer Fair, Hattie Porter Hall

September 15, Saturday, 9 am-12 noon, SIOF Work Party; FUCSJ

September 15 & 16, Saturday & Sunday, Circle Suppers, contact Barbara Derbyshire @ CircleSuppers@AOL.com; sign-up deadline Monday, September 3

September 16, Sunday, 12:45-1:45 pm, Rights of Nature Group Meeting, Ramsden Fireside Room

September 16, Sunday 12:45-3:15 pm, Expanding Our Welcome Workshop, Hattie Porter Hall

September 23, Sunday, 12:45 pm, Partner Church Pilgrimage Information Meeting, Sanctuary

September 23, Sunday, 5-7 pm, Rise Against Hunger Sponsorship Reception, Liz & Bob Owen home

Sept 29-30, October 6-7, Saturday & Sunday, Annual Mystery Comedy Musical, "Mr. Peeper's Peppered Pickles Radio Hour."

October 7, Sunday, 12:45-2 pm, Homeless Concerns Committee Meeting, Downstairs Classroom 4-6

October 13, Saturday, 9:15 am-12 noon, Volunteers Needed for Food Packing Event, FUCSJ

November 2, Friday, 8 pm, First Friday Quarterly Dances of Universal Peace, Sanctuary

READY TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF SAN JOSÉ? Contact Rev. Nancy, revnpj@yahoo.com

For Pastoral Care

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

Contacting the Ministers

Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones feels honored to serve this congregation, and she cherishes your trust! Here is how to reach her: Nancy (408) 292-3858, ext. 223 Mon.-Thurs.; cell (408) 952-9418; e-mail: revnpj@yahoo.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.

Contactando al Ministra

La Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones se siente honrada de servir a esta congregación y aprecia su confianza! Aquí puede contactarla: Nancy (408) 292-3858, ext. 223 de lunes a jueves; célula (408) 952-9418; e-mail: revnpj@yahoo.com.

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

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