



Our Church Circular

June 18,
2008 / 18 de
Junio 2008

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

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, “¿Porqué 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 porqué 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 y 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

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SAVE THE DATES

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

July 6, Sunday, UU Band of Writers, 12:20 pm, Youth Room

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

Catch our Pride on CBS



What a nicely designed banner we flew!



Many expected the Pride march to leave at 11 a.m., but this year's parade started at 10:30 a.m. Yet, as shown on CBS, we had a significant contingent.



To view the CBS report featuring our marchers, visit: <http://cbs5.com/national/same.sex.marriages.2.748705.html>

Send us your photos!



The *Circularis* is always on the lookout for your photos of church-related events. If you have taken photos during any recent services, PCD, and especially Pride Sunday, please e-mail them to uusanjose@gmail.com. We maintain an archive of church member and event photos, so please send us what you've got, especially if you have a favorite photo of yourself that you would like us to use next time you appear in Circling Around or another newsletter feature.

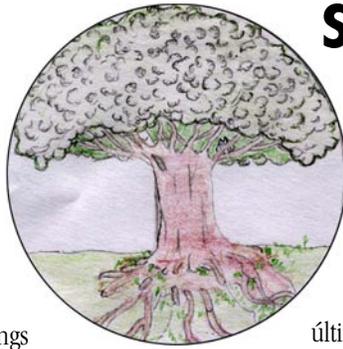
Sensing the Spirit with Sonya

by Sonya Sukalski

It is hard to believe that as I sit down to write, next Sunday will be my last with you. Especially hard because there are so many things I am excited about starting during my last hours of work. The Harry Potter summer program that ties stories from J.K. Rawlings beloved tales to Unitarian Universalist principles looks like it will be fun as well as conveying some powerful content. Next fall, there are so many things to look forward to – one is a new curriculum that focuses on building assets for character, relationships, and empowerment for our middle and high school youth. Another is that we are looking for a few good people to get trained in elementary OWL programs, which are shorter 8-week curricula. The training is in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, October 3-5. So if you are interested, please let me, an RE committee member or Rev. Geoff know. Next year, we hope to offer intergenerational activities one Sunday a month as we did with Social Justice Sundays this year. Rev. Geoff has treasures from his sabbatical learnings that hopefully can be shared in this way. And we had a very nice assembly of volunteers who stepped forward on Youth Sunday to share diverse talents for next year. Stay tuned for specifics!

I am pondering good endings, and it seems that the best endings for me often come naturally, are anticipated, and while they bring some sadness and trepidation about what might be next, they also offer a hopeful whiff of what is to come. It was so powerful for me to come into a church where it is so evident that you have had a long-term shared Ministry of Education. It is powerful to learn about what structures really support our youth. Youth Sunday said it all. We are an important part of sending beautifully articulate and insightful people into the world who want to work to change lives, and make the world a better place. I've seen a few Youth Sundays in my time, however what you have here is pretty unique and inspired. With closure like Youth Sunday, it is hard to really work up much pain or angst about what is next either for the congregation or for myself. You are doing good work here, and I am excited to learn about how you are making a difference in years to come.

As for me, I started here as a seminary graduate finishing my last requirements for the denomination's fellowship process. I had the experience of an internship and some chaplaincy, and I got a chance to hone my skills in administration and education while getting to drink in a powerful community's work. I leave knowing more clearly my passion for education and youth work, which I will get to use this summer at a youth camp (WUUKY) in Mendocino in July, as well as on a Water Justice Tour with young adults through the UU Legislative Ministry. I had the fortifying and



Sintiendo el espíritu con Sonya

por Sonya Sukalski

Es difícil creer que estoy sentada para escribir; el próximo domingo será el último con ustedes. Es especialmente difícil porque hay muchas cosas que me emocionan acerca de iniciar durante mis últimas horas de trabajo. El programa de verano Harry Pot-

ter que ata historias de J.K. Rawlings, queridos cuentos con los principios Unitarios Universalistas que parece que será divertido así como el de transmitir algo del poderoso contenido. El próximo otoño, hay muchas cosas para esperar - una de ellas son los nuevos planes de estudios que se enfocan en construir recursos para el carácter, las relaciones y el otorgamiento de poder para nuestra juventud de preparatoria. Otra es que estamos buscando algunas buenas personas para ser entrenados en los programas elementales de BUHO que son planes para 8 cortas semanas. El entrenamiento es en el rancho Palos Verdes, CA del 3 al 5 de octubre. Si usted está interesado, por favor, déjenoslo saber a un miembro del comité de ER o al Rev. Geoff o a mi. El año próximo, esperamos ofrecer actividades intergeneracionales un domingo al mes como lo hicimos con los domingos de Justicia Social este año. El Rev. Geoff tiene tesoros de su aprendizaje sabático que esperamos se puedan compartir de esta manera. Y tuvimos una muy agradable asamblea de los voluntarios que se ofrecieron con los Domingos de la Juventud para compartir diversos talentos para el año próximo. ¡Este en simonía para detalles!

Yo estoy ponderando un buen desenlace y parece que los mejores finales vienen a mí a menudo naturalmente, son anticipados y, mientras que traen cierta tristeza y turbación acerca de lo que podría ser lo que sigue, esto también me ofrecen un olorcillo esperanzador de lo que viene. Fue tan poderoso para mí el venir a una iglesia donde es tan evidente que ustedes han tenido un ministerio de educación compartido por un largo tiempo. Es impactante el aprender sobre qué estructuras realmente se apoya nuestra juventud. El domingo de la Juventud lo dijo todo. Somos una parte importante de enviar gente maravillosamente articulada e intuitiva al mundo que desean trabajar para cambiar vidas y hacer del mundo un mejor lugar. He visto algunos domingos de la juventud en mi época, sin embargo lo que ustedes tienen aquí es realmente único e inspirador. Con la clausura como Domingo de la Juventud, es realmente duro trabajar encima de mucho dolor o angustia sobre que es lo que sigue para la congregación o para mí misma. Ustedes están haciendo un buen trabajo aquí y me emociona el aprender acerca de cómo ustedes están haciendo la diferencia para el futuro.

En cuanto a mí, comencé aquí como una graduada del seminario para mi último requerimiento del proceso de seguimiento de la denominación. Tenía la experiencia de un interinato y algo de capellanía y tuve la oportunidad de perfeccionar mis habilidades en la administración y la educación mientras que conseguía beber en el trabajo de una comunidad fuerte. Me voy conociendo más claramente mi pasión por la educación y el trabajo de la juventud, la cual usare este verano en un campo de juventud (WUUKY) en Mendocino en julio, tan bien como en un viaje de Justicia del Agua con adul-



treasured experience of working with your two ministers – Rev. Geoff and Rev. Nancy, who provided a wealth of models, processes, and insights that lay the foundation for future service. And I got to do one of the things I love most, which is to learn about Unitarian Universalists living their lives and bringing their values to their work. Thanks from the bottom of my heart to each of you who have shared some of your perspective with me. I carry you in my heart always!

Sonya ●

tos jóvenes con el ministerio legislativo de UU. Tuve la experiencia robustecida y atesorada de trabajar con sus dos ministros – el Rev. Geoff y la Rev. Nancy quienes me proporcionaron una abundancia de modelos, de procesos y de entendimientos que ponen las bases para el servicio futuro. Y conseguí hacer una de las cosas que mas amo, que es aprender sobre el Unitario Universalismo viviendo en sus vidas y que trayendo sus valores a su trabajo. Gracias desde el fondo de mi corazón a cada uno de ustedes que han compartido algo de su perspectiva conmigo. ¡Los llevare siempre en mi corazón!

Sonya ●

The road is waiting

High School graduation speech, June 1, 2008

by Lucie Ashley

I wasn't exactly sure what I'm supposed to say, whether this was that life story speech, or that how the church affected my life speech. I decided to do the "How this year in Berlin affected my life" speech, mainly because I find that most important in relation to the end of high school and my future plans, but also because it's probably what interests most of you anyway.

This year started as the worst year of my life but it's ending as the best. It can be described as beautiful, hard, ugly, sad, loving, stressful, heartbreaking, heart-opening, fun, interesting, life-changing, and, most importantly, unforgettable. I landed in Berlin completely alone with almost no knowledge of the German language. My two little sisters sat every day at the dinner table and stared at me or asked my host mum endless questions about me while I was right there. "Mamma, why does Lucie hold her silverware like that?" "Mamma, why does Lucie do her hair like that?" "Mamma, why does Lucie look like that?"

School was worse. I was the only exchange student in the whole school and I had no host siblings my age to help me out. I had eleven classes, including physics, biology, chemistry, geology, and other complicated things ending in -gy. It's really hard for a normally-all-As-and-Bs student to get Fs handed back to them almost every day. Still, slowly but surely, I began to find my groove. My family and I got used to each other and before I knew it I felt myself being an integral part of it.

School didn't go so fast though. Never before was I that lonely kid with no friends. You know, the one that sits alone at lunch. So I did exactly what they say you shouldn't. I tried to change myself to fit in and was depressed for it. Then luckily I found the *Treppenkind* (in English, "step kids"), i.e., the cool cats that hang out on the steps of my school and accept everyone however they come. Because of the strong connections of my friends and family, I've also built up a huge connection to Germany. I've experienced small things that were incredibly amazing and big things that became almost unnoticeable. Last Friday I met Angela Merkel because of the scholarship I won and the whole time I was thinking about how I had a headache and couldn't wait till my family picked me up so we could go to Weimar. I've taken the German culture, combined it with that of America, and made it my own.

This brings me to what I've gained from this year abroad: an admittance and grasp of my insecurities, a love of new things, an understanding that I don't understand everything, a love of travel and learning about how people live, close friends that know me and would do just about everything for me, a second family that I love and who loves me back, and a city in another country that I can always call home and come back to.

And that takes me to what is ultimately the point of this speech, my future. I've spent a lot of time thinking about my future here

in Berlin. I've gone through all the ideas and dreams I've thought up in my high school years and tried to make sense of what I've wanted. I now know exactly what I want to do; I just have no idea how I'm going to do it. I want to see the world. I want to learn more languages. I want to experience more cultures and most importantly, I want to work with and help people. I have more interest in adventure than in money and I'd rather wander from place to place than get tied down in one house. I know that plenty of you are silently groaning at my typical, youthful, unpractical ideas of supposed grandeur. Or saying, "she won't be thinking that way when she has no heater and has to live off Cup-O-Noodles." The problem is that the idea of traveling around and living off Cup-O-Noodles appeals to me. But have no fear – and Mother, don't have a heart attack just yet. I'm painfully aware of the requirement of college. When I come back I'm going to work at Camp Campbell for 6 weeks, try to find an apartment, and then start out at De Anza community college where I'll try figure out how to be a student in America again. Eventually I'd like to transfer to San Francisco University and major in international relations and / or journalism, as well as partake in religious studies. After that I've got the whole world before my feet and I intend on walking up and down as many narrow alleys, wide boulevards, high hills, low valleys, abandoned towns, and thriving metropolises as I can. ●



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**

Curriculum

1ST-8TH GRADES

June 22 Summer Harry Potter Curriculum begins Introduction to Harry and Hagrid

June 29 Invisibility Cloak, Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person

July 6 Hagrid and the Baby Dragon, Justice, Equity and Compassion

July 13 All-church campout, no RE program

9TH-12TH GRADES

Advisors: Mike Williamson, Cordelia Willis, Richard Gould

June 22–July 6 Youth Group Activities as usual

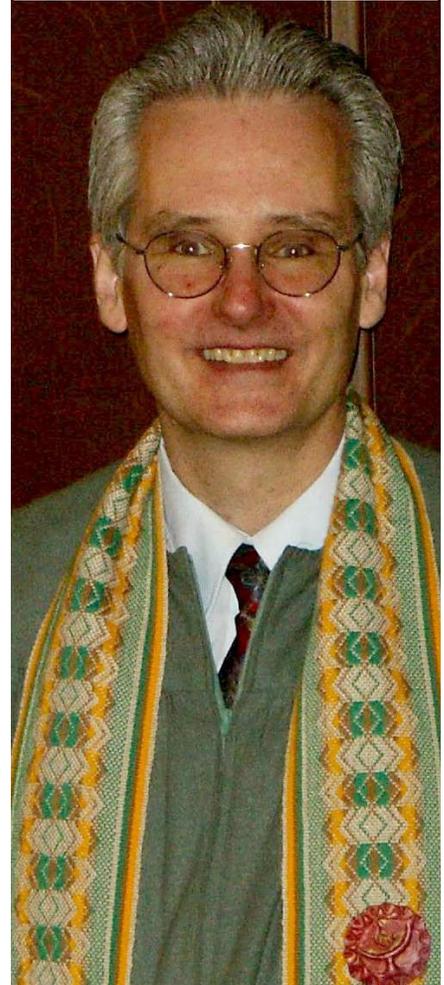
July 13 All-church campout, no youth group

Youth Group Activities

To participate in junior or senior high youth group activities, please contact **Sonya Sukalski** 292-3858, ext.25, or [Sonya Sukalski](mailto: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



Remember this guy? Soon he will walk amongst us once again.

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, watching 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... ●

REGISTER ONLINE!

Information sent only to the RE Minister.



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



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9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

29 de Junio — 9:30 a.m.

La medicina del espíritu

En medicina decimos que nuestro cuerpo trabaja como una unidad, el cual funciona sincronizadamente. ¿Nuestro espíritu es parte de esta Unidad? Ven y exploremos juntos esta posibilidad.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla

Medicine of the spirit

In medicine we say that our body works like a unit, which works synchronously. Is our spirit part of this unit? Come as we explore this possibility.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla

6 de Julio 6 — 9:30 a.m.

Plato de segunda mesa

Desde hace siglos las mujeres hemos intentado combatir el patriarcado y hoy, 2008, continuamos en las mismas.

Dirige: Annette Falcón

Second best

For centuries, women have tried fighting the patriarchal society. Today, 2008, we are still in the same boat.

Worship Leader: Annette Falcón



11:00 a.m.

Services in English

June 29 — 11:00 a.m.

Sacrificing our liberty for safety?

Many of us are concerned about the state of democracy in our country. If, in fact, we are trading our liberty for safety, has the promise of greater security been realized? What, if anything, should we as people whose principles embrace the use of the democratic process be doing about this erosion of the fundamental underpinnings of both our nation and our spiritual community? We will explore these questions through an analysis of recent developments as well as a look back to other periods in history where similar threats to our democracy have occurred. We will draw on the work of historical and contemporary thinkers such as Abraham Lincoln, Cornell West, Bill Moyers and Alexis de Tocqueville.

Worship Leader: Suzanne Marsh

¿Sacrificando nuestra libertad por la seguridad?

Muchos de nosotros estamos preocupados acerca del estado de la democracia en nuestro país. Si, de hecho, estamos negociando nuestra libertad por la seguridad, ¿hemos estado observando la promesa de una gran seguridad? ¿Debemos como personas quienes abrazamos los principios del uso del proceso democrático hacer sobre esta erosión de ambos apuntes fundamentales de nuestra nación y de nuestra comunidad espiritual?

Exploraremos estas preguntas con un análisis de los recientes acontecimientos así como una mirada hacia atrás a otros períodos en la historia donde han ocurrido amenazas similares para nuestra democracia. Nos basaremos en el trabajo de pensadores históricos y contemporáneos tales como Abraham Lincoln, Cornell West, Bill Moyers y Alexis de Tocqueville.

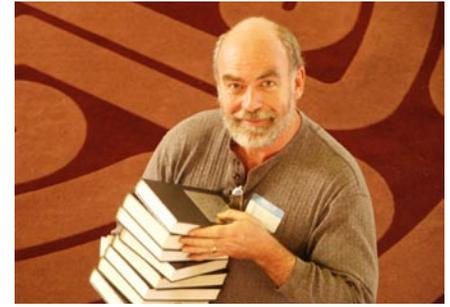
Dirige: Suzanne Marsh

July 6 — 11:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Kathleen Bardin

6 de Julio 6 — 11:00 a.m.

Dirige: Kathleen Bardin



CLASSIFIED ADS: Ways to share your time and talent

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

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

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Tight budget: Know how to be budget savvy!

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, June 1, 2008, the members passed a balanced budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The budget was based on realistic income and expense projections.

Cuts had to be made, but our staff is still here. Our programs are still supported but not to the previous level. So all committee chairs need to check with their Program and Operations Council representative about the budget.

And all committee members need to check with their committee chair before spending church funds.

Here is a summary of changes to the budget except for staff salaries and benefits (except **Carol Stephenson's**). ●

Budget change summary

Decreases are bold and in red.

	Last Year	This Year	Change
Social Justice coordinator	\$15,000	\$12,000	-\$3,000
Annual Canvass	\$1,500	\$1,500	No Change
Bank Charges	\$200	\$1,000	\$800
Bookkeeping Expense	\$18,000	\$7,200	-\$10,800
Bulk Mail Expense	\$1,000	\$600	-\$400
Equipment Lease	\$1,820	\$1,400	-\$420
Insurance	\$10,885	\$9,385	-\$1,500
Internet Expense	\$1,320	\$750	-\$570
Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,000	\$750	-\$250
Office Equip Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,000	No Change
Office Equipment set aside fund	\$500	\$500	No Change
Office Supply Expense	\$3,200	\$3,200	No Change
Payroll Services Fees	\$200	\$100	-\$100
Postage Expense	\$1,500	\$1,000	-\$500
Printing Expense	\$1,000	\$750	-\$250
Small equipment expense	\$1,000	\$750	-\$250
Software	\$400	\$400	No Change
Telephone	\$6,360	\$7,000	\$640
Volunteer Appreciation	\$300	\$300	No Change
Aesthetics	\$1,000	\$250	-\$750
Building Maintenance Reserve	\$4,000	\$4,000	No Change
Building Maintenance - Other	\$15,000	\$15,000	No Change
Janitorial Supply Exp	\$2,500	\$1,000	-\$1,500
Property Tax Expense	\$2,000	\$1,250	-\$750
Garbage	\$2,232	\$2,232	No Change
Gas & Electric	\$18,000	\$16,000	-\$2,000

	Last Year	This Year	Change
Water	\$2,100	\$1,800	-\$300
Hospitality	\$600	\$500	-\$100
Musicians	\$7,300	\$7,300	No Change
Music Supplies	\$400	\$100	-\$300
SSM Musicians	\$4,550	\$0	-\$4,550
Translation Interpretations	\$10,000	\$9,000	-\$1,000
Worship	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$400
Partner Church Disbursements			No Change
PACT Dues/ Other Affiliations	\$5,000	\$2,500	-\$2,500
Social Justice Program	\$2,000	\$1,000	-\$1,000
UUSC	\$286	\$300	\$14
Advertising Expense	\$5,780	\$2,500	-\$3,280
Archives and history	\$100	\$100	No Change
SS Advertising Expense	\$200	\$200	No Change
Newsletter Printing Cost		\$400	\$400
Background Checks/Fingerprints	\$200	\$200	No Change
Adult & Youth RE	\$2,500	\$1,000	-\$1,500
Caring	\$100	\$100	No Change
Membership	\$650	\$650	No Change
Small Group Ministry	\$250	\$250	No Change
UUthful Spirits		\$0	No Change
Leadership School	\$1,580	\$800	-\$780
DeBusk Ordination		\$2,000	\$2,000
Welcoming Congregation	\$500	\$500	No Change
Women's Alliance		\$0	No Change

Tea for Transylvania

The Fundraiser Tea to support our Partner Church in Homorodzentmarton this March was very successful. We raised \$1200! The money will be used to support a trip for our Partner church minister, Rev. Jozsef, and youth to travel to San Jose in the summer or fall of 2009.

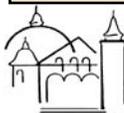
We had a great time with many delicious desserts, including **Jenny Redfern's** great apple strudel, tea sandwiches, and of course endless tea. Many thanks to our great performers and volunteer musicians, and the youth who served us who are too numerous to mention.

As a way to make the money go much further, we are asking for donation of airline flight miles to be used for the travelers. If you have airline miles that can be donated for this purpose, or are open

to using a credit card for air miles, please contact **Monty** at Low.Monty@gmail.com. Already, we have a couple air flights that will be funded in this way, and we are trying to get more.

Our fundraising is going well, but of course this is an ambitious project. We hope to fund the trips of 4-6 people to travel here from Romania.

More fundraisers are planned in the next 6 months, including another Fundraising Tea, January 31, 2009! If you would like to help with fundraising or during our Partner church visit, please contact **Connie Bloch** at Connie.Bloch@yahoo.com. Thanks once again to all who were so generous in their donations of food, talent, and money to make this event so successful. ●



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.



Scenes from the 2007 all church retreat.



Our fabulous, wonderful, fun-filled All-Church Retreat is coming up the first weekend in October. Attendance at last year's Retreat was way down and we would like to have a heads up if you and your family are planning to join us this year. Please let **Diana Wirt** (diwirt@sbcglobal.net) know how many adults and how many children will attend. We will be renting Cary lodge and be sharing the rest of Monte Toyon with whomever else is there.



This from long time FUCSJ member, **Lucy Proulx**:

As my cancer progresses, it is getting more and more difficult for me to read and reply to your emails individually. On the advice of **Rev. Donna Lenahan**, I created an account at the CaringBridge where I've been posting updates about my condition, test results, fears, successes, thoughts and reflections on living and dying on the site

going back to the shocking diagnosis back in July 2007. You're welcomed to leave messages in the Guest Book and I'll do my best to reply to you as I'm able. When I'm no longer able to post for myself, my loving husband **Dave** will be posting so that you'll know what's happening. If you would like to have access to my CaringBridge site, go to this website, www.caringbridge.org/visit/lucyproulx. The site will either let you right in or it will send me a message that you want "in" and I'll add your email address to the "allowed" list and let you know that you've been added. If you want to know when I've posted an update, sign up for the update alerts. CaringBridge is a free, non-profit web service that connects family and friends to share information, love and support during a health care crisis, treatment and recovery. Thank you for all your kind words, prayers, and thoughts for me and everyone in our family. Lucy Proulx

After 28 years together, **Julie Gill** and **Margaret Curry** will make it official on



June 17, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. as we get legally married in San Lorenzo Park, downtown Santa Cruz next to the County building. They also add: p.s. After 28 years, we have everything we could ever possibly want except full civil rights, i.e., at the Federal and World (gotta think BIG) levels. So in lieu of gifts, please consider making a donation to the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), who won us the right to marry in California. You can give a gift in our name at www.nclrights.org/weddinggift

You may recall that **Jennifer DeBusk** will be ordained at FUCSJ in September of this year as this is her home congregation. If you are willing or interested in helping **Kelly Burnett** (Kelly@kellybur.com/ or 408-810-3182) to plan the reception, please contact me as soon as possible. If you know Jennifer, it would be especially meaningful for her to have you on the team.

SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

The editors are planning an extra special edition of the *Circular* for Homecoming. Send your article suggestions to **Circular Editors** at circular.editors@gmail.com





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