



Our Church Circular

April 1, 2009
/ 1 de Abril
2009

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

5 de Abril — 9:30 a.m.

El legado de Harvey Milk en mi vida

Muchos homosexuales hemos llegado aquí, sin estar muy concientes de aquellos que nos trazaron el camino—hoy yo les celebro su arduo trabajo y su memoria.

Dirige: Annette Falcón;
Asociados de Culto:
Miembros de SSM

Harvey Milk's legacy in my life

Many homosexuals have come here without being very conscious of those who paved the way—today I celebrate Milk's arduous work and his memory.

Leadership: Annette Falcón; Leadership Associates: Members of SSM

April 12 • 10:30 AM
Flower Communion
"To Life"
COMBINED SERVICE
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11:00 a.m.

Services in English

April 5 — 11:00 am

By This We Live

What are we called to do with this one precious, wild and crazy life that has been given to us? As fundamental as it is, we need to keep asking ourselves the questions: "Who am I?" "What gives my life meaning?" "What is the Spirit/Life calling me to do with this moment and this moment and the next?" Every day we are invited (in the words of Novene West) to intimacy in the present moment. "Call is not primarily to do something, but rather to be a faithful partner and friend. We are invited to discover our true nature, not out of fear... but out of love..." Let us think on those with whom we share this life journey and envision them as we place our hands in theirs saying the Sufi blessing: *From you I receive. To you I give. Together we share. And by this we live.* Here is where we will find our answers.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis; Worship Associates: Bob Owen, Carolyn Bowman; Soloist: Crystal Isola

Por Esto Vivimos

¿Qué se nos ha pedido hacer con esta preciosa, salvaje y loca vida que se nos ha dado? Tan fundamental como esto es, necesitamos continuar haciéndonos las preguntas a nosotros mismos: "¿Quién soy yo?" "¿Qué da significado a mi vida?" "¿Qué es lo que el espíritu/la vida nos pide para hacer con este momento y en este momento y en el siguiente?" Diariamente somos invitados (en las palabras de Novene West) a la intimidad del momento actual. "El llamado no es básicamente para hacer algo, sino más bien para ser un compañero y un amigo fiel. Estamos invitados a descubrir nuestra verdadera naturaleza, no por miedo... sino por amor..." Pensemos en aquéllos con quienes compartimos este viaje de la vida e imaginarlos mientras que ponemos nuestras manos en las suyas diciendo la bendición Sufi: *De ti yo recibo. A ti te doy. Juntos compartimos. Y por esto vivimos.* Aquí es donde encontraremos nuestras respuestas.

Dirige: el Rev. Geoff Rimositis; Asociados/as de Culto: Bob Owen, Carolyn Bowman; Solista: Crystal Isola.

SAVE THE DATES

April 3-5, Ministry as Vocation, Exploring Ministry Luncheon, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, 12:30 pm

April 5, Sunday, 12:30, UU Band of Writers, Youth Room

April 9, Thursday, PACT LOC meeting, Ramsden Fireside Room

April 1, Saturday, Job Search Workshop MLK Library, San Jose, 10 am-1:30 pm

April 12, Sunday, Combined Easter Service, 10:30 am, "Flower Communion"

April 16-17, Thursday-Friday, "Queer On Their Feet," performing at Don Quixote's Music Hall, Felton, April 16 at 7:30 pm and at the UU Church of Palo Alto, April 17 at 8:00 pm

April 18, Saturday, Let Justice Flow—Water Justice & Climate Change Workshop, Mount Diablo UU Church, Walnut Creek, 9:15 am-4:00 pm

April 19, Sunday, Earth-Friendly Cleaners Workshop & Fundraiser, Hattie Porter Hall, 1:30-3:00 pm

April 20, Monday, Poverty Simulation, Rotunda, San Jose City Hall, 2-5 pm

April 24, Friday, Making the River movie and Q&A Panel, in the Sanctuary, 7-10 pm

April 25, Saturday, JUUNTOS/Together Conociendonos/Getting to know each other, Sanctuary and Ramsden Fireside Room, 1:30-5 pm

April 26, Sunday, Discussion of the Church Program Survey results, immediately following the 9:30 and 11:00 am services, Ramsden Fireside Room

April 26, Sunday, 13th Annual Rivers of Chocolate Festival: fundraising event for the Youth Division of EHC LifeBuilders, The Mountain Winery, Saratoga, 1-5 pm

April 27, Monday, Social Justice Meeting, Church Conference Room, 6:30-7:30 pm

May 1-2, District Assembly, Fremont. See www.pcd-uaa.org/events/DA-2009/index.htm

CONOCIENDONOS



Getting to Know Each Other

Retiro de exploración y conocimiento intercomunal

Retreat for exploration and community understanding

Reunámonos para compartir diversión, conversación y comida, para ahondar en el entendimiento de cada uno de nosotros y fortalecer los cimientos de nuestra comunidad multicultural

Let's gather to share fun, conversation and food, to deepen our understanding of each other and to strengthen the foundation of our shared multicultural community

Sábado 25 de Abril, 2009 / Saturday, April 25, 2009 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH of San José

Favor de hacer su reservación lo más pronto posible al teléfono (408) 292-3858 ext 24 Roberto Padilla o por correo electrónico paor69@yahoo.com

RSVP at your earliest convenience at (408) 292-3858 ext 23 Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones or by email revnpj@yahoo.com

*Le invitamos a traer algún bocadillo para compartir durante nuestro receso.

*We invite you to bring something to share at our snack break.

Favor de traer algún objeto que hable de usted o de su cultura. Y vestir ropa cómoda.

Please bring an object that represents yourself or your culture.

And do wear comfortable clothes

Meeting Recap

Board Meeting February 25th and Congregational Meeting of March 8, 2009



by Bob Redfern, Secretary

At the February 25th meeting, we patched in remote participants for the first time— Tracy Avent and Rick Merritt were both out of town, but both were able to actively participate with the use of a conference phone Tracy loaned us. It worked very well, and we will certainly use it in the future.

Two items were presented by Rev. Nancy. She discussed the JUUNTOS-Multicultural Leadership team, who were meeting the first week in March. Members are Revs. Nancy and Geoff, Laura Diaz-Shadeed, Marla Scharf, and Madeline Morrow. An open meeting for every interested member of the church community is scheduled for Saturday April 25th. (See invitation on the left.)

The Board approved posting the evaluation we approved and submitted for Rev. Nancy's Final Fellowship on the password-protected portion of the church website.

Finally, Nancy urged all Board members to reach out to newcomers in Hattie Porter Hall. The noise and press of people can be particularly intimidating to someone new to our community.

The Annual Giving Campaign launch is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd and the selection of officers will take place March 29th at the Congregational meeting.

The budget took up a large portion of the Board's time during this meeting. The position of Financial Officer was also discussed. Christopher Frey is completing his second term and will be retiring. The Nominating Committee is having a bit of a challenge finding a candidate, and the possibility of breaking out many of the Financial Officer's duties and delegating some of the month-to-month tasks was discussed. The Board has asked the Program & Operations Committee (POC) to define an appointed position for Fundraising and Stewardship. Also, regarding the POC, Patrick Meyers was accepted as Facilities Representative on the POC.

Rev. Geoff told the Board that the Senior High Camp Out will be August 10-15 on Santa Cruz Island in the Channel Islands National Monument. Youth visiting from Homorod-szentmartin Partner Church will be here at that time and will attend.

Two people are needed to replace people leaving the Committee on Ministry. We hope to have volunteers to approve by our March 25th meeting.

The March 8 Congregational Meeting was provided for in the bylaws that we approved two years ago when we adopted the Policy-Based Governance (PBG) model for the lay operations of our church community. At the 2-year point it was necessary to approve the continued use of the model, or return to our previous operating system, which was more hierarchical and minister-directed. Fifty members attended and an informative discussion took place. Three options were discussed at some length.

- 1. Adopting PBG permanently
2. Adopting PBG for two more years and another review at that time
3. Return to our previous governance model

The participants voted for permanent adoption of the PBG. One issue that was talked about during the debate was better communication amongst the POC, Board, and Ministers, and there was no debate about improving that part of the process. Those who attended participated in a lively, courteous and very informative discussion of church governance. Tracy Avent closed the meeting with a request for topics to present at June's GA meeting in Salt Lake City.

Meeting Cancelled
The April 1 meeting of the Church Meeting Schedule Committee had to be cancelled due to the endless recursive loop that occurred when the motion to set an agenda for the meeting was tabled until the next meeting.



Upcoming Events



Ordination of Nina Kalmoutis

Nina Kalmoutis, who first attended our church as a child in the 1950's and was a member of our church before she moved to Berkeley to attend Starr King School for the Ministry in the 1990's, will be ordained by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City on Sunday, May 17th at 4:00 pm. Members and friends of the FUCSJ are warmly invited to attend. There will be a reception immediately following the ordination. Child care will be provided. Please RSVP by May 3rd to UUFRC, 2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062, (650) 265-6913 or office@uufrc.org. ●

General Assembly, 2009

The UUA General Assembly will occur in Salt Lake City from June 24-28. This year, General Assembly will be highlighted by the addition of UU University, a superb lay leadership training opportunity, as part of GA programming - at no additional cost. A new UUA President will be elected at General Assembly, and Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Associate Professor of Politics and African American Studies at Princeton University and a frequent media commentator, will deliver this year's Ware Lecture. The Assembly will also vote on whether to adopt a new Statement of Conscience, on Peacemaking.

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING RESERVATIONS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE NOW OPEN

Go to <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/index.shtml> for links to information on all parts of the upcoming General Assembly program. ●

Join a Circle Supper!

Want to share a great potluck meal? Ready to spend a few hours getting to know new people? Give it a try - come to a Circle Supper this month, **Saturday, April 18** or **Sunday, April 19**. Call 408-355-4131 for more information. Write CircleSuppers@aol.com to sign up. Deadline is April 5. Do it now! ●

Women's Alliance

Please join us at the home of **Jean von Kaenel** from 7:15 to 9:15 P.M. on Thursday, April 2, for our next session from Cakes for the Queen of Heaven entitled "Witchcraft." For information or directions, contact **Nancy Coleman** at 408 985 5778 or nbcoleman@gmail.com. ●



Spirit in Practice – Monthly Adult Program Begins in March

Leader: Rev. Geoff Rimositis

"The idea of spiritual practices encourages individuals to take responsibility for their own spiritual development by spending time working on it, deliberating on its meaning and how best to pursue it, seeking to understand the sacred through reading and the counsel of others, and seeking to have contact with the sacred through personal reflection and prayer."

—Robert Wuthnow, scholar of American religious history

The Spirit in Practice workshops help Unitarian Universalists develop regular disciplines, or practices, of the spirit—practices that help them connect with the sacred ground of their being, however they understand it. Spirit in Practice affirms religious diversity while seeking unity in our communal quest for meaning and wholeness. Whether participants follow a path they identify as Humanist, Jewish, Christian, Pagan, Theist,

Atheist, Agnostic, Mystic, and/or any of the other paths we follow in our diverse congregation, the Spirit in Practice workshops offer a forum for learning, sharing, and growth that can enrich your faith journeys.

Workshops are suitable for a first-time visitor or a longtime member. You can attend one or more of the workshops.

Please RSVP with **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**, GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org, 292-3858, 25

- **Workshop 2: Personal Spiritual Practices**
Sunday, April 5, 2:30-4:00 p.m., Ramsden Fireside Room
 - **Workshop 3: Communal Worship Practices**
Sunday, May 3, 2:30-4:00 p.m., Ramsden Fireside Room
 - **Workshop 4: Spiritual Partnerships**
Sunday, June 7, 2:30-4:00 p.m., Ramsden Fireside Room
 - **Workshop 5: Mind Practices**
Sunday, July 12, 2:30-4:00 p.m., Ramsden Fireside Room
 - **Workshop 6: Body Practices**
Sunday, August 12, 2:30-4:00 p.m., Ramsden Fireside Room
- Fall workshops yet to be scheduled will include: Soul Practices, Life Practices, Justice Practices and Looking Back and Moving Forward. ●

How To Be A Healing Presence – Training to be a Pastoral Associate

One Saturday morning a month for four months **Rev. Donna Lenahan**, our Pastoral Care Coordinator, will help you learn how to compassionately companion those who are experiencing health challenges at home, in the hospital or at a care facility.

We will be reading and discussing these three books that are included in the fee:

- *Sacred Dying; Creating Rituals for Embracing the End of Life* by Megory Anderson,

- *The Art of Being a Healing Presence* by James E. Miller
- *The Art of Listening in a Healing Way* by James E. Miller

This course will provide practical tools and rituals to help you learn to be a healing presence. Please speak with a current Pastoral Associate to get an idea of whether or not serving our beloved community in this way is for you.

Class will be held on the following four Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: April

25, May 2, May 16, and May 23. Payment is due by April 11.

The fee for the course is \$45 and includes the three books. You may register or pick up a brochure at the Pastoral Care Table in Hattie Porter Hall after the 11:00 service on Sundays.

If you have questions, please send Donna an e-mail at djlenahan@aol.com or phone her at (cell) 408-204-6565. The books will be available March 29 to get started with the reading. ●

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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. Structured activities, games, stories and crafts are a part of the nursery experience. Child Care Workers: Marta Jo Forse & Maria Elena Olvera

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

Special times

April 5

A Time for Rebirth—Easter

April 12

NO CLASSES-FLOWER COMMUNION/EASTER

April 19

A Time to be free from slavery—Pesah

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

A stepping stone year

April 5

Easy Choices—Hard Choices

**REGISTER
ONLINE!**

Information sent only
to the RE Minister.



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

April 12

NO CLASSES-FLOWER COMMUNION/EASTER

April 19

The Very Short Rule

6TH-8TH GRADES, CONFERENCE ROOM

Building Assets Together

(Each week teachers bring alive The Search Institute's 40 developmental assets with exercises and discussion. <http://www2.search-institute.org/assets/>)

April 12

NO CLASSES-FLOWER COMMUNION/EASTER

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.

April 12

NO CLASSES-FLOWER COMMUNION/EASTER

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

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

Advisor: Pam Pell

SENIOR HIGH (9TH-12 GRADES)

Advisors: Dani Hope, V Kingsley, Mike Williamson, Cordelia Willis

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

GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org

Authoritarian Admirer Replaces Unistan Currency with "Nancys"

Upon seeing a photo of Rev. Nancy on the UUSJ website, President for Life Sigmund Bzatchzi, leader of the former Soviet republic of Unistan, was so captivated that he scrapped his nation's struggling currency, the Bzatchstooie, which had fallen in value to 1 billion Bzatchstooies to the US Dollar. In its place, Unistan has printed bills called "Nancys," which became the country's only form of legal tender as of April 1, 2009.



UU HIKERS & FRIENDS

By Joyce Miller

Here is the April hiking schedule. As usual, please call if you want to hike, so I will know to look for you at the car pool spot.

If you are a regular (and you know who you are) you don't need to call unless you are not coming, so we won't wait for you if you are late.

You can call me on my home phone from 6:30 until 7:30 am when I leave. After 7:30, call my cell phone. If you want to email me that you are coming, that is fine. I try to remember to check my email the morning of the hike. My phone numbers are: 408 730-1052 (home) and 408 507-7052 (cell).

See you on the trails!

Wednesday, April 1

Montebello Open Space Preserve, 5 miles, moderate. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park & Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, April 4

Joseph Grant County Park, 6 miles. (We can do longer hike if folks want to. We can decide at the car pool spot.) Meet at VTA Park & Ride on Capitol and Alum Rock at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, April 8

Almaden Quicksilver, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at Bed, Bath & Beyond at Almaden Plaza shopping center at 8:30 am or meet at my house at 8:00 am to carpool to Almaden Plaza.

Saturday, April 11

Mission Peak, 6 miles, strenuous. Meet at VTA Park & Ride at 8:00 am or at Ohlone College parking lot at 8:15 am.

Wednesday, April 15

Russian Ridge, 5 miles, moderate. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park & Ride at 8:30 am. I have scheduled this hike even though we are going to Pinnacles on Friday.

Friday, April 17

Pinnacles National Monument. 6 miles, moderate. Meet at Bed, Bath & Beyond at Almaden Plaza Shopping center at 8:00 am. I will be sending out an email a couple of weeks before to see how many want to go and who will be driving. This is a long day if you decide to stay for an early dinner in San Juan Bautista (and most of us do).

Saturday, April 18

No hike planned due to Pinnacles hike on Friday.

Wednesday, April 22

Foothills Park, 7 miles, moderate. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park & Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, April 25

Henry Coe State Park. The wild flowers are supposed to be great here so let's give it a try. Meet at Bed, Bath & Beyond at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, April 29

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



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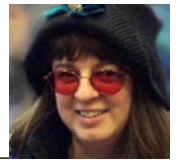
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Spotlight on Social Justice

by Lucy Proulx, Social Justice Activities
Communications Coordinator,
socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org



Social Justice Blog on Church Website

Yes! There's a BLOG for Social Justice on our church's home page, where you'll find three categories to browse: Reflections, Newsletter Column, and Get Involved. I'll be posting all the social justice articles from the upcoming and most recent church newsletters, including the bonus articles that didn't make it into the paper/pdf newsletter. You can reply to any post, which starts a "thread" for discussion. Now you have a way to discuss with others any article you feel passionate about! (Please be kind and use appropriate "Netiquette" when posting.) To get to it, from the church home page (<http://www.sanjoseuu.org/>), scroll down until you see four boxes at the bottom with the photos of Rev. Nancy, Rev. Geoff, Carol, and Roberto. On the square with Carol's photo, carefully click on the word "blog"--if you click on anything else in that square you'll go to other locations. Or, just key in this URL: <http://www.sanjoseuu.org/socialjusticeblog/>

Remember to bookmark it! ●

Earth-Friendly Cleaners Workshop & Fundraiser—April 19th

Do good for the earth and your health as well as save money on commercial cleaning products in an "Earth-Friendly Cleaners" workshop to be held on Sunday, April 19th, from 1:30-2:15 pm, in Hattie Porter Hall, sponsored by the Social Justice Council. In this workshop, you'll make and take home your own environmentally friendly household cleaners, and meet other people interested in an environmentally-friendly lifestyle. Cleaners are made from combinations of non-toxic substances such as baking soda, vinegar, olive oil, and castile soap. Children 8 and up are welcome to participate alongside their parents or guardians; the cleaners being made are safe for children to handle. Registration is required. Cost is \$12 for materials. Please bring a reusable spray bottle with a capacity of at least 16 fluid ounces. All other materials and cleaner recipes will be provided. Make out checks for \$12 payable to "First Unitarian Church of San Jose" with "Social Justice Council Workshop" in the memo line. (Profits support the Social Justice Council and the work it does for the

community.) To register or for more information contact: Erwin at (408) 807-3059, or John at mus6@aceweb.net ●

"Making the River" Movie & Q&A Panel--April 24, 7 pm

The Social Justice Council of our church, in cooperation with San Jose State University, Local Peace, Inter-Faith, and Social Justice Groups, is proud to announce the showing of the film "Making the River" on Friday, April 24, at 7 pm, in the Sanctuary, in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Jimi Simmons, star of the movie, will be here for the Q&A Panel Session, which will immediately follow the viewing. Doors open at 6:45 pm. This powerful film deals with human rights, children's welfare issues, racism, prison reform, civil and religious rights, justice and freedom, 20th-century American Indian history and politics, and more. Free. For a flier, please contact **Lucy Proulx** at socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org. To view a trailer, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHh0GdxCTI>. For more information about the film visit: <http://www.makingtheriver.com/> ●

Volunteers Needed for District Assembly in Fremont

With your help, we will make DA 2009 the best yet! To be held in Fremont on May 1st-3rd, the Pacific Central District's 2009 District Assembly has many opportunities for volunteers. All good organizations run on Volunteer Power, and that's what makes the Pacific Central District so great --YOU! It just takes an hour or two of your time, and the return is fantastic --- you get to meet lots of great UUs from all over the district, and make connections and friendships that can last a lifetime! If you would like to be a real part of this year's District Assembly, please go to the DA2009 web site at www.pcd-uaa.org/events/DA-2009/index.htm and click on the Volunteer Opportunities link on the left hand side of the web page for more information! ●

TSSC and AmeriCorps on ABC News

Rosemary Baez and **Nalelli Sandoval** at TSSC let us know that ABC news came in on Tuesday and interviewed Jeff Russell, who is a Development Coordinator for AmeriCorps

San Jose, for a story on the evening news. He took them to Third Street Community Center and they interviewed our AmeriCorps members doing their service. Check out this site: <http://abclocal.go.com/kg/story?section=news/politics&id=6715283> to see a video about this. Full story at: <http://abclocal.go.com/kg/story?section=news/politics&id=6715283#bodyText.5>

Leadership School Now Accepting Registrations for 2009

From PCD: Leadership School volunteer Kelly Burnett writes to remind us that they are now accepting registrations for Leadership School to be held August 15--21. "Attendance will be limited, so get your forms in ASAP before District Assembly. If you don't know someone whose life has been transformed after attending LS, please ask and we will put you in touch with a graduate." For more information, visit <http://pcd-uaa.org/pcldlrship/pcdleadership-school.htm>. ●

Spotlight on Social Justice Continued!

See the Social Justice BLOG (<http://www.sanjoseuu.org/>) mentioned above for these other good stories:

- 3 Free Job Search Workshops at MLK Library Saturday, April 11
- Ethical Eating: Grow Your Own Garden to Save Green
- SI to Memorialize Cesar Chavez "Hometown Hero" Labor Leader with 5-mile Walkway
- Network for a Hate-Free Community Presents Annual Hate Violence Report
And check out these other Social Justice-related articles in the .html version of our newsletter:
- Let Justice Flow: California Water Justice & Climate Change Workshop April 18th
- Ministry as Vocation Conference April 3rd-5th
- UUSC Human Rights Youth photography contest—Deadline April 30
- UUA 2009 April Action of the Month: Environmental Justice
- Early Registration for Summer & Fall Classes--Starr King School for the Ministry
- Livermore Labs Good Friday Action April 10th
- Free Income Tax Assistance
- Obamas Plant White House Vegetable Garden
- Van Jones called to Washington as White House Council on Environmental Quality
- US Endorses UN Gay Rights Text
- Sierra Club Launches "Green Tips Library"
- Women & Social Movements Exhibit at MLK Library
- Green Amigo Training Begins April 1st! ●



CIRCLING AROUND

Milestones
in the Lives of the
First Unitarian Community

The all-new all-different Circling Around

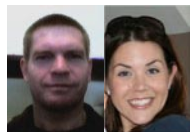
by Torchy Hunter



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 you see me at church, or e-mail me at dzu@aol.com. Ok, gentle readers, this week:

Who, it can now be told, hangs around with Very Tall People? Who has learned to walk upright, head up? Who is playing with kings and queens?

What a good looking couple, I thought, as I stood behind them in church last week. Good looking enough to belong here with the rest of us.



As it turns out, **Jodi Kukura** and **Tony Munnings**, she an Aussie, he a Kiwi, WERE looking to be here with

the rest of us. Jodi, a pharmaceutical rep, Googled UU's some time ago, when they lived in DC, but never went to the church there. So when she was transferred here, first up came First U. I was describing the RE curriculum and Jodi said "I want that for the girls!" Tony has that wonderful "whatever comes" attitude I always associate with people who finally get to walk around with their heads up instead of down after coming from NZ. Because of this lightheadedness, after he said he needed a job, I asked what he did. "Anything", he replied and I asked for just a tad more specificity and he decided to recite his former jobs alphabetically. A musician who has played solo gigs in bars, guitar types: listen up. Future jams ahead.

Let your mind go for a minute and think

of what the term "medical traveler" means. I had all kinds of Woody Guthrie, and Doctors without Borders images while talking to **Peter Eldridge**, who said that when I asked what he did. Dan has already nabbed him for the choir, so I guess that makes him a musical medical traveler. But it turns out he is here as a sort of circuit-riding echo-technician. No, not that kind of eco. He gives sonograms. He'll be here until July, when he returns to home and wife in Arizona, but we can certainly talk to him until then. Don't we collect interesting people? Let's try keeping them!

If you watch Stanford Women's Basketball as intently as we do, you would have seen on TV our very own **Bev Harrison** and **Barbara Derbyshire** in the stands at the Pac 10 Tournament in LA. The women's team from Stanford field the tallest group of starters in the whole country. Each of them is over 6 feet. Some way over. Probably all of us will be up at Berkeley to watch the next round.

Short takes: **Doug Zody** gave me a lot of grief (no, dears, don't set upon the poor benighted creature in my defense) because he had not seen himself in these columns after I spoke to him once. Now I have to tell him that

I was waiting for him to tell me something I could put in the column. I did add his address to the Circular list - that's not enough?... **Deb Fenzel-Alexander** is playing in the pit orchestra for a production of "Camelot". She also points us to a sing-along Messiah at the West Valley Presbyterian Church. Ecumenical musicians.

But They're Only Little Kids Department: **Melanie Lanstrom** tells me that **Sean Graham**, son of **Susan Butler Graham** of these parts, is in a band which recently performed at the Discovery Museum (go Woz).

White Light Corner: Incidentally, you don't have to be really, really sick to be listed in here. Just if you'd like some white light to get you through. (I always put a white light around every airplane I get on.) A crummy cold, a bad situation of any kind. Small pieces of white light in no way diminish large ones. So today, white light around **Lucy & Dave Proulx**, **Patrick Smiley**, and **V Kingsley** (starting chemo).

It's Spring! Go out and Spring! You've made it through another winter! And kudos to those of you who found the three gag articles in this edition in honor of April Fool's Day. ●

Jebediah Rimositis Secretly Converted President Lincoln to Unitarianism

The great grandfather of our very own Rev. Geoff Rimositis, Jebediah (left), on April 1, 1863 bringing Abraham Lincoln a small chalice hidden in his coat. It is thought that the man at right is being a copycat.



Nuevas instrucciones para nuestra Comunion de las flores:

Traiga por favor una o dos flores, y déjelos con los recolectores de las flores (los asociados del servicio y los niños) en las mesas en la acera frente a la iglesia antes del servicio. Los recolectores de las flores pondrán sus ofrendas florales en cestas y después habrá una procesión con ellas dentro del santuario. Nuestros niños pasarán más tarde estas cestas a través de la congregación para un ritual que sea más apacible y más rápido que nuestra procesión caótica anterior (pueda esto ser un bendito recuerdo). **Nota especial:** Si tare rosas u otras flores con espinas, por favor ¡quitele las espinas antes de traerlas a la iglesia! Venga, traiga una flor para dar; lleve una flor a casa para deleitarse el resto del día. ●



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12 de Abril —April 12—10:30 am

To Life!

Combined All-Ages Worship for Easter Sunday with New-Member Ingathering, Flower Communion, and Special Guests!

On this Easter Sunday, we gather together as one congregation at a special time (10:30 am) to celebrate this life-affirming day. The Rev. Endre Nagy, this year's Balázs Scholar at Starr King School for the Ministry, brings an inspiring message and his extra gifts of music as we build our excitement for the visit this summer of villagers from our Partner Church in Transylvania. The choir will sing, we'll enjoy the Eszterlanc dancers, we'll gather two new members into our community, we'll sing "Alleluia" and other hymns, we'll share in our annual Flower Communion, and we just might receive a visit after worship from a long-floppy-eared friend. Join in the joy! See the special instructions for this year's flower communion below.

Worship Leaders: the Rev. Endre Nagy, the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, the Rev. Geoff Rimositis; **Worship Associates:** Members of the Partner Church Committee.

About Our Special Guest: Rev. Endre Nagy Jr.

The Rev. Endre Nagy Jr. is the 2008-09 Balázs Scholar at Starr King School for the Ministry. Endre is minister at the Gyergyószentmiklós fellowship and the Csíkszereda church in the Székelyudvarhely District of Transylvania. His passion is church music, and he hopes to return at the end of his scholarship year with new ways of implementing music in worship and church life.



¡La Vida!

¡Servicio combinado para todas las edades para el domingo de Pascua con ceremonia de nuevos miembros, Comunión de las Flores, y invitados especiales!

En este domingo de Pascua, nos reuniremos como una congregación en este especial horario (10:30 am) para celebrar en este día la afirmación de vida. El Rev. Endre Nagy, escolar del año de la Escuela Starr King para el Ministerio, trae un inspirador mensaje y el regalo adicional de la música mientras que aumentamos nuestro entusiasmo por la visita en este verano de los aldeanos de nuestra iglesia hermana en Transilvania. El coro cantará, nosotros gozaremos de los bailarines de Esterlancz, nosotros nos uniremos a dos nuevos miembros en nuestra comunidad, cantaremos "Aleluya" y otros himnos, compartiremos nuestra anual Comunión de las Flores y podría ser que recibamos una visita después del servicio de un amigo largo, flojo y espigado. ¡Unámonos en la alegría! Ver a las instrucciones especiales por esta celebración en la página 6.

Dirigen: el Rev. Endre Nagy, la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, el Rev. Geoff Rimositis; **Asociados de Culto:** Miembros del Comité de la Iglesia Hermana.

New Instructions for Flower Communion: Please bring a flower or two to share, and leave them with the Flower Gatherers (Worship Associates and children) at the tables on the sidewalk in front of the church before the service. The Flower Gatherers will place your floral offerings in baskets and then process with them into the sanctuary. Our children will later pass these baskets through the congregation for a ritual that is gentler and swifter than our former chaotic procession (may it be of blessed memory). **Special note:** If you bring roses or other prickly flowers, please strip off the thorns before bringing them to church! Come, bring a flower to give; take home a flower to relish for the rest of the day. ●

19 de Abril —9:30 am

Quando se terminen nuestras bendiciones

¿Como seres humanos estamos capacitados para evitar enfrentarnos a muchos problemas realmente importantes en nuestras vidas o nuestra naturaleza humana nos dice que cuando estos problemas lleguen más allá del límite, entonces es cuando deberíamos actuar para solucionarlos? Unámonos para reflexionar sobre nuestro futuro en nuestro hogar llamado tierra.

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

When our blessings have finished

As human beings, we can avoid confrontation with many important really problems in our lives or, does our human nature say to us that when these kinds of problems are beyond the limit, then is when we must act to solve them? Join us to reflect on our future in our home called earth.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla; **Worship Associates:** Members of the Spanish-Speaking Ministry.

April 19 —11:00 am

Earth Day

We are interdependent in every sense, finely woven into a web of relationships that honors the existence of all that exists on this planet we call home. How shall we live in right relationship with the others in this web? On Earth Day, we ground ourselves in our love of nature and our recognition of its beauty and its limits. Can we discover the "sufficiency"—the sense that we have and we are enough—in our finite world?

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Worship Associates:** Luther Jackson and Jeff Norment.

Día de la Tierra

Somos interdependientes en todo sentido, finamente tejidos en una tela de relaciones que honra la existencia de todo lo que existe en este planeta que llamamos hogar. ¿Cómo vivir en correcta relación con los otros en esta tela? En el Día de la Tierra, reforzamos nuestro amor por la naturaleza y nuestro reconocimiento de su belleza y de sus límites. ¿Podemos descubrir la "suficiencia"—el sentido que tenemos y somos suficientes—en nuestro mundo finito?

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; **Asociados de Culto:** Luther Jackson y Jeff Norment. ●





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