



Our Church Circular

April 16,
2008 / 16 de
Abril 2008

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

20 de Abril — 9:30 & 11:00 am

Servicio de la Celebración del Día de la Tierra: Esperanza para el Planeta Tierra

Unámonos para explorar el perdón, la diversión y la fe en el ecologismo. También tendremos una procesión de elementos y una historia ecológica para todas las edades. Ven y deja que aflore tu sentido verde. Después del servicio del las 11:00 am, durante hora del café, habrá mesas de información y de actividades para los niños de todas las edades en el Hattie Porter Hall. Y de 1:00 a 2:00 pm estará un orador (será anunciado más adelante) en el santuario.

Dirigen: 9:30 am, Kathleen Bardin, Jeff Norment, y Roberto Padilla; Dirigen: 11:00 am, Kathleen Bardin, Carol Stephenson, y Jeff Norment

27 de Abril — 9:30 am

Para los Niños de Todas las Edades

Venga a recordar que en nuestro corazón vive aun un niño, compartiendo esa chispa infantil en nuestro servicio dedicado a los niños de todas las edades.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla; Asociados de Culto: miembros de SSM

For the Children of All Ages

Come and remember that in our heart still lives a child, sharing that infantile spark as we dedicate our service to children of all ages.

Worship Leader:
Roberto Padilla;
Worship Associate:
members of SSM



11:00 a.m.

Services in English

April 20 — 9:30 & 11:00 am

Earth Day Celebration Service: Hope for Planet Earth

Join us as we explore forgiveness, fun, and faith in environmentalism. We'll also have a procession of the elements and an ecological story for all ages. Come and let your green self be uplifted. After the 11:00 am service, there will be informational tables and activities for children of all ages in Hattie Porter Hall. Then stay for our special guest speaker (to be announced) from 1:00 to 2:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Worship Leaders: 9:30 am, Kathleen Bardin, Jeff Norment, and Roberto Padilla; Worship Leaders: 11:00 am, Kathleen Bardin, Carol Stephenson, and Jeff Norment

April 27 — 11:00 am

What Is... "IT?"

Spring is the time of blooming and growing; of tilling and sowing and planting seeds.

Come and learn how to till and sow the soil of the inner garden than many call the Soul. Join us this Sunday as we contemplate:

"How do we recognize IT?"

That thing called by many names and yet unnamable. When we find IT, what do we do with IT? What does IT do for us? What does it mean to be transformed by the renewal of our mind?

Worship Leader: the Rev. Donna Lenahan, Interfaith Minister; Worship Associate: Frank Bosche

See **UPCOMING SERVICES**, page 7

SAVE THE DATES

April 19, Saturday, "Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible," Video and Discussion Workshop, 1:30-5:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale, Sanctuary. Download study and conversation guide at http://www.world-trust.org/MWV_CGuide.pdf

April 25-27, PCD-UUA District Assembly, Fremont Marriott, Fremont, CA. Check it all out at www.pcd-uua.org.

May 2, Friday, Dances of Universal Peace, 8:00 pm, on the labyrinth in the sanctuary

May 4, Sunday, UU Band of Writers, 12:20 pm, Youth Room

May 10, Saturday, Annual End-of-Giving-Campaign Party, 6-11 pm, Hattie Porter Hall

May 26, Monday, Memorial Day Picnic. 11 am- 3 pm, Central Park, Santa Clara.

July 9-13, All-Church Campout, McConnell State Recreation Area. Watch for more details.

July 24-27, Junior High Backpacking Trip; for more information, contact Pam Pell at johnpell@aol.com

August 5-10, Senior High Santa Cruz Island Campout

Sensing the Spirit with Sonya

by Sonya Sukalski

When I was young, my Dad would occasionally point out how to identify poison ivy and make sure we steered clear of it. I never got poison ivy growing up in New Mexico, but I have had it a couple of times since moving to California. I marvel at the beauty of poison oak this season – leafing out in red, shiny, patches of threes, growing into lush green leaves.

However, when my skin erupts in boils that begin to weep and spread, and the advancement seems relentless no matter what I do, I find myself contemplating evil. Unitarian Universalists often shy away from evil. I wrestled with how to define evil for an entire year in seminary. One of the metaphors that spoke most powerfully to me was that evil is not paying enough attention to one's shadow side. One's shadow side is that part we don't see when we are facing a light source, and basking in its glow. It is at the moments we are most illuminated, warm and comfortable that the shadows may be the tallest and most noticeable to others, but maybe not to ourselves. In community we can get other perspectives, so that when we do encounter evil in our lives – poison, oppression, hatred, hard heartedness – we can address them.

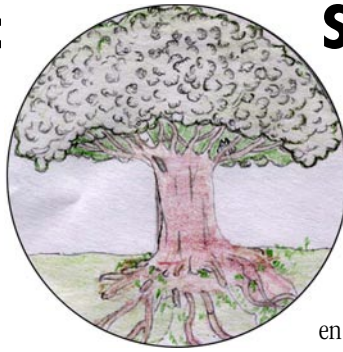
First, know how to identify them – in all of their forms. Study their lifecycle, so that when you don't see it, you know how to guess if it is there, and in a form you haven't seen before.

Second, know the territory. If you have been in the forest where you suspect there is poison oak or in a conversation where you suspect there is hatred and bigotry, check around for signs that you have been exposed, and take the necessary steps to mitigate the effect. Address the hatred – cleanse it with compassion or understanding. Don't ignore it until it becomes a weeping rash that spreads with abandon.

Finally, I wonder about the stories that Native Americans inoculated their babies by feeding them poison oak leaves, or the stories about people who don't get poison oak because they eat venison that fed on the leaves. I am not advocating these cures, but rather questioning whether there might be a preventative approach to the many evils we cross in our journeys? As I looked around the Building the World We Dream About class or the Parents of OWL youth class, and heard the heartfelt and intimate discussion, I wondered if talking about social evils we find challenging, while in the good company of people we find at FUCSJ, is the best preparation of all?

I wish you many good conversations that matter this month!

Sonya ●



Sintiendo el Espíritu con Sonya

por Sonya Sukalski

Cuando yo era joven, de vez en cuando mi papá nos mostraba cómo identificar la hiedra venenosa y se cercioraba de guiarnos claramente hacia ella. Nunca estuve en contacto con hiedra venenosa en Nuevo México, pero lo he estado un par de veces desde que me traslade a California. Me maravillo ante la belleza del roble venenoso en esta estación – con sus hojas en rojo brillantes, manchas de árboles, creciendo en las exuberantes hojas verdes.

Sin embargo, cuando en mi piel erupcionan las ampollas que comienzan a supurar y a propagarse y el avance parece implacable, no importa lo que yo haga, me encuentro a mi misma contemplando el mal. Los Unitarios Universalistas a menudo nos asustamos del mal. Yo batalle con el cómo definir el mal por un año entero en el seminario. Una de las metáforas que me hablaron más poderosamente fue que el mal no está poniendo suficiente atención a las sombras a su lado. La sombra a su lado es esa parte que no vemos cuando estamos de frente a una fuente de luz y deleitándonos con su resplandor. En los momentos en que estamos más iluminados, calientes y cómodos es cuando las sombras pueden ser más largas y más evidentes que otras, pero quizá no a nosotros mismos. En comunidad podemos obtener otras perspectivas de modo que cuando encontremos el mal en nuestras vidas - veneno, opresión, odio, dureza de corazón- podamos tratarlas.

Primero, sepa identificarlos - en todas sus formas. Estudie su ciclo vital, de modo que cuando usted no lo vea, usted sepa reconocer que si están allí y en una forma en que usted no las ha visto antes.

En segundo lugar, conozca el territorio. Si usted ha estado en el bosque donde usted sospecha que allí hay robles venenosos, o en una conversación donde usted sospecha que hay odio e intolerancia, busque a su alrededor para saber si hay señales de que usted haya estado expuesto y tome las medidas necesarias para atenuar el efecto. Trate el odio - límpielo con la compasión o con el entendimiento. No lo ignore hasta que se convierta en una erupción que supure con el abandono.

Finalmente, me pregunto acerca de las historias que los nativos americanos con las que contaminaron a sus bebés alimentándoles con las hojas de roble venenoso, o de las historias sobre la gente que no tienen roble venenoso porque comen la carne de venado que se alimentó con las hojas. No estoy defendiendo estas curaciones, sino que mas bien estoy preguntando ¿sí no pudiera haber algún acercamiento preventivo a los muchos males con los que nos cruzamos en nuestras vidas? Mirando alrededor del la clase de Construyendo el Mundo que Soñamos, o a los padres de los jóvenes de la clase OWL y oyendo la discusión sincera e íntima, me pregunte ¿si habló de los males sociales, lo encontramos desafiante, mientras que en la buena compañía de la gente que encontramos en FUCSJ es la mejor preparación para todo?

¡Le deseo muchas buenas conversaciones que importen este mes!

Sonya ●



Third Street Community Center Update

In case you have not heard, **Francis Schwab** has joined our board of directors! Please congratulate and thank her for that she has and will continue to do for our community.

As we near the end of our program year, we have some special community events taking place that we would like to invite you to attend.

On April 18 at 5:30 pm, we will be having our first ever Green Knowledge Bowl! Children from the After School Academic Program will compete to see which student team is more knowledgeable about the environment and the impact of global warming. The winning team will be rewarded with a special field trip to Santa Cruz! **Carol Stephenson** will be one of judges alongside of District 3 Council member Sam Liccardo!

Saturday, May 3 is the Tech Challenge! Youth in our Robotics Program will compete for various team prizes. All are welcome to come, cheer and support our teams!

On Jun. 5, the After School Academic Program will come to a close for the school year with a special year end Graduation Ceremony. We highly encourage you to attend this event, especially if you presented, tutored and/or worked with our children during the school year. They have good memories and love reconnecting with familiar faces!

However, this will not be the usual quiet summer. . . The sounds of children and volunteers will once again sing through the air on June 23 as children return for a rather intensive 6-week Summer of Learning (SOL) program! Nalleli Sandoval, TSCC Program Manager, and Jeannette Ramos, our Ameri-corps member, are working out the logistics and curriculum for this program. Currently, we anticipate working with ASAP children in grades 1-6 from 9am to 3pm. A few of the activities identified thus far include a computer camp, young writers & book club, math Olympics, and more. During the warm summer days, we also hope to provide opportunities to take children on hiking trails at local parks so they can enjoy the fresh outdoors and perhaps

a healthy BBQ. UU hikers who would like to serve as guides for these activities are welcome to help us plan a special outing. Included in the hikes will be lessons on respecting nature, our environment, and the animals who share the earth with us. Volunteers who are interested in serving as mentors or helping with specific activities are more than welcome to join us. We are especially looking for UU youth (high school) who can be leaders and mentors for younger children as they prepare for the middle school years. If you are interested in the Summer of Learning program, please contact Nalleli Sandoval at Nalleli@3street.org or at 408-295-8722 ext. 303. ●



Share the Magic

This much anticipated event has been re-scheduled to the fall of 2008. We are currently looking at dates in October or November. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please email your contact information to Rosemary Baez at rosemary@3street.org along with your preferred method of communication (email or mail). ●

CIRCLING AROUND

Milestones
in the lives of the
First Unitarian Community

by Kelly Burnett

Please Send **Kelly Burnett** your honors, joys, plans, and any other news that needs to be shared with our community so that she can keep us all informed. Her email address is kelly@kellybur.com. Her telephone number is 408-810-3182, but she'd prefer to receive your news by email, if possible.

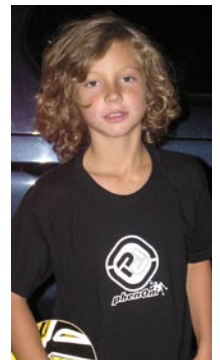
Did you see the article in the paper about **Harry Murphy** -- the 8-year old who's such an outstanding skateboarder? It was on the front page of the Valley section, with pictures. He and his family are members of our church. His dad is **Paul Murphy**; mom, **Jodi Lindenthal**; little brother, **Gus**.

Joyce Miller celebrated her birthday on March 31. Happy Birthday, Joyce. We wish you many more!

Marjorie Schneider is very excited about her new CDs, HAIKU and LOST ROOTS. Haiku is read by Marge and lasts almost 10 minutes and Lost Roots is read by Ed Bolten, the friend in "People Say I'm Crazy"! Both have the same haiku in each. Right now Marge is waiting to see more copies made, but will probably give them away to avid haiku fans....in church and outside of church. See Marge in Hat-tie Porter Hall if you are interested.

Jim Guffey and Jan Theiss-Guffey were pleasantly surprised on a recent Friday evening when they dined at one of their favorite local restaurants, Gecko's, on 13th Street, to see Ben Cadena there with his musical group, Cuatro Con Tres. Cuatro refers to four musicians, and the Tres refers to three guitars, although there were also a few drummers involved. They enjoyed the music, a mix of Spanish ballads and oldies. Jan says Cuatro Con Tres is playing Friday nights there from 6:30-9:30 for a while, except for April 25.

Madeline Morrow and **Jim Rumbaugh** report that their garden will be on the Going Native Garden Tour again -- they took out their front lawn 3 1/2 years ago. This is a great tour to see lots of water-wise gardens using natives -- trying to sit lighter on the earth. If you are interested, sign up right away at <http://www.GoingNativeGardenTour.org>. Registration is open until April 19, 12 noon, or until the tour reaches capacity. Last year the registration limit was hit about 2 weeks before. ●



Religious Education

Nursery (birth-5 years) - Church's Lower Level

We provide a safe, clean environment in which to support all children in initiating play activities at the developmental level they manifest. Structured activities, games, stories, and crafts are a part of the nursery experience.

Child Care Workers: **Stacey Vinyard** and **Mary Quéñones**

K-2nd Grades, Rooms 2- 3, Lower Level

TREASURE HUNTING

April 20 Social Justice Sunday – Earthday

April 27 Earth, A Home We Share

May 4 Our Need for Each Other

May 11 Play in Peace

3rd-4th Grades, Rooms 4-5, Lower Level

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, TIMELESS THEMES

April 20 Social Justice Sunday – Earthday

April 27 Saving Lives

May 4 A Special Doctor

May 11 Learn First Aid

5th Grade, Room 6, Lower Level

NEIGHBORING FAITHS

April 20 Social Justice Sunday – Earthday

April 27 Unitarian Universalism Introduction

May 4 Unitarian Universalism Visit

May 11 Unitarian Universalism Wrapup

6th-8th Grades, Church Conference Room, Lower Level

TRADITIONS WITH A WINK!

April 20 Social Justice Sunday – Earthday

April 27 Hymn #21 For the Beauty of the Earth

May 4 Creating Worship

May 11 Mother's Day

7th - 9th Grades (Parents Group meets concurrently)

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL)

April 26-27 Retreat FUCSJ

6:30 pm – 3:30 pm

May 11 3:30-5:30 pm

9th-12th Grades, Upper Level, Youth Room

Advisors: Mike Williamson, Cordelia Willis and Richard Gould

Youth Group Activities

To participate in junior or senior high youth group activities, please contact **Sonya Sukalski** 292-3858, ext.25, or sonya.sukalski@comcast.net.

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K-2^{do} Grados, Salas 2-3, Sótano

CAZANDO TESOROS

Abril 20 Domingo de Justicia Social – Día de la Tierra

Abril 27 Tierra, Un Hogar para Compartir

3-4 Grados, Salas 4-5, Sótano

ESPÍRITU DE AVENTURA, TEMAS SIN TIEMPO

Abril 20 Domingo de Justicia Social – Día de la Tierra

Abril 27 Salvando Vidas

5 Grado, Sala 6, Sótano

NEIGHBORING FAITHS

Abril 20 Domingo de Justicia Social – Día de la Tierra

Abril 27 Introducción al Unitario Universalismo

6-8 Grados, Sala de Conferencias, Sótano

TRADICIONES CON UN GUIÑO

Abril 20 Domingo de Justicia Social – Día de la Tierra

Abril 27 Himno #21 Por la Belleza de la Tierra

7-9 Grados (Grupo de Padres se reúne simultáneamente)

NUESTRAS VIDAS ENTERAS (OWL)

Abril 26 - 27 Retiro FUCSJ

6:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Mayo 11 3:30-5:30 pm

9-12 Grados, Alto Nivel, Sala de la Juventud

Asesores: Mike Williamson, Cordelia Willis, Richard Gould

Actividades del Grupo de Jóvenes

Para participar en las actividades de junior o senior high youth, por favor contacte a: **Sonya Sukalski**, 292-3858, ext.25, o sonya.sukalski@comcast.net.

Sabbatical? Radical!

Our Associate Minister for Religious Education, the **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**, will be on sabbatical leave until July 2008. You can keep up with him on his spiritual journey at his blog on the church website at www.sanjoseuu.org/revgrblog/index.php.

REGISTER ONLINE!

Information sent only to the RE Minister.



<http://sanjoseuu.org/RE/br.html>

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Opportunities to Serve Our Spiritual Cooperative

COFFEE HOUR HOST: set out snacks, drinks before service; clean up after; 1 Sun. a mo.; 1 yr. term

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATOR: operate sound system during 9:30 & 11:00 services; 1 Sun. a mo.; 1 yr. term

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLER: fold, staple and stamp newsletter with amiable team; 1st or 3rd Tues. afternoon; 1 yr. term

LABYRINTH HOST: set up table & music & be present, 11:30-1:00, Wed., Th. or Fri.; according to availability; 1 yr. term

CHANCEL DECORATOR: use creative talents to decorate chancel, using flowers, fabric, etc.; serve when available; 1 yr. term

TAPE DUPLICATOR: make & provide tapes of services in HPH after church for 1 ½ hrs.; 1 yr. term

ORDER OF SERVICE ASSEMBLER: fold and assemble Order of Service Fri. morn.; much appreciated by Office Manager; 1 yr. term

NEWCOMER TABLE HOST: welcome newcomers, ask to fill out card, give info.; 1 Sun. a mo.; 1 yr. term

CHOIR MEMBER: no exp. nec.; practice Wed. 7-9 pm; perform Sun. lowen@data-time.com

R.E. TEACHER or ASSISTANT: lead Sun. morn. sessions, using prepared curriculum; 2 hr. a mon.; 1 yr. term

WORSHIP HOST: greet & welcome people coming to Sun. service, collect offering; 1 Sun. a mo.; 1 yr. term

LIVE YOUR VALUES—SHARE YOUR TALENTS—FORM WARM FRIENDSHIPS

Call Genie at 997-6292 or Ed at 712-4157



RE Visioning Gatherings

by Sonya Sukalski



I think of the human spirit as a flower. It starts from a seed, an imprint of past generations and traditions with information enough to follow a trajectory of growth. Its growth comes from fresh rain, sweet air, the warming sun, and the nurture of the earth. Or should I say fresh ideas, the warmth of love, a nurturing community, and a passion for life? I think of religious education as being a life-long process of growth in these areas and more. I am interested, though in your ideas about what religious education is, and does. What might your metaphors for the blossoming of the spirit add to our community? Do we do religious education in a way that meets the needs and inspires the dreams of the people in our congregation? What feedback do we need about our current program to fulfill all the potential we possess? I hope you will join me and the Religious Education Council at one of the scheduled Religious Education Visioning Sessions to consider these questions and add your own to the mix. ●

Religious Education Visioning Sessions – Come to one or all!

April 21, 12-1:30 pm; April 29, 7-8:30 pm; May 4, 1-3 pm

ER, la Visión de un grupo de personas

para Sonya Sukalski

Pienso en el espíritu humano como una flor. Comienza de una semilla, de una impresión de generaciones pasadas y de tradiciones, con la información suficiente para seguir una trayectoria de crecimiento. El crecimiento viene de la lluvia fresca, del aire dulce, del sol que calienta y del cuidado de la tierra. ¿O debería decir de ideas frescas, del calor del amor, de una cuidadosa comunidad y de una pasión por la vida? Pienso en la educación religiosa como siendo un largo proceso de crecimiento de la vida en estas áreas y más. Estoy interesada en sus ideas sobre que es la educación religiosa y que es lo que hace ¿Qué podrían sus metáforas de la floración del espíritu agregar a nuestra comunidad? ¿Hacemos la educación religiosa de una manera que resuelva las necesidades e inspire los sueños de la gente en nuestra congregación? ¿Qué retroalimentación necesitamos escuchar acerca de nuestro programa actual para satisfacer todo el potencial que nosotros poseemos? Espero que usted se una a mí y al Consejo de Educación Religiosa en una de las fechas que están a continuación para considerar estas preguntas, y agregar las suyas a la mezcla. ●

Sesiones sobre la Visión de la Educación Religiosa— ¡venga a una o a todas!

Abril 21, de 12:00 a 1:30 pm; Abril 29, de 7:00 a 8:30 pm; Mayo 4, de 1:00 a 3:00 pm

Religious Education Visioning

Program for San Jose Spring 2008 Sessions

CHALICE LIGHTING

We light this chalice recognizing
we are participants in a vast communion of being
we open ourselves to guidance
from this spirit of communion
and from each other

Help us to speak from the depths of who we are,
to express ourselves in bold new ways
that we might give our fullest expression
to all of our potential.

Let us learn anew how to live in this great and gracious
community of truth.*

** Inspired by time with Larry Peers, Jan 9-11, 2008*

CENTERING SILENCE

CHECK-IN

Your name and one word that describes how you are at
this moment

Reading: A vision for lifespan religious involvement and
learning

*“Our lifespan religious education programs provide
opportunities for us and our neighbors to expand and
enhance our knowledge, skills, and values.”*

JOURNALING/DRAWING YOUR VISION

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OFFERING TO THE CIRCLE

- Your name
- A powerful learning experience you have had in community

- Something you want to share of your vision
- Something your heart and spirit want to offer to bring about this vision

RECOMPOSING A GROUP VISION

SINGING TOGETHER

CLOSING

Sophia Lyon Fahs asks,
Instead of helping people on Sunday to think about “religious things,” we need to learn how to help people to think about ordinary things until insights and feelings are found which have a religious quality. And what is this religious quality or way of studying?

The religious way is the deep way, the way with a growing perspective and an expanding view. It is the way that dips into the heart of things, into personal feelings, yearnings and hostilities that so often must be buried and despised and left misunderstood.

The religious way is the way that sees what physical eyes alone fail to see, the intangibles at the heart of every phenomenon. The religious way is the way that touches universal relationships; that goes high, wide, and deep, that expands the feelings of kinship. And if God symbolizes or means these larger relationships, the religious way means finding God.

It is the enlarged and deepening experiences that bring the growing insights and that create the sustaining ambition

ALL TOGETHER

“to find life and to find it abundantly” that really count most.

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Spotlight on Social Justice

By Carol Stephenson, Social Justice Coordinator,
socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org (408) 292-3858 x27



Earth Day Challenges

Do you know many species in the US are on the Endangered Species List? How long does it take glass to break down in a landfill? What's the best kind of worm to use in a worm bin? These are the kinds of challenging questions that youth will be answering all around the church from now until Earth Day.

You won't want to miss the Third Street Community Center kids showing off their earth smarts at the first ever "Green Knowledge Bowl" on Friday, April 18 from 5:30-6:30 pm in Hattie Porter Hall. Judges including our own Marla Scharf and Councilperson Sam Liccardo will be doing the asking in the fun game-show-like format. Let's show support and come cheer them on!

The fun continues when the RE youth will play their own rounds of Earth Jeopardy on Sunday, April 20 for the RE program's Social Justice Sunday. Ask them what they've learned at Coffee Hour as you learn about Environmental Justice.

And learning is not just for the kids. Because fully grown people can join our PACT Local Organizing Committee, a group doing groundwork to make sure that as San Jose is going green, all income

levels are included. PACT LOC meets in the Conference Room at 7:00 pm on April 17.

And don't forget about Earth Day itself, April 22. What will you do to show the Earth that you love it? Some ideas: go on an energy fast and see how much electricity you can do without for the day. Bike or take public transportation to work or school. Join the UU Legislative Ministry California's Low Carbon Challenge at <http://www.uulmca.org/programs/climate-water/low-carbon-challenge.html>.

Write a letter to your representative about the need for a clean energy economy and find out more about it at <http://www.wecansolveit.org/content/pages/56/>.

There's so much we can do besides turning off the water when we brush our teeth.

Make a plan this Earth Day and do it all year long! ●

Social Justice Calendar

April 17, Thursday, PACT LOC meeting, 7:00 pm, Conference Room

April 18, Friday, Green Knowledge Bowl, 5:30-6:30 pm, Hattie Porter Hall

April 20, Sunday, Earth Day Services and RE Social Justice Sunday

April 21, Monday, Social Justice Council, 6:30-8:30 pm, Conference Room

Coming Events

UU Intensive May 3, 9 am - 2 pm

Whether you are brand new to the church, or have been raised as a Unitarian Universalist, you won't want to miss the next UU Intensive led by Bruce Halen and Sonya Sukalski. We will explore Unitarian and Universalist theologies and histories through a popular quiz, and biographies of 19th and 20th century Unitarians and Universalists who promoted nonviolence, experimented with Utopian communities, stumped for women's rights, and pioneered efforts at racially integrated churches. Please RSVP to Sonya Sukalski sonya.sukalski@comcast.net if you can come so we have enough lunch for everyone. ●



Buy Uganda Beaded Jewelry -- Support Bead for Life -- May 4

by Austa Falconer

You can help end extreme poverty one bead at a time. Please come to the Bead for Life table on May 4 in Hattie Porter Hall after the service. Beaded necklaces, bracelets, and earrings will be for sale. This jewelry is made by women in Uganda. The multicolored beads are made from recycled paper. Proceeds from the sale help lift the women and their families out of poverty. Austa Falconer's sister, Celia, will be on hand to share photos from her recent trip to build houses for the Ugandan women. The handcrafted items range in price from \$10.00 to \$20.00.

Spread the word and come to church prepared to shop. ●

Don't miss PCD-UUA District Assembly 2008!

April 25 - 27, 2008 at the Fremont Marriott

Come join 400 vibrant and vital UU's from across the Pacific Central District for a weekend of laughing, learning, worship, meeting old friends, and making new ones!

This year's DA features:

- Rev. Robert Latham, Saturday Keynote Speaker!
- Rev. Victoria Safford, Saturday Banquet Speaker!
- Roy Zimmerman, Satirist (Saturday night)!

With over 20 different workshops, 5 levels of child/youth programming,

Friday night Opening Worship, the PCD Annual Meeting, and Sunday Closing

Worship, there is something for everybody at DA2008!

For more information, please see: www.pcd-uua.org and click on the

DA2008 link. We hope to see you there! ●



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SHOP!

And Support the Church

Lisa Hettler-Smith registered First Unitarian Church of San Jose with iGive, a shopping search site. When someone shops through this site, it gives a donation to FUCSJ. Other UU churches have registered, too.

Use this address <http://www.igive.com/welcome/>. Then type in the church name -- First Unitarian Church of San Jose. Register and select the church as your charity. After that, you need to sign in to the site when you want to shop online, and then go to the online seller through the iGive site.

Shopping can't get better than this! ●

High Sierra -- Junior High Back Packing Trip

Lace up those hiking boots! Strap on your Backpack! Join us on our High Sierra Junior High Backpack Trip July 24-27.

Registration deadline is May 15. We'll be backpacking through Meiss Country near Carson Pass. This trip is open to youth from our church who enter grades 6, 7, and 8 this Fall 2008.

Questions? Need a registration form? Contact **Pam Pell** (408) 87-4453 or email: johnpell@aol.com ●

Meeting Our New Member

Moria Merriweather

Moria Merriweather joins the First Unitarian Church to return the welcome she has been receiving from the congregation; to express surprise and joy at finding a church whose philosophy is complementary with her own; and to find friendship with like-minded folks. She lives with two cats and many plants. ●



South American Expressions

An Evening with **Nayo Ulloa** and Friends, a benefit concert for the Margarita Medina Sevillano Foundation and the First Unitarian Church of San Jose, will be held Saturday, May 24, 2008 at the First Unitarian Church. Doors open at 7:00 pm; the concert starts 7:30 pm. Suggested donation is \$10.00. Come and hear some wonderful music! ●



SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

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27 de Abril — 11:00 am

¿Que es... "EL?"

Primavera es la época de la floración y del crecimiento; de la labranza y de la siembra de las semillas. Ven y aprende cómo labrar y sembrar el suelo del jardín interno que muchos le llaman alma. Unámonos este domingo para reflexionar:

"Cómo reconocer LE?"

Esa cosa llamada por muchos nombres pero innombrable. ¿Cuándo nosotros lo encontramos, qué hacemos con ÉL? ¿Qué hace por nosotros? ¿Qué significa ser transformado por la renovación de nuestra mente?

Dirige: la Rev. Donna Lenahan, Ministra interfe; Asociado de Culto: Frank Bosche

4 de Mayo — 9:30 y 11:00 am

Límites y Trascendencia: Historias que Revelan el Espíritu Humano

¿Que es lo que tienen en común las historias de Jacques Lusseyran, Stephen Kuusisto, Marlee Matlin y otros? ¿Dice que nunca ha escuchado alguna de ellas? Venga a experimentar esas historias y lleve a casa nuevas perspectivas de todos nosotros...

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Asociados de Culto: Kelly Burnett (a las 11:00 am) y Bev Clifford (en ambos servicios)

11 de Mayo — 9:30 & 11:00 am

Celebración del Día de las Madres

¡Continuamos en nuestra tradición anual de ofrecer un "Día de la Madre para todos" - honrar a las madres y a la maternidad en todas sus múltiples formas!

9:30 -- Dirige: Carol Stephenson; Asociado de Culto: Roberto Padilla

11:00 -- Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Asociada de Culto: la Rev. Donna Lenahan

May 4 — 9:30 & 11:00 am

Limits and Transcendence: Stories That Reveal the Human Spirit

What do the stories of Jacques Lusseyran, Stephen Kuusisto, Marlee Matlin, and others have in common? You say you've never heard of some of them? Come experience these stories, and take home new perspectives on the capacities of us all to soar.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Worship Associates: Kelly Burnett (at 11:00 am) and Bev Clifford (at both services)

May 11 — 9:30 & 11:00 am

Mother's Day Celebration

We continue in our annual tradition of offering a "Mother's Day for All"—honoring mothers and mothering in all their many forms!

9:30 Worship Leader: Carol Stephenson; Worship Associate: Roberto Padilla

11:00 --Worship Leader: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Worship Associate: la Rev. Donna Lenahan





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Contacting the Ministers

Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones and **Sonya Sukalski** (for **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**, on sabbatical) feel honored to serve this congregation, and we cherish your trust! Here is how reach us: **Nancy:** (408) 292-3858, ext. 23 Mon.-Thurs.; (cell) 408-952-9418; e-mail: revnpj@yahoo.com. **Sonya:** (408) 292-3858, ext. 25 Mon.-Thurs.; e-mail: sonya.sukalski@comcast.net.

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