



# Our Church Circular

March 5,  
2008 / 5 de  
Marzo 2008

## SERVICES / SERVICIOS

**9:30 a.m.**

Servicios en español

**9 de Marzo** —

9:30 a.m.

### Regresando a Nuestros Principios UU

Una visión rápida de nuestros principios UUs para recordar porque estamos aquí.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla;  
Asociados de Culto:  
Miembros de SSM.

### Revisiting our UU Principles

A quick review of our UU principles to remind us why we are here.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla; Worship Associates: Members of SSM.

**16 de Marzo** —

9:30 a.m.

### Under Construction

Stay tuned for the unveiling of our worship theme for March 16, as we enter into spring!

### En construcción.

Este en sintonía para develar nuestro tema del servicio del 16 de marzo, como entramos en la primavera.

Dirige: La Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones ; Asociados de Servicio: Miembros de SSM.

**11:00 a.m.**

Services in English

**March 9** — 11:00 a.m.

### Youth Sunday

Our senior high youth engage the mind, body, and spirit while sharing what is on their minds in 2008.

Worship Leader: Senior High Youth; Worship Associate: Sonya Sukalski.

### Domingo de la Juventud

Nuestra juventud ensambla mente, cuerpo y espíritu mientras que comparten que hay en sus mentes en el 2008.

Dirigen: Lla Juventud de la Congregacion; Asociada de Servicio: Sonya Sukalski.

**March 16** — 11:00 a.m.

### Spring Equinox--Under Construction

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Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Worship Associate: Kelly Burnett.

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## FEATURED EVENT

# Thank God for Evolution!

Friday, March 14,  
7 to 9 pm, FUCSJ  
Sanctuary

**Special Presentation—  
Free & Open to the Public!**

The Rev. Michael Dowd and  
his science-writer spouse,  
Connie Barlow, are

America's  
Unitarian  
Universalist  
evolutionary evangelists, traveling the country and speaking to a variety of denominations and communities, including 250 Unitarian Universalist congregations.

*Now Michael and Connie bring their inspiring presentation to our sanctuary on Friday, March 14, 7 to 9 pm in a free event based on Michael's new book, "Thank God for Evolution!" The book has been endorsed by five Nobel Prize-winning scientists (see <http://thank-godforevolution.com/nobel> for more), and his work was featured in *UU World* magazine. The evening will be beautiful and fun for the whole family!*

Save the date, spread the word, and bring your friends and family to this lively, boundary-busting event! ●



## SAVE THE DATES

**March 6, Thursday**, Women's Alliance presents "Reclaiming Women's Heritage for Peace"; 7:15-9:15, Fireside Room.

**March 7, Friday**, Dances of Universal Peace, 8:00 pm under the dome in the Sanctuary

**March 7, Friday**, in honor of International Women's Day, the Berkeley Fellowship presents "Tillie Olsen: A Heart in Action", at 7:00 pm. This new documentary by Ann Hershey profiles the life of this renowned writer and activist.

**March 11, 18, and 25, Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm, Winter Series on Non-Violence. See article on page 7.

**March 14, Friday**, 7 - 9 pm, "Thank God for Evolution!" free presentation by the Rev. Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow; in the Sanctuary. See the article for more info.

**March 15, Saturday**, Service is Our Prayer church work party, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm; light lunch provided.

**March 16, Sunday**, 5:00 pm; Interfaith Service for Peace, in the Sanctuary.

**March 30, Sunday**, New Member Sunday and Congregational meeting to elect new directors and officers; after the 11:00 am service in the Sanctuary.

**April 19, Saturday**, "Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible," Video and Discussion Workshop, 1:30-5:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale, Sanctuary.

**April 25-27**, PCD-UUA District Assembly, Fremont Marriott, Fremont, CA. See article and [www.pcd-uua.org](http://www.pcd-uua.org)

**July 9-13**, All-Church Campout, McConnell State Recreation Area. Watch for complete information in future newsletters.

**July 20-23**, Junior High Backpacking Trip; for more information, contact Pam Pell at [johnpell@aol.com](mailto:johnpell@aol.com)



# As We Build the Beloved Community...

by the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

## Back-to-Back Beautiful Days at FUCSJ!

**M**y heart overflows with gratitude. Truly we embodied the Beloved Community on Sunday, February 24, and Monday, February 25. How this community has been shining!

Let me try to capture the essence of what you created:

On Sunday morning, February 24, at both the 9:30 and 11:00 am services, you demonstrated the depth and breadth of your hospitality as we hosted special guests from all around the country. At our 9:30 service, 50 Unitarian Universalist guests from the Now Is the Time conference (Leading Our Congregations into a Multiracial, Multicultural Future) shared in our Spanish service, with English translation provided (truly spontaneously!) by Laura Diaz Shadeded. The choir sang two gorgeous pieces, which they offered at 11:00 am too. Ervin Barrios told the story of the Exodus in a vastly entertaining way (the “Hollywood version,” as he quipped); Rodrigo Garcia read a portion of Dr. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech as though he were a Spanish-speaking King himself; and Roberto Padilla preached such a magnificent sermon that folks from the Unitarian Universalist Association offices in Boston and in Washington, D.C., have asked for copies of it in both English and Spanish. You can read Roberto’s sermon by going to our home page at [www.sanjoseuu.org](http://www.sanjoseuu.org), then scroll down to “blog” beside Roberto’s picture. Once you get to the blog, you will find the English version of the sermon below the Spanish.

I was honored to open and close the service, as well as to offer Saturday morning’s worship to the conference itself that weekend (you can read that homily by going to my blog from our home page, too). Our amazing members who regularly attend the 9:30 service surprised us all with a delicious brunch during the Social Hour following the 9:30 service. This thoughtful Latin-style generosity was moving to everyone: Wow!

Our UU guests came away moved to tears by the service and your hospitality, inspired and enlivened in their vision of Unitarian

Universalism. One Puertorriqueña minister-in-the-making said that attending this service fulfilled a lifelong dream of hers to be able to worship in her own faith in her native language. The questions and comments that Roberto and I received when we returned to the conference afterward were overflowing with admiration and affirmation. We feel so fortunate that the UUA chose to locate the conference in San José this year, so that attendees could experience our Spanish-Speaking Ministries. We here at FUCSJ have been promised more support of every kind, as a result.

At 11:00 am on that Sunday, you offered a warm welcome to friend and colleague, the Rev. Steve Crump, who shared stories of serving the folks most affected by the Gulf Coast disasters and created more visions of Radical Hospitality. Thank you for giving our guest preacher a sense of homecoming.

Then, on Monday evening, February 25, our PACT (People Acting in Community Together) Local Organizing Committee simply took our breath away with what was, as moderator-extraordinaire Patti Massey said, a Green Vision Love Fest. The sanctuary was packed with folks from our own congregation thank you, thank you! along with guests galore. Mayor Chuck Reed and Council member Forrest Williams truly seemed to enjoy themselves, and we know (from the difference between earlier versions of the mayor’s responses vs. the more positive ones that we received from him at the event) that we have already made a difference in the mayor’s plans for Greening San José. The Peace Chorale sang gloriously from our front steps before the event let’s do THAT more often and Ad Hoc, with Lisa Hettler-Smith singing the lead, brought We Are to life. The PACT credential from Bob Miess, the research report from Doug Reid, the time-keeping by Melanie Lanstrom, the testimonials from Carol Stephenson, Ben and Benji Cadena, Sra. Marquez, and the amazing Third Street Community Center youth, the questions posed

by Lisa Hettler-Smith, Diana Wirt, Mary Idso, and Michael Pelizzari, along with some rousing congregational singing (Let’s be seen, All Ways Green, San José! thank you, Genie Bernardini!), energized us as we worked not only for environmental sustainability but for environmental justice as well. Marla Scharf closed out the evening with a beautiful prayer. Diana Wirt and Carol Stephenson were interviewed by the press (did you see us featured prominently in that Sunday’s *Mercury News*?); Mary Martin wrote the brilliant skit performed the day before; Bill Ardrey, Lloyd Eater, Nancy Hada, Jeff Norment, Robin Goka, and others also served on the PACT LOC; whole Small Group Ministry groups came to the event instead of holding their Monday night meeting; and truly a cast of “thousands” made it all happen. Our endless thanks go to our amazing PACT facilitator, Karen Belote, who taught us how to pull it off so beautifully; we couldn’t have done it without you, Karen!

To all of you who generously contributed your time and vast creative talents to make these events the beautiful expression of our Unitarian Universalist faith that they were, thank you!

To all of you who were able to be present for one or more of these special moments in our life together, thank you!

To all of you who could not make it but who sent a special thought our way, and to all who contribute to this community simply by being its members and friends, thank you!

In a sermon at the beginning of this church year, I reminded us of what Beloved Community really means (you can read that sermon on our website, too). In two back-to-back glorious days, you embodied this rare and beautiful thing for our wider community. Bravo, First Unitarian bravo!

With warmth and gratitude,

*Nancy* ●



# Mientras Construimos Nuestra Querida Comunidad...

por la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

## ¡Evento tras Evento, Hermosos Días en FUCSJ!

**M**i corazón desborda de gratitud. Verdaderamente personificamos una querida comunidad el domingo 24 y el lunes 25 de febrero. ¡Cómo esta comunidad ha estado brillando! Déjeme intentar capturar la esencia de lo que ustedes crearon:

El la mañana del domingo 24 de febrero, en ambos servicios a las 9:30 y 11:00 de la mañana, ustedes demostraron la amplitud y profundidad de su hospitalidad mientras que recibimos a nuestros huéspedes especiales de alrededor del país. En nuestro servicio de 9:30, 50 Unitarios Universalistas de la conferencia Ahora es el Tiempo (que conduce a nuestras congregaciones a un futuro Multirracial, Multicultural) compartieron nuestro servicio en español, con traducción al inglés proporcionada (verdaderamente en forma espontánea!) por Laura Díaz Shadeded. El coro cantó dos piezas magníficas, las cuales cantaron también a las 11 de la mañana. Ervin Barrios contó la historia del éxodo de una manera sumamente entretenida (la versión de Hollywood, como él bromeo); Rodrigo García leyó una fracción de "Yo Tengo un Sueño" del Dr. Martin Luther King, un discurso como si él fuera King mismo hablando en español y Roberto Padilla predicó un sermón tan magnífico que la gente de las oficinas de la Asociación Unitaria Universalista en Boston y en Washington, D.C. le han pedido copias del mismo en inglés y en español. Ustedes pueden leer el sermón de Roberto yendo a nuestra página de Internet en [www.sanjoseuu.org](http://www.sanjoseuu.org), entonces vaya al blog al lado del retrato de Roberto. Una vez que usted ingrese al blog, usted encontrará la versión inglesa del sermón debajo de la versión en español.

Yo fui honrada en abrir y cerrar el servicio, así como de ofrecer el servicio religioso el sábado por la mañana en la conferencia de ese mismo fin de semana (ustedes pueden leer esa homilía yendo a mi blog en nuestra página de Internet también). Nuestros maravillosos miembros que acuden regularmente al servicio de 9:30 nos sorprendieron a todos con un delicioso almuerzo durante la hora social que siguió al servicio de las 9:30. Esta generosidad al estilo Latino nos conmovió a todos: ¡Wow!

Nuestros huéspedes UU que vinieron de tan lejos se conmovieron hasta las lágrimas por el servicio y la hospitalidad, inspirado y

animado en su visión Unitaria Universalista. Una ministra Puertorriqueña dijo que acudir a este servicio satisfizo un sueño que siempre había tenido, el de poder asistir a un servicio de su propia fe en su lengua materna. Las preguntas y los comentarios que Roberto y yo recibimos cuando volvimos a la conferencia desbordaban de admiración y afirmación. Nos sentimos tan afortunados de que la UUA haya elegido realizar la conferencia en San José este año, de modo que los asistentes pudieran tener la experiencia de nuestros ministerios de habla hispana. En consecuencia, han prometido más ayuda de toda clase a la FUCSJ.

A las 11:00 mañana de ese domingo, ustedes ofrecieron una calurosa recepción al amigo y colega el Rev. Steve Crump, quien compartió historias de servicio de la gente más afectada por los desastres de la costa del Golfo y creó más visiones de la hospitalidad radical. Gracias por darle a nuestro predicador huésped la sensación de estar en casa.

Entonces, en la tarde del lunes 25 de febrero, nuestro comité de organización local de PACT (Gente que Actúa Junta en Comunidad) simplemente nos cortó la respiración de la emoción; como extraordinaria moderadora Patti Massey dijo, una Visión Verde un Festín de Amor. ¡El santuario fue abarrotado con gente de nuestra propia congregación—gracias, muchas gracias! junto con abundantes invitados. El Alcalde Chuck Reed y Forrest Williams, miembro del concilio de la ciudad, se veían que verdaderamente lo estaban disfrutando, y nosotros sabemos (la diferencia entre las anteriores versiones de las respuestas del alcalde contra las más positivas que nosotros recibimos de él en el acontecimiento) que ya hemos hecho la diferencia en los planes del alcalde para hacer verde a San José. El Coro de la Paz cantó gloriosamente en los escalones de la entrada antes del evento—déjenos hacer ESTO más a menudo—y estuvo ad Hoc, con Lisa Hettler-Smith como líder cantando, Nosotros Somos la vida. Bob Miess con credencial de PACT, el informe de la investigación de Doug Reid, Melanie Lanstrom con el control del tiempo, los testimoniales de Carol Stephenson, Ben y Benji Cadena, la Sra. Márquez y la asombrosa juventud del Centro Comunitario de la Calle Tercera, las preguntas

planteadas por Lisa Hettler-Smith, Diana Wirt, Maria Idso, y Michael Pelizzari, junto con algunos inspirados cantos congregacionales (Déjanos estar viendo, todos los Caminos Verdes, San José!) —gracias, Genie Bernardini!), energizados de como trabajamos no sólo para la sostenibilidad ambiental sino por la justicia ambiental también. Marla Scharf cerró la tarde con un rezo hermoso. Diana Wirt y Carol Stephenson fueron entrevistadas por la prensa (usted nos vio presentarnos prominente en las noticias del *Mercury News* ese domingo?); Mary Martin escribió el brillante relato realizado un día antes; Bill Ardrey, Lloyd Eater, Nancy Hada, Jeff Norment, Robin Goka, y otros, también ayudaron en el evento de PACT; todos los integrantes de los ministerios de pequeños grupos vinieron al evento en vez de celebrar su reunión del lunes por la noche; y verdaderamente un reparto de miles hizo verdad que todo lo que sucedió. Nuestras infinitas gracias van para nuestra asombrosa facilitadora de PACT, Karen Belote, que nos enseñó cómo llevarlo tan maravillosamente; ¡no habríamos podido hacerlo sin usted, Karen!

¡A todos ustedes quienes generosamente contribuyeron con su tiempo y sus grandes talentos creativos para hacer de estos acontecimientos la hermosa expresión de nuestra fe Unitaria Universalista lo que fueron, Gracias!

¡A todos ustedes que pudieron estar presentes en uno o más de estos especiales momentos en nuestras vidas juntos, ¡Gracias!

A todos ustedes que no pudieron hacerlo pero que nos enviaron sus buenos pensamientos y a todos los que contribuyen con esta comunidad simplemente siendo sus miembros y amigos, ¡Gracias!

En un sermón al principio de este año eclesiástico, les recode lo que significa realmente querida comunidad (usted puede leer ese sermón en nuestra hoja de Internet, también). En dos días gloriosos uno tras otro, ustedes personificaron esta cosa rara y hermosa para todo el resto de nuestra comunidad. ¡Bravo Primera Iglesia Unitaria—bravo!

Con calidez y gratitud,

*Nancy* ●



# 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, Church's Lower Level

### TREASURE HUNTING

**March 9** Points of View

**March 16** The Mystery of Life (Easter)

## 3rd-4th Grades, Rooms 4-5, Church's Lower Level

### SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, TIMELESS THEMES

**March 9** Try Something New

**March 16** Treasure Maps and N. C. Wyeth

## 5th Grade, Room 6, Church's Lower Level

### NEIGHBORING FAITHS

**March 9** Visit to Buddhist Temple

**March 16** Buddhism Wrap-up

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

### TRADITIONS WITH A WINK!

**March 9** UU Rosaries

**March 16** Jesus and Mary Magdalene

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

### OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL)

**March 9** 3:30-5:30

**March 15** (Sat.) 6:30 pm through 3:30 pm

**March 16** (Sun.)

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

### FILM AS THEOLOGY: MEDIA THAT MATTERS FILM FESTIVAL

This year we will be looking at short films, many made by youth, on social and ethical issues. We will engage in conversations about how those films reflect and inform our beliefs as Unitarian Universalists.

### 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](mailto:sonya.sukalski@comcast.net).

### JUNIOR HIGH (6TH-7TH-8TH GRADES)

Staff: Sonya Sukalski

### SENIOR HIGH (9TH-12 GRADES)

Advisors: Mike Williamson, Cordelia Willis, Richard Gould ●

## The UU Easter Bunny Could Use Your Help!

The UU Easter Bunny needs some Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. If each family could bring a dozen or two pre-stuffed Easter eggs (plastic Easter eggs with candy in them), that would really help. Please bring the stuffed eggs to Sonya Sukalski in Rev. Geoff's office by March 16. The Easter Egg Hunt will be after church in St. James Park on Easter Sunday (March 23). ●



## UU HIKERS & FRIENDS

by Joyce Miller

Here is the hiking schedule for March. In case of severe rain storms I may cancel, but usually we change the venue to the Stanford Dish or the Baylands. Both have paved trails. Call me the night before or in the morning if you are wondering if a hike is on.

As always, if you are planning to hike let me know so I will look for you at the car pool spot or at the trail head. 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](mailto: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, March 1, 2008

Wunderlich County Park. 5 miles, easy. I need to finish by noon this day. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

### Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Windy Hill, 7 miles, moderate. We will do the longer hike. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

### Saturday, March 8, 2008

Joseph Grant County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at VTA Park and Ride at Capital and Alum Rock at 8:00 am.

### Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Foothill Park, 7.5 miles, moderate. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

### Saturday, March 15, 2008

No hike planned. This is a work day at the church.

### Wednesday, March 19, 2008

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

### Saturday, March 22, 2008

Almaden Quicksilver, Mockingbird entrance, 7 miles, moderate. Meet at Bed, Bath, and Beyond parking lot at 8:00 am.

### Wednesday, March 26, 2008

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

### Saturday, March 29, 2008

Santa Teresa County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at Bed, Bath and Beyond parking lot at 8:00 am. ●

## REGISTER ONLINE!

Information sent  
only to the RE  
Minister.



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

## 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](http://www.sanjoseuu.org/revgrblog/index.php)



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## Standing on the Side of Love: Help Stop an Anti-Gay Constitutional Amendment with weekend carpools to Sacramento, March 1 through April 19!

With Marriage Equality potentially around the corner in California (the California Supreme Court takes it up on March 4), social conservatives are trying to place on November's ballot an anti-marriage-equality constitutional amendment. We can help stop this amendment by carpooling to Sacramento on any weekend between

March 1 and April 19 to urge folks **not to sign** the petitions for the ballot initiative. From Rev. Nancy's own experience, showing up for such actions is a sure path to hope!

To participate, contact Equality for All's Sacramento regional coordinators, Kathleen Campisano, 202-577-3139, [kcampisano@thetaskforce.org](mailto:kcampisano@thetaskforce.org); or Jean Adams,

530-210-6688, [poetjeanadams@yahoo.com](mailto:poetjeanadams@yahoo.com).

Can't go to Sacramento? You can help financially by sending contributions in any amount to the UULM. E-mail our own Marla Scharf at [marla.scharf@gmail.com](mailto:marla.scharf@gmail.com) for more information! ●

## Parados en el lado del amor: ¡Ayude a parar una Enmienda Constitucional Anti-Gay yendo a Sacramento compartiendo su vehículo algún fin de semana, 1 de marzo al 19 de abril!

Con la potencialmente Igualdad en el Matrimonio prácticamente a la vuelta de la esquina en California (el Tribunal Supremo de California iniciara el 4 de marzo), la sociedad conservadora está intentando poner en la balota de noviembre una enmienda constitucional en contra de la igualdad de unión. Podemos ayudar a parar esta enmienda compartiendo el carro por varios para ir a Sac-

ramento cualquier fin de semana entre el 1 de marzo y 19 de abril para impulsar a la gente a no firmar las peticiones para la iniciativa de la balota. ¡De acuerdo a la experiencia de la Rev. Nancy, mostrar este tipo de acciones es un camino seguro a la esperanza!

Para participar, contacta a los coordinadores regionales en Sacramento de Igualdad para Todos: Kathleen Campisano,

202-577-3139, [kcampisano@thetaskforce.org](mailto:kcampisano@thetaskforce.org); o Jean Adams, 530-210-6688, [poetjeanadams@yahoo.com](mailto:poetjeanadams@yahoo.com).

¿No puede ir a Sacramento? Usted puede ayudar financieramente enviando sus contribuciones de cualquier cantidad a UULM. Envíele un mensaje electrónico a Marla Scharf en [marla.scharf@gmail.com](mailto:marla.scharf@gmail.com) para más información. ●

by Kelly Burnett

**CIRCLING AROUND**  
Milestones  
in the lives of the  
First Unitarian Community

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](mailto:kelly@kellybur.com). Her telephone number is 408-810-3182, but she'd prefer to receive your news by email, if possible.

Were you at the PACT meeting with the mayor last Monday evening? There was a great turnout and a very good presentation. I couldn't help but wonder what we could do together if our church were that filled every Sunday! Hope to see you soon.

### Congregant's Family Donates a Piece of UU History to Rev. Bill Sinkford and UUA

On Saturday February 23, 2008, **Patricia & Annette Ohanian-Coffey** met with the President of the UUA, the Rev. Bill Sinkford at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. They presented him with a piece of UU history in

the form of a telegram. The telegram was sent by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to UU minister the Rev. Richard Nash urging him to attend a non-violent training session in Chicago in preparation for a large-scale action Dr. King was planning there. The Rev. Nash was a friend of Patricia's late father and the telegram was one of her father's most prized possessions. The telegram is another tangible symbol of Unitarian Universalists' commitment and involvement with the Civil Rights Movement. The Rev. Sinkford said the telegram would be preserved and displayed at the UUA headquarters in Boston. ●

### Ready to Become a New Member of the First Unitarian Church of San José?

Membership means you have found your spiritual home in Unitarian Universalism and here at FUCSJ; it means you feel called to offer your time, talent, and treasure to help build this Beloved Community. We welcome you! Please set up a meeting with Rev. Nancy, [revnpj@yahoo.com](mailto:revnpj@yahoo.com), and then plan to participate in the next New-Member In-gathering on Sunday, March 30! ●

### ¿Listo para ser un Nuevo Miembro de la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José?

Membresía significa que tú has encontrado tu hogar espiritual en el Unitario Universalismo y aquí en la FUCSJ; significa que tú has sentido el llamado de ofrecer tu tiempo, talento y tesoro para ayudar a construir a esta amada comunidad. ¡Le damos la bienvenida! Por favor, tenga una reunión con la Rev. Nancy [revnpj@yahoo.com](mailto:revnpj@yahoo.com) y entonces planea participar en el siguiente Reunión de Nuevos Miembros el domingo 30 de marzo. ●

### JOIN THE WORSHIP HOST CREW!

Join us in creating a comfortable and welcoming community. Be one of the first to greet visitors that the UUA Marketing effort has encouraged to seek us out. We have current openings for any Sunday at the 11:00 am service. A detailed Host checklist is provided to ensure that the team each Sunday can be successful. A full job description and one-on-one training available for all interested. Please contact Ellen Robinson, Worship Host Coordinator, at 408-859-4419 or [cindyellen@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyellen@yahoo.com) if you are interested in this enjoyable and important job. ●



# Board of Directors Election: Meet the Candidates!

The Nominating Committee is proposing the following slate of candidates to fill the positions of Board officers and directors and members of the Nominating Committee. Those who are seeking election will be voted upon at our upcoming Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 30th. These positions are two-year terms. Some current Board and Committee members are continuing in a two-year term and will not be on the ballot. You will find the candidate statements in a handout at the Congregational Meeting.

This year's Nominating Committee members are Barbara Derbyshire, Steve Madden, Bob Owen, Stephanie Rynas, and Gordon Smith. They extend their thanks to everyone who contributed ideas and shared the work and to those who agreed to be candidates.

You can nominate other candidates or you can nominate yourself for any of these positions prior to or at the Congregational Meeting. Any additional nominees are welcome to run their statements of candidacy in the newsletter. Candidates must be members of the church and willing to serve.

For the sake of giving you a complete picture, the list below includes candidates for election, as well as those who are simply continuing their current terms.

## Proposed Board Officers:

- President: TBD
- VP Planning/Personnel: Joyce Miller (for re-election to a new 2-year term)
- Treasurer: Bob Howd (for election to a 2-year term)
- VP Programs: Julia Rodriguez (continuing a 2-year term)
- Secretary: Bob Redfern (continuing a 2-year term)
- Financial Officer: Christopher Fry (continuing a 2-year term)

## Proposed Directors:

- Rick Merritt (for election to a 2-year term)
- Michael Payne-Alex (for election to a 2-year term)
- Cheri Goodman (for election to a 2-year term)
- Marla Scharf (continuing a 2-year term)

## Proposed Members of Nominating Committee:

- Steve Madden (for re-election to a new 2-year term)
- Barbara Derbyshire (continuing a 2-year term)
- Stephanie Rynas (continuing a 2-year term)
- Gordon Smith (continuing a 2-year term)
- Bob Miess (for election to a 2-year term)

In addition to the above, the Nominating Committee made recommendations to the Board regarding several NON-ELECTIVE posi-

tions on the Program and Operations Council (POC), which is the administrative body of our church. The recommendations were accepted by the Board. All positions are for two years. These positions include:

- Debra Fenzel-Alexander (InReach)
- Patrick O'Connell (Social Justice)
- Sundar Mudupalli (Facilities)
- Sherry Howd (Communications)
- TBD (Religious Education)

Dena Dickenson is continuing in her 2-year term in the Worship role on the POC.



## Spotlight on Social Justice



By Carol Stephenson, Social Justice Coordinator,  
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*Complete this Sentence: "Peace is..."*

**S**ometimes I get a little writer's block. And on the day the newsletter is due it is most prominent. So, wanting to write about peace, I asked my daughters, one ten and one eight years old, "What is peace?" It took no time at all to get a response. "Peace is peaceful," said the eight-year-old flatly without taking her eyes off of the talking animal on the computer screen. The ten-year-old was more discerning, however, "Peace is love. . . diversity . . . and, and joy." I turned to face her. Had I raised this sage? A tear began to well up when I was thrown out of my reverence as she asked "What's diversity?"

It turns out I raised children who are terribly accustomed to being asked such questions. The younger doesn't pause and the older has words that roll off her tongue that sound beautiful, but that she doesn't necessarily understand. They hear it all the time: "diversity," "making change," "community," and, of course, "social justice." It is easy for them to repeat what they hear. But how do we really teach these values, how do we make them be more than just words. And, for that matter, how do we understand it for ourselves?

How about this: bring together people from all over this world, with traditions as diverse as you can find. Find an issue of

commonality that each can share, like say, for example, peace, and invite each to teach us just a bit about how they view the topic. Let's meet in a beautiful place as the sun sets, and let's include song and movement, and children's voices as well.

This unbelievably beautiful event takes place in our Sanctuary on Sunday, March 16 at 5:00 pm. It is the fourth annual Interfaith Service for Peace that we have hosted.

When I told my daughters not to worry about sounding grown up, just to think about it for a bit, I got a different response: "Peace is when people unite and don't fight," said the ten-year-old, and the younger even glanced up from the computer to say "when people are happy." Yes, they agreed, "you can be at peace when you are happy." We all have something to offer, and we are all learning. Take this opportunity on March 16 to learn and express Peace.

**Social Justice Calendar**  
**Interfaith Service for Peace, Sunday,**  
March 16, 5:00-6:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Winter Series on Nonviolence, Tuesdays**  
7:00-9:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Social Justice Council, Monday,**  
March 17, 6:30-8:30 pm, Conference Room ●



# SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

## Combined Service - Servicio Combinado — 10:30 am

March 23 — 10:30 a.m.

### An Early Easter

What happens when Easter . . . that sense of rebirth, of hope and renewal, of a reversal of fortunes and of shared good news . . . comes “early”—in our lives as well as in our calendars? Come experience the Unitarian Universalist promise! Let’s unite our multicultural community by worshipping together on this special day! No matter what your tradition or theology, please join us for this spring festival. Please bring a flower to share in our Flower Communion. And expect an Easter egg hunt and a Special Guest with long fuzzy ears to delight our youngsters.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Worship Associates: Frank Bosche and Roberto Padilla; Translation into Spanish: Ervin Barrios.

23 de Marzo — 10:30 a.m.

### Una Pascua Temprana

Que sucede en la Pascua . . . ¿ese sentimiento de renacimiento, de esperanza y de renovación, de una revocación de fortunas y de buenas noticias compartidas . . . viene “temprano” - en nuestras vidas al igual que en nuestros calendarios? ¡Ven a experimentar la promesa Unitaria Universalista! ¡Unamos nuestra comunidad multicultural, en un servicio juntos en este especial día! Sin importar cual sea su tradición o teología, por favor, unámonos para este festival de primavera. Por favor traiga una flor para compartir en nuestra Comunión de las Flores. Y espere una caza de huevos de Pascua y un huésped especial con largas orejas peludas para el placer de nuestros jóvenes.

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Asociados de Servicio: Frank Bosche y Roberto Padilla; Traducción en español: Ervin Barrios.



## Upcoming Events

### Don't miss PCD-UUA District Assembly 2008!

April 25-27, 2008 at the Fremont Marriott

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

This year's DA features:

- Rev. Robert Latham, Saturday Keynote Speaker!
  - Rev. Victoria Safford, Saturday Banquet Speaker!
  - Roy Zimmerman, Satirist (Saturday night)!
- With over 20 different workshops, 5 levels of child/youth programming,

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

Worship, there is something for everybody at DA2008!

We will meet at the Fremont Marriott. We have received a Special Rate of only \$89/night for this event! Hotel room reservations may be made online starting Monday, March 3. For more information, please see: [www.pcd-uua.org](http://www.pcd-uua.org) and click on the **DA2008** link. We hope to see you there! ●

### FUND-RAISER TEA, LUNCH AND MUSIC ON MARCH 29TH

We're making it a tradition! We're hosting at our Church the 2nd Annual Partner Church fund-raiser later this month, Saturday, March 29th from 1-4 pm. A wonderful afternoon with a string quartet and other music, we pour from 6 pots of tea and have enough food, sandwiches, strudel and other goodies to call it a brunch!

The fund-raiser supports the activities with our Partner Church in Romania. Our goal is to bring the minister and half a dozen adults and youth here to visit in the Summer of 2009. More than that, the Tea is a relaxing afternoon where we have more time to visit with others while being served by our youth, many of whom journeyed to Transylvania this summer.

Suggested donation is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Please contact Connie\_Bloch@yahoo.com for ticket information, or to purchase tickets after church. ●

### Winter Non-Violence Series

In honor of the Season for Nonviolence, Patrick O'Connell is offering a fascinating series of free weekly classes at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary that explore how the world has used nonviolent conflict to achieve democracy and human rights. Covering a wide range of topics, Pat will offer film, documentaries, and special guests and lead discussions about how we apply these lessons learned. The next class, Tuesday, March 11, is on the Chicano students' walkout in East LA; the March 18 class is on Cesar Chavez and the farmworkers' struggle, the March 25 class covers the Seattle/WTO protests, and the final class, on April first, is on Martin Luther King. For more information Patrick at (408) 460-2935 or Carol at (408) 292-3858 x27 or [socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org](mailto:socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org). ●

### CHURCH WORK PARTY

Sat., March 15, 9 am - 2:30 pm  
Please join the fun at the upcoming Service is our Prayer day, when we work together in our quarterly church maintenance. A simple lunch will be provided at noon. All skill levels are invited — mainly we scrub, dust, polish, change light bulbs, trim bushes, and clean everything in sight!

Contact Bob Howd ([bhowd@aol.com](mailto:bhowd@aol.com)) or Sundar Mudapalli ([sundar@mudapalli.com](mailto:sundar@mudapalli.com)) for further information. ●

### WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Please join us for the March 6 meeting in the Fireside Room. Session 5 in our *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven* curriculum is entitled “Reclaiming Women's Heritage of Peace.” We will meet from 7:15 to 9:15 pm. All are welcome. Contact Nancy Coleman at [nancycoleman@mac.com](mailto:nancycoleman@mac.com) for more information. ●





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