

Our Church Circular



September 3,
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SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

7 de Septiembre — 9:30 y 11:00 am

Domingo de Regreso al Hogar: Todos Podemos Imaginar

En este domingo del regreso al hogar, celebraremos la imaginación, mientras reunimos las aguas de nuestros viajes internos y externos en nuestro ritual de cada año del regreso al hogar y uniremos nuestros corazones, mentes y espíritus para la vida que compartiremos en los meses que vienen. Por favor, traigan un poco de agua para representar su viaje de verano para nuestro ritual y, “entren, regocíjese y vengan” con un corazón y una mente abierta para crear un servicio junto.

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Asociados/as de Culto: (9:30 am) Miembros de SSM.

14 de Septiembre — 9:30 am

El Lenguaje del Corazon

¿Cómo contamos las historias de nuestras vidas? ¿Hay un lenguaje del corazón que nos habla a lo largo de todos nuestros días? ¿La Rev. Nancy nos trae nuevamente la primera idea que ella trajo a la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José para ver cómo resuena en nosotros aquí y ahora!

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

The Language of the Heart

How do we tell the stories of our lives? Is there a language of the heart that speaks to us through all our days? Rev. Nancy revisits the very first idea she brought to the First Unitarian Church of San José to see how it resonates with us here and now!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones;
Worship Associates: Members of SSM.

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

September 7 — 9:30 & 11:00 am

Homecoming Sunday! All We Can Imagine

On this Homecoming Sunday, we will celebrate the imagination, as we “gather the waters” of our inner and outer journeys in our annual homecoming ritual and regather our hearts, minds, and spirits for the life we will share in the coming months. Please bring a small amount of water to represent your summer journeys for our ritual, and “enter, rejoice, and come in” with an open heart and mind as we create worship together!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Worship Associates (11:00 am): the Rev. Geoff Rimositis and Kelly Burnett.

September 14 — 11:00 am

Unitarian Universalism for a Time Such as This

As we begin this year's Religious Growth and Learning Program, what does it mean to live out the statement in our affirmation that calls us to covenant together “so all souls may grow into harmony with the divine”? What are we growing to become? Is harmony possible in our dissonant world? What face of the divine or ultimate truth are we turning towards?

Worship Leader: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis; Worship Associate: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones.

El Unitario Universalismo para una época tal como esta

¿Cómo comenzamos el Programa Religioso de Crecimiento y Aprendizaje de este año qué significa vivir en la declaración de nuestra afirmación que nos llama para convenir juntos “con el fin de que todas las almas puedan crecer en armonía con lo divino”? ¿Cómo llegamos a crecer? ¿Es la armonía posible en nuestro mundo disonante? ¿Hacia qué cara de la verdad divina o última estamos regresando?

Dirige: el Rev. Geoff Rimositis; Asociada de Culto: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones.

SAVE THE DATES

September 6, Saturday, “Service Is Our Prayer” Clean-up Day at our church, 9am-3pm

September 7, Homecoming Sunday, both services; 12:20 pm, UU Band of Writers, Youth Room; 2:00 pm “No on Prop 8” Training, Sanctuary

September 11, Thursday, “No on Prop 8” phone bank training, 6:30-9:30 pm, downstairs classrooms

September 14, Sunday, 4:00 pm, Ordination of Jennifer DeBusk, Sanctuary

September 19-21, 5:00 pm Friday to 4:00 pm Sunday, Psalms for the Journey, Women's Contemplative Retreat, Mercy Center in Burlingame, CA

October 3 - 5, 2008 All-Church Retreat, Monte Toyon Conference Center

October 10, Thursday, “Share the Magic” Third Street Community Center Fundraiser, 6:00 pm, Tech Museum

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

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



As We Build the Beloved Community...

by the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Welcome Home!

Welcome home, dear friends! Whether you have been “away” in body or in spirit this summer, or whether you have been in worship every Sunday and on the job every week, we here at the First Unitarian Church of San José welcome you to a new beginning! We’ll launch our new church year with Homecoming Sunday on September 7, with worship at 9:30 and 11:00 am. As we celebrate the imagination and the joy of community, we will “gather the waters” of our inner and outer journeys in our annual homecoming ritual and regather our hearts, minds, and spirits for the life we will share in the coming months. Do join us—and bring a friend!

My own mind, heart, and spirit are filled with hopes and plans for the year ahead. In our next newsletter, Rev. Geoff and I will share our goals for the year with you. But I can sum up our hopes and plans with the slogan Unitarian Universalists nationwide use to describe our communities: We will “nurture our spirits, and help to heal the world.”

What does this mean? It means that here folks of all ages and backgrounds have a chance to learn and to grow, to make and to deepen friendships, and to discover what we hold in common even as we marvel at our differences. Here we turn inward to comfort and hold each other, to learn to love ourselves and each other, and we turn outward to express our love for the world and all its creatures by taking a stand for justice and deep respect.

Our “daily life” is the text that we study: our children and youth are returning to school; we may be wrestling with big life decisions; friends and family may need our care. We worry about money, or we are giddy with love. We are grieving, or we are recovering from surgery or illness, or we are focused on “being the change we want to see.” Or maybe we are experiencing all of the above at once! Here we have the time and space to reflect on these life experiences; here we realize that we are never alone.

And the wider world is the page on which we write our faith: this November’s election and its ballot issues will have a profound impact on all our lives, whether we are eligible to vote or not. Here we support each other as we find ways—individually and collectively—to stand up for what we hold most dear, honoring our differences and reveling in our common causes. We will bring some of these opportunities right into our sanctuary: join us on Homecoming Sunday at 2:00 pm for an interfaith training session on how to defeat Proposition 8, the proposed

state constitutional amendment that would eliminate equal-marriage rights for same-sex couples. Defeating this proposition will mark a victory for love and fairness, and that kind of victory enriches all our lives. Let’s make sure it happens!

“Nurturing our spirits, helping to heal the world”—or, as we say in this congregation: Sí, se puede—yes, we can!

Welcome home, dear friends, welcome home! Warmly,

Nancy ●

Interfaith Congregational Training for No on Proposition 8

Sunday, September 7, 2:00 to 4:30 pm in the First Unitarian Church of San José Sanctuary

Led by UULM-AN Christy Baker and California Faith for Equality’s Kerry Chaplain, this training will offer us and our neighboring faiths a raft of skills and clear direction on how we can help defeat the state constitutional amendment that would eliminate equal marriage rights for same-sex couples in California. Defeating this proposition will mark a victory for love and fairness, and that kind of victory enriches all our lives. From small one-time gestures to a sustained focus on getting out the “No” vote, we can each contribute in ways that feel right for us.

Come show our hospitality to our interfaith partners in this effort, and be inspired to take a stand. It’s a great way to live our faith out loud! ●

Entrenamiento Congregacional Inter-fe para Votar No por la Proposición 8

Domingo, 7 de Septiembre, de 2:00 a 4:30 pm en el Santuario de la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José

Conducido por Christy Baker, UULM-AN, y Kerry Chaplain, California Faith for Equality, este entrenamiento nos ofrecerá a nosotros y nuestras fes vecinas una balsa de habilidades y dirección clara de cómo podemos ayudar a derrotar la enmienda constitucional del estado, que eliminaría los derechos del matrimonio para las parejas del mismo sexo en California. Derrotar este asunto marcaría una victoria para el amor y la imparcialidad y esa clase de victoria enriquece todas nuestras vidas. Desde una postura de una sola vez a un enfoque sostenido en el “No” vote, podemos cada uno contribuir en maneras que sentimos los derechos de nosotros.

Ven a mostrar nuestra hospitalidad a nuestros socios inter fe en este esfuerzo, y ser inspirados a tomar una posición. ¡Esta es una gran manera de vivir nuestra fe ruidosamente! ●





Mientras Construimos Nuestra Querida Comunidad... por la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Bienvenidos a Casa!

Bienvenidos a casa queridos amigos! ¿Si usted ha estado “ausente” en cuerpo o en espíritu este verano, o si usted ha estado en los servicios cada domingo y en el trabajo cada semana, nosotros aquí en la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José le damos la bienvenida a un nuevo principio! Iniciaremos nuestro nuevo año eclesialístico con el Regreso al Hogar el domingo el 7 de septiembre, en los servicios de las 9:30 y 11:00am. Mientras celebramos la imaginación y la alegría de la comunidad, nosotros “reuniremos las aguas” de nuestros viajes internos y externos en nuestro ritual de cada año “Regreso al Hogar” y uniremos nuestros corazones, mentes y espíritus para la vida que compartiremos en los meses que vienen. ¡Unámonos y traigamos un amigo!

Mi propia mente, corazón y espíritu están llenos de esperanzas y de planes por el año que inicia. En nuestro boletín de noticias siguiente, el Rev. Geoff y yo compartiremos nuestras metas para el año con ustedes. Pero puedo resumir nuestras esperanzas y planes con el lema que se usan los Unitarios Universalistas a nivel nacional que describe a nuestras comunidades: Nosotros “cultivaremos nuestros espíritus y ayudamos a curar al mundo.”

¿Qué significa esto? Significa que aquí la gente de todas las edades y orígenes tiene una oportunidad de aprender y de crecer, de hacer y de profundizar amistades, para descubrir lo que mantenemos en común, así como nos maravillamos de nuestras diferencias. Aquí volteamos hacia el interior de la comodidad y nos sostenemos los unos a los otros, para aprender a amarnos a nosotros mismos y a los demás, y volteamos hacia afuera para expresar nuestro amor por el mundo y todas sus criaturas tomando una postura para la justicia y el respecto profundo.

Nuestra “vida de cada día” es el texto que estudiamos: Nuestros niños y jóvenes están regresando a la escuela; podemos luchar con

las grandes decisiones de la vida; los amigos y la familia pueden necesitar nuestro cuidado. Nos preocupamos por el dinero, o estamos aturdidos con amor. Nos estamos afligiendo, o nos estamos recuperando de una cirugía o de una enfermedad, o nos centramos en “ser el cambio que deseamos ver.” ¡O quizás estamos experimentando todo lo antes dicho al mismo tiempo! Aquí tenemos el tiempo y el espacio de reflexionar en estas experiencias de la vida; aquí nos damos cuenta de que nunca estamos solos.

Y el ancho mundo es la página en la cual escribimos nuestra fe: La elección de este noviembre y los temas de la balota tendrán un profundo impacto en todas nuestras vidas, ya sea si somos elegibles de votar o no. Aquí nos apoyamos mientras que encontramos las maneras—individual y colectivamente—para mantener lo más querido, honrando nuestras diferencias y deleitándonos en nuestras causas

comunes. Nosotros traeremos algunas de estas oportunidades a nuestro santuario: Unámonos en el domingo del regreso al hogar a las 2 de la tarde para una sesión de entrenamiento de inter fe sobre cómo derrotar la proposición 8, la enmienda constitucional propuesta del estado que eliminaría los derechos de la igualdad de unión para las parejas del mismo sexo. Derrotar este asunto marcará una victoria para el amor y la imparcialidad, y esa clase de victoria enriquece todas nuestras vidas. ¡Asegurémonos de que eso pase!

“Cultivando nuestros espíritus, ayudando a curar el mundo”—o, como decimos en esta congregación: ¡Sí, puede—si, nosotros podemos!

¡Bienvenidos al hogar, queridos amigos, bienvenidos al hogar! Calurosamente,

Nancy ●

Stay Tuned: Spanish-Speaking Ministries Grant Application in the Works!

Social Justice Coordinator Carol Stephenson and Rev. Nancy, along with our congregational leaders, are working on a grant application that just might transform our Spanish-Speaking Ministries from a single-congregation project to a model program from which our whole Unitarian Universalist denomination can benefit. We hope to find additional resources and partners for this groundbreaking ministry, making it more realistic for us here at FUCSJ to sustain it and helping our denomination to respond faithfully to our increasingly diverse country. Stay tuned for more information about the opportunities this grant may open up for a richer and healthier community for all. Sí, se puede—yes, we can! ●

Manténganse en sintonía: ¡Trabajando en la Beca para los Ministerios en Español!

Carol Stephenson, Coordinadora de Justicia Social y la Rev. Nancy junto con nuestros líderes congregacionales estamos trabajando en la aplicación que puede transformar a nuestros ministerios de habla hispana de un proyecto de una única congregación a un programa modelo de el cual el resto de nuestra denominación Unitaria Universalista puede beneficiarse. Esperamos encontrar recursos adicionales y socios para este ministerio innovador, haciéndolo más realista para nosotros aquí en FUCSJ, para sostenerlo y ayudar a nuestra denominación para responder fielmente a nuestro país cada vez más diverso. Manténganse en sintonía para más información sobre las oportunidades que esta beca pueden abrirse para una comunidad más rica y más sana para todos. ¡Sí, puede—si, nosotros podemos! ●



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-SECOND GRADES, CHURCH'S LOWER LEVEL, ROOMS 2-3

Part I - Curriculum: Special Times

Acquaints children with the Jewish and Christian heritages and engages them in celebrating Jewish and Christian holidays and other "special times" such as the Shabbat/Sabbath, Thanksgiving, and everybody's birthday.

Goals for Participants

- To appreciate our Jewish and Christian heritages
- To understand and appreciate the special qualities of worship and celebration
- To honor diversity and universality in religious traditions
- To grow in Unitarian Universalist community and religious meaning-making

Part II - Curriculum: Rainbow Children

This is an anti-bias, pro-diversity curriculum that addresses racial and ethnic prejudice while affirming the inherent worth and beauty of every child, the family, the community, and the diversity of humankind. Beginning with the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child, it celebrates the differences and commonalities of all people.

Goals for Participants

- To see themselves and others as members of one "rainbow race" with the same human rights and needs
- To understand the concepts of prejudice, racism, and racial justice
- To recognize that racial prejudice exists and is wrong
- To know that society is multiracial and multicultural
- To develop positive attitudes toward people of racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds different from their own

- To affirm a diversity of families
- To feel good about themselves and others as loving, creative, and competent people

THIRD-FIFTH GRADES; CHURCH'S LOWER LEVEL, ROOMS 4-6

Curriculum: Stepping Stone Year

This curriculum is based on the premise that religion helps people find answers to important life questions and that a religious community can help people in their search for answers.

Goals for Participants

- To form ideas about how the world began after examining various myths and theories
- To stimulate thinking and decision-making through discovery of the questions, story, lore, and vision of Unitarian Universalists past and present
- To take beginning steps in formulating their religious concepts and identities
- To become part of a religious community to make friends, to learn, and to have fun

SIXTH-EIGHTH GRADES; CHURCH'S LOWER LEVEL, CONFERENCE ROOM

Curriculum: Building Assets Together

The purpose of this curriculum is to address "developmental assets" that are important to helping young people grow up healthy, principled, and caring. This curriculum provides hands-on activities to introduce youth to internal and external assets. Assets are grouped into eight categories: Support, Empowerment, Boundaries and Expectations, Constructive Use of Time, Commitment to Learning, Positive Values, Social Competen-

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



Children and Youth Classes Begin on September 14

Children and youth in Kindergarten through high school begin this year's Religious Growth and Learning Program on Sunday, September 14 by joining the community for the first part of worship at 11:00 am and then going to their prospective classes until 12:30. There is no separate youth program for September 7.

Come and catch up with old friends and make new ones as we recreate our Unitarian Universalist community with fun, learning, and service.

cies and Positive Identity. The class purpose is to help them discover their ability and responsibility to nurture their own assets and the assets of those around them.

9TH-12TH GRADES; YOUTH ROOM (BALCONY LEVEL ABOVE HATTIE PORTER HALL)

Curriculum: Real Stories, Real Teens

Real Stories are essays written by teens and excerpts from young adult literature to stimulate experiential learning and discussion relevant to high school students. Activities help teens imagine how they would manage similar challenges (or avoid them in the first place.) They also show teens how they can be helpful and supportive to their peers.

Youth Group Activities

Staff: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis; Advisors: Mike Williamson, Cordelia Willis, Richard Gould

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

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU)

The youth groups are designed to empower youth in leadership positions within the group to plan and lead activities that include: conducting service projects in the church and community, participating in Young Religious Unitarian Universalists' Youth Conferences in the San Francisco Bay Area, and organizing social events such as wilderness experiences, overnights, ski weekends, and movie outings.

If you are interested in participating in junior or senior high youth group activities, please contact the Rev. Geoff Rimositis, GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org, 292-3858, 25. ●



Coming of Age: Grades 8-10

Coming of Age is a rite of passage program for Unitarian Universalist Youth. The mission of The First Unitarian Church of San Jose's Coming of Age Program is: To provide experiences for our youth that will help them integrate their childhood into their emerging adulthood with a clear sense of themselves and their place in the church and in the world.

The program is designed to help our young people:

- Explore their own spirituality
- Develop a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism
- Continue the lifelong process of values clarification
- Recognize and accept responsibility for the consequences of their decisions
- Explore their options for service, both to the church and to the community
- Deepen their relationships with each other and with adults in the church
- Come to a positive understanding of their capabilities
- Test themselves against their own preconceived limits.

Each youth participating in the program will have a mentor (an adult member from the congregation) who will serve as an important companion throughout the year.

The mentor will join their "mentee" in an open and supportive relationship in which fellowship, honesty, and fun are central. The mentor will serve as a resource and advisor by sharing thoughts, feelings and experiences on matters of the head (knowledge), hands (service), heart (relationships), and spirit (reverence and wonder). The Coming of Age Task Force will help each participant choose a mentor that is right for him or her.

In addition to each participant's local congregational involvement, there will be a series of three retreats during the year in which we will join with other Unitarian Universalist Coming of Age youth from around the Bay area. The retreats will give youth the opportunity to do some fun and

challenging activities like a Ropes Course and a Nature Vigil.

At the culmination of the Coming of Age Program in May of 2009, there will be a special Coming of Age Sunday in which youth in our congregation and from around the district will be honored by their local congregations. That evening, there will be a dinner at our church to celebrate the completion of the program.

Coming of Age is an opportunity for youth to: challenge themselves both physically and spiritually; develop meaningful relationships with other youth and adults; gain a greater understanding of Unitarian Universalism and what it means to them; and to have lots of fun enjoying the many gifts life presents to us.

For a brochure and registration form, please contact the **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**, GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org, 292-3858, 25. ●

Coming of Age Adult Chaperones (Shadows) Training, Saturday, Sept. 6 for Street Retreat In January '09

by the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Coming of Age needs adults to serve as shadows for youth who will be doing the Faithful Fools' (<http://www.faithfulfools.org>) Street Retreat on Saturday, January 24, 2009. The shadows walk the streets of the Tenderloin in San Francisco during the retreat keeping an eye on youth assigned to them for the day but keep a "safe" distance from the youth so they have their own unmediated experience. Shadows need to have gone on a street retreat themselves before they serve as shadows. The Faithful Fools will hold a shadower training on Saturday September 6th in San Francisco. If you are interested in serving in this important role please contact **Riley McLaughlin** (riley_mclaughlin@yahoo.com) ●

Our Whole Lives (Grades K-1)

Our Whole Lives, for Grades K-1, is an eight-session curriculum for five- to seven-year-old children in kindergarten and first grade, is based on the philosophy that parents and religious communities can form a meaningful partnership for positive and responsible sexuality education. Our Whole Lives is a positive, comprehensive, and age-appropriate educational program that promotes sexual health and is informed by the guidelines of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS). The curriculum is based on four primary goals: to provide accurate, developmentally appropriate information; to increase

self-esteem and understand relationships with and responsibilities towards others; to develop interpersonal skills including communication, decision making, and problem solving; and to teach responsibility for personal health and safety.

The values underlying the curriculum are:

- All children should be loved and cared for, respected and valued as unique individuals.
- Sexuality is a natural part of living. Children learn about sexuality beginning at birth and continue to learn throughout their lives.

- Children learn about sexuality from how people touch them, talk with them, and expect them to behave as males and females. The messages that children receive affect their future attitudes, values and behaviors,
- Information about sexuality, human development and sexual health should be presented to children in positive, accurate and developmentally appropriate ways.

Class schedule is yet to be determined. If you are interested in your child participating, please contact the **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**, GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org, 292-3858, 25. ●



How Our Church Works #1:

Board Meeting Minutes,
July 30, 2008

By Bob Redfern, Board Secretary

The Board settled on an interim retreat meeting to be held Saturday August 16th. The purpose is to consider some inspiring texts: *Discerning Your Congregation's Future* by Roy M. Oswald and *The Charge of the Chalice* by the Rev. John Thomas Crestwell, and some church texts: our 2004 Congregational Survey, prepared in advance of our calling Nancy as new Senior Minister, and our 2008 Annual Report. The meeting was held and insights into our direction, particularly with regard to finance, was one of the principal outcomes we sought and gained.

The following members signed up for PCD Leadership Training at Tuolumne Trails August 4-8: **John Burk, Stephanie Rynas, Bob Owen, Michael Lanier.** I believe there was at least one more person who signed up just before the session began.

Bob Owen discussed in detail two town meeting sessions he is planning for September. One will be on Sunday, September 21, and the other on a weeknight evening. The purpose of the meetings is to have directed discussions about any and all church programs, with Bob, and his fellow facilitators, **Ed Massey, Tamara Payne-Alex,** and (possibly) **Bob Miess,** providing detailed evaluation to the Board, Program and Operations Committee, and the congregation as a whole. Highest priorities for consideration in this Town Meeting process are Religious Education, Spanish-Speaking Ministries, and Social Justice

Finally, we reviewed input from **Julia Rodriguez** and the POC about responsibility amongst various church officers to be sure the building is locked up, particularly on Sundays, our sexton's day off. **Mike Pelizzari** provided sets of all outside keys to Board and POC members who did not have them. This is a security issue and a mutual responsibility task for all of us officers.

Thank you for reading this far and look forward to next month's report earlier in the month as I try, once and for all, to shed my procrastination bug.

Do not forget The Gathering of the Waters (Homecoming) on September 7th. It is one of my favorite services, and I hope it is for you, too.

Bob Redfern,

Your Devoted Secretary and Reporter ●

How Our Church Works #2:

Program and Operations Council (POC)
Meeting Minutes, August 12, 2008

by Joyce Miller

Rev. Nancy shared tools from the Kaleidoscope Institute which she attended on her study leave. The first tool was entitled "Respectful Communication Guidelines." She reviewed the guidelines which were developed by Eric H.F. Law at the Institute. The second tool was entitled "Characteristics of Low- and High-Context Communication Styles" developed by Edward T. Hall. Each of us rated ourselves using the tool and then discussed the results using mutual invitation technique. This technique was used at the Institute. Nancy felt that this technique for group sharing put people on equal ground by encouraging big talkers to listen more and talk less and the quieter members to share more. She felt that it set a spiritual context for discussion. Our brief experience with the technique provided a nice introduction. We will gain more experience with it at future meetings.

Julia Rodriguez reviewed the history of the original Program Council, which was formed in 2003. **Bob Miess** seated the first Program Council at the Church Retreat that year. This was before we started policy governance. At first it was informal, with members being liaisons to committees. Now we have more responsibility for church operations, including the budget. We had not used formal systems for decision making and only this past year have we had agendas and minutes. Julia asked us to reflect on the following questions:

- How should our decision-making style change?
- What is our role with the committees?
- How do we empower committees?

Following are the reflections from the committee members, without attribution:

The goal is to have committees make decisions at lowest level. The issue is how do we keep an over-arching goal? It is OK to empower committees, but committees need to understand that accountability and performance counts. What is our expectation for accountability and realignment if performance outcomes are not met? It is OK

to empower committees to make decisions within the budget. Committees like to feel that church leaders trust them. They are not relying on someone up there to get things done. Committees need to understand the vision. Empowering committees gets more people involved in life of the church. They need to know their limits (\$) and need to keep communication open between all groups working on similar problems or a part of a bigger problem. We need to check on committees. It is important that we are all working from a mission-centered, faith-based purpose. Make sure everyone feels we are on a mission together.

With respect to decision-making, here are the reflections:

One member likes the decision-making style with everyone participating in the thumbs-up approach. Another likes decision making as the lowest level. Another likes the role of liaison to groups. Some folks may feel empowered but may not be supported. It may be hard to know if people are behind you. The decision making process is slow and confusing. We will continue this discussion at a future meeting.

Wayside Pulpit: **Catherine Leeson Pelizzari** presented her proposal for buying and installing a new wayside pulpit. There was an extended discussion regarding how to recognize the donor. No decision was made. It was moved, seconded and passed that the POC approve the purchase and installation of new wayside pulpit as presented. She will follow up with the building committee.

Chalice Lighter Grant: The intention to submit a grant to the PCD needs to be submitted by Friday August 15. POC approved the concept of applying for the Chalice Lighter grant. **Bruce Halen** will follow through. (He has done so.)

Employee Health Insurance: The POC agreed to reimburse staff for the prescription drug deductible in the amount of \$250 upon request. Joyce will follow up with Iris and the staff. ●





Spotlight on Social Justice

By Carol Stephenson, Social Justice Coordinator,
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Social Justice is YOU!

I'm back in the office ready to be your Coordinator of the Social Justice Ministries! But did you notice that social justice didn't stop just because I wasn't here?

In the Spring, the congregation worked hard to keep a social justice staff position and succeeded in doing that, but did have to reduce the reduce my hours. This gave us an opportunity to think hard about the role of Social Justice Coordinator and, in turn, the role that each person in the congregation plays to make social justice work central to FUCSJ.

We will continue this conversation as we hash out a new job description that makes sense for a 14-hours-per-week position. Social Justice Council and the Program and Operations Committee welcome your ideas about how to make this position most effective. Please let any of these representatives know what you think. I am happy to discuss any aspect of social justice here as well as pass on any concerns or suggestions to committees.

Regardless, social justice marches forth. This fall we focus on the "No on 8" (anti-marriage proposition) Campaign building our relationships with Third Street Community Center and being the "multicultural congregation" that we dream of being. Here's how:

No on Prop 8 Campaign: Sunday, Sept. 7, 2:00-4:30 pm, Sanctuary, Marriage Equality Interfaith Training

Don't miss this important kick-off to defeat Prop 8, which seeks to deny same-sex couples the right to marry. UUs have always been on the forefront of this issue. We need you NOW.

No on 8 Phone Bank Training: Thursday, Sept. 11, 6:30-9:30, downstairs classrooms

We are committed to getting out the vote this year! Come on down with your cell phone and your appetite when we have Christy Baker train us for phone bank fun! Be a part of this critical campaign – you will be proud to say you were there! We will continue the phone bank here every Thursday evening until the election.

Multicultural Congregation - We need your input!

Rev. Nancy and I are writing a grant for a project that would sustain the Spanish Speaking Ministries. The request proposes that FUCSJ strengthen the foundation of the existing SSM while we develop the ability to share what we are learning with the denomination. The entire congregation will be a part of how we live as multicultural congregation and we want to know that you are committed to this vision. Please contact me, Nancy, or members of the POC to give input. ●

Seeking Mentors for Youth in our Coming of Age (COA) Program

Mentoring is a very special relationship; you are an important companion throughout the COA year. Fellowship, honesty and fun are central.

You will serve as a resource and advisor by sharing thoughts and feelings on matters of the head (knowledge), hands (service), heart (relationships), and spirit (reverence and wonder). You and your mentee can decide on the comfort level of interest and involvement.

Mentors in the Coming of Age Program are responsible and mature adults 25 years of age or older and members of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose for at least one year. Mentors commit themselves to give the time necessary to develop a meaningful relationship with their mentee by arranging weekly phone conversations and monthly face-to-face meetings. Mentors also attend scheduled COA mentor/youth activities.

To volunteer or to get more detailed information about the time commitment and other requirements, please contact **Reverend Geoff** at GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org, or 408-294-3858, x25. ●

Circle Suppers

By Barbara Derbyshire

Circle Suppers offer an opportunity for church members to share a potluck in members' homes. Since these suppers started in February 2007, 61 people (18 couples and 25 singles) have participated.

There have been 28 groups, ranging from 4 to 11 at the table. The mix of people is different each time. People who attend have found this to be a good way to get to know others in the church community.

Everyone on the Circle Supper list receives an email each month with the dates of the coming suppers. Some people participate regularly and others attend just occasionally.

If you would like to join this program or if you have questions, please contact me at:

CircleSuppers@aol.com.

Ready to give it a try this month? The suppers in September will be Friday, September 26 and Sunday, September 28. If you would like to attend, please send an email before Monday, September 15. Be sure to include your name(s) and a phone number. I will email details about your host and food assignment by Sept. 17. ●

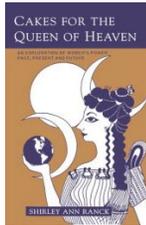


Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Women's Alliance Reconvenes

Please join us in the Fireside Room from 7:15 to 9:15 pm for the kick-off of another year of learning and sharing. We'll preview the curriculum that will build upon the foundation from last year's *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven*. There are always powerful and inspiring stories shared when this group comes together! All are welcome. Contact **Nancy Coleman** at nbcoleman@gmail.com for additional information.



Third Street Community Center Calendar

**Open House September 4,
5:30-7:30, Classrooms**

Meet the inspiring people that make TSCC the fantastic program that it is! Tell them how proud we are to have them in our building. TSCC is such a critical part of our neighborhood, stop by and say hi.

**Share the Magic October 10,
6:00 pm, Tech Museum**

It's time for the TSCC annual fund-raiser. This is an important time for the congregation to show its support for Third Street and all it does for families in our neighborhood. Everyone at FUCSJ is invited to purchase a ticket, or better yet, get your company or friends involved and sponsor a table! ●

SEPTEMBER 14

Jennifer DeBusk's Ordination – You are Invited!

By **Bob Miess, Frank Bosch, and Ed Massey**
– Ordination Committee

At 4:00 pm on September 14, 2008, we, the First Unitarian Church of San José will ordain our own Jennifer DeBusk as a Unitarian Universalist Minister! And you are invited to participate!

The ordination service will feature special music by Crystal Lanier, the First Unitarian Church Choir, and visiting musicians; special dancers; with words from Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, Rev. Lilia Cuervo, Bob Miess, and others. All are invited to a celebratory reception immediately following. Child care will be provided. Come and ordain and be inspired by Jennifer's calling! Mark Sunday, September 14, 2008 at 4:00 pm on your calendar and RSVP to **Iris Gonzalez** at fucs@sanjoseuu.org or by phone at 408-292-3858, ext. 10.

SEPTEMBER 8-OCTOBER 20

Council of Churches Offers “Faithful Citizens Go to the Polls” Fall Film Series in Palo Alto

The Council of Churches of Santa Clara County and Multifaith Voices for Justice and Peace are sponsoring a series of timely and informative films. War, climate change, immigration, and globalization will be explored from diverse faith perspectives in this interfaith series to be held in Palo Alto beginning the week of September 8. Watch for details and/or visit www.councilofchurches-scc.org for more information.

- “Soldiers of Conscience” film with discussion - week of Sept. 8-11, 7:00 pm, date

SEPTEMBER 13

Older Women's League Celebrates 25 Years!

On Saturday, September 13, the Older Women's League (OWL), Santa Clara County, celebrates from 9:45 am to noon with a brunch, cake, ice cream, and a program in the Community Room at Cypress Gardens, 3444 Judro Way (off Stevens Creek) in San Jose.

Twenty-five years ago, OWL was founded primarily by women from our church, including **Charlotte Suskind, Faith Sandberg, Muriel Dickinson, Lillian Moore** (all now deceased) and **Barbara Horning** (now residing in Texas). OWL's leader today, BJ Bryan, was a long-time member of our church.

OWL meets the second Saturday of each month, and will host the OWL-CA state-wide conference at the Holiday Inn, 1740 N. First Street in San Jose, the weekend of October 17-19, 2008. Call **Meg Bowman** for more information at (408) 292-1174. ●

and Palo Alto venue to be announced

- “Climate Change - Faithful Advocacy” - Monday, Sept. 15, 7:00 pm, Palo Alto venue to be announced
- “Immigration” - Thursday, Oct. 2, 7:00 pm, First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road (at Embarcadero), Palo Alto
- “Globalization” featuring keynote address by Raj Patel, author of “Stuffed and Starved” - Monday, Oct. 20, 7:00 pm, First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto ●

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 of the month / 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@yahoo.com.



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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 19-21

Psalms for the Journey: A Women's Contemplative Weekend Retreat

5:00 pm Friday, September 19 through 4:00 pm Sunday, September 21 at Mercy Center in Burlingame, CA, facilitated by Rev. Donna Lenahan, M.Div.

We will contemplate, journal, reflect, discuss, and play with a handful of Psalms, along with other interesting activities which may include the labyrinth and painting a prayer shawl. Our work will be enhanced by commentary from prophets, mystics, and various translations of the verses as we see how our lives relate to these particular Psalms in our own continuing pilgrimage toward wholeness and holiness.

The total cost for the weekend is \$295 and includes two nights lodging, 6 meals, and the retreat itself. Only a few more spaces are available, so don't wait to communicate with **Donna Lehahan** at 408 354-9024 or e-mail djlenahan@aol.com about registration. ●

OCTOBER 3-5

Time to Sign Up for Our All-Church Retreat!

By Diana Wirt

The All-Church Retreat will be October 3-5 this year. Watch for information and sign-up forms at tables in Hattie Porter Hall during August and early September. All members and friends of the church are invited to attend this relaxed, fun weekend. In addition, members of the Mission Peak UU Congregation in Fremont and the UU Fellowship of Los Gatos will join us this year. What better way to get to know your fellow church members than sharing delicious food, playing games, doing crafts, hiking, and talking with them. Sign up this Sunday! ●



OCTOBER 17-19

12th Annual PCD Men's Retreat: It's All About Showing Up!

Come join men from all around the Pacific Central District for a weekend of fun, community building, kinship, singing, workshops and more! We will be gathering once again at the Westminster Center in Alamo (10 miles south of Walnut Creek) Friday-Sunday, October 17th-19th.

Our theme this year is "It's All About Showing Up." Through experiential workshops and kinship groups, we will explore the importance of showing up at the retreat and showing up and being fully present in our lives. There will also be free time on Saturday afternoon and the always-popular No-Talent Show on Saturday night.

The cost for the weekend is \$225. Scholarships are available. For more information and to register, go to <http://pcd-uaa.org/men/frames.htm> or contact **Harry J. Mersmann** at 209-955-0291 or pcdmensretreat@gmail.com ●

UU HIKERS & FRIENDS

by Joyce Miller

Here is the September hiking schedule. Putting it together made me realize once again how incredibly blessed we are to live in such a beautiful area. I can't think of another urban area where there are so many options for getting out into nature with so little effort. If you have not hiked with us lately, please give it a try. We have a great time solving all the world's problems.

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, September 3

Windy Hill, 7-8 miles, moderate. We will do the longer hike. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 or at the trail head on Alpine Road at 8:45 am.

Saturday, September 6

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

Wednesday, September 10

Sanborn County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at Downey Bank Parking lot in Saratoga at 8:30 am.

Saturday, September 13

Joseph Grant County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at VTA park and ride on Capitol at Alum Rock across from the cemetery at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, September 17

Portola Redwoods State Park, 7 miles, moderate. This is a longer day due to travel time. We will get back around 2:30 pm. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, September 20

Sunol Regional Park. We will do McGuire Peaks trail, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at VTA Park and Ride at Capitol and Alum Rock at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, September 24

Saratoga Gap to Grizzly Flat, 6 miles, moderate. This is a shuttle hike. Meet at Downey Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:30 am.

Saturday, September 27

Calero County Park, 6-7 miles, moderate. Meet at Bed, Bath & Beyond parking lot at Almaden Plaza Shopping Center at 8:00 am. ●



“There Can’t Possibly Be Just One Way”

Christian Blogosphere Gets Angry at Oprah

By Henry Ruddle

Oprah Winfrey revealed her inner UU several years ago during an [episode](#) of her daily talk show after being drawn into a religious debate with a couple of audience members. As part of a discussion about “walking the path of good,” Oprah said, “There are many paths to what you call God. Her path might be something else, and when she gets there she might call it The Light.”

The Church of Oprah exposed She denies Christ



That bit of Unitarian theology raised the ire of an audience member who yelled, “What about Jesus?”, and then, pointing her finger, added, “You say there isn’t only one way. But there IS just one way and that’s through Jesus!”

Oprah denies the Biblical Gospel of Jesus Christ



Oprah responded with Universalism. “There can’t possibly be just one way,” she said. Her foe in the audience responded, “You intellectualize it and say there isn’t. If you all believe that, you are buying into the lie!”

Since then, especially since she began promoting Eckhardt Tolle’s book [The New Earth](#) in March 2008 -- Christian pundits and blogs have worked hard to debunk “The Church of Oprah.” For example, Internet evangelist Bill Keller interviewed on the [Your World](#) program on FOX said, “Oprah, whether she knows it or not, is really being a conduit to lead people to Hell.”

The reaction has spawned numerous

New Age Oprah - World’s Most Dangerous Woman



“Oprah, please come back to Christ” videos, websites such as the blog “Is Oprah the Antichrist?“, books such as “Don’t Drink the Kool-Aid of Oprah’s Lies” and [Our Eyes Are Open Ministries](#). Pastor Steve* from the First Church of God in Waco, Texas echoed the view of Oprah’s audience member in his response when he said, “Oprah says we should keep an open mind. Well my congregation knows what I always say about that. If you open your mind your brain will fall out!”

In a separate [“Warning to Oprah Winfrey,”](#) Frank Mazzapica of the New Covenant Church in Houston says, “If you don’t heed the warnings, I’m telling you right now Oprah that what God has set up in your life could be lost overnight. I’ve seen your house from an aerial view . . . I’m so happy for you. Please, Oprah, turn from your wicked ways.”

Further confirming Oprah’s UU credentials, [Johnny Rayford](#), the pastor of Crestwood New Life Church in Mississippi, warns his congregation to “Watch out for the witch named Oprah.” He explains, “She’s played on the weakness of . . . women in America who can sit at home and watch her cast her spell on television. Then when their husbands get home, they’ve got all kinds of problems with their man because Oprah said so.” Rayford

Church of Oprah #1



adds, “The witch Oprah needs to be turned off. Look at your neighbor and say, “Turn off the Hellivision.””

Bizarrely, some [response videos](#) refer to a simple meditation exercise led by Tolle during an online discussion of his book as a “mass trance” or “brainwashing” and advise Christians to “turn off the TV and pray!” One Internet preacher, who goes by the moniker “Prophet.TV,” laments in his [July 6, 2008](#) broadcast that he can’t actually watch video of Oprah and Tolle. “I can’t listen to Eckhardt for a long time because I can feel the demonic spirits that he’s of. Oprah, you’re not possessed of those spirits yet. There is still light on you. We’ve taken so many people in Hollywood through deliverance from these demonic beings. It’s only the blood of Jesus these demons are afraid of.”



The fun just never ends. Google “Oprah denies Jesus” to find out exactly what tortures await Oprah – according to fundamentalists – in the next life, and possibly in this one. “She probably cries all night when she gets home,” writes one contributor to “The Puritan Board.” Alternatively, Google “Oprah Unitarian” and you’ll find out that, according to blogger “btalda” on Oprah.com, the Unitarian Universalist Church “rocks,” adding that UU congregations “unite instead of divide. They live unconditional love. They are bringers of peace.”

For further information about Oprah’s spirituality, visit <http://www.oprah.com/top-ics/spirit>. Many UUs have discovered Dr. Helen Schucman’s *Course in Miracles* as presented by Marianne Williamson, which Oprah aggressively promotes on her website. By the way, according to some fundamentalist readings of the Book of Revelation, Williamson is one of the signs of the apocalypse, but that’s a story for another time. ●

*On his [personal blog](#), Pastor Steve provides a helpful counter ticking off the number of people who die and go to Hell during the time you spend reading his blog.



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21 de Septiembre — 9:30 am

Haz Bien Sin Mirar a Quién

Tal parece que en nuestra sociedad actual siempre necesitamos una justificación religiosa o política para hacer el bien. Hablaremos sobre la filosofía de un movimiento altruista no afiliado a ninguna religión o partido político.

Dirige: Ervin Barrios, Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM

Do Good Deeds for Everyone

In our contemporary society we always seem to need a religious or political justification to do good deeds. We will talk about the philosophy of an altruistic movement not affiliated with a particular religion or political party.

Leader: Ervin Barrios, Worship Associates: Members of SSM

September 21 — 11:00 am

Sparks for Growth Pulpit Exchange

Rev. Nancy and Rev. Geoff find delight and inspiration in their quarterly retreats with their clergy study group called the Sparks for Growth—all Unitarian Universalist ministers serving midsize congregations in the Bay Area and beyond. On this Sunday, we'll share the wealth of these experiences, as "Sparkler" Rev. Vail Weller—whom UUA President Bill Sinkford considers one of the bright young stars of our movement—brings her invigorating message to us, while Rev. Nancy goes north to preach in San Mateo.

Guest Minister: the Rev. Vail Weller, Unitarian Universalist Church of San Mateo; Worship Associate: Mary Martin.

Chispas para el Crecimiento

La Rev. Nancy y el Rev. Geoff encontraron el placer y la inspiración en sus retiros trimestrales con su grupo de estudio del clero llamado las Chispas para el Crecimiento—todos los ministros Unitarios Universalistas que sirven a congregaciones medianas en el Área de la Bahía y más allá. En este domingo, compartiremos la riqueza de estas experiencias, como "Motivador", la Rev. Vail Weller—quien el presidente de la UUA, Bill Sinkford, considera una de las jóvenes estrellas brillantes de nuestro movimiento—nos trae su vigorizante mensaje, mientras que la Rev. Nancy va al norte a predicar en San Mateo.

Dirige: la Rev. Vail Weller, de la Iglesia Unitario Universalista de San Mateo; Asociada de Culto: Mary Martin. ●

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1. More than one adding machine.
6. Are UU's the greatest?
9. Selling stuff on the Internet
14. Host of Fear Factor
15. Ms. DiFranco
16. An interior pathway of some importance
17. Flip a 180
18. Your numbers come up
19. Whose _____ now?
20. With 59A, our fearless leader
23. No seats left
24. If ya can't do de times, don't do _____
29. Cape _____
32. French holywoman
34. Professional acter-upper
35. Garden implements
37. Sup
39. La cocina esta en _____
40. Lights up when the microphone goes live
42. Singer Stewart
44. Took out more than once
45. Person who builds cow houses
47. Kearney of "Nothing Left to Lose"
49. Portugese footballer
50. Conservative Democrat
52. Miss Piggy
54. The Sargasso _____
55. Our rebuttal to "No, you don't see."
57. Popular card game
59. See 20A
64. What Wesley will do
68. Piece of machinery
69. Participants in Angolan civil war
70. Our man Steve
71. Ready, _____, Fire
72. Speed _____
73. Part of FUCSJ address
74. Some TP has just one
75. More than one French/Belgian river

DOWN

1. "My life is in _____"
2. Not just one
3. Sick feeling
4. Church family recently in mourning
5. Not others
6. Some sermons cause this
7. A group of nine
8. A fundamentalist says he's this
9. You take the hard road, I'll take the _____
10. Also
11. Not Dep.
12. File it with the IRS
13. Criminal in chief at Enron
21. What to do on Nov. 4, 2008
22. One tenth of MMXD
25. Rebuttal to "It can't"
26. What midlife crisis sufferers buy
27. One Dead Sea Scroll writer
28. More than one football palace
29. Bored? Get yourself one
30. It might be in a beer glass, but it has no alcohol
31. We like our friends _____
33. What a natural musician has
38. One FUCSJ choir tenor
41. Rely on again
43. Shasta or Hoover
46. She didn't sit in the back of the bus
48. Gilligan said it would take 3 hours
51. Not a tablet or pill

53. The big lawyer ads always talk about this
56. Electronic messaging
58. Charlie Chaplin's ex-wife and others

60. Not Tony or Oscar
61. A pleasant French city
62. What the Irish cannibal did to his wife
63. First bird flu, now this!

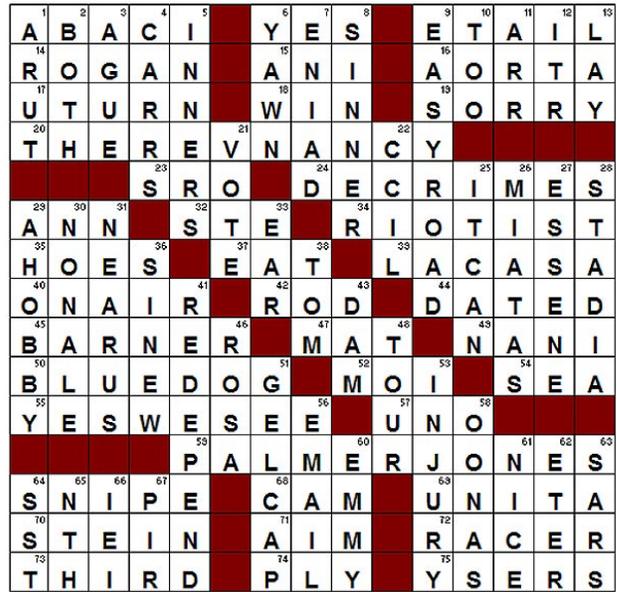
64. The Concorde airplane
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66. What engineers in India and Ireland join
67. A Sufi spiritual teacher

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