



Our Church Circular

August 6,
2008 / 6 de
Agosto 2008

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

10 de Agosto — 9:30 am

Por Anunciarse

La Rev. Nancy mandará los anuncios mas tarde par este mes.

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones;
Asociados de Culto: Alice Lynch.

17 de Agosto — 9:30 am

Por Anunciarse

La Rev. Nancy mandará los anuncios mas tarde par este mes.

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones;
Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM.

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

August 10 — 11:00 am

Topic to be Announced

Rev. Nancy will send an email announcement about this service later in the month.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones;
Worship Associate: Alice Lynch.

August 17 — 11:00 am

Topic to be Announced

Rev. Nancy will send an email announcement about this service later in the month.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones;
Worship Associate: Patti Massey.

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SAVE THE DATES

August 5-10, Senior High
Santa Cruz Island Campout

September 4, Thursday,
Women's Alliance Reconvenes,
Fireside Room 7:15 - 9:15 pm

September 7, Sunday, Home-
coming Sunday, 12:20 pm,
UU Band of Writers, Youth
Room

September 14, 2008, 4 PM
— Ordination of Jennifer
DeBusk, Sanctuary

October 3-5, Friday evening
through Sunday noon,
All-Church Retreat at Monte
Toyon, Aptos, CA

The Tragedy in Tennessee

You've probably heard by now about the tragic deaths of two members of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. Cilla Raughley of the Pacific Central District (PCD) office issued a special edition of her weekly PCD newsletter with these words:



Dear Friends,

I received this report from Annette Marquis, the District Executive of the Thomas Jefferson District. It meant a lot to hear how our friends in Knoxville are doing, so I wanted to share this with you.

I know you are keeping the Tennessee Valley and Westside congregations in your minds and hearts and prayers. And I hope many will choose to demonstrate the love and support we are feeling by participating in the special fundraising effort that has now begun.

The hospital bills for the victims will be high, and the need for ongoing counseling can be expensive. It's a very good thing that there are so many of us who want to help, and a very comforting thing to

know that we will always be there for one another.

To read the report from Annette Marquis she mentions, which was too long to reprint in this newsletter, and to access the fundraising information, go to the PCD web site at: <http://www.pcd-uua.org/currencies/20080730/htm>

Our **Rev. Geoff Rimositis** held a moving memorial for the victims at our church on Thursday, July 31, and **Marla Scharf** has forwarded to us a link to the memorial service held at the church in Knoxville the day following the shooting:

<http://wms.scripps.com/knoxville/church-shooting/full-service.mp3>

June 25, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

by Bob Redfern, Board Secretary

We started off by reviewing coming events at the Church:

- July 9-13- All Church Camp Out
- July 24-27 – Junior High Backpacking trip
- August 2-8 - PCD Leadership School- Tuolumne Trails CA
- September 7- Homecoming Sunday- “The Gathering of Waters”

Four congregation members have signed up for the PCD training- **Bob Owen, John Burk, Tracy Avent** and **Kathleen Bardin. Kelly Burnett**, a past graduate, is participating this time as a trainer. Rev. Nancy provided a book review of several texts for recommended reading by the board members, the purpose of which is congregational development and visioning.

Carol Stephenson obtained a \$3,000 grant from the UU Funding Program.

We have entered into discussion with the Metropolitan Community Church about renting space. The program and operations council is considering the details, including time, storage space, rent, etc.

A contract has been signed to replace the “temporary” wobbly railings at the front of the church (*see article below*). The heating systems circulating water has been turned off until chilly weather and a need for heat returns. So far, this latest adjustment seems to be working as intended, as the basement feels like a basement and not a sauna this summer.

Nancy Palmer Jones was out of the office on vacation and study break through August 3 and **Geoff Rimositis** returned July 1 from his 6-month sabbatical.

On a personal note, I would like to thank

all those who have sent and expressed condolences about the sudden death of my father, Arthur Redfern, on June 28th as the result of a fall in his home. He did not have Alzheimers and was active and involved in life and living up until the end. But my Mom has Alzheimers and is in the final stage of the disease and the stress of losing her in this way took its toll on my Dad. We asked that any donations in his memory be sent to the Alzheimers Association, P. O. Box 309, Mountain View CA 94042-0309. Thank you from the entire Redfern family.

Thank you, one and all
Bob Redfern, *Secretary* ●



Articulating Our Unitarian Universalist Faith

By the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

As I finish my first month back in the church after returning from my sabbatical, I recall T.S. Elliot's poem (#685 Singing The Living Tradition).

I.
*What we call a beginning is often the end
and to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from.*

II.
*We shall not cease from exploration
and the end of all our exploring
will be to arrive where we started
and know the place for the first time.*

The church looks the same. The round dome still invites people with the beauty of its architecture and the power of its message. New wrought iron handrails now steady us up the steps into the sanctuary. (Thank You! Thank you Building Committee!) There are still many familiar faces and of course new ones that have found us since I've been away. I long to get to know each and every one and to hear from those I know to share with me where life has taken them since we last talked.

I have always liked to describe congregational life as a river that's constantly flowing. Though you step off the same bank and put your foot into the same water—it can never

Great News from Third Street

By Rosemary Baez, TSCC Executive Director

The Third Street Community Center has been selected as the recipient of a \$50,000 foundation grant from NVIDIA!

Thank you to everyone for supporting our kids! All the kind thoughts and brain waves I'm sure helped contribute to this success. It was a much needed grant that will help make our programs for this year possible.

The building committee has been busy. The new handrails were installed July 28. The refrigerator in the upstairs coffee kitchen was replaced July 25 after the old one went bad, and so far two gallons of glue have been injected under the sanctuary carpet to glue down the wrinkles. — **Gene Martin**



Jennifer DeBusk's Ordination – You are Invited!

September 14, 2008, 4 PM

By Bob Miess, Frank Bosch, and Ed Massey
– Ordination Committee

On September 14, 2008, we, the First Unitarian Church of San José, will ordain our own **Jennifer DeBusk** as a Unitarian Universalist Minister! And you are invited to participate.

In Unitarian Universalism, there are two forms of ordained professional Ministry:

- congregational (or “parish”) ministry, in which the minister serves in the context of a congregation
- community ministry, in which the minister serves by directly addressing the needs of the world in which we live

Jennifer has been called to a community ministry – representing Unitarian Universalism not in a church, but in the community, as Development Associate at Seattle Central Community College Foundation. Her calling as a community minister is to advocate for economic justice by raising scholarship money for underserved students. Seattle Central strives to democratize education so that the

privilege of learning becomes accessible to all people rather than being a rarefied experience for the few. As Jennifer writes, “Great social prophets . . . planted one foot in the gritty realities of human pain and suffering. Their other foot was planted on a solid foundation of hope and liberation. This is how they walked and sang for justice and healing.”

Jennifer is inspired to follow in their path. Often a new minister is ordained by the first congregation to which the minister is called. But in Jennifer's case she is not being called to a congregation. Ordination is reserved for congregations, so since Jennifer found her calling to the ministry here in our church, we have the honor of ordaining her into her community ministry.

The ordination service will feature special music by **Crystal Lanier**, the First Unitarian Church Choir, and visiting musicians; special dancers; with words from **Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, Rev. Lilia Cuervo, Bob Miess**, and others. All are invited to a celebratory reception immediately following. Child care will

be provided. Come and ordain and be inspired by Jennifer's calling! Mark Sunday, September 14, 2008 at 4 PM on your calendar and RSVP to **Iris Gonzalez** at fucs@sanjoseuu.org, or by phone at 408-292-3858, ext. 10. ●

Help to Make Jennifer DeBusk's Ordination Even More Special

By Bob Miess, Frank Bosch, and Ed Massey – Ordination Committee

In order to make Jennifer's Ordination even more special without increasing costs during our tight budget times, a group of volunteers, led by Kelly Burnett, will be serving a delicious meal and dessert for the celebratory reception. Your help would be most appreciated. If you can bring a Lasagna dish for 8, or if you are willing to help with preparation, setup, serving, or cleanup on the day of the reception, please contact Kelly Burnett at kelly@kellybur.com or 408-723-7237, or Bob Miess at Bob@FloweringEnterprises.com or 408-781-7073. ●



The Partner Church Committee is Looking for Frequent Flier Mile Tickets

The pastures in Homorodszentmarton are green now and the cows take their daily trips out of town and back again.

The Partner Church Committee has been in communication with the church board in Homorodszentmarton and we have learned that the youth meeting room roof is in need of urgent repair. The Homorodszentmarton board has requested that we divert villager

travel money to that project. The Partner Church committee has agreed and will commit \$5,000 to the roof project. We understand that this will be enough to fix the roof. We will still be able to bring some villagers to San Jose by using frequent flier mile tickets. At this time we have enough tickets to bring 3 villagers. There will be at least one high school youth coming from the village.

Our current plans are to bring the villagers to San Jose in June or July of 2009. We are seeking donations of airline frequent flier mile tickets so we can bring a few more villagers. Also if you have enough American Airline frequent flier miles, we would be interested in working out a trade where you could provide a ticket now and we would return a ticket within a year. If you can help, please contact Monty Low, low.monty@gmail.com, 408-348-2778.

The people of the Homorodszentmarton Unitarian Church send their regards and thanks to all the friends and members of FUCSJ for helping with the roof and the opportunity to visit San Jose.

We thank you for your support.

Monty Low - Connie Bloch -
Partner Church Committee Co-chairs ●

What? You Missed General Assembly this Year?

by Tracy Avent, Board President

Not to worry, you can see many of the events that took place at General Assembly on streaming video at this link: <http://uua.org/events/generalassembly/2008/112314.shtml>

The link should get you to the page where the video streams are available; once the display starts, you will generally have the choice of “full-screen” or a smaller window and audio volume levels. Depending on the microphone placement in the session, the audio quality varies, but the general feel is there. ●



Religious Education

Nursery (birth-4 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**

Summer Curriculum

GRADES 1-8

Harry Potter has arrived for the summer! Children and youth entering grades one through eight have been enjoying creating their own "houses," and weaving our UU principles in with the wonderful Harry Potter stories. The following is the RE schedule for the rest of the summer:

August 10 – Animagus, Care for the Physical World, Respect for the Interdependent Web of Life

August 17 – The Great Feast, Closing Celebration

August 24 – No separate Religious Education

August 31 – Labor Day, no separate Religious Education

September 1 – Labor Day, no separate Religious Education

September 7 – Homecoming Sunday, No separate Religious Education ●

SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Advisors: Mike Williamson, Cordelia Willis, Richard Gould

August 5-10 – Senior High camping trip, Channel Island. See June 18 Circular for details.

Youth Group Activities

To participate in junior or senior high youth group activities, or for information about Religious Education, contact Rev. Geoff Rimositis, (408) 292-3858, ext. 25 or e-mail grimositis@sanjoseuu.org.

Junior High Backpacking Trip: many thanks to the 12 wonderful youth and 3 adult leaders, **Pam Pell** (coordinator), **Paul Delgros**, and the **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**. A wonderful time was had by all (minus a few bug bites). The next RE event will be a Junior High Youth Group Swim Party on August 24th at the Anderson/Blitz home, 1516 Newport Ave., San Jose, 293-6715 ●

Child Care Worker Wanted

Looking for a responsible adult (over 18 years of age) to work in the church's nursery (birth-4 years) on Sundays from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Pay is \$13 per hour. References and DOJ fingerprint check are required. For more information please contact the **Rev. Geoff Rimositis** 292-3858, ext. 25. ●

Celebrate Homecoming Sunday, September 7

Remember to bring real or virtual water from your summer travels and experiences for the water communion on September 7. We continue our summer children and youth program through August 17. The fall Religious Education program begins September 14. ●



REGISTER ONLINE!

Information sent only to the RE Minister.



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

Job Opening: Religious Education Assistant

6 Hours/Week at \$13/hour

The Religious Education Assistant (REA), under the supervision of the Associate Minister for Religious Education, provides assistance to the children and youth ministries of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose.

The duties of the REA include:

- Greeting new families on Sunday mornings, answering their questions about the church's Religious Education Programs, giving out brochures, and showing new families where the classes are located and, when possible, introducing new children to their teachers.
- Teaching or assisting occasionally in the Sunday morning classes
- Keeping a list of youth from 1st-8th grades

- and making weekly phone calls to recruit two youth to be a chalice reader and lighter for the 11:00 am service. If the children are new at being lighters or readers s/he will meet with them in the sanctuary at 10:40 a.m. to practice lighting or reading.
- Arriving at the church by 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings to set up classrooms and set out class containers and teacher evaluation forms and then at the end of classes at 12:30 p.m. put containers away.
- Reviewing the teacher forms and filling requests for supplies. The REA keeps track of class attendance numbers and fills them in weekly on the bulletin board in the Associate Minister's office. The REA leaves completed teacher forms with the Associate Minister for review.

- Maintaining the supply cabinets and ordering supplies.
- Keeping track of new registrations, putting new families in the church database, and updating registration and class lists.
- Making occasional phone calls for recruitment or event notification.
- Providing other assistance for the religious education program.

The REA must be at least 18 years of age and willing to fill out an application form, supply references and agree to have a fingerprint scan done at the Sheriff's Office. The First Unitarian Church of San Jose is an equal opportunity employer.

Interested applicants can obtain an application form by contacting the **Rev. Geoff Rimositis** at 292-3858, x25, GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org. ●



24 de Agosto — 9:30 am

En la cocina de la espiritualidad

Todos los días escuchamos acerca de problemas de obesidad, anorexia, bulimia, desnutrición y diabetes entre otros problemas de la alimentación. Los médicos nos recomiendan que para poder mantenernos sanos, debemos tener una alimentación balanceada entre los carbohidratos, las proteínas, las grasas y la fibra. ¿Y como manejamos la alimentación de nuestro espíritu y mente? Exploremos juntos como alimentar a nuestras almas y mentes sanamente.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla;

Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM.

In Spirituality's Kitchen

Every day we hear about problems of obesity, anorexia, bulimia, malnutrition, and diabetes among problems of nutrition. Doctors say that in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle, we must combine a balance of carbohydrates, proteins, fats and fiber. But how do we handle the feeding of our spirit and mind? Let us explore together the feeding of our souls and minds in a healthy way.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla;

Worship Associates: Members of SSM

31 de Agosto — 9:30 am

En un rincon del alma

Este es el último servicio del año eclesiástico 07-08. ¿Que tanto hemos aprendido?, ¿cuantos errores hemos tenido?, cuantas satisfacciones hemos obtenido? Acompañenme y revisemos juntos como hemos crecido espiritualmente en este último año de nuestras vidas.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla;

Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM.

In a corner of our soul

This is the last service of the eccleasical year 07-08. How much have we learned?, How many mistakes have we made? What satisfactions have we obtained? Join us to examine together how we have grown spiritually in this latest year of our lives.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla;

Worship Associates: Members of SSM.

August 24 — 11:00 am

What is Real?

Albert Einstein once said, "To know that what is impenetrable to us really exists and manifests itself as the highest wisdom and most radiant beauty; this knowledge, this feeling, is at the center of true religiousness." Stephen Mitchell says, "Words such as God, Tao, Buddha nature... only point to the reality that is the Source and Essence of all things." Join us as we explore these quotations and our own inner and outer reality and what it means to be real.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Donna Lenahan;

Worship Associate: Kelly Burnett

¿Que Es Verdadero?

Alberto Einstein una vez dijo, "Saber eso que es impenetrable a nosotros realmente existe y se manifiesta por si mismo como la sabiduría más alta y la más radiante belleza; este conocimiento, esta sensación, está en el centro de la verdadera religiosidad." Stephen Mitchell dice, "las palabras tales como Dios, Tao, naturaleza de Buda... solamente señala a la realidad que es la fuente y la esencia de todas las cosas." Unámonos para explorar estas citas y nuestra propia realidad interna y externa y qué significa ser verdadero.

Dirige: la Rev. Donna Lenahan;

Asociada de Culto: Kelly Burnett

August 31 — 11:00 am

Labor Day Sunday

Along with many other places of worship, our church will commemorate Labor Day by hosting a speaker from the Interfaith Council.

Worship Associate: Bruce Halen

Doningo del Trabajo

Junto con muchos otros lugares de culto, nuestra iglesia conmemorará el día de trabajo recibiendo a un orador del consejo Inter-Fe.

Asociado de Culto: Bruce Halen ●

Church Leadership

More Than "The Usual Suspects"!

By Steve Madden, Chair, Nominating Committee

At the end of the film classic Casablanca, Rick has shot the Nazi Major Strasser to save the life of his true love, Ilsa. Police Captain Renault, who witnessed the shooting, tells his Lieutenant to "round up the usual suspects."

Captain Renault could have identified with being on the Nominating Committee. Our church has a core set of dedicated and talented people who constantly answer the call of leadership. In addition, they are often getting a call from a "NomCom" member asking them their interest in positions on the Board or Program and Operations Committee.

However, we would like to go beyond just these wonderful "usual suspects" to tap into our church's incredible diversity of age, gender identity, brain orientation (right or left), sexual orientation, culture, race, physical ability, work and language. What we have found is that it is far more than simply a matter of making a phone call or chatting after church.

In order for our church to develop successful leaders, potential leaders need to be:

- Aware of the leadership positions and what they do
- Willing and enthusiastic about doing them
- Trained in the skills necessary to do them

As a result, the Nominating Committee is expanding its role. We want to go upstream in the leadership selection process to assist in selecting and developing potential church leaders. This way, when we want to fill a position we might have several excellent candidates who are happy to take our call.

So how do we plan to do this? Right now the committee is meeting through the summer to define actions that will take us to the ideal state above. These actions and how you can help will be the subject of future columns about developing church leaders.

I am excited about the opportunities this will open up for the church in terms of involvement and ways of looking at the world. I look forward to checking back in with you on this project. ●



Junior High Backpackers Return from the Wilderness!

By Pam Pell

Twelve wonderful, rather dirty, and fragrant youth and three equally dirty and fragrant chaperones returned from a four-day backpacking adventure in the Meiss Country Wilderness Area near Carson Pass. The group covered 40 miles, well, actually, it was 13 miles, but some in our group are convinced that it was much farther. Blue skies, wildflowers, cold lakes and streams, osprey, a few mosquitoes, sunsets, and shooting stars welcomed us into the back country.

Stay tuned for more information about the Junior High Backpack Trip 2009. We'll set next summer's date in September. If you'd

like to be involved in the planning of the trip, please contact **Rev. Geoff** or **Pam Pell** (johnpell@aol.com). ●



Fund-Raising Update / Facility Rental

by Jan Thiess-Guffey

After our budget dilemmas at the end of the fiscal year, a fund-raising group met to brainstorm fund-raising ideas. As a result, a Wedding Task Force, consisting of myself, **Bob and Liz Owen, Moria Merriweather, Frey Leigh, Henry Ruddle** and **Sherry Howd** was formed to look into increasing the revenues from rentals of our church building, particularly for weddings.

Through a recommendation from one of our members, we contacted Chris Esparza and Annie Hermes of Giant Creative Services, a local "marketing, event design, development and performing arts resource agency." The Task Force has met with Chris and Annie twice to gather information on how they might help us market our beautiful building better, and has also gotten the go-ahead from

the Program and Operations Council to pursue working with them. A series of ongoing meetings has been planned.

We are excited and confident that our partnership with Giant Creative Services will produce additional revenue for our church, not just this year but in the years to come. ●

Are You Looking for Uuthful Spirits?

Uuthful Spirits is an inclusive group for fun and fellowship for young adults and the young at heart. Activities include:

- Game night, every 3rd Friday.
- Sunday brunches, bimonthly on 2nd and 4th Sunday. Meet in Hattie Porter Hall about 12:45 p.m.

UU HIKERS & FRIENDS

by Joyce Miller

Here is the August hiking schedule. If you have any question about whether a hike is on or off, just give me a call. And as usual, be sure to let me know if you are planning to hike, so I know to look for you. You can call me at home at (408) 730-1052 any time after 6:30 am or email me the day before. I turn on my cell phone when I leave the house the day of the hike so you can contact me if you get delayed or your plans change. My cell phone is (408) 507-7052. See you on the trails!

Wednesday, August 6

Foothill Park, 7 miles. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, August 9

Butano State Park, 8 miles. This is long day. Travel time and pie eating. Plan to get back around 4:30 pm. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, August 13

Purisima State Park, 6 miles. We will do a shuttle hike. Meet at Page Mill/ Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, August 16

Saratoga Gap, 6 miles. Meet at Downey Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, August 20

Stevens Creek/Fremont Older, 6 miles. Meet at parking lot at Stevens Creek County Park at 8:30 am.

Saturday, August 23

Wunderlich County Park, 6-8 miles. We can decide if we want to do the longer hike. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, August 27

Montebello Open Space Preserve, 6 miles. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, August 30

Skyline Ridge Loop, 7 miles. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.



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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.

Jerry Cluney sends us this note: "My brother Bob (Robert Mark Cluney) died in June. He was three years younger than me (June 25, 1949 - July 10, 2008). He was living in Roseville, CA. What I keep thinking of is his Timothy Tiger book when he was a little boy. The little tiger was looking for his mother. For most of his last 8 hours he held his mother's hand." ●



Psalms for the Journey: A Women's Contemplative Weekend Retreat

This lovely retreat takes place from 5:00 pm Friday, September 19 through 4:00 pm Sunday, September 21 at Mercy Center in Burlingame, CA, facilitated by **Rev. Donna Lenahan**, M.Div.

Come, be challenged to drink deeply from the traditions of prayer and meditation as we see how our lives relate to these particular Psalms as we continue on our own pilgrimage toward wholeness and holiness.

We will contemplate, journal, reflect, discuss, and play with a handful of Psalms, along with other interesting activities which may include the labyrinth and painting a prayer shawl. Our work will be enhanced by commentary from prophets, mystics, and various translations of the verses.



This will be a relaxing time of expanding and deepening the attraction many feel for these sacred scriptures and an opportunity to write and share our own Psalms for the Journey.

The total cost for the weekend is \$295 and includes two nights lodging, 6 meals, and the retreat itself. Your check to Donna Lenahan insures your space at this retreat.

For further information, you may call 408 354-9024 or e-mail djlenahan@aol.com. ●

Urban Task Force Needs Volunteers

By Sherry Howd

Being an urban church, we get visitors from St. James Park and other downtown homeless persons. The Programs and Operations Council (POC) is initiating a program to become more welcoming to these visitors.

If you are or have been a Pastoral Associate, Worship Associate, active in Social Justice programs, or just want to extend a friendly hand, please join the newly forming Urban Task Force committee. Initially, this com-

mittee is tasked to provide a host on Sundays to monitor Hattie Porter Hall between the 9:30 and 11:00 am services and, if necessary, during the 11:00 am service. Ideally, we'd like to invite our visitors to join us in the service. This committee can also plan training for everyone in the church about meeting the needs of an urban church.

To volunteer to lead or participate in the Urban Task Force, please contact **John Burk** at mus6@aceweb.com. ●

Upcoming Events

*Women's Alliance
Reconvenes Thursday,
Sept. 4*

Please join us in the Fireside Room from 7:15 to 9:15 P.M. for the kick-off of another year of learning and sharing. We'll preview the curriculum that will build upon the foundation from last year's Cakes for the Queen of Heaven. There are always powerful and inspiring stories shared when this group comes together! All are welcome. Contact **Nancy Coleman** at nbc Coleman@gmail.com for information. ●

*Attention U.U. Crafters
and Artists!*

The Fireside Gift Faire, our church's annual arts and crafts fair fundraiser, is a great place to display and sell your wares. This year's fair will take place Sunday Dec. 14. If you would like to participate, please e-mail **Cecilia Deck**, ceciliadeck@sbcglobal.net.

The booth fee is \$30-\$35 and vendors agree to donate 10 percent of sales over \$100 to the church. Vendors are required to have a California Resale Permit. We will also collect donated hand-crafted or arty items for the Treasures Table. ●

*Our All-Church Retreat
is Coming Up!*

By Diana Wirt

The All-Church Retreat will be October 3-5 this year. Watch for information and sign-up forms at tables in Hattie Porter Hall during August and early September. All members and friends of the church are invited to attend this relaxed, fun weekend. In addition, members of the Mission Peak UU Congregation in Fremont and the UU Fellowship of Los Gatos will join us this year. What better way to get to know your fellow church members than sharing delicious food, playing games, doing crafts, hiking, and talking with them. Sign up this Sunday! ●





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Summer Publishing Schedule

For August no mid-month issue will be published. The next issue will be September 3. Bimonthly publication returns in September.

Next issue deadline: 3:00 pm Wednesday, August 27, 2008

Next issue assembly: Tuesday, September 2, 2008

Next issue mailing: Wednesday, September 3, 2008

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For Pastoral Care

Our community strives to offer compassion, companionship, healing, and joy to all its members. Our pastoral care coordinators can help you find the listening ear or helping hands that you may need in difficult times. For pastoral care in English, please contact our lay Pastoral Associate Coordinator, **Rev. Donna Lenahan:** (home) 408-354-9024; (cell) 408-204-6565; e-mail: djlenahan@aol.com. For pastoral care in Spanish, please contact our Spanish-Speaking Ministries Coordinator, **Roberto Padilla:** 408-292-3858 ext. 24; e-mail: paor69@yahoo.com.

Contacting the Ministers

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