



Our Church Circular

November 19,
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Noviembre
2008

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios 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, ¿dónde 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.

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11:00 a.m.

Services in English

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. ●

SAVE THE DATES

November 22, Saturday

— Honor El Salvador's history, Creighton University

November 23, Sunday, Coming

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

December 6, Saturday

— Children's Party (5:00-7:00 p.m.) and Táncház Hungarian Dance (7:00-11:00 p.m.), Hattie Porter Hall. Adults: \$10, Youth 12 to 18: \$5; Under 11: Free

December 7-31 — Guest at Your Table fundraising event

December 7, Sunday, farewell

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

December 11, Thursday

— Green City PACT-LOC, 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

December 14, Sunday, Fireside

Gift Faire, Hattie Porter Hall

December 18, Thursday — La

Posada, a celebration with the Third Street Community families

January 31, Saturday — Tea for

Partner Church Visit, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Hattie Porter Hall. Suggested Donation: Adult: \$20, Youth: \$10

March 6-8, 2009 — Women &

Religion Retreat at Enchanted Hills (near Napa). Early Bird registration, \$230; after February 2, \$250.

Announcing our Professional Rental Service: Giant Creative Services

Since June, the Wedding-Event Taskforce has been working to get a professional rental service to handle weddings, memorials, and eventually other events at the church. **Bob Owen**, acting on a tip from **Kelly Burnett** about the great work that Giant Creative Services (GCS) does for the San Jose Woman's Club, contacted GCS about handling events for us, too.

After months of meetings and research by the Taskforce and GCS, the Memorandum of Understanding that describes how we will work together was approved on October 7, 2008 by the Church Board's team designated to expedite closing the agreement: **Tracy Avent**, President; and **Bob Howd**, Treasurer. Also approving were **Julia Rodriguez**, Program Officer; and **Christopher Frey**, Financial Officer.

See **FACILITY RENTAL**, page 2

Making a World of Difference:

A Pre-Parliament of World Religions Half-Day Conference

Saturday, December 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

At Santa Clara University • \$10 per person

Join Rev. Nancy, FUCSJ, and the Third Street Community Center as we discover the possibilities for deeper interfaith partnerships in our own community and as we sample a local “taste” of the Parliament of World Religions (which will be held in Melbourne, Australia, a year from now). Experience the difference that one community can make when those who are part of religious and spiritual communities, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, government agencies, business, and grassroots community groups come together to reflect on issues of mutual concern, explore the good work that is currently being done in our community, imagine possibilities, and discover the inspiration to take simple but profound steps toward hearing each other and healing our earth.

Youth activities will bring together young people from many faiths and organizations.

See <http://tinyurl.com/parliamentofreligions> for more information. RSVP to Iris at fucsjs@sanjoseuu.org so that we know how many people from FUCSJ will be there.

Would you like to staff the First Unitarian table at this conference for an hour or more? Please let Iris know! And watch for more information in the weeks to come through e-mail, worship announcements, and the next newsletter. ●

Haciendo un mundo de diferencia:

Conferencia de medio día Un Pre-Parlamento de las religiones del mundo

Sábado, Diciembre 13, 9 a.m. a 1 p.m.

En la Universidad de Santa Clara • \$10 por persona

Únete a la Rev. Nancy, a la FUCSJ y al Centro Comunitario de la Calle Tercera para descubrir las posibilidades de una profunda colaboración inter-fe en nuestra propia comunidad y como mostramos una “probada” local del Parlamento de las Religiones del Mundo (que serán llevados a cabo en Melbourne, Australia, dentro de un año). Experimente la diferencia de lo que una comunidad puede hacer cuando aquellos que son parte de comunidades religiosas y espirituales, organizaciones no lucrativas, instituciones educativas, agencias de gobierno, negocios y los grupos de la comunidad a nivel local vienen juntos a reflejar los asuntos de mutua preocupación, explora el buen trabajo que se está haciendo actualmente en nuestra comunidad, imagina las posibilidades y descubre la inspiración para tomar medidas simples pero profundas escuchando a otros y curando a nuestra mundo.

Las actividades de la juventud reunirán a gente joven de muchas fes y organizaciones.

Ver <http://tinyurl.com/parliamentofreligions> para más información. Reserve a la mayor brevedad con Iris en fucsjs@sanjoseuu.org para que nosotros sepamos cuanta gente de la FUCSJ estará ahí.

¿A Usted le gustaría atender la mesa de la Primera Iglesia Unitaria en esta conferencia por una hora o más? ¡Por favor, déjese saber a Iris! Y espere para más información en la semana a través de correos electrónicos, anuncios en los servicios religiosos y en el próximo boletín Informativo. ●

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Using Giant Creative Services

Giant Creative Services staff, Chris Espraza (principal) and Annie Hermes will arrange advertising and coordinate events.

NEWS FLASH: Our first official ad is on the web portion of Here Comes The Guide, <http://tinyurl.com/HereComesTheGuide>

On January 29, 2009, GCS will host an Open House to show off the church for potential renters and vendors. Everyone interested is invited. Tell your friends!

There is a new First Unitarian Church of San José phone number specifically for Facilities Rental: (408) 841-7542. Annie at Giant Creative Services will answer and provide details about rental options. Also, the church website will be updated with new rental information. As GCS starts working with the church, weddings and memorials are the priority. GCS has a list of excellent vendors who are familiar with our building. By using the preferred vendors, you can greatly simplify planning an event and ensure the details are carried out beautifully. **Iris Gonzales** will work with GCS on contracts and hosting events, too.

Members and pledging friends of the church: tell Annie about your status to receive a discounted member rental fee. You may

also continue to contact Iris Gonzales as before to schedule the rental, and make all your own arrangements for vendors and services if you prefer.

Kudos to the Wedding-Event Taskforce

Thanks for a job well done! Taskforce members include **Liz Owen**, chair, organizer and fantastic minutes writer; **Bob Owen**, organizer, diplomat and communications expert who obtained the phone line for rentals at \$7/month; **Henry Ruddle**, analyst extraordinaire who drafted the financial plan that showed the value of the service; **Moria Meriweather**, details monitor and spreadsheet master; **Jan Theiss-Guffey**, dedicated leader and advocate at the Program and Operations Council; **Iris Gonzales**, wedding coordinator and office administrator; **Sherry Howd**, Outreach (Communications) Representative on the Program and Operations Council.

The financial plan projected that fees paid to GCS for advertising would be recovered through increased rentals. A requirement was that advertising expenses be recovered in this fiscal year. Financial details will be reported later after the first checkpoint on the Memorandum of Understanding. The co-monitors for this program are Jan Theiss-Guffey (jantg@yahoo.com) and Sherry Howd (s_howd@msn.com). If you encounter problems with the program or want to report successes, please contact Jan or Sherry. ●



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Upcoming Events

Honor El Salvador's History November 22

In November 1989, six priests, their cook and her daughter were all killed at the University of Central America during the Salvadoran Civil War. On November 22, we will honor those who died in the war and the work that has been done to restore the country with a worship service, speakers, food and music. Please join us for an evening dedicated to those working for social justice in El Salvador and for the Salvadoran people. <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/10th-anniv.html> ●

Empty Bowls

Please join the Coming of Age Program right after the service on Sunday, November 23rd, for its annual Empty Bowls Luncheon fundraiser for Second Harvest Food Bank. We will serve a simple, delicious lunch of soup, bread, and a beverage. The cost is \$5. Thank you. ●

Green City PACT-LOC Monthly Meetings

Winston Churchill once said, "Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened." That's exactly how most of us respond to the truth of global warming. Our habits of living change more slowly than the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. We know in the fullness of time that our habits of living will change, either because we choose change to preserve the Earth as we know it, or because the Earth's catastrophically rising temperature changes everything.

We in the Green City PACT-LOC, the First Unitarian Church's local organizing committee (LOC) of People Acting in Community Together (PACT), work to make choosing change cheaper and easier for as many San Jose residents as we can. To learn how, and to contribute your own ideas to the effort, please join us at our regularly scheduled meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Next meeting date is Thursday, December 11. Call or email **Mike Pelizzari** for more information (945-9848, nextgalaxy@aol.com). ●

Táncház Hungarian Dance

On December 6, the Eszterlanc Folk Ensemble will hold a Hungarian at the church. A Táncház is an event where people gather to dance traditional Hungarian dances. The Forras Hungarian Folk Band will be coming from the Pacific Northwest to provide live music. Everyone at the church is invited to try the dances or just enjoy the music. There will be teaching for beginners. For further information, contact **Monty Low**, low.monty@gmail.com.

December 6, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Children's Party; 7:00 – 11:00 p.m., Táncház in the Hattie Porter Hall Adults: \$10, Youth 12 to 18: \$5; Under 11: Free ●

UUSC Guest at Your Table

Be sure to pick up your Guest at Your Table box at Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 7. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee www.uusc.org works for economic justice, environmental justice and civil liberties. Make your family a part of this important fundraising campaign while you learn about these issues around the world. Fill the box with change and small bills over the month of December and return it after the holidays. ●

LA POSADA

The annual Posada that we celebrate with the families of Third Street Community Center is just around the corner. Be sure to save the evening of December 18 to see the TSCC youth perform, to sample delicious food, to watch the kids bash in a pinata and to sing your heart out on the streets of San Jose! A holiday tradition that your family will cherish.

Holiday Play 2008

Since the Holiday Play falls on December 21, the first night of Chanuka, this year we will be performing "Chanuka Oy Chanuka", an original play, with eight songs, that explains the story and traditions surrounding the Jewish holiday of Chanuka.

Rehearsals will be held:

- Nov. 23 Read-through: 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Nov. 30 No rehearsal
- Dec. 7 Parts assigned: 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Dec. 14 Rehearsal: 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Dec. 20 Dress rehearsal: 9:00-12 noon
- Dec. 21 Performance @ 11am service

All children will need to learn the songs. There is no separate choir this year. CDs of the songs will be available Sunday, Nov. 16, or mp3's of the songs can be obtained by emailing Cordelia Willis at phoebenpiper@juno.com

Anyone interested in helping out may contact Cordelia Willis at phoebenpiper@juno.com or 408-248-1213. ●

The pleasure of your company is cordially requested...



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

Everyone is invited to a Tea presented by the Partner Church Committee! This event will raise funds for our villager visitors coming this summer. We will have musical and dance performances for your entertainment. A variety of tasty treats will be served and of course, Tea. We suggest a ticket to the Tea as stocking a stuffer for family and friends.

January 31 (Saturday), 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Hattie Porter Hall.

Suggested Donation: Adult: \$20, Youth: \$10

Planning for the villager visit this summer is now in full swing. We are currently working to secure visas for our visitors and a preliminary itinerary for our guests is being planned. For further information, contact **Monty Low** low.monty@gmail.com or **Connie Bloch** connie_bloch@yahoo.com. ●

BONUS ARTICLE ONLINE

Women & Religion PCD Weekend Retreat



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 Maria Elena Olvera.

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

Special times

November 23

Thanksgiving Sunday-Intergenerational Service, no class

November 30

A Time to Give Thanks-Thanksgiving Day

December 7

A Time for Getting Ready-Advent

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

A stepping stone year

November 23

Thanksgiving Sunday-Intergenerational Service, no class

November 30

Stories in a Drop of Water

December 7

Stories in Rocks & Bones

6TH-8TH GRADES, CONFERENCE ROOM

Building Assets Together

November 23

Thanksgiving Sunday-Intergenerational Service, no class

November 30

Building Assets Together- continues

December 7

Building Assets Together- continues

9TH-12TH GRADES, YOUTH ROOM

Senior High Youth Group

November 23 Thanksgiving Sunday-Intergenerational Service, no class

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.

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

Coming of age

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

**REGISTER
ONLINE!**

Information sent only
to the RE Minister.



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

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.

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Warm Hats and Socks for residents of Julian Street Inn
The annual funding drive for hats and socks for the resident of Julian Street Inn is coming soon. Please watch for details on how to give and make this winter a little warmer.

**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 REA will welcome and orient new families and new students to the RE program, recruit and coach chalice lighters and readers, keep records, set up classrooms and maintain supplies, and occasionally teach or assist in

Sunday morning classes. See online newsletter for detailed job description.

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



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WELCOME New Members

Laura Straub was born and raised in Palo Alto and loves everything about the Bay Area. She was raised and educated in the Catholic faith and still roots for St Francis High to win all of their football games. Laura left the Catholic Church when she found that her lifestyle was not respected or accepted as part of the church's teachings.



Laura recently married her partner of 17 years, Theresa Quigley, with whom she has gorgeous red-headed twin 3-year old sons, Sean and Riley. Laura wants her sons to be exposed to spiritual-

ity that is celebratory and loving of everyone. After searching for awhile, she and her family found the UU in San Jose. Laura is honored to be a part of this wonderful organization and looks forward to exploring the spiritual awakening that began when she found UU. Laura loves to read science fiction and play computer games (especially World of Warcraft).

Theresa Quigley was raised just outside of Philadelphia, PA and came to California through service in the United States Air Force. She works as a full-time mother to her beautiful twin 3-year old boys, Sean and Riley. Theresa's faith in a higher being or purpose was shattered after the deaths of her parents



and brother in a short period of time. Theresa is truly thankful to have found the Unitarian congregation after years of spiritual doubt and confusion. The warm welcome and acceptance found at UU is the beginning of the journey back to spirituality and peace. She has spent the last few months planning her wedding with her partner of 17 years, Laura Straub, and looks forward to a lovely service at UU in San Jose. Theresa loves sports, including college and pro football, basketball, and baseball, but is most passionate about ice hockey. She roots passionately for all of the Philadelphia professional sports teams. ●

Have you taken advantage of PG&E's energy efficiency programs?

by Diana Wirt

Our People Acting In Community Together Local Organizing Committee (PACT LOC) has been following-up on the Action we held last February at which Mayor Reed committed to involve low and middle income people in his Green Vision for San Jose. Many of his goals involve partners such as PG&E. We recently met with PG&E's person in charge of its energy efficiency program outreach. She says that there is a lot of funding to help residential customers use less energy--free for those who qualify for the CARES program and inexpensive for those who don't--and that there will be more starting in January. To access these, call (800) 933-9555.

We would like to know whether you had heard of these programs, how you heard about them and whether you have made use of them. Please e-mail **Diana Wirt** at diwirt@sbcglobal.net or **David Lambert** at DavidLambert1@gmail.com if you have any experience--good or bad--with obtaining help with energy efficiency from PG&E.

Our PACT LOC meets on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 P.M. Call Diana Wirt at 993-1003 for more info or just show up. ●

¿Ha tomado ventaja de los programas de energía eficiente de PG&E?

para Diana Wirt

Nuestro PACT LOC ha seguido en la acción que llevamos a cabo el pasado mes de febrero en la cual el Alcalde Reed comprometido en involucrar a personas de baja y medianos ingresos en su visión verde para San José. Muchas de estas metas involucran a socios tales como PG&E. Recientemente nos juntamos con la persona de PG&E que



esta a cargo del programa de alcance a la energía eficiente. Ella dice que hay muchos fondos para ayudar a clientes residenciales a utilizar menos energía--gratis para aquellos que califiquen para el programa de CUIDADO

y barato para los que no lo tengan-- y que serán mas iniciando enero. Para acceder al programa, llame al (800) 933-9555

Quisiéramos saber si usted ha oído hablar de estos programas, como oyó hablar ellos y si usted ha hecho uso de ellos. Por favor envíe un correo electrónico a **Diana Wirt** en diwirt@sbcglobal.net o con **David Lambert** en DavidLambert1@gmail.com Si usted tiene alguna experiencia--buena o mala--con obtener ayuda con la eficiencia de energía de PG&E.

Nuestro Pact Loc se reúne cada segundo jueves de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Comuníquese con Diana Wirt al 993-1003 para más información o solamente asista. ●

Thanks to All Who Served November 8

Saturday, November 8, was a good day to gather together to help clean up and fix up our church for Service is Our Prayer Day! Thanks to all who participated, many regular and special tasks were accomplished. A particular thanks to everyone who slaved over the "invisible" jobs - the things that nobody notices, but are so vital to our church, such as dusting, changing light bulbs, scrubbing walls and baseboards, and sanitizing the toys in the nursery. Our loyal workers included **Bill Ardrey, Natasha Briggs, Colleen Cabot, Lloyd Eater, Ed Gardner, Bob Howd, Jayme and Melanie Lanstrom, Catherine Pelizzari, Steve Madden, Gene and Mary Martin, Alec MacLean, Patrick Myers, Geoff Rimositis, Bob and Carol Rozkowski, Steve Saunders, and Jeff White**. A rousing thanks to all! ●





Spotlight on Social Justice

By Carol Stephenson



the Third Street Community Center volunteers and supporters, Rock on! To all who have been a part of the marches and rallies, speakers and movies, events and worship services, Rock on! To anti-oppression, inclusion and to building that world that we do dream about, Rock on! For all the contributions to fundraisers that paid for books for Third Street students, to affiliate with the Peace Center, for UUSC and for Heifer, Rock on! To all the changes you made to be more environmental, Rock on! And a very heart felt "Rock on" goes to the entire congregation for all the years of work against what became Proposition 8. Until all families are recognized, I know you will Rock on.

If I could, I would express to each of you a personal "rock on" for all you have done for justice, large and small. You have made my time here an amazing and exciting experience. Please accept my final "Rock On!" ●

"Rock On!"

I have a good friend who always ends her voice mail messages with "Rock on!" As in, "Just checking to see if we're still on for coffee on Tuesday, hope that you're getting over that cold . . . Rock on!" or "Can you pick up my kids at school? . . . Rock on!" I know it's probably not the coolest thing to say these days, but bad news or good, whether we just talked or haven't seen each other in ages, she always ends with that same phrase.

"Rock on." It means so much coming from this friend and I know how to interpret it each time. Sometimes she means "It's not good bye, since I'll see you soon" and other times it's "I am glad you're in my life." Oc-

asionally, it means "Get through this day and there will be good stuff to come."

You see, "Rock on" is pretty much what I want to say to First Unitarian right now. There's just no other way to sum up the relationship I've had with the congregation over the past four years. I've been a small part of many huge things, the most critical issues of our day. I've been a witness to your passions. I've been let in on your congregational and personal lives. I am honored by it all.

So, First Unitarian Church of San Jose, I say "Rock on!" To the Social Justice Council and how much we've done together, Rock on! To the PACT LOC from the listening campaign to the inspiring Action in February, Rock on! To

The all-new all-different Circling Around

by Torchy Hunter



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. "Tell Me Everything" when we see me at church, or e-mail me at dzu@aol.com. Ok, gentle readers, this week:

CIRCLING AROUND

Milestones in the lives of the First Unitarian Community

Who got things really wrong? What is the name of Barbara Tonnesen's other hip?
Who has been really lagging? More than usual?

What do Ewoks and robots have in common? Who is corny and why?

Here's a real OOPS: last week I attributed the mother of **Greg Ashley's** daughter to his daughter **Lauren**. Because I could swear I heard him say "thanks to my daughter, Lauren." which I guess really means thanks for bringing her to church. But Lauren is her aunt. She's Greg's granddaughter all right, but from the daughter and her husband who are renting Greg and Claire's house. I apologized to all concerned with the exception of Zoe. I'll get her later. Since there are unlikely to be any further such mistakes, no need for you to complain to the editors.

But I do need to set the record straight: I did not keep all those clothes the RNC gave me and they are jerks, or, I was taken out of context.

Last issue I referred to the "pre-Obama era". Aren't you just so proud of America? But not so proud of California.

Anyway **Debra Fenzel-Alexander** will be in a concert on November 15, with tickets (both kids and discount) available from her. If the concert is past by the time you read this,

then be warned, you've got to get this stuff to me on time!!! ...**Bob Meiss's** wife **Marci** outdid herself on Halloween, making two incredibly complicated costumes: one was an Ewok, and the other a robot with a voice synthesizer in its chest and all kinds of electronic light up stuff. The kids were the stars at their school.... **Karen Ireland** is finally over the jetlag due to coming back from 3 weeks in Taiwan. Her daughter has been there teaching English in Taipei. Karen was most impressed with the friendliness and helpfulness of the locals.... Who Believes This Department: **Carrie Doolittle's** little baby son **Douglas** is busy applying to colleges.... **Sally Cooper-rider** and **K'Ailsa Rowen** were tracking me at HPH the other Sunday, wanting to be sure I noted they were married on October 12. Your intrepid reporter not only knew that, but also that they had a great time, and a great band. Of course it was **Dan's**.... Met a new person, **Nicolas Lloyd**, here from the East Coast and looking for any members of The Theosophic

Society, which he explains investigates all the world's religions. Hmmm, said I, picking up quickly, you may be closer than you think. Allow me to tell you about Unitarian Univer... **Barbara Tonnesen** has two new hips. She named them. One of them is called Rosie. I don't know why...Who in the congregation has the most spare parts for people installed? I guess we could call dental implants spare parts for people. Anybody have more than two? ... **Chris Frey** recommends we all take a look at a PBS documentary, King Corn, about 2 guys who plant an acre of corn and track it all the way to market and manufacturing. Will keep you up nights.

I was telling my next door neighbor about how Dan and I were drinking champagne and dancing in the street on election night, and he (from Texas) said, "Now we have do he'p him." Yes we do.

Watch for me. I'll be "Circling Around" you.
Torchy Hunter ●



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30 de Noviembre – 9:30 a.m.

Viviendo en nuestra Torre de Babel (III): La sociedad.

La incapacidad de comunicación entre padres e hijos, la intolerancia religiosa entre los adeptos de cada una de las religiones existentes en el mundo, la lucha por la supremacía del poder entre las naciones, trae como consecuencia una sociedad enferma. Unámonos para compartir el tercero y último servicio de la serie Viviendo en nuestra Torre de Babel, la sociedad.

Dirige Roberto Padilla; Asociados de culto: Miembros de nuestros Ministerios en Español.

Living in our Tower of Babel III: The Society

The incapacitated of communication between parents and children, the religious intolerance between the followers of each one of the existing religions in the world, the fight by the power supremacy between nations, brings as consequence an ill society. Join us in sharing the third and last service of the series: Living in our Tower of Babel, the society.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla; Worship Associate: Members of our Spanish Speaking Ministries

7 de Diciembre – 9:30 a.m.

Segundo domingo de adviento: Conectando los puntos: ¿Paz en nuestros corazones + Paz en el mundo?

Este domingo tomamos otra pregunta eterna: ¿cómo podemos encontrar, o crear la paz? ¿Hay una conexión entre crear paz en nuestras propias mentes, corazones y vidas y la paz que deseamos en el resto del mundo? Como alguno de usted ha dicho, “si no puedo estar junto con mi madre, ¿cómo podemos tener paz del mundo?” Reflexiones, meditación budista y una oportunidad de decir adiós y gracias a nuestra querida Coordinadora de Justicia Social Carol Stephenson redondeará este hermoso servicio.

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

November 30 – 11:00 a.m.

The First Sunday of Advent!

What is Advent? What does it mean to us as Unitarian Universalists—Anticipation of the Solstice, the return of the light? Evocation of our Christian roots? Countdown to Christmas and Santa Claus? A season of Hope? This year the first candle on our Advent wreath will stand for Hope, perhaps particularly meaningful in this post election period. We will sing songs that remind us of Advents past and look back a bit as we look forward.

Worship Leader: Frank Bosche; Worship Associate: Dena Dickinson

¡El primer domingo de adviento!

¿Que es adviento? ¿Qué significa para nosotros como Unitarios Universalistas-¿Anticipación del solsticio?, ¿el regreso de la luz? ¿Evocación de nuestras raíces cristianas? ¿La cuenta regresiva para la Navidad y Santa Claus? ¿Una estación de esperanza? Este año, la primera vela en nuestra guirnalda de adviento será colocada por la esperanza, quizás, particularmente significativo en este pasado período de elecciones. Cantaremos las canciones que nos recuerdan los advientos pasados y mirando un poco hacia atrás es como miraremos hacia adelante.

Dirige: Frank Bosche; Asociado de Culto: Dena Dickinson

December 7 – 11:00 a.m.

Connecting the Dots: Peace in Our Hearts + Peace in the World? Second Sunday in Advent

This Sunday we take up another eternal question: how can we find, or create, peace? Is there a connection between creating peace in our own minds, hearts, and lives, and the peace we long for in the wider world? As one of you has said, “If I can’t get along with my own mother, how can we have world peace?” Reflections, Buddhist meditation, a child dedication, and a chance to say farewell and thanks to our beloved Social Justice Coordinator Carol Stephenson will round out this beautiful service. And to help bring a little peace to the world, we’ll be handing out the UUSC’s Guest at Your Table boxes this Sunday.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones
Worship Associate: Bruce Halen

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Part-Time Bookkeeper

First Unitarian Church of San Jose is seeking an independent contractor bookkeeper to work on site 3-6 hours/week. Duties include processing payroll for 5 employees, managing A/R including tracking pledge income, maintaining church data base, reconciling bank statements; A/P including writing checks and maintaining paid bill file; producing periodic financial statements and reports; attending semi-monthly Finance Committee meetings.

Qualifications: At least 5 years experience working in churches or comparable non profit organizations. Must have expertise with Quickbooks, Excel, and data base systems. Must be emotionally mature, dependable, a team player able to work independently.

Salary: \$25-30/hour based on education and experience.

Send cover letter with resume’ to uuvppersonnel@sbcglobal.net

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

Contacting the Ministers

Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones and **Rev. Geoff Rimositis** feel honored to serve this congregation, and we cherish your trust! Here is how reach us: **Nancy**: (408) 292-3858, ext. 23 Mon.-Thurs.; (cell) 408-952-9418; e-mail: revnpj@yahoo.com. **Geoff**: (408) 292-3858, ext. 25 Mon.-Thurs.; (cell) 408-309-7796; e-mail: grimositis@sanjoseuu.org.

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Nuestra comunidad se esfuerza en ofrecer la compasión, el compañerismo curativo, y la alegría a todos sus miembros. Nuestros coordinadores en cuidado pastoral pueden ayudarle a encontrar un oído que escucha, o las manos que ayudan cuando ustedes lo pudieran necesitaren épocas difíciles. Para el cuidado pastoral en inglés, por favor, comuníquese con nuestro Coordinador Asociado Laico en Cuidado Pastoral, **la Rev. Donna Lenahan**: (casa) 408-354-9024; (celular) 408-204-6565; e-mail: djlenahan@aol.com. Para el cuidado pastoral en español, por favor comuníquese con nuestro Coordinador de los Ministerios en Español, **Roberto Padilla**: 408-292-3858 ext. 24; e-mail: paor69@yahoo.com.

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Women & Religion PCD Weekend Retreat

This year's Women & Religion Retreat will be held March 6-8, 2009 at Enchanted Hills (near Napa) and will feature workshops such as "Visualizing a World Religion Meaningful to Women (with the Rev. Shirley Ranck), "Introduction to Energy Medicine," "The Divine Feminine: Embracing Creative Energy to Heal our Planet," and "You, Too, Can Haiku," with our own Jean Embree.

Early Bird registration cost is \$230; registration after February 2 is \$250. Registration includes delicious meals, linens, programs, a "No-Talent Talent Show," mini-boutique, book swap, Yoga, Tai Chi, and a silent auction. You will love it!

To register, send a \$50 deposit to Women & Religion, c/o Jeanne Orjas, 1408 California St. #408, San Francisco, CA 94109. For information, email Jeanne at nejaros@sbcglobal.net.

To apply for a partial scholarship, contact Clair Trujillo, 3006 Bonnie Lane, Stockton, CA 95204; (209) 943-6428.

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Community Organizers Have Actual Responsibilities

Check out how PICO, the national community organizing network that PACT is a member of, is recruiting now-out-of-work Obama campaign organizers and responding to Gov. Sarah Palin's slap at community organizers. Apparently community organizers have a sense of humor because the web site is www.actualresponsibilities.org. ●

Resource for Senior Living

Dear Friends,
Sometimes service providers from our community ask for meetings with me in order to describe what they have to offer folks in our congregation. Right now, First Unitarian doesn't have a comprehensive list of such community services—and by the way, wouldn't it be wonderful if we did, so that we could offer referrals for all sorts of services? We would need a volunteer's help to compile such a list!

I had a good visit last week with Monica Farrier, Community Sales Director for the Atria Senior Living Group in Willow Glen. I thought it might be helpful to pass along this information. May it be useful!

Warmly,

Nancy

About the Atria Senior Living Group:

Atria Senior Living Group provides respectful, quality care for older people. Here in San José there are two Atria communities, both located in the Willow Glen area. Atria Chateau Gardens offers assisted living; Atria Willow Glen offers independent living, assisted living, and memory care on a larger campus. Our residents become part of a second family of neighbors and caring staff, and they enjoy delicious food and a wide range of activities every day. To learn more, contact Monica Farrier at 408/275-9040 or log onto www.atriaseniorliving.com ●



NO ON PROP. 8 RALLY — Rev. Nancy, dozens of church members, and others gathered on the corner of Minnesota and Lincoln Avenues on Sunday, November 1 to protest Proposition 8.

Are You Looking for Uuthful Spirits?

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

- 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. ●

