



Our Church Circular

June 4, 2008
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2008

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

8 de Junio — 9:30 am

El Espíritu de Aventura! Servicio religioso para todas las generaciones

¿Cómo las Aventuras (con A mayúscula!) son parte de toda nuestras vidas? ¿Y los Unitarios Universalistas tenemos un especial acercamiento a las aventuras que la vida nos trae? ¡Ven a descubrirlo! ¡Este servicio será especialmente diseñado de modo que la gente de todas las edades gocen desde el inicio hasta el final!

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

The Spirit of Adventure! All-Generations Worship Service!

How are Adventures (with a capital A!) part of all our lives? And do we Unitarian Universalists have a special approach to the adventures that life brings us? Come find out! This service will be especially designed so that folks of all ages will enjoy it from beginning to end!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones.

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

June 8 — 11:00 am

The Spirit of Adventure! All-Generations Worship Service

With love and blessings, we will send off our Mount Kilimanjaro hikers, as well as other beloved members and friends who are embarking on special adventures in the months to come. And we will think about how Adventures (note the capital A!) are part of all our lives. This service will be especially designed so that folks of all ages will enjoy it from beginning to end!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones.

¡El espíritu de Aventura! Servicio Religioso para Todas las Generaciones

Con amor y bendiciones, enviaremos a nuestros excursionistas al Monte Kilimanjaro, así como a otros queridos miembros y amigos que estén emprendiendo aventuras especiales en los meses por venir. Y pensaremos en cómo las Aventuras (¡observe la A mayúscula!) es parte de todas nuestras vidas. ¡Este servicio será diseñado especialmente de modo que la gente de todas las edades gocen desde el inicio hasta el final!

Dirige: La Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones.

June 15 - ONE WORSHIP SERVICE! — 9:30 am

Pride Sunday, Father's Day, and New Member In-Gathering!

We will welcome a happy cluster of New Members, reflect a little on Fathering, and we will bless the feet of all who will take part this morning in the short and lively San Jose Pride march, as well as the feet of others who want to be blessed for all the paths we trod! We will sing and light candles, and in general, it will be wonderful to gather as one community, in joy.

Worship Leader: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

15 de Junio - ¡UN SERVICIO DE CULTO! — 9:30 am

Pride domingo, el Día del Padre, y nuevo miembro en la reunión de!

Nos dará la bienvenida a un feliz grupo de Nuevos Miembros, reflexionar un poco sobre la paternidad, y nos bendiga a los pies de todos los que tomarán parte esta mañana en el corto animado y San José del Orgullo marcha, así como los pies de otras personas que quieren ser bendecido por todos los caminos que trod! Vamos a cantar y encender velas y, en general, será maravilloso reunimos como una sola comunidad, en alegría.

Dirige: La Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones.

SAVE THE DATES

June 6, Friday, Dances of Universal Peace, 8:00 pm, in the Sanctuary

June 8 (not the 1st), Sunday, UU Band of Writers, 12:20 pm, Youth Room

June 25-29, General Assembly, Fort Lauderdale, FL

July 9-13, All-Church Campout, McConnell State Recreation Area

July 20-23, Junior High Backpacking Trip. Contact Pam Pell at johnpell@aol.com for further information.

August 2-8, PCD Leadership School. Ask Joy-Ellen Lipsky for details (jelipsky@successwithjoy.com)

August 5-10, Senior High Santa Cruz Island Campout

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





As We Build the Beloved Community...

by the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Announcing: The FUCSJ Summer Challenge!

It's here! The latest in "reality shows"! A dynamic, action-packed drama, filled with laughter, tears, sweat, and surprising turns. Broadcast in the prime time of summer downtime, across the airwaves of summer breezes, available around the world on your summer travels and right in your own living room. Prizes galore: New Friends! A Meaningful Life! A Better World! Starring: YOU! Enter now: it's the "FUCSJ Summer Challenge!"

The Backstory:

Conversations in recent weeks about First Unitarian's budget for the coming year have prompted a rush of energy and inspiration. Lively contestants have offered input and leapt into action. The "producers" (your congregational leaders and ministers) are awash in gratitude for the care and commitment you bring to our Spiritual Cooperative! Now comes the REAL challenge!

A few months ago—before the "FUCSJ Summer Challenge!" was even a gleam in your minister's eye—some of our producers (your Board of Directors), um, *produced* a draft of our "Ends Statements." These Ends are

statements about why we are here at the First Unitarian Church of San José, and what we are willing to give in order to fulfill our purpose. The "global" statement—both overarching and wide-reaching—goes like this:

"Through our worship, education, service, fellowship, work for social justice, and stewardship, we build a loving compassionate multigenerational community that embodies our Unitarian Universalist values and that is multilingual, multicultural, multiracial, and anti-oppressive. We are willing to extend ourselves by giving our time, talent, and treasure to meet these expansive ends."

The Challenge:

How will YOU, the star of the show, bring this Ends Statement to life? This summer, we invite you to think about how you will accomplish these ends in the coming year!

The Possibilities:

- How many people—people you haven't been close to already—can you reach out to this summer, this year, to express your love for their unique selves, to offer

compassion (which means to share their feelings), to comfort them (which means to share your strength), and to remind each other of how good it is to be alive?

- How will you, this summer, this year, make a new friend who is not close to you in age? What will you learn from this new friend who is much younger or much older than you? How will you share with others what you learn?
- How will you, this summer, this year, spend time with people who come from a different culture, race, or country than your own, with people whose first language is different than yours? Whom can you invite to dinner? What new friends can you make across these seeming boundaries?
- What actions will you take, this summer, this year, for justice? Will you call our governor NOW to tell him you support equal marriage rights for same-sex couples? Will you show up for at least TWO social-justice events in the next six months?
- How will you, this summer, this year, serve those most in need in our community? Will you help hand out food to the homeless with Food Not Bombs? Will you serve a meal at the Julian Street Inn?
- How will you, this summer, this year, have fun and care for yourself? Will the activities listed above add joy to your life? Will you show up for the all-church campout or the fall retreat? Will you bring your precious self to Sunday services and small-group gatherings?

Be a Star! Join the Challenge! Take the Risk! Earn the Rewards!

And stay tuned to this channel, for news of the Ratings and the Results.

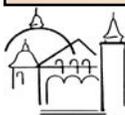
Happy Summer, My Friends!

Warmly,
Nancy

Spreading the Word About FUCSJ

We all know that our church is San Jose's best kept Sunday secret. If you've heard about our current financial situation, you'll agree that must change! The recent court ruling recognizing same-sex marriage gives us a timely message that will be of great interest to many, especially GBLT couples planning to get married – **First Unitarian is a great place for weddings** (and we can sure use the rental revenue!).

Many of you belong to social groups that allow members to post fliers and/or online message boards that accept postings about items of interest. I am volunteering to help coordinate the effort to get the word out about our church. Please contact me -- **Moria Merriweather** moriam@earthlink.net -- to let me know where you can or already have posted information. I'll arrange to get you the fliers you need or some suggested wording for the board postings (that you can put into your own words and tailor to the rules of the site). This is a terrific opportunity for our finances as well as for helping potential UUs find their way home to us. Please help share our secret! ●





Mientras Construimos Nuestra Querida Comunidad... por la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Anuncio: ¡El reto de verano de FUCSJ!

¡Ya está aquí! ¡Lo último en “reality shows”! Un drama de acción dinámico lleno de risa, lagrimas, sudor y vueltas que sorprenden. Transmitido a la hora de mayor audiencia de la inactividad del verano, a través de las ondas de la brisa del verano, disponible alrededor del mundo en sus viajes de verano y justo en su propia sala. Premios en abundancia: ¡Nuevos amigos! ¡Un significado de la vida! ¡Un mejor mundo! Protagonista: ¡USTED! Ahora entre: este es “el desafío de verano de la FUCSJ!”

Los Antecedentes:

Las conversaciones en las semanas recientes sobre el presupuesto de la Primera Iglesia Unitaria para el año que viene, han provocado un torrente de energía e inspiración. Los animados concursantes han ofrecido su participación y han saltado a la acción. ¡Los “productores” (sus líderes congregacionales y ministros) están inundados de gratitud por el cuidado y el compromiso que usted trae a nuestra cooperativa espiritual! ¡Ahora viene el VERDADERO desafío!

Hace algunos meses—antes del “Desafío de verano de la FUCSJ!” era incluso un destello en el ojo de su ministro— de nuestros productores (su junta directiva) elaboraron un bosquejo de nuestra “Declaración de Objetivos.” Estos objetivos son declaraciones sobre el porqué estamos aquí en la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José y que estamos dispuestos a dar para satisfacer nuestro propósito. La declaración “global”—ambos, el alcance central y el extenso—se parecen a esto:

“A través de nuestros servicios religiosos, la educación, el servicio, el compañerismo, el trabajo por la justicia social y la administración, construimos una amada comunidad multi-generacional y compasiva que incorpora nuestros valores Unitarios Universalistas y que es políglota, multicultural, multirracial, y anti-opresi-

va. Estamos dispuestos a darnos a nosotros mismos dando nuestro tiempo, nuestro talento y nuestro tesoro para unir esos extremos expansivos.”

El desafío:

Como será USTED, la estrella del espectáculo, ¿traerá esta declaración de objetivos a la vida? ¡Este verano, le invitamos a que piense cómo logrará estos objetivos en el año que viene!

Las posibilidades:

- ¿Cuánta gente-gente con la que usted ya ha estado cerca-puede usted localizarla este verano, este año, para expresarles amor por ellos mismos, para ofrecerles compasión (que significa compartir sus sentimientos), confortarlas (que significa compartir su fuerza), y recordarse el uno al otro lo bueno que es estar vivo?
- ¿Cómo usted, este verano, este año, hará un nuevo amigo que no sea de su edad? ¿Qué aprenderá usted de este nuevo amigo quien es mucho más joven o mucho más viejo que usted? ¿Cómo usted compartirá con otros lo que usted aprende?
- ¿Cómo usted, este verano, este año, pasará tiempo con gente que viene de una diferente cultura, raza, o país al suyo, con gente que su primera lengua es diferente que la suya? ¿A quién puede usted invitar a cenar? ¿Qué nuevos amigos puede usted hacer a través de estos aparentes límites?

- ¿Qué acciones tomará usted este verano, este año, para la justicia? ¿Usted AHORA llamará a nuestro gobernador para decirle que apoya la igualdad de derechos en los matrimonios de parejas del mismo sexo? ¿Usted aparecerá por lo menos en DOS acontecimientos de justicia social en los próximos seis meses?
- ¿Cómo usted, este verano, este año, servirá a aquellos con mayor necesidad en nuestra comunidad? ¿Usted ayudara repartiendo comida a los desamparados con Comida No Bombas? ¿Usted servirá una comida en el albergue de la calle Julian?
- ¿Cómo usted, este verano, este año, tendrá diversión y cuidado para usted mismo? ¿Las actividades enumeradas anteriormente agregarán alegría a su vida? ¿Usted aparecerá por el campamento de la toda la iglesia o en el retiro de otoño? ¿Usted traerá a su precioso yo mismo a los servicios del domingo y a las reuniones de los pequeños grupos?

¡Sea una estrella! ¡Únase al desafío! ¡Tome el riesgo! ¡Gane las recompensas!

Y siga en sintonía en este canal, para las noticias de clasificación y de resultados. Feliz verano, mis amigos

Calurosamente,

Nancy ●

Can U Help Out-of-Town Student Find a Deal on a Local Car?

Nicole, daughter of a New York friend of Rev. Nancy's, needs an inexpensive, reliable car this fall when she attends a community college here. Mom, Lee Surette, and Nicole attend First Parish in Needham, MA and were lucky enough to meet Nancy two years ago when they brought Nicole to start her job at City Year. Nicole has completed her two-year assignment there and will be attending community college here in the fall.

Lee is coming to San Jose on June 17. If you have a car to sell, or a tip about one, please contact **Lee Surette**: e-mail leesurette@hotmail.com or call her cell (781) 690-6955. Many thanks for your help. ●



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

June 8 Intergenerational; no RE classes

June 15 No RE. 9:30 service, Pride parade

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

Lower Level

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, TIMELESS THEMES

June 8 Intergenerational; no RE classes

June 15 No RE. 9:30 service, Pride parade

5th Grade, Room 6, Lower Level

NEIGHBORING FAITHS

June 8 Intergenerational; no RE classes

June 15 No RE. 9:30 service, Pride parade

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

TRADITIONS WITH A WINK!

June 8 Intergenerational; no RE classes

June 15 No RE. 9:30 service, Pride parade

9th-12th Grades, Upper Level

June 8 Intergenerational; no RE classes

June 15 No RE. 9:30 service, Pride parade

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.

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: "Service Is Our Prayer"

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

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

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

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

LIVE YOUR VALUES / SHARE YOUR TALENTS / FORM FRIENDSHIPS

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

FUCSJ Senior High Camping Trip

The Senior Youth Group will be repeating its favorite trip to the Channel Islands August 5-10. Be sure to sign up for this fabulous trip.

Traveling down to Ventura Harbor, we will board a ferry to cross the Santa Barbara Channel to dock in a small bay on Santa Cruz Island, with porpoises surfing our bow waves and maybe seeing whales.

Once we carry all our gear into the campground, we'll spend most of the six days snorkeling in the wonderful clear waters and kelp forest in the bay; kayaking around the island and into sea caves; hiking across the island; hanging out in camp (literally, in our nest of hammocks); and getting to know each other. This is an especially good chance for teens who will join the Senior Youth Group in the fall to meet their peers.

This trip allows the youth a fair amount of independence. While water activities will be supervised, youth will be allowed to hike and explore on their own, in groups of two or more; and will be individually deciding their own level of participation in all the activities.

Details

- For youth who have or will attend high school in 2008
- Dates: August 5 to August 10
- Information: Contact Matt Trask, 408-655-1991, matttrask@earthlink.net
- Cost: \$200 (Scholarships are available)
- Embarkation: Ventura Harbor
- Destination: Scorpion Valley Campground
- Santa Cruz Island, Channel Islands National Park

Registration

- Applications are available on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=26291835944> (this site is also known as FUCSJ Senior High)
- Payment deadline is June 15.
- FUCSJ youth have first priority until June 1.
- Non-FUCSJ youth will need leader approval.
- Maximum group size will be 23 youth.
- Checks/applications: give or mail to Matt Trask, 1725 Seville Way, San Jose CA 95131.
- Activities: Crafts, hiking, swimming, First Aid workshop, orienteering, kayaking, snorkeling, youth-led classes, music...



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Board Meeting Report -- March 26 and April 23, 2008

by Robert Redfern, Secretary

This report summarizes the last two Board meetings, plus the Congregational Meeting of March 30 (election of officers). Much of what has transpired over the past two months has been publicized elsewhere in the newsletters and online, not to mention everywhere else church members gather together. The success of the Canvass to reach literally everybody and the reality that rampant inflation, stagnant pay, layoffs and uncertainly has affected our church's budgetary foundation is not really a surprise for us old-timers. The input from members and your devotion to finding solutions is remarkable and very hopeful that we can overcome these structural problems in the budget.

The Congregational meeting saw **Tracy Avent** elected president; **Bob Howd**, treasurer; and **Michael Payne-Alex**, **Rick Merritt** and **Cheri Goodman**, directors.

The March 26 Board meeting discussed absentee voting. This is of some importance because we had an important Board meeting last year where the turnout was below a

quorum and we had to call folks to fill the lists. If you see that a Congregational meeting is coming up, contact the church office or somebody on the Board. It is the Board's responsibility to make the absentee ballots available in advance. It is the member's responsibility to turn in the ballot before the meeting starts.

We also discussed the Wayside Pulpit and the rumored special donation for its upgrade. Contracting and design will be the Program and Operations Council's responsibility.

The April 23 Board meeting featured a discussion of **Nancy Palmer Jones'** "Final Fellowship" timed for the 2009 General Assembly in Salt Lake City. This is not actually an apocalyptic event, but recognition of those ministers who have completed all the ministerial steps and officially become a "Reverend."

The Board approved the formation of an Audit Committee to plan and direct a formal audit of our finances during the coming fiscal year. **Bob Howd** is looking for new members for the Finance Committee, as well.

Leadership School is August 2-8. President Tracy Avent will submit names for an early discount. **John Burk** has expressed strong interest in participating.

Notices From Our President

by Tracy Avent, President of the Board

- The 2008-2009 Budget is complete; however, improving the financial health of our community requires increases in pledge income and up-front gifts; otherwise, substantial program and staff cuts will have to be made next year. "Up Your Pledge" contacts: bbob@FloweringEnterprises.com and cjfrey@alum.berkeley.edu (**Bob Meiss** (408) 781-7073 and **Christopher Frey**).
- Five delegate assignments for Unitarian Universalist General Assembly (GA) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida are available. Our sixth delegate has been assigned. Please contact Tracy Avent at darkmuzik@yahoo.com if you are going and want to be a delegate.
- Two names are currently on the list for Pacific Central District (PCD) Leadership School, August 2-8 in the Sierras. Are any others interested? Budget amount for help on tuition is not currently clear. Worst case is the total cost of \$1,000, but some scholarship help might be available.
- I'd like to encourage anyone who can, to attend the 9:30 am service. Translation devices are available. It also gives our multilingual members some exercise in using the "other brain."

Tracy ●

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22 de Junio – 9:30 y 11:00 a.m.

El propósito de mi vida

Cuando pregunte por temas para los servicios esta primavera, alguien escribió, "¿Por qué estamos aquí?" Como en respuesta, algún otro escribió, "Estoy aquí para amar."

Así pues, ¿cuál es el propósito de su vida? ¿Si usted estuviera uniendo en una frase, ¿cómo describiría por qué usted está aquí en esta tierra? ¿Cómo está usted expresando este propósito ahora, a través de su trabajo, su familia y su vida personal? Como un ejemplo, la Rev. Nancy compartirá lo que ella está aprendiendo sobre su propósito en la vida y cómo ella busca expresarlo a través de su ministerio; entonces ella lo unirá todo con una canción. ¡Unámonos para provocar nuevas ideas en este alegre y ponderado verano!

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

June 22 – 9:30 and 11:00 a.m

The Purpose of My Life

When asked for worship themes this spring, someone wrote, "Why are we here?" As if in response, someone else wrote, "I am here to love."

So, what is the purpose of *your* life? If you were to sum it up in one sentence, how would you describe why *you* are here on this earth? How are you expressing this purpose right now, through your work, family, and personal life? As one example, Rev. Nancy will share what she is learning about her life-purpose and how she seeks to express it through her ministry; then she'll sum it all up with a song. Do join us for this joyful and thought-provoking summer rumination!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones ●





Spotlight on Social Justice

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



Pride Grows

Three years ago, when I was just a few months into being a Social Justice Coordinator, I joined the FUCSJ contingent in the San Jose Pride Parade (sanjosepride.org). That year, our 11:00 am service conflicted with the parade and that service happened to be the final service of the outgoing Interim Minister, Rev. Louise Ulrich. People had to choose between the two, both very important places to show up. So our gathering was small, about fifteen of us, including kids and at least one dog.

But we sang and carried the banner through the streets of downtown and we waved and we were proud to be Unitarian Universalists. I have marched before and since, and being part of the Pride Parade is different, an event of pure celebration. And walking that day, though in a small group, felt important and beautiful.



This year, oh this year, will be different! No doubt our group will have grown, as it has every year since we started having a single, combined service at 9:30 am on the day of the parade. But we all know why the celebration will be vast at this year's parade! As we march on June 15, we will be just a few days away from legally sanctioned same sex marriages in California! Just thinking about the love that will be hovering about the streets of San Jose that day makes me believe that all this justice work actually comes of something. I simply can't wait.

So, how to be a part of the love overflowing? Get inspired and have your feet blessed at the 9:30 am service; then we will walk to the start of the Pride

Parade as a group. If you can't make the service, meet us right outside the doors at 10:30 am so we can all arrive together. The route of the parade will be different this year, so meeting at the church is your safest bet. We're looking for folks to make signs that say "Get Married Here!" so contact me at socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org if interested. We know that there is work ahead, but for now, let's celebrate this wonderful time in California's history.

Social Justice Calendar

For more info on any activity contact Carol at socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org or 292-3858 x27

All Sundays, 5:00 pm, Food Not Bombs food distribution, Cesar Chavez Park

Friday, June 6, 11:30 am-2 pm, "Loud & Clear in Election Year!" nonprofits & advocacy workshop

Sunday, June 8, Julian St. Inn Dinner, Julian St. Inn

Thursday, June 12, 7:00 pm, PACT Local Organizing Committee, Fireside Room

Sunday, June 15, 11:00 am, San Jose Pride Parade, meet at church 10:30 am

Thursday, June 16, 6:30 pm, Social Justice Council, Conference Room

Monday, June 23, TSCC "Summer of Learning" program begins. Volunteers needed! ●



Come Celebrate Our Parents' Wedding

June 16, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

Elara, Julian, and Miles Rivers invite you (and your children) to join them in celebrating the legal marriage of their parents, **Kristin and Jean**, on Wednesday, June 18th at 6 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church of San Jose.

Former Superior Court Judge LaDoris Cordell will bring them full circle (since officiating their formal wedding in 2000) by officiating for them again at this first legal same-sex marriage at FUCSJ.

Immediately following the ceremony will be an awesome food, drink, karaoke, and dance reception in Hattie Porter Hall. Please bring your favorite potluck dish, something to drink, and any romantic CDs that make you want to dance! We hope to be able to celebrate our parents' legal marriage with you! ●



BONUS ARTICLE

Read about Third Street Community Centers' "Summer of Learning" youth intern programs in the online edition of the Circular at www.sanjoseuu.org in Whats Happening.



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.

The End of the Annual Giving Campaign dinner was a success! On the menu we had red beans and rice with lots of toppings (tomatoes, onions, cilantro, cheese) and corn bread. **Rev. Nancy** blessed us with the gift of her voice singing "Hold On," and **Dianne Sai-check** played the piano while **Lisa Hettler-Smith** led us in song. A UU roast of **Bob Miess** written by **Bob Owen** and performed by him and **Steve Madden** was really funny. Our thanks to **Andrea Dinolt**, **Deanna LaTorre**, **Catherine Pelizzari**, **Kelly Burnett**, **Diana Wirt**, and **Barbara Lea** for planning, executing, shopping, chopping, and cooking this wonderful dinner. Thanks also to **Barbara Derbyshire**, **Rebecca Mason**, **Julie Springer**, **Sonali Desai**, and any others whom I have forgotten to name for their assistance. And, last but not least, thanks to **Joyce Miller** and her helpers for the clean up. Because of Joyce's kind offer of help and support, the event was totally green except for the napkins.



The Pacific Central District has a secret. . . a blessing. . . a gift. As some of you have experienced for yourselves or through others, the leadership school experience is most often transformational and can most certainly be personally enlivening and rejuvenating. As I (Julie Springer, FUCSJ member) contemplate how we grow our denomination (and I mean in every aspect) with collective intention, I am reminded of a quote I read while recently attending Appreciative Inquiry based leadership training.

"Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and do that, because what the world

needs is people who have come alive."

- Howard Thurman

Imagine how it feels to be truly blessed. . . Imagine being surrounded by a group of UUs who are all coming alive to their own gifts in a most life-sustainable manner. . . Allow us to create that space for you to nourish your gifts and breathe UU spirit into your life or the life of someone whose work you appreciate. . . Bless them with the gift of the Leadership School experience. Start a collection to fund their attendance, make a donation, or sponsor a student. We are fanning the flames of all souls. Come and rejuvenate your spirit! We offer a radical UU welcome. Join us this year in Groveland, CA, August 2-8, 2008.

Jeff von Kaenel, son of FUCSJ member **Jean von Kaenel**, is the founder of *Sacramento News & Review*



and was recently interviewed by *Sacramento Magazine* and talking about where the alternative weekly has been and where it's headed.

"Since 1989, the *Sacramento News & Review* has been pushing the Establishment's buttons,

fostering a vibrant local art and music scene, and shocking the chaste among us with spicy personal ads. We sat down recently for a Q&A with Jeff von Kaenel, founder, president and CEO of the capital's largest free alternative-weekly newspaper. About the challenge to stay relevant in a market that increasingly gets its news from sound bites and cyberspace, this kingpin of counterculture has one response: Bring it on."

If you would like to read more or the entire interview, check out <http://www.sacmag.com>, click on "The Magazine" and then choose the May 2008 issue. Scroll down to Jeff's name, click and enjoy! ●

UU HIKERS & FRIENDS

by Joyce Miller

Here is the hiking schedule for June. As always, if you are planning to hike let me know so I will look for you at the carpool spot or at the trailhead.

You can call in the morning from 6:30 am on at (408) 730-1052. I turn my cell phone on before I leave, so you can reach me at (408) 507-7052. I check my email in the morning, so feel free to email me if you are planning to come on a hike (at j408miller@sbcglobal.net). Also, you may have noticed that the Wednesday hikes start at 8:30 am. The Saturday hikes remain the same, starting at 8:00 am. See you on the trails!

Saturday, June 7, 2008

Wunderlich County Park, 5 miles, easy. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am. My sister is visiting so we'll do the shorter hike. If anyone wants to do the longer hike up to Skyline feel free to do so.

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Purisima Redwoods, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Alum Rock, 8-9 miles, moderate to strenuous. Meet at VTA Park and Ride on Capital at Alum Rock at 8:00 am. Let's do a long hike including Baccardo loop. We can decide when we get there.

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

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

Saturday, June 21, 2008

Almaden Quicksilver, 9 miles, Hacienda Entrance. Meet at Bed, Bath and Beyond parking lot at Almaden Plaza at 8:00 am. I'm planning a little longer hike if everyone agrees.

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Skyline Ridge Loop, 6 miles. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, June 28, 2008

Huddart County Park, 8 miles. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am. We'll do the longer hike up to Skyline. ●

SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

The editors are planning an extra special edition of the *Circular* for Homecoming. Send your article suggestions to **Sherry Howd** at s_howd@msn.com





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