



Circular

November 5,
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SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

9 de Noviembre — 9:30 am

Viviendo en nuestra Torre de Babel II: La religión.

Continuando con nuestra serie “Viviendo en nuestra Torre de Babel” ahora revisaremos uno de los aspectos más difíciles y controversiales de la vida de los seres humanos, la religión. Existe un solo Dios o hay más de uno, los seres humanos tenemos el mismo concepto de Dios o hemos ido adaptando el concepto de la divinidad a nuestras propias ideas y necesidades.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla; Asociados/as de Culto: Miembros de nuestros Ministerios en Español.

Living in our Tower of Babel II: Religion

Continuing with our series “Living in our Tower of Babel,” we will review one of the most difficult and controversial aspects of human life: religion. Whether there is one God or more than one, human beings have the same concept of God, or we have been adapting the concept of the divinity to our own ideas and necessities.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla; Worship Associates: Members of our Spanish-Speaking Ministries.

SAVE THE DATES

November 6, Thursday, Women’s Alliance Meeting, see article in this newsletter or call Nancy Coleman at (408) 985-5778 for more information

November 8, Saturday, Service is Our Prayer work day at the church, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

November 14, Friday, Workshop on Age Discrimination and Employment, 6-9 pm, church basement classrooms.

November 23, Sunday, Coming of Age Empty Bowls Lunch to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank, after 11:00 am service

December 7, Sunday, farewell to Carol Stephenson at the 11:00 am Sunday Service and Band of Writers, Youth Room, 12: 20 pm

December 14, Sunday, Fireside Gift Faire, Hattie Porter Hall

January 31, Saturday, 1:00–4:00 pm, Tea for Partner Church, Hattie Porter Hall

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

November 9 — 11:00 am

Leadership, Power, and Unitarian Universalism

“We are bent on a holy mission, the advancement and growth of individuals toward religious maturity and the creation, sustenance, and growth of religious community committed to being a source of centering power for its adherents in addressing the personal and social ills, the unwholeness of existence and transcending the partialisms that are the source of so much mischief.”

—Rev. Gordon McKeeman

Power to the people! Power to get things done. Power to make things right. Power to transform our lives. Our brains may generate only 40 watts of power but when we combine that energy in community, so many things are possible. What would it be like if we fully embraced our power rather than ran from it?

New members are welcomed into our congregation on every second Sunday of the month from October through May. If you would like to join FUCSJ on this Sunday, please contact Rev. Geoff or Rev. Nancy ASAP!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis. Worship Associate: Kelly Burnett.

Dirección, Poder, y Unitario-Universalismo

“Estamos fijados en una misión sagrada, el avance y el crecimiento de individuos hacia una madurez religiosa y la creación, sustento y crecimiento de una comunidad religiosa comprometida a ser la fuente de poder central por su adherencia e indicación de los males personales y sociales, lo incompleto de la existencia y de trascender los parcialismos que son la fuente tal capricho.”

—Rev. Gordon McKeeman

¡Poder a la gente! Poder para culminar las cosas. Poder para hacer lo correcto. Poder para transformar nuestras vidas. Nuestro cerebro genera solamente 40 watts de poder pero cuando combinamos la energía en comunidad, muchas cosas son posibles. ¿Que pasaría si adoptamos nuestro poder en lugar de huir de él?

Los nuevos miembros son bienvenidos a nuestra congregación cada segundo domingo del mes a partir de octubre hasta mayo. ¡Si usted quisiera unirse a la FUCSJ este domingo, por favor, entre en contacto con el Rev. Geoff o con la Rev. Nancy a la mayor brevedad posible!

Dirige: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis; Asociada de Culto: Kelly Burnett.



Spotlight on Social Justice

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



Sad News

It is hard for me to give you this news, but I will be leaving First Unitarian Church on December 5th. Unfortunately, my family circumstances have come to a place where I'm not able to focus on my work the way that First Unitarian deserves. A combination of personal concerns has brought me to make this hard decision.

I will be working with the Program and

Operations Council and the Social Justice Council for a smooth transition over the next four weeks. I am proud of all we have done together in the Social Justice Ministries and, just as this work has been fundamental to the Church since its inception, I know it will continue to grow and thrive.

I have been honored to work on critical issues with people who are passionate for justice. I have been changed by my time here, by

each of you, and the way you carry out your faith in inspiring, fun and profound ways.

This is not my good-bye, I've left lots of time for that. I hope to talk personally to many of you over the next month (and squeeze in one last newsletter article!). Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about my departure, with great affection,

Carol ●

Saying Thank You and Farewell to Carol Stephenson: An Open Letter from the Board of Directors

With Carol Stephenson's resignation (effective December 5), we on the Board of Directors of FUCSJ find ourselves in a place where "thank you" is a pale reflection of what is in our hearts. Still, we want to share what we are thinking and feeling with Carol and with the congregation.

First, to Carol, we say:

THANK YOU for the leadership, passion, creativity, and expertise you have brought to our Social Justice Ministries during the past four years.

THANK YOU for building bridges into our neighborhood and larger community through cross-cultural celebrations such as *La Posada*, the Day of the Dead, and more.

THANK YOU for the interfaith connections you have helped us forge through PACT and through such events as the "Celebrating Our Diversity" gatherings under the Circle of Palms and the Interfaith Peace Service in our own sanctuary.

THANK YOU for your leadership in helping us stand proudly on the side of love by bringing the No on Proposition 8 phone bank to our church.

THANK YOU for your inventiveness and creativity through your work with our children and youth to your initiative and skills in helping us to win special grants.

THANK YOU for reviving and supporting our Social Justice Council and for working

with them to bring a range of events and issues into our congregational life together.

And THANK YOU for your friendship, your compassion, and your easy presence in our midst. We will miss you, and wish you well!

And now, to the congregation, we ask:

Will you please join us as we wish Carol farewell and celebrate her contribution to our beloved community during the worship services on Sunday, December 7? This will be *your* chance to say thank you.

Carol's departure will leave a big hole in our church's Social Justice and Outreach Ministries. Please begin to turn your hearts and minds toward what's next in our Social Justice Ministry. We will gather in January to re-vision and refine our social justice strategy in a post-Carol era. What will be our focus?

How will we choose our priorities? What will be our leadership model?

We *will* continue to be a strong voice for justice in the South Bay... What role will *you* play? Blessings,

The Board of Directors: Tracy Avent, Cheri Goodman, Bob Howd, Rick Merritt, Michael Payne-Alex, Bob Redfern, Marla Scharf ●

Welcome New Members



The Nohavitza family, (l-r) Raun, Isobel, Michelle and Ivan joined during the October 19 ingathering.

Are You Looking for UUthful Spirits?

Uthful Spirits is an inclusive group for fun and fellowship for young adults and the young at heart. Our activities include:

- Happy hour, every 1st Friday of the month at Tied House at 5:30 p.m.
- Game night, every 3rd Friday, monthly.
- Sunday brunches, bimonthly on 2nd and 4th Sunday. Meet in Hattie Porter Hall about 12:45 p.m.

- Happy hour, every 1st Friday of the month at Tied House at 5:30 p.m.

Come join the fun. For more information, contact **John Burk** at mus6@aceweb.com or group at uuthful-spirits-owner@yahoogroups.com. ●



Upcoming Events

Workshop on Age Discrimination and Employment

First Unitarian Church of San Jose

Classrooms 1 and 2, Friday 11/14/08, 6:00– 9:00 pm

Everyone is invited to a workshop on age discrimination at work or in seeking a job. The first half will help you understand more about ageism in its different forms and in the second half we will use an action technique to explore situations and how to deal with them.

There is no charge but we will take breaks to discuss your impressions of the workshop and look for improvements. For those who run workshops it is an opportunity to get new ideas.

If you are interested and would like to attend, or would just like more information, please call or send an e-mail. **Jerry Cluney**, 408 292-1781, clineycluney@yahoo.com ●

Woman's Alliance Location Change

Join us the first Thursday of each month for *Rise Up and Call Her Name*, an exploration of female spirituality through the centuries!

Next meeting is Thursday, November 6 from 7:15 to 9:15 pm. Please note the monthly meetings of the Women's Alliance have moved to the home of **Jean von Kaenel** in Los Gatos.

Please contact **Nancy Coleman** for information at nbc Coleman@gmail.com or 408 985 5778. ●

Attention U.U. Crafters and Artists!

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

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

Do You Want to be a Worship Associate?

Applications Are Due December 1

The Worship Associate program provides an exciting opportunity for members of the First Unitarian Church of San José to help plan and present the Sunday-morning services that are at the heart of our Beloved Community. Worship Associates, who serve for one calendar year, work closely with the ministers on five or six services during that year. They also set up the worship space for another five or six Sundays. Ongoing training is provided in quarterly workshops.

In addition to making a vital contribution to congregational life, participation in Worship Associates is a wonderful way to deepen your understanding of Unitarian Universalism. And you get to know some super people!

This year's application deadline is Dec. 1. You'll find details on the church web site at <http://www.sanjoseuu.org/OurWorshipLife/WorshipAssociates.html>. Questions? Ask **Rev. Nancy** or **Rev. Geoff**, or phone **Mary Martin** at (408) 354-8878. ●



UU HIKERS & FRIENDS

by Joyce Miller

Here is the November hiking schedule. As usual, please call if you want to hike, so I will know to look for you at the car pool spot. If you are a regular (and you know who you are) you don't need to call unless you are not coming, so we won't wait for you if you are late. You can call me on my home phone from 6:30 until 7:30 am when I leave. After 7:30, call my cell phone. If you want to email me that you are coming, that is fine. I try to remember to check my email the morning of the hike.

My phone numbers are: 408 730-1052 (home) and 408 507-7052 (cell). In case of rain I frequently change the venue to the Stanford Dish, which is paved and solves the mud problem. I will cancel if we have a big wind and rain storm. If you wonder what decision has been made, give me a call the morning of the hike. See you on the trails!

Wednesday, November 5

Long Ridge 6, miles, moderate. Meet at Downey Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:30 am.

Saturday, November 8

No hike planned. We have a work day at the church.

Wednesday, November 12

Almaden Quicksilver, 6 miles, moderate. Hacienda Entrance. Meet at Bed, Bath & Beyond parking lot at Almaden Plaza Shopping Center at 8:30 am or come to my house at 8:15 am to carpool from here.

Saturday, November 15

Mission Peak, 6 miles, moderate to strenuous. Meet at VTA Park and Ride on Capitol at Alum Rock at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, November 19

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

Saturday, November 22

Sanborn County Park, 6-7 miles, moderate. Meet at Downey Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, November 26

Wunderlich County Park, 5 miles, easy. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am. ●



Religious Education

Nursery (birth-4 years) - Church's Lower Level

We provide a safe, clean environment in which to support each child in initiating play activities at the developmental level they manifest. Child Care Workers: Jessica Nunez and Lydia Pizzaro.

K-2ND GRADES, LOWER LEVEL, ROOM 2-3

Special times

November 9

A Time to Remember Those Who Have Died--
All Soul's Day

November 16

A Time for Heroes and Heroines- All Saints Day

3RD-5TH GRADES, LOWER LEVEL, ROOM 4-5

A stepping stone year

November 9

A Story from the Haida Indians of British
Columbia

November 16

Stories in the Stars

6TH-8TH GRADES, CONFERENCE ROOM

Building Assets Together

November 9

Building Assets Together

November 16

Building Assets Together

9TH-12TH GRADES, YOUTH ROOM

Senior High Youth Group

The youth group meets every Sunday after the first part of the service. The youth group provides a safe place for personal sharing and discussion of diverse issues affecting society and youth today. The group will be using the curriculum *Real Stories* by teens making choices and keeping it real.

**REGISTER
ONLINE!**

Information sent only
to the RE Minister.



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

8TH-10TH GRADES, LOWER LEVEL, ROOM 4-6

Coming of age

November 16

Youth-Mentor Meeting, 12:45-2 pm

— Planning our empty bowls luncheon for
Sunday, November 23

November 23

Empty Bowls Luncheon Fundraiser For
Second Harvest Food Bank

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR HIGH (6th-7th-8th Grades)

Advisor: **Pam Pell**

SENIOR HIGH (9TH-12 GRADES)

Advisors: **Mike Williamson, Cordelia Willis,
V Kingsley**

To participate in junior or senior high youth group
activities, contact the Rev. Geoff Rimositis, 292-
3858, ext.25 or GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org

**HELP
WANTED**

Religious Education Job Openings

Job Opening: Religious Education Assistant

6 hours per week @ \$13 per hour

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

The duties of the REA include:

- Greeting new families on Sunday mornings, answering their questions about the church's Religious Education Programs, giving out brochures, showing new families where the classes are located and when possible introducing new children to their teachers.
- Teaching or assisting occasionally in the Sunday morning classes.
- Keeping a list of youth from 1st-12th grades and each week recruiting two youth to be a chalice reader and lighter for the 11 a.m. service. If the children are new at being lighters or readers, s/

he will meet with them in the sanctuary at 10:40 a.m. to practice lighting or reading.

- Arriving at the church by 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings to set up classrooms, set out class containers and teacher evaluation forms, and then at the end of classes at 12:30 p.m. put containers away. The REA reviews the teacher forms and fills requests for supplies. The REA keeps track of class attendance numbers and fills them in weekly on the bulletin board in the Associate Minister's office. The REA leaves completed teacher forms with the Associate Minister for review.
- Maintaining the supply cabinets and ordering supplies.
- Keeping track of new registrations, putting new families in the church database and updating registration and class lists.
- Making occasional phone calls for recruitment or event notification.

- Providing other assistance for the religious education program.

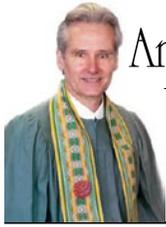
The REA must be at least 18 years of age and willing to fill out an application form, supply references and agree to have a fingerprint scan done at the Sheriff's Office. The First Unitarian Church of San Jose is an equal opportunity employer.

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

We Are Also Seeking An Additional Child Care Worker

Looking for a responsible adult (over 18 years of age) to work in the church's nursery (birth-4 years) on Sundays from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. Pay is \$13.00 per hour. References and DOJ fingerprint check required. For more information please contact the **Reverend Geoff Rimositis**, 292-3858, x.25.





Articulating Our Unitarian Universalist Faith

By the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

On October 17-19, thirty youth from seven congregations (San Mateo, San Francisco, San José, Fremont, Palo Alto, Redwood City and Los Gatos) came together for the first of three Coming of Age Retreats. The theme of this first retreat was *Crossing the Threshold*. For many of the youth, it was their first experience with other Unitarian Universalists outside of their congregations.

The centerpiece activity of the weekend was Saturday's Challenge Learning Center ropes course in Sunnyvale. Adults and youth worked together to solve problems and supported each other in attempting difficult challenges. It was all about creating community together and passing through the threshold of our fears to reach out across the void and get to know one another.

We did it at our opening worship on Friday evening when we lit candles for the trust, fun, honesty, openness that we hoped we would embody in our time together. We did it making jewelry with **V Kingsley**. We did it decorating t-shirts with **Brian Lanier**. We did it when we united with the San José congregation in Sunday worship honoring the ways we all mentor to each other.

One of the peak experiences of the weekend was seeing **Jessica Taylor** and **Haven Latimore**, who grew up in the church, standing before us on Sunday morning wearing the yellow jackets of City Year-Americorp and talking about why they are giving a year of service to their community. They encouraged our coming of age youth to consider doing likewise when the time comes for them to decide.

We are rightly focused on the election and the propositions and measures we will vote on. We can feel good about the effort we have given in the struggle for human rights. And in the midst of such timely and important issues we as a faith community continue to fulfill our core mission to help our youth come of age as Unitarian Universalists.

I'd like to thank those who made the retreat a success:

Retreat Leaders:

Bruce Halen, V Kingsley, Rick Morris, Brian Lanier, Meg Trask (Riley McLaughlin, San Francisco, Tracey Fetcher, Redwood City)

Food Purchasers:

Barbara Derbyshire, Julie Doyle, Rick Merritt, Nancy Johnson

Cooks: Bill and Cathy

Thiemann, Mark
Magner, Jo Balzer

Banner Maker:

Joyce Miller

San José's Coming of Age Task Force:

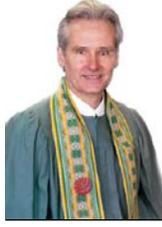
Carrie Doolittle, Nancy Johnson, Rick Merritt

Our Coming of Age youth and mentors who are the heart and soul of the program:

Rob Aversa-Goodman

Rick Morris
Sarina Blitz
Susan Butler-Graham
Laura Doughty
Jenny Redfern
Allison Kenney
Julie Springer
Emma McCain
Austa Falconer
Kassandra Omvick
Julie Doyle
Kalaya Payne-Alex
Katherine Trask
Ben Thiemann
Alec MacLean

Thanks and blessings to you all! ●



Articulando Nuestra Fe Unitario-Universalista...

Por el Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Del 17 al 19 de octubre, treinta jóvenes de siete congregaciones (San Mateo, San Francisco, San José, Fremont, Palo Alto, Redwood City y Los Gatos) se juntaron para el primero de tres de los retiros de la mayoría de edad. El tema de este primer retiro fue *Cruzando el Umbral*. Para muchos de los jóvenes este fue su primera experiencia con otros Unitarios Universalistas fuera de sus congregaciones.

La actividad central del fin de semana fue el Sábado de Retos del Learning Center ropes course en Sunnyvale. Los adultos y los jóvenes trabajaron juntos para solucionar problemas y se apoyaron los unos a los otros intentando desafíos difíciles. Todo fue acerca de crear una comunidad juntos y pasar a través del umbral de nuestros miedos para alcanzar a través del vacío y conocerse los unos a los otros.

Lo hicimos en nuestro servicio de apertura la tarde del viernes cuando encendimos las velas para la confianza, la diversión, la honradez y la apertura. . . esperábamos que nos incorporáramos a nuestro tiempo juntos. Lo hicimos haciendo joyería con **V Kingsley**. Lo hicimos decorando camisetas con **Brian Lanier**. Lo hicimos cuando unidos con la congregación de San José en el servicio del domingo honraba las maneras en que todos nos aconsejamos los unos a los otros.

Una de las máximas experiencias del fin de semana fue viendo a **Jessica Taylor y Haven Latimore**, quienes crecieron en la iglesia, estando parada ante nosotros en la mañana del domingo vistiendo las chaquetas amarillas de City Year-Americorp y hablando acerca del por que ellos están dando un año de servicio a su comunidad. Animaron a nuestros jóvenes de la mayoría de edad a considerar el hacerlo igualmente cuando el tiempo llegue para que ellos lo decidan.

Nos enfocamos directamente en la elección, en las proposiciones y las medidas que nosotros votaremos. Podemos sentirnos bien sobre el esfuerzo que hemos hecho en la lucha por los derechos humanos. Y en el medio de tal oportunidad e importantes asuntos, nosotros como una comunidad de fe continuamos cumpliendo nuestra misión de ayudar a los jóvenes que se estan acercando a la mayoría de edad como Unitarios Universalistas. Quisiera agradecer a los que hicieron el del retiro un éxito:

Lideres del Retiro: Bruce

Halen, V Kingsley, Rick Morris, Brian Lanier, Meg Trask (Riley McLaughlin, San Francisco, Tracey Fetcher, Redwood City)

Compradores de comida: Barbara

Derbyshire, Julie Doyle, Rick Merritt, Nancy Johnson

Cocineros: Bill y Cathy Thiemann, Mark Magner, Jo Balzer

Realizadora de

Pancartas: Joyce Miller

Fuerza de trabajo de Coming of Age de San José: Carrie Doolittle,

Nancy Johnson, Rick Merritt

Y nuestra juventud de la mayoría de edad y a los mentores quienes son el corazón y el alma del programa:

Rob Aversa-Goodman
Rick Morris

Sarina Blitz
Susan Butler-Graham
Laura Doughty
Jenny Redfern
Allison Kenney
Julie Springer
Emma McCain
Austa Falconer
Kassandra Omvick
Julie Doyle
Kalaya Payne-Alex
Katherine Trask
Ben Thiemann
Alec MacLean

Gracias y bendiciones para todos! ●



PARTNER CHURCH NEWS

Unitarian Church Buildings Returned after 60 years! Villagers to visit San Jose in August 2009!

by Connie Bloch and Monty Low
Partner Church Committee Co-chairs

This year, after over a decade of negotiation, two buildings were finally returned to our Partner Church in Homorodszentmarton. The buildings, originally used as the church school, were confiscated by the Communist Romanian government in 1948. The roofs of these buildings and a third church building are in very bad shape. Originally the Partner Church Committee budgeted \$5,000 for airplane tickets to bring villagers to San Jose in 2009. Working with the Homorodszentmarton church board, we have decided to divert the money to the repair of these buildings. Through our partnership, FUCSJ is now a part of this chapter in the history of Unitarianism in Romania.

Despite giving up funds for airline tickets, we were able to secure donations of frequent flier mile tickets to bring villagers here in August 2009. We will be bringing Reverend Jozsef and his wife Erika, 2 adults, 1 college age youth, and 3 high school youth. The high school youth will arrive early to accompany our high school youth on their summer camp out in the last week of July. After the camp out, they will join the rest of the villagers for about 10 days in the beginning of August. I hope everyone will have an opportunity to participate in the activities we plan for our guests. If you have not visited our home village, we will bring a bit of the village to San Jose. If you would like to participate, contact **Monty Low** or **Connie Bloch**.

Keep your calendars open on January 31 when the Partner Church Committee will host the annual fund-raiser Tea. We hope to see you there. ●



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CIRCLING AROUND

Milestones
in the Lives of the
First Unitarian Community

The all-new all-different Circling Around

by Torchy Hunter

As the new editor for Circling Around, I will be accosting people in Hattie Porter Hall wearing my "Tell Me Everything" sign, or, if you'd rather actually think about what you want in here, e-mail me at dzu@aol.com. I want to be up to date with you, so here's what we need: birthdays (especially those with zeros), parties of any kind, promotions, college destinations, anything that you diverse groups are doing is interesting to everyone else. For example, in this issue:

Who has left the country and isn't coming back for 2 years???? Or for 2 and a half weeks???? **Who did the Mercury News tell not to smile? And why?** How many guys have secret obsessions? That they take their wives to?...**Who are you going to have to re-introduce yourself to?...**Who is the Master of the Internet (it isn't me or MM). **Read on.** Thanks for all the cards and letters, but in spite of your advice, I'm staying.

Now to the tabloid news of the day: Everybody's favorite marine biologist, **Gary MacCumber**, has figured out how to keep me from printing what he says: he tells me outrageously unprintable things. But you can decide— ask him about the recent wedding of his friend, Jim, and why they call him "Tina." . . . Now waiting through the Chinese custom lines are **Jenny and Bob Redfern** who are staying 2.5 weeks and not even seeing the terracotta warriors.... **Rick Merritt** has an astonishing, ok, amazing, ok, hardly believable, surprise. He is going to show up at church with a woman from Portland he claims he met on (wait for it) UUSingles.com He swears he is not making this up, so if he shows up with someone, behave yourselves and do not point and stare. . . . Some of you reeecal old timers might remember **Greg Ashley**, seen at church recently. He came from Baltimore to see his first grandchild, Miss Zoe Carpenter, thanks to daughter **Laura**.... I think you must all have seen the picture of **Barbara Grover** in the Murky News lately, discussing the effects on her clients of the stresses of current society (the Pre-Obama Era).... **Diana Wirt's** picture was in the society pages, at what my informant (Ary-may Artin-may) said was a very tony society event.... OK, I'm spilling the beans. **Gene Martin** belongs to a secret society. He and **Mary** went to a secret location in one of the square states. They went to the top of Pike's Peak, but the view was fogged out. . . . And the secret name is The Association of Rail Museums Convention. Obviously right wing... Wonder if they know **Tim Blackwood's** secret obsession? It's lighthouses, and they've gone all over the world to (wait for it) look at them. Do not even think of giving **Madeline** anything with a lighthouse on it.... **Lisa Hettler-Smith** visited **Claire Wagner** (see **Greg Ashley**, above) in her "intensely

urban" neighborhood in Baltimore, and they both sang in the choir at First Unitarian of Baltimore, the site of "the famous Baltimore Sermon." (I dunno. Ask Lisa.)...And **Monty Low** says that **Sundar Mudupalli** and family are going to England for TWO Years! Don't they have to ask us before they go? We'll miss them. Can't wait to hear the kids with British accents. The Old Raj and all that.... **Crystal Lanier**, of the beautiful voice, has an article published in the November issue of *The Veriditas Journal*, about the labyrinth they-all built in Romania. Have a look: <http://veriditas.org/newsletters/archive/LJ-Winter2009.pdf>. My question is how does **Monty** know these things? Do I need to deputize him? And Lisa, too? Nah. They'd just want bylines. . . . **Rick Morris** has noted a strange effect of spending two nights in the church with our yoot. It erases his memory! He could not think of a single thing to tell me that was new or interesting, but just kept frowning and saying, "two nights in the church....two nights in the church." **Bob Owen** likewise could not think of anything, anything new or interesting in his life. We always knew **Liz** is the brains of that organization.... **V Kingsley** is home and recuperating after surgery on Friday, October 24. Confession time; if I talked to you last week at church and you don't see your name here, well, uh, the truth is I was writing it all down on the Order of Service, and I left part of it up in the mountains at our cabin, where I've spent the last 4 blissful days. I am resolved to bring a real notebook from now on, and your whole entry will be in bold next time. ●



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16 de Noviembre — 9:30 am

El Afirmación II: La búsqueda de la verdad es nuestro sacramento

Continuando nuestra serie de servicios a lo largo del año de la afirmación de nuestra congregación, esta semana nosotros continuaremos con la segunda línea: ¿Por qué es la “verdad” mencionada dos veces en nuestra afirmación? ¿De qué clase de “verdad” estamos hablando? ¿Que es un “sacramento” y porqué los Unitarios Universalistas tendríamos uno? ¿Qué es lo que estamos prometiendo a nosotros mismos y a los demás cuando decimos estas palabras cada domingo? Y si el Unitario Universalismo es sobre “hechos, no credos,” entonces cómo ponemos estas palabras en practica?

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer; Asociados de Culto (9:30 am): Miembros de nuestros Ministerios en Español.

23 de Noviembre — 9:30 am

Un Tesoro Enterrado

En la jornada de nuestras vidas, sabemos que se encuentra en algún lado y que tenemos que encontrarlo. Pero, ¿donde está?

Dirige: Ervin Barrios; Asociados de Culto: Miembros de nuestros Ministerios en Español.

A Buried Treasure

During the journeys of our lives, we know it is somewhere and that we have to find it. But, where is it?

Worship Leader: Ervin Barrios; Worship Associates: Members of our Spanish-Speaking Ministries.

November 16 — 11:00 am

Affirmation II: The quest of truth is our sacrament

Continuing our yearlong worship series on the Affirmation of our congregation, this week we tussle with the second line: Why is “truth” mentioned twice in our Affirmation? What kind of “truth” are we talking about? What is a “sacrament,” and why would Unitarian Universalists have one? Just what are we promising ourselves and each other when we speak these words each Sunday? And if Unitarian Universalism is about “deeds, not creeds,” then how do we put these words into practice?

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Worship Associate (11:00 am): Carolyn Bowman.

November 23 — 11:00 am

Climbing Kilimanjaro: What Happens When We Follow Our Dreams? *Intergenerational Service!*

With stories, slides, and music, we learn from our valiant hikers who took on Mt. Kilimanjaro this past summer: Why did they do it? What was it like? What did they learn? What kinds of mountains are we climbing in our lives? Join us for a multigenerational service about following our dreams and striving to meet our goals!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Worship Associates: The Mt. Kilimanjaro Climbers—Dena Dickinson, Sandra Iwamoto, Alice Lynch, Joyce Miller, Gary McCumber, and Sally Souders.

Escalando el Kilimanjaro: ¿Qué sucede cuando seguimos nuestros sueños? *¡Servicio Intergeneracional!*

Con historias, diapositivas, y música, aprendemos de nuestros valientes excursionistas que subieron el Monte Kilimanjaro este último verano: ¿Por qué lo hicieron? ¿Cómo les fue? ¿Qué aprendieron? ¿Qué clases de montañas estamos escalando en nuestras vidas? ¡Unámonos para un servicio del multi-generacional acerca de seguir nuestros sueños y esforzarnos en cumplir con nuestras metas!

Dirige: el Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Asociados de Culto: The Mt. Kilimanjaro Climbers—Dena Dickinson, Sandra Iwamoto, Alice Lynch, Joyce Miller, Gary McCumber, y Sally Souders. ●

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PACT NEEDS YOUR INPUT

by Diana Wirt

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