



Our Church Circular

October 15,
2008 / 15 de
Octubre 2008

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

19 de Octubre

— 9:30 am

Viviendo en Nuestra Torre de Babel I: La familia

Todos hemos vivido la brecha generacional en nuestras vidas y en nuestras familias. ¿Cómo podemos como individuos y como comunidad amorosa para construir un puente para disminuir la brecha generacional?

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

Living in Our Tower of Babel I: The family

We have all lived the generational breach in our lives and our families. How can we, as individuals and as a loving community, build a bridge to diminish the generational breach?

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

26 de Octubre

— 9:30 a.m.

Sera anunciado

To be announced

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

October 19 — 11:00 am

To Mentor and be Mentored

Who are the mentors that have made a difference in your life? Who has inspired you to use your gifts and claim your power? And who have you taken under your wing to share your wisdom and experience? We know that we can't be successful in this life without the help and guidance of trusted friends and confidantes. We all need someone to believe in us and be with us as we come into the full blossoming of our spirit. This Sunday we will be joined by youth from six different Unitarian Universalist congregations who are participating in the first retreat of this year's Coming of Age Program. We will also hear from City Year Silicon Valley, the Americorp program where youth give a year of service to the community.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis.

De Guía y Ser Guiado

¿Quiénes son los mentores que han hecho la diferencia en su vida? ¿Quién le ha inspirado a que utilice sus dones y reclame su energía? ¿Y quién le ha tomado bajo su sombra para compartir su sabiduría y experiencia? Sabemos que no podemos ser exitosos en esta vida sin la ayuda y la dirección de amigos y confidentes. Todos necesitamos de alguien que crea en nosotros y este con nosotros cuando florezca

totalmente nuestro espíritu. Este domingo nos reuniremos con jóvenes de seis congregaciones Unitarias Universalistas diferentes quienes participaran en el primer retiro de la mayoría de edad de este año. También oiremos acerca de City Year Silicon Valley, el programa de Americorp en donde los jóvenes dan año de servicio a la comunidad.

Dirige: el Rev. Geoff Rimositis. ●

October 26 — 11:00 a.m.

Voting Our Values: Democracy, Unitarian Universalism, and the Fall Elections

The big November 4 elections are at last upon us! How do your votes on the issues and the candidates reflect your Unitarian Universalist values? Let's make the connections between faith and politics, and challenge ourselves to go deeper. Please join us after worship for a special Election Forum, offering presentations and discussions on some of the toughest propositions.

Worship Leader: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Worship Associates:** Mary Martin and Bob Owen

Votando por Nuestros Valores: Democracia, Unitario Universalismo y las Elecciones de Otoño.

¿La gran elección del 4 de noviembre está sobre nosotros! ¿Cómo sus votos en los temas y en los candidatos reflejan sus valores Unitarios Universalistas? Hagamos las conexiones entre la fe y la política y desafiémonos a nosotros mismos a ir más profundamente. Por favor, unámonos después del servicio para un foro especial para la elección, se ofrece una presentación y una discusión sobre algunas de las más difíciles proposiciones.

Dirige: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Asociados de Culto:** Mary Martin y Bob Owen

SAVE THE DATES

October 17-19, 12th Annual PCD Men's Retreat, Westminster Center, Alamo

October 19, Sunday, Church Tour, meet 15 minutes after the end of 11:00 a.m. service at the Newcomer's Table.

October 20, Sunday, Election Forum in Hattie Porter Hall after 11:00 am service

November 1, Saturday, 5:00 pm, Exhibition of the Altars, Hattie Porter Hall

November 8, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m., Service Is Our Prayer Day. A light lunch will be provided.

November 23, Sunday Coming Of Age Empty Bowls Luncheon To Benefit Second Harvest Food Bank, after the 11 A.M. Service

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



As we build the beloved community...

By the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

A Reflection on Gratitude and Recognition

Often I pause to marvel at this “voluntary association” that is the First Unitarian Church of San José. Take our Fall Church Retreat, for example: Diana Wirt and Kelly Burnett voluntarily organized a beautiful gathering for us up in the Santa Cruz mountains, with congregants from the Mission Peak and Los Gatos congregations further enriching our time together. Folks volunteered their time and talent to offer a delicious smorgasbord of workshops and activities. It was glorious. And I hear it was wonderful to be in San José that weekend, too, with a beautiful worship service led by Rev. Geoff and a host of volunteer worship associates, with special music volunteered by Frank Farris and Patrick Smiley bringing people onto the labyrinth to walk the “path.”

Honestly, it takes my breath away to recognize who we are and what we accomplish all because you choose to belong, you choose to contribute to this association out of your own free will and generosity, out of your belief in our mission. Think about it: First Unitarian exists—and has existed for 143 years—in downtown San José as a beacon of liberal religion, of social justice, and of personal transformation because you and our

Unitarian ancestors have voluntarily given of your hearts, minds, bodies, and spirits to this spiritual collective. Wow! I personally owe every one of you and of those ancestors a heartfelt, handwritten thank-you note!

In truth, we are still learning how to thank each other. We are getting better; thanks to creative, thoughtful folks like Genie Bernardini, we have added annual rituals of recognition that lift up our volunteers. But we can never really thank each other enough, because at the root, we are run—and the professional staff is paid—by your voluntary contributions of time, talent, and treasure. (Can I just say it again? Wow!)

So, what about recognition for these gifts? Is public recognition itself a “good” or a “bad” thing? Should we not even try to recognize your generosity, just because we won’t be able to honor every single act of giving, and because surely we’ll miss some folks, which can be painful and embarrassing? To that I say, Let’s not give up; let’s simply become more and more mindful and creative in our recognitions!

Does public recognition take away one iota from the generosity of the gift or throw

into question the motivation for giving? I say, Not at all. Recognition keeps us honest; it says, “We wouldn’t be here without you!” Recognition is a crucial part of the spiritual practice of gratitude, expanding our hearts and minds, deepening our sense of connection. It can inspire and strengthen us in our own giving, too, making us more generous people. Hallelujah for you who are willing to receive public recognition!

On the other hand, some folks like to give quietly, behind the scenes; they don’t want their names to be called out or scribed on a plaque. Hallelujah for you, too, because when we don’t know exactly who our beneficiary is, we are called to be grateful to everyone! Anyone might be our anonymous beneficiary, so everyone shines with an extra light because of your quiet giving.

Want to know the truth? I am happier right this minute because I’ve spent this time focusing intentionally on your infinite acts of generosity. May you find joy in this practice of gratitude and recognition, too!

With my love,

Nancy ●

TIME TO RENEW ESCRIP

Your eScrip registration needs to be renewed each year by Oct 31. This is very easy. Go to www.escrip.com, click on Renew, and enter the phone number or e-mail address you signed up with. That’s it!

If you do it, your Safeway, Macy’s, and other purchases will continue to help the church. If you haven’t signed up yet, please consider doing it. Registering your Safeway card and / or credit, debit or retail card with eScrip triggers a donation of one to three percent of your purchases to the charity you designate. If you would like to learn more and register your card, please go to www.escrip.com — it’s easy to register!



Jennifer DeBusk was ordained as a UU minister in a special service on September 14. More photos available online.





Mientras construimos nuestra querida comunidad... Para la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Una Reflexión en Gratitud y Reconocimiento

A menudo me detengo para maravillarme en esta “asociación voluntaria” que es La Primera Iglesia de Unitaria de San José. Aprovechando nuestro retiro de la iglesia de otoño, por ejemplo: Diana Wirt y Kelly Burnett voluntariamente organizaron una hermosa reunión para nosotros en las montañas de Santa Cruz, con los congregantes de las congregaciones de Mission Peak y de Los Gatos, congregaciones que enriquecieron nuestro tiempo juntos. La gente ofreció voluntariamente su tiempo y su talento ofreciendo un delicioso buffet de talleres y actividades. Fue maravilloso. Y oigo que fue maravilloso estar en San José ese fin de semana también, con un hermoso servicio conducido por el Rev. Geoff y un miembro voluntario de los asociados de culto, con música especial ofrecida voluntariamente por el Frank Farris y Patrick Smiley que trajeron a la gente al laberinto para caminar la “trayectoria.”

Honestamente, esto me dejó sin respiración para reconocer quiénes somos y lo que hemos logrado todos porque usted elige pertenecer, usted elige contribuir a esta asociación por su propia voluntad y generosidad, independientemente de su creencia en nuestra misión. Piense en esto: La Primera Iglesia Unitaria existe-y ha existido por 143 años-en San céntrico José como faro de la religión liberal, de la justicia social y de transformación personal porque usted y nuestros antepasados de Unitarios han dado voluntariamente sus corazones, mentes, cuerpos y espíritus a este colectivo espiritual. ¡Wow! ¡Debo personalmente a cada de ustedes y de esos antepasados una sincera nota manuscrita de agradecimiento!

En verdad, todavía estamos aprendiendo cómo agradecerlos los unos a los otros. Lo estamos haciendo mejor; Gracias a la gente creativa y pensante como Genie Bernardini, nosotros hemos agregado los rituales anuales de reconocimiento que elevan a nuestros

voluntarios. Pero nunca podemos realmente agradecerles bastante, porque en la raíz, estamos funcionando-y al personal calificado se le paga—por sus contribuciones voluntarias de tiempo, de talento y tesoro. ¿(Puedo solo decir otra vez? wow!)

Así pues, ¿que acerca del reconocimiento para estos regalos? ¿Es el reconocimiento público en sí mismo una cosa “buena” o “mala”? ¿No deberíamos nosotros incluso intentar reconocer su generosidad, solo porque no podremos honrar cada acto de dar y porque seguramente olvidaremos a alguna persona, lo cual puede ser doloroso y vergonzoso? A eso yo digo, no nos permitan ceder; ¡simplemente seamos cada vez más atentos y creativos en nuestros reconocimientos!

¿El reconocimiento público quita una pizca de generosidad del regalo o cave la pregunta de la motivación para dar? Yo digo, No en absoluto. El reconocimiento nos mantiene honestos; dice, “no estaríamos aquí sin usted!” El reconocimiento es una parte crucial de la práctica espiritual de la gratitud, ampliando nuestros corazones y mentes, profundizando nuestro sentido de conexión. Esto

puede inspirarnos y fortalecernos en nuestro propio dar, también, haciéndonos a una gente más generosa. ¡Aleluya para usted que está dispuesto a recibir el reconocimiento público!

Por otro lado, alguna gente le gusta dar discretamente, tras bambalinas; ellos no quieren que sus nombres sean nombrados o escritos en una placa. ¡Aleluya para usted también, porque cuando no sabemos exactamente quién es nuestro beneficiario, nosotros estamos obligados a ser agradecidos con todos! Cualquier persona pudo ser nuestro beneficiario anónimo, así que cada uno brilla con una luz adicional debido a su reservada donación.

¿Quiere saber la verdad? Yo estoy más feliz en este minuto porque he pasado este tiempo concentrándome intencionalmente en sus infinitos actos de generosidad. ¡Puedan ustedes encontrar alegría en esta práctica de gratitud y de reconocimiento, también!

Con mi amor,

Nancy ●

Church Tour Sunday, October 19

On Sunday, October 19, newcomers and old timers are welcome to join us for a tour of our church. A tour of the building, a discussion about church programs and a short talk about the history of Unitarian Universalism and our own congregation will be included. The tour will take approximately 50 minutes, with a short question and answer period to follow. Please meet Lisa Hettler-Smith at the Newcomer's Table 15 minutes after the end of the service. ●

Service is our prayer

Our church affirmation says “Service is our prayer”. Come join us in practicing our faith by providing much needed service to what is dear to us all—the building. Organized by the building committee, Service is our prayer day is held once a quarter to maintain and improve our building. Typical tasks include periodic cleaning, various small fix-it projects, painting, pruning and landscaping. All skill levels including no skills are welcome. Children are also welcome. The next Service is our prayer day is November 8th. We begin at 9 with a brief invocation and end around 2pm. A light lunch will be provided. ●



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. Each week our paid staff, Stacey Vinyard and Stephanie Andaya Vallejo, provide a loving presence as they engage children in games, stories, and crafts with seasonal and holiday themes throughout the year.

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

Special times

October 19

A Time for Forgiveness

Theme: To learn that we should say, "I'm sorry" and try to make amends for our wrongs.

October 26

A Time for Harvest-Sukkot

Theme: To gain a grater awareness of the seasons of nature and the time of harvest.

November 2

Day of the Dead Intergenerational Service
- No class

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

A stepping stone year

October 19

Two Stories from the Hebrews

Theme: To help the children appreciate how the Hebrew People wondered and how stories evolved as answers to their questions.

October 26

A Story from the Mayan Indians of the Yucatan

Theme: To help children appreciate the diversity of human experience and thought

November 2

Day of the Dead Intergenerational Service
- No class

A FOND FAREWELL

After 8 years working in our nursery Stacey Vinyard has resigned to devote herself full time to her law school studies in Berkeley. We will miss her terribly as she has been a steady and loving presence with our youngest members. Please welcome Jessica Nunez who will be assuming Stacey's position immediately. ●

6TH-8TH GRADES, CONFERENCE ROOM

Building Assets Together

October 19

No class - Youth stay in Coming of Age service

October 26

Theme to be announced

November 2

Day of the Dead Intergenerational Service
- No class

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.

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

Coming of age

October 17-19, PCD Threshold Retreat, First Unitarian Church of San José

October 26

Youth-Mentor Meeting, 12:45-2 p.m.
- Planning our "empty bowls luncheon" for Sunday, Nov. 23

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>

Religious Education Assistant Needed

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 ●



Church Retreat: *A View from the Woods*

We're just back from the church retreat at Monte Toyon, and wanting to share some pleasant memories. What a nice time we had this year, even with a little rain! **Diana Wirt, Kelly Burnett,** and **Carol Low**, plus all the group and activity leaders, organized many thought-provoking and fun activities, and deserve many accolades (pause for applause!). A fascinating part this year was the invitation to the Mission Peak (Fremont) and Los Gatos fellowships to join us. Several people did come from both churches, and greatly enriched the discussions. A recurring and appropriate theme was "Make new friends but keep the old; one is silver, the other is gold." Here are a few reminiscences:

Gertrud Cory: For some time I had hoped to get to know the FUCSJ members on a more personal level, but did not seem to get very far during Sunday morning coffee hour or manning the Newcomer's Table after church services. So the opportunity to join in the Fall 2008 Retreat came just at the right time for me. Am I happy I attended? Was I pleased with getting to meet San Jose UUs up close and personal? Was it a relaxed, fun, as well as thought-provoking weekend? Yes, Yes and Yes again to all three questions. I signed up for a retreat where I could make closer connections with my San Jose UUs and I left with so much more: a feeling of unconditional love and reaching out to this newcomer in your fellowship. Thank you. With love.

Bob Howd: I go to the retreats for thoughtful discussions, for the singing in the evenings, to play board or card games with real people instead of the computer, and for quiet walks in the woods — this year I got them all. The weekend was one of the most relaxing times I've had in months. It was at least my tenth church retreat, but one of the most enjoyable.

Cecilia Deck: For me, the retreat was a relaxing and inspiring escape from day-to-day life. I spent all day Saturday making crafts in a kind of co-ed modern-day quilting

bee. I went with my son Martin, 11, who is old enough not to require constant supervision. He joined with the four other children in attendance in the 10-12 age range as they played beach volleyball in the rain and

many hands of Uno in the dining hall while drinking gallons of hot chocolate. Our verdict after Sunday service and one last hike: We left feeling renewed. ●



Welcome New Member *Ed Gardner*

Ed grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan and lived in New Haven, Connecticut and Ann Arbor, Michigan before moving to the Bay Area in 1995. He and his wife, Natalie, are raising their two children: Allie (14) and Russell (12) in the Berryessa neighborhood of San Jose. As an



engineer, Ed develops medical devices and currently endures the commute to a startup company in Menlo Park. If the need for employment ended tomorrow, Ed would spend more time backpacking and playing his guitars as well as volunteering for the FUCSJ. ●





Sisterhood of the Traveling Wedding Bells

by Vicky Merryman

I have four grandchildren, two boys and two girls, and three of them were married this summer!

First, my granddaughter Vanessa Molina and Raul Peralez were married May 16 in Oaxaca, Mexico, at Templo de Santo Domingo. Father Thomas from St. Joseph's Cathedral in San José conducted the ceremony in both English and Spanish. Some 30 family and friends of Vanessa's father, Juan Molina, came on a chartered bus from Papante, Vera Cruz. Relatives also traveled there from Mexico City, the Bay Area, and Reno. When the happy couple left the church, they were greeted by a band and 10-foot tall dancing figures of a bride and groom. Everyone lit a candle in a paper lantern and marched two blocks to the reception at the El Camino Real Hotel. They honeymooned in Italy and will live in San José.

Second, my grandson Antonio Molina and Jessica Yamamoto were married August 17 in the courtyard at the Westin Hotel in Palo Alto. The Rev. Geoff Rimositis of our church performed the ceremony. Geoff has known the Molina children since they were in grade school. Many of Jessica's family are Buddhists, and a Buddha was on the right of the bridal bower. He read the vows of Buddhism in which they say "we do," rather than "I do." The reception was on the second floor of the hotel. Both Jessica and Antonio grew up in this area, so many long-time friends were there, as well as the Price-Porter family and the Yamamoto family. They honeymooned in Mexico and will live in Cupertino.

Third, my granddaughter Alexis Treacher and Mark Croce were married on September 20 at the Falkirk Rose Garden in San Rafael, CA by the Honorable Mark Simons, a family friend. He mentioned that Alexis's parents had had their reception there 22 years earlier. Mark's parents and sister Helen, from Virginia, attended, as did the Price-Porter family. About 30 members of the large Dion family

from Canada, of which Alexis's fraternal grandmother was a member, were there. After the wedding, the couple drove back to Los Alamos, NM, where Mark works at Los Alamos National Laboratory. They will make a permanent settlement when Mark has finished his graduate work there.

Damion Molina, my great-grandson, who was in the two previous weddings, complained before the third wedding about those uncomfortable formal shoes, so his mother said the ushers could choose their own shoes. So Riley Matson, (10) and Damion Molina (11) ushered in their tuxedos and black tennies. ●

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:

**A CURE FOR RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME!
A REVELATION ABOUT REV NANCY!
WHOSE HEAD IS STILL IN THE CLOUDS?
WHO IS GLOATING ABOUT A RECENT TRIP?
WHAT WELL-KNOWN ELDER STATESMAN RECENTLY PASSED A MILESTONE?**

See?? This is going to be fun!

Bill Thiemann

is 50!!! The beach party celebration lasted way past the birthday... **Marilyn Carstens** says 3 stalks of celery every night flat out cures restless leg syndrome... **Rev Nancy** is meeting two men every Friday! Does **Kevin** know? Shall I reveal it's two men she and Kevin met once while golfing and now they have a standing date!... **Jo Balzer-Carr** just cannot resist telling me (jealous) about every single detail of her (and **Steve's**) recent three week trip to Greece Humph. This might have to end our watching "Project Runway" together... **Dena Dickinson** is still in contact and fondly remembering with the great friends who climbed Kilimanjaro... **Jean Embree** is teaching jammed classes and enjoying successful grandchildren (one of whom is the actress Kate Walsh, as you must know)... **Frank Farris** will be accompanying the choir, and wants everyone to know he has better rhythm than Dan... Same **Dan Zulevic** is



singing bass in **Diane Saichek's Music Man** — Stay tuned... Who bites small children and picks fights with vicious dogs? Why **Janet De Bartolo's** dog Ziggy, who is being sent to reform school... **Mary Mary Feldman's** mom just celebrated her 80th B-Day with a party at the San Mateo UU church, where they sang a song with custom lyrics by **Genie Bernardini**. Her daughter Maggie is playing water polo!... Did you see **Nancy Coleman's** son? He's Six Four!... **Christy Baker** has been willing to give her life for No on 8, recently surviving a 6-car pile up on I-80 with only being banged up. She thanks all of you for your prayers and good thoughts. Can there be any of us who doesn't know to vote No on 8?... Our Queen of the Clotheshorses **Vikki Merryman** joined the Sisterhood of the Traveling Wedding Bells last summer, attending the weddings of three of the four grandchildren she raised. Look for a full account above... ALSO!! EXPLOSIVE PICTURES OF THE RETREAT! Page 5!

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



SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

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November 2 — 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

El Día de los Muertos / The Day of the Dead

Our annual High Holy Day, the Day of the Dead, offers us the chance to celebrate the lives of our ancestors and of all those we love who have died recently. Join us for a day of rejoicing and remembering, of honoring the gifts we have received from those who have come before us—a day of dissolving the distance that death seems to create between the living and the dead. This is a day of “choosing life” for one and all! Please bring photos and mementos with which we will decorate the altar in a special ritual during the worship service. Then stay to revel in the community altars filling Hattie Porter Hall—better yet, join us on Saturday, November 1, for the exhibit, party, and performance!

9:30 a.m. — **Worship Leader:** Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Worship Associates:** Members of our Spanish-Speaking Ministries

11:00 a.m. — **Intergenerational Worship for All Ages!** **Worship Leader:** Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Worship Associates:** Alice Lynch and Liz Shivell

2 de Noviembre — 9:30 y 11:00 a.m.

El Día de los Muertos / The Day of the Dead

Nuestro anual día santo, el día de los muertos, nos ofrece la ocasión de celebrar las vidas de nuestros antepasados y de todos aquellos quiénes amamos y han muerto recientemente. Unámonos para un día de júbilo y de remembranza, de honrar los regalos que hemos recibido de aquellos que han venido antes que nosotros—Un día que disuelve la distancia que la muerte parece crear entre los vivos y los muertos. ¡Éste es un día de “elegir la vida” para uno y para todos! Por favor traiga las fotos y los recuerdos con los cuales adornaremos el altar en un ritual especial durante el servicio. ¡Después permanezca para deleitarse con los altares de la comunidad que se encuentran en el Hattie Porter Hall—mejor todavía, unámonos el sábado 1 de noviembre, para la exhibición, la fiesta y la representación!

9:30 a.m. — **Dirige:** Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Asociados de Culto:** Miembros de los Ministerios en Español

11:00 a.m. — **Servicio Intergeneracional para todas las Edades!** **Dirige:** Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Asociados de Culto:** Alice Lynch y Liz Shivell



Spotlight on Social Justice

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



Proposition and Measure Conversation October 26

Just in time! On Sunday, October 26, the Sanctuary will be full of lively discussion and information about the 2008 California Propositions and county Measures from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have expertise on a Prop or Measure and would like to present on it, please contact John at mus6@aceweb.com and we can put that important issue in the program.

(So far, speakers for 2, for A and against 4 are scheduled) Everyone present can be recognized to speak for or against a Prop or Measure. Time will be left at the end to discuss the Props and Measures not covered in the program. Bring your election booklets and let's get informed!

Day of the Dead 2008: in the Spirit of Human Rights

Together with Third Street Community Center, FUCSJ proudly presents “Día de los Muertos: In the Spirit of Human Rights.” For the second year, Hattie Porter Hall will

be transformed by altars that depict social justice issues, this year honoring the UN Declaration of Human Rights. Built by local agencies working to ensure these rights, this year's collection of altars will depict how one person can make a difference and how we, as a society, can be a part of this change. Join us Saturday, November 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to view these incredible altars, sample Mexican bread & hot chocolate, view a short documentary on Day of the Dead as celebrated in Janitzio, Mexico, and participate in a Calaveras show. Children's activities will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The event is free. For more information contact Carol at (408) 292-3858x27 or socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org.

Help build an altar!

FUCSJ will sponsor an altar honoring Article 13, the right to marry, and Article 7, the right against discrimination, for a tribute to the “No on 8” and rights for the GBLT community. To be a part of this, contact Carol at phone and email above. ●



DAY OF THE DEAD PERFORMANCES

Olga Loya's show always starts with the history of the Day of the Dead and ends with a family story called the Altar, about discovering the power of ceremony, grieving, and joy. The middle of the show is a combination of trickster, love, and ghost stories, showing the sad, scary, funny, and ridiculous side of life and death. She will appear at San José Library branches, DeAnza College, and Evergreen College between October 21 and November 5.





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