



Our Church Circular

August 5,
2009 / 5 de
Agosto 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

9 de Agosto – 9:30 a.m.

El Gimnasio de la Fe

Dirige: Roberto Padilla

The Faith Gym

Worship leader: Roberto Padilla

16 de Agosto – 9:30 a.m.

La Hermandad del Cáliz Flameante

Dirige: Roberto Padilla

The Brotherhood of Flame's Chalice

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

August 9 – 11:00 a.m.

Dancing with our Partner Church visitors!

Please join us to give a warm welcome to our guests from our partner church in Homoródzentmárton, Transylvania, Romania. The villagers will perform a traditional dance and we will take a new picture of our congregation on the steps of the church.

Worship Leaders: the Rev. Jozsef Szombatfalvi, the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones and the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Worship Associates: Members of Our Partner Church Committee

Servicio Religioso con Nuestros Parientes de Transilvania

Siete visitantes de nuestra Iglesia hermana en Homoródzentmárton se unen a nosotros en el servicio este domingo. Démosles una cordial bienvenida de batalla "y experimentemos el Unitarismo internacional donde el amor es el tema que nos unifica a todos nosotros.

Dirigen: el Rev. Jozsef Szombatfalvi, la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, el Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Asociados de Culto: Members of Our Partner Church Committee

August 16 — 11:00 a.m.

One of the great joys of life: the love of a friend

Some of us are lucky to have friends who stand with us through our constant sorrows and laugh with us as we find amusement in the antics of puppies, kittens and political officials. Though to have one good friend who knows us deep down through all superficialities and proper decorum is one of life's greatest treasures. When there is someone with whom we can truly be ourselves and reveal our inner secrets a great expansive soul opens up within us— beauty, strength and happiness flow freely from our lives and into the world. Let's celebrate our friendships and commit ourselves to widening our circle to invite new people into our lives. What a joy it is to have our Unitarian friends from Romania joining us again for this service. We will have the pleasure of listening to Nayo Ulloa play music of the Andes and Patrick Smiley leading us in the Dances of Universal Peace.

Worship Leader: The Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Worship Associate: Carolyn Bowman

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SAVE THE DATES

August 5-18: Visitors from our Partner Church in Transylvania are here

August 9, Sunday: Worship (11 a.m. service) with our Transylvanian kin

August 10-15, Monday– Saturday: UU Senior High Camping Trip, Channel Islands. For more info contact Matt Trask at matrask@earthlink.net

August 13, Thursday: UUSJ-GREEN-CITY Monthly Meeting, Hattie Porter Hall, 7-8:30 p.m.

August 14, Friday: Sacred Heart Church, Pack-A-Back program, contact Rebecca Cole at 408-278-2179 or rebeccac@sacredheartcs.org.

August 19, Wednesday: Coalition for a Downtown Hospital/Board of Supervisors Meeting, 70 West Hedding, San Jose, 2:30 p.m.

September 3, Thursday: Women's Alliance at the home of Jean von Kaenel in Los Gatos. 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., contact Nancy Coleman at nbc Coleman@gmail.com or 408 985 5778 for further information.

September 13: Homecoming Sunday 2009: "Draw the Circle Wide!"

October 16-18, Friday-Sunday: 13th Annual PCD Men's Retreat, Westminster Center, Alamo, CA

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

You make FUSJ what it is! Whatever your talent and availability, there is an opportunity for you to serve. Contact Volunteer Coordinating Team members Liz Owen at lowen@data-time.com or Bob Miess at bob@floweringenterprises.com

Upcoming Events

AUGUST 5-19

Update! Partner Church Visit from Romania: please join our travels

by Connie Bloch

Our Partner Church villagers from Homoródzentmárton, Transylvania, Romania, will visit us for two weeks, August 5-19. We would like as many of our church members as possible to get to know them during their brief visit. We want to extend to them at least as much hospitality as they did during our visit to them two years ago.

- **Wednesday, August 5** (11:00 pm) at the San Jose airport, the villagers arrive.
- Thursday, August 6, please join us in a welcoming potluck at the church at 6:30 pm. (Bring food!) Contact: Monty Low
- **Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8**, we'll be going up to San Francisco to "see the sights" with them, and possibly the SF Unitarian church.
- **Sunday, August 9**, they will be in church with us and the church service will be led by Revs. Jozsef and Nancy. We are hoping for a good attendance, so our church

community will have the opportunity to hear and welcome them. The villagers will perform a traditional dance and we will take a new picture of our congregation on the steps of the church.

- The next few days, **August 9-11**, we take off to go to Yosemite and will be car camping near the park. For those of you who want to come with us, but don't want to camp, there will be an option to stay in a motel or cabin. RV spots may be available.
- **Thursday - Saturday, August 12 - 15**, The youth will go to the Channel Islands with our High School group. The adult visitors will tour nearby sights. This is an excellent opportunity if anyone would like to host one or more of the adults during the day or evening.
- **Sunday, August 16**, the adults will also be in church. During the afternoon, we are traveling down to Sunset Beach near Santa Cruz for the afternoon and an evening bonfire potluck dinner.
- **Monday and Tuesday, August 17 and 18**, we will be touring local valley and high tech sights. We may also visit some local redwood groves.

- **Tuesday August 18**, we will have a good-bye dinner (6:30pm) for our visitors at the church. The dinner will cost \$10 per person and will be catered by Casa Vicky. Please RSVP if you wish to attend.

To make their trip successful, we would like as many folks as possible from our church to participate, especially during the welcoming dinner and the two Sundays they are in church.

Please contact **Connie** at Connie.Bloch@yahoo.com or Low.monty@gmail.com for more information about the helping with the visit, or joining us on any of the activities. ●

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Living with Alzheimer's Disease

Ann Davidson, author of two books that chronicle her life as wife and caregiver to her husband Julian, will talk about her experience of caring for her husband with Alzheimer's. Her first book, *Alzheimer's, a Love Story* covers the early years of Julian's disease, and the second book entitled *A Curious Kind of Widow* covers the declining years when Julian was living in an Alzheimer's care center until his death. Some of you already know Ann from the hiking group and can attest to her warmth and articulate and sensitive story telling abilities. Ann has spoken widely about her experience of living with and loving a man with Alzheimer's. She has helped professional caregivers see the humanity of their clients and patients with dementia and has spoken extensively with caregivers about the challenges of giving care to their loved ones. Ann was a speech pathologist working with language-impaired children. She now volunteers on the Alzheimer's Association Northern California Helpline.

She will speak at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, August 30 in the Sanctuary. This is the second program sponsored by the Pastoral Care Team addressing an aspect of mental health. Please plan to join us. ●

AUGUST 11

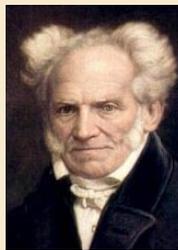
HUUMANIST Group

The August meeting of HUUMANIST Group is set for August 11, 7 PM, in the Fireside Room. The is on Arthur

Schopenhauer who was a German philosopher who lived from 1788 to 1860. He never married, and some of his writings tend to be misogynistic. He worked only about a year as a philosophy lecturer. Fortunately for him, he inherited great wealth. In midlife, he published his major work "The World as Will and Representation" which influenced such thinkers as Freud, Nietzsche and Wittgenstein.

Schopenhauer had a pessimistic streak. On love and romance, he believed that we

have a strong will to reproduce, which is the most important thing in life for what is at stake is the survival of the species. This is a biological drive and, for most people, is unconscious. Once we have reproduced,



Schopenhauer:
What role did the haircut play?

we become dissatisfied with the partner we picked for only biological considerations. Consequently we no longer feel happy as we did in the courting phase.

For the first half-hour, we will watch a video on Schopenhauer's philosophy of love. The balance of the time

we will discuss the main ideas presented in the video.

Food for thought will be served. ●



Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Women's Alliance Reconvenes

We will start off our new series on Thursday, Sept. 3, with the final session from the revised Cakes for the Queen of Heaven curriculum entitled Future Fantasies. Please join us at the home of Jean von Kaenel in Los Gatos from 7:15 to 9:15 P.M. Contact Nancy Coleman at nbcoleman@gmail.com or 408 985 5778 for further information. We will meet on the first Thursday of each month from September through May. ●



SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

Draw the Circle Wide! Calling All Singers: Join the Homecoming Choir

All singers are warmly invited to join the First Unitarian Choir and Ad Hoc for our Homecoming Sunday services, on September 13, 2009, at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Together we will be singing our rousing theme song for the new church year: "Draw the Circle Wide!" To sing, please make the following commitments:

- Contact choir coordinator **Liz Owen** at lowen@data-time.com.
- Rehearse with the choir on Wednesday, September 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Show up at the church *early* on Sunday, September 13, for final run-through before the 9:30 service (exact rehearsal time to be announced by choir director **Dan Zulevic**).

You can receive a copy of the music ahead of time to begin learning the song. And you are always welcome to join any and all choir rehearsals, which take place most Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Just ask Liz for details of the summer schedule.

Let us make a joyful noise together and draw the circle wider still! ●



FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 -18, 2009

What will it take for you to be happy? 13th Annual PCD Men's Retreat

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).

Our theme this year is Happiness. Through experiential workshops and kinship groups, we will explore what happiness means to each of us, what prevents us from reaching it, and how to get there from here. There will also be free time for hiking and other pursuits on Saturday afternoon – plus the always-popular

No Talent Show on Saturday night.

The cost for the weekend is \$225, with a deposit of \$100 at time of registration and the remainder due at or before the Retreat check-in. Scholarships are available.

For more information and to register

Go to <http://pcd-uua.org/men/frames.htm> and see the link for [Register for Upcoming Retreat](#) in the left-hand navigation bar, or contact us: **Harry J. Mersmann** at 209-955-0291 or pcdmensretreat@gmail.com, **Gordon Smith** at 408 393 6182 or gordonsmith100@gmail.com ●

DECEMBER 3-9, 2009

Making a World of Difference

Did you know that every five years, there is a global, interfaith gathering called the Parliament of the World's Religions (PWR)? This December 3-9, 2009, the PWR is being held in Melbourne, Australia, and they are expecting 10,000 people from around the world from all the world's religions and faith communities.

The major theme for 2009 is Making a World of Difference: Hearing Each Other, Healing the Earth. Subthemes of PWR include

- Healing the Earth with Care and Concern
- Reconciling with the Indigenous Peoples
- Overcoming Poverty in a Patriarchal World
- Securing Food and Water for All People
- Building Peace in the Pursuit of Justice
- Creating Social Cohesion in Village and City



- Sharing Wisdom in the Search for Inner Peace
Information about the PWR can be found at <http://www.parliamentofreligions.org/>. **Joy-Ellen Lipsky** from the San Jose congregation is an Ambassador to the 2009 Parliament and is a core team member to make Silicon Valley a PWR Partner City. If you have questions about the Parliament, come visit the Parliament table in Hattie Porter Hall after the 11am service on July 26th.

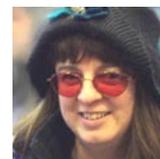
P.S. We've been working to get Peter Morales, the new UUA President, a role in the PWR! ●





Spotlight on Social Justice

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



Social Justice BLOG: <http://www.sanjoseuu.org/socialjusticeblog/>

SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES TO SAVE

Find more Social Justice news

See Online Calendar for all FUCSJ listings at: <http://my.serviceuu.com/public/frame.asp?OrgID=3442&bShowCalendar=True>

Social Justice BLOG on Church Webpage at: <http://www.sanjoseuu.org/socialjusticeblog/>.

YahooGroup For Social Justice News & Events at: sjsjuu-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Bonus articles not appearing in the PDF or print versions of the Newsletter can be found on the HTML version and in the Social Justice Blog.

Lucy Proulx, 289-9286

Social Justice Calendar

Thursday, August 13, UUSJ-GREEN-CITY Monthly Meeting, Hattie Porter Hall, 7-8:30 pm

Friday, August 14, Sacred Heart Church, Pack-A-Back program, contact Rebecca Cole at 408-278-2179 or rebeccac@sacredheartcs.org.

Wednesday, August 19, Coalition for a Downtown Hospital/Board of Supervisors Meeting, 70 West Hedding, San Jose, 2:30 pm

What?? Legally Fired for Being LGBT?

I want to give you the two most compelling reasons I know to help finally pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA): 1) In 38 states you can be fired from your job if you are transgender; and 2) In 30 states you can be fired from your job if you are lesbian, gay or bisexual! Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) introduced ENDA, and this time it's a bill that we can really get behind. The current bill would protect all workers from discrimination, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Use the form at this link to contact your representative: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/TellCongressENDA>

Keeping Seniors Safe in the Heat

When the temperatures appeared to head north of 96 degrees recently, the City of San José announced the temporary opening of its "Cooling Centers" throughout the city, to help seniors and vulnerable community members avoid the heat. When the excessive heat returns, call the District 3 Council office at 535-4903, or check the City's Web site at www.sanjoseca.gov for information about air-conditioned locations near your loved ones—typically, the City will open the Roosevelt Community Center at 901 East Santa Clara Street, and Willows Community Center at 2175 Lincoln Avenue, from noon to 8 pm on those days.

Pack-a-Back Needs Volunteers

Remember the "Pack-a-Back Program" from the last newsletter? The GAP is making your donation even sweeter with a 25% off coupon:

On August 14th Sacred Heart will hold its annual Pack-A-Back program and will be distributing 1500 brand new backpacks to the children in our community. This service allows 1500 students in San Jose to start school with the supplies that they need to be successful. In order to be prepared for this fabulous event, we are in search of adult volunteers to help out on the Registration Day for the Pack-A-Back program. Volunteers will help with the registration process by checking customers' documents, filling out their appointment cards, and entering data into our database. This is a crucial part of the backpack program, and we hope to have enough support to make it run quickly and smoothly for our customers. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Rebecca Cole at 408-278-2179 or rebeccac@sacredheartcs.org.

Reminder from: UUSJ-GREEN-CITY

Monthly Meeting at 7-8:30 pm every month on the second Thursday in Hattie Porter Hall.

Free/Low Income Services Offered

Phoenix Data Center is a not-for-profit organization that maintains an index of free and low income services offered throughout Santa Clara County and its neighboring communities. Their goal is to connect those in need with those who help. Among the programs they offer are: PG&E Care Program 20 percent discount on monthly bills; Children's Health Care available to uninsured children who reside in Santa Clara County. In addition, Santa Clara County residents can earn a \$450 grant to pay the costs of applying for U.S. Citizenship. Learn more at: <http://www.phoenixdatacenter.org/>.

Servicios gratis y de bajo costo

Phoenix Data Center es una organización sin fines de lucro que mantiene un índice de los servicios gratis y de bajo costo ofrecidos a través del Condado de Santa Clara y de sus comunidades vecinas. Su meta es conectar a aquellos con alguna necesidad con los que ofrecen la ayuda. Entre los programas que se ofrecen esta: el programa de ayuda de PG&E que ofrece el 20% de descuento en los recibos mensuales; Cuidado médico para niños sin seguro que residen en el Condado de Santa Clara; Los residentes del Condado de Santa Clara pueden obtener una ayuda de \$450 para pagar el costo de la aplicación de la ciudadanía. Para saber más acerca de estos servicios, acuda al siguiente sitio: <http://www.phoenixdatacenter.org/>.

Coalition for a Downtown Hospital

First, good news! At their monthly meeting, the issuance of the initial Measure A Bond of \$135 million will not include \$20 million for health care facilities downtown as we were originally told. This was due to the wording of the Bond. However, a separate bond will be issued to provide for the funding of the downtown facilities. This was of concern due to the time factor. That is, would this

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delay moving forward with the clinic plans? The email from Jim Murphy, VMC health and Hospital System, responds to that concern. "The Measure A clinic project is able to be funded by the County as needed for all aspects of the project: site acquisition, construction, etc. There will be no delay due to funding. There is ability for the County to loan funds to the project ahead of the next bond issue. The funds raised from the next issue will then be repaid the County."

Second, site information: In August the County staff is to report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) about three possible sites for the downtown clinics. They are then to be further explored to designate the best choice by December. The August meeting will be Wed. Aug. 19, 2009 at 2:30 @ 70 West Hedding. The BOS calendar should be checked to make sure there are no changes, which I will do and send appropriate information. If it remains as one of the 3 choices, we support The Chavez Building. For more information, email to: hospital@coalitionfordowntownhospital.org.

Check Your Clunker Savings

Just over a month ago, President Obama signed into law the Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS), aka "Cash for Clunkers." Between now and November 1, \$1 billion in federal funding is available to help sell new vehicles. That means you can get a \$3,500 to \$4,500 credit toward replacing your old gas guzzler with a newer, more-efficient model. If you're tempted by the program, don't forget that your potential fuel savings are as important as the credit from CARS. How much might you save? Use our Cash for Clunkers calculator to get the answer in gallons of gas, carbon emissions, and cash. Switching from a Hummer to a Prius last year, for example, would have saved 683 gallons of gas, six tons of CO2, and \$1,680 annually for someone driving 12,000 miles a year. More at: <http://www.cars.gov/>. ●

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Uno de los grandes placeres de la vida: el amor de un amigo

Algunos de nosotros somos afortunados de tener amigos que están con nosotros a través de nuestras constantes penas y que ría con nosotros cuando encontremos divertidas las travesuras de los cachorros, los gatitos y los funcionarios públicos. Aunque tener un buen amigo quién nos conozca profundamente a través de todas las superficialidades y del apropiado decoro, es uno de mayores tesoros la vida. Cuando hay alguien con quien realmente podemos ser nosotros mismos y revelar nuestros secretos más íntimos, una gran alma expansiva se abre dentro de nosotros — la belleza, la fuerza y la felicidad fluyen libremente desde nuestras vidas y en el mundo. Celebremos nuestros lazos de amistad y comprometámonos a nosotros mismos a ampliar nuestro círculo invitando a nueva gente a nuestras vidas. Qué alegría es tener a nuestros amigos Unitarios de Rumania acompañándonos nuevamente para este servicio. Tenemos el placer de escuchar música de los Andes con Nayo Ulloa y Patrick Smiley nos guiara en las Danzas de Paz Universal.

Dirige: el Rev. Geoff Rimositis
Asociado de culto: Carolyn Bowman

23 de Agosto — 9:30 a.m.

Aquí Estoy Si Me Necesitas

Dirige: Nancy Palmer Jones

I am Here If You need Me

Worship Leader: Nancy Palmer Jones

30 de Agosto — 9:30 a.m.

Música y multiculturalismo

Dirige: Nancy Palmer Jones

Music and Multiculturalism

Worship Leader: Nancy Palmer Jones

6 de Septiembre — 9:30 a.m.

Conversaciones en la Iglesia

Dirige: Roberto Padilla

Talking in the Church

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla

August 23 — 11:00 a.m.

To Be Announced

Although the title of the service is not yet available, you may be sure that it will nurture our spirits, stimulate our minds, perhaps challenge our assumptions, and comfort our hearts. The specific topics will be announced by e-mail to those on our list, and be posted on our web site (sanjoseuu.org).

Worship Leader: Nancy Palmer Jones

Worship Associate: Bruce Halen

Será anunciado

Dirige: Nancy Palmer Jones

Asociado de Culto: Bruce Halen

August 30 — 11:00 a.m.

To Be Announced

Worship Leader: Nancy Palmer Jones

Worship Associates: Bob Meiss, Alice Lynch

Será anunciado

Dirige: Nancy Palmer Jones

Asociados de Culto: Bob Meiss, Alice Lynch

September 6 — 11:00 a.m.

Labor in the Pulpit / Spirituality of Unemployment

Worship Leader: Dena Dickinson

Worship Associate: Bob Owen

Trabajo en el Púlpito / Espiritualidad de desempleo

Dirige: Dena Dickinson

Asociado de Culto: Bob Owen ●

COPYRIGHT — OR WRONG?

Frey Leigh brought to our attention an article from the **PCD Currents: News from the Pacific Central District**. It discusses copyright law as it applies to churches — from bringing a *Lion King* DVD to occupy the kids while parents are in a meeting, to projecting song lyrics on a screen or inserting them into the order of service. It's well worth the effort to read it online [<http://www.pcd-uaa.org/currents/20090720.htm> — scroll down to the second article] and follow the links to more detailed copyright information. The bad news is, copyright law is probably more restrictive than you thought. The good news is, many copyright owners are happy to permit use by congregations — you just have to ask them. ●



Lifespan Faith Development

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

Lifespan Faith Development Summer Updates

There will be no summer program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade from June 21 to September 13.

The nursery will be available to children through seven years of age and the senior high youth group will continue to meet on

Sundays.

The junior high youth group will continue to have social gatherings this summer including the backpacking trip. For more information contact Pam Pell at JOHNPELL@aol.com

We will be working on creating a new

dynamic program for the younger elementary ages to be unveiled in the fall. The children and youth programs in the fall will happen at the same time as this year with everyone going to the first part of the 11 a.m. service and then for an hour of programming.

Give us a piece of your mind...

Please fill out the lifespan faith development surveys to help us to plan activities and classes for the next church year beginning in the fall.

Children & Youth Ministries

<http://tinyurl.com/ChildrenYouth>

Adult Spiritual Growth & Enrichment Activities

<http://tinyurl.com/AdultGrowthEnrich> ●

Owl Orientation for Parents of Incoming 7th-9th Graders

Dear Church Families — There will be a required parent orientation on Sunday, August 30 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Ramsden Fireside Room for families who are considering having their son or daughter participate in the Unitarian Universalist Sexuality Program, Our Whole Lives (OWL). This program is for youth in 7th-9th grades.

The volunteer teachers for the class will be **Elisabeth McKenna** and **Rick Morris**.

We will also be offering a parent support group that will be held at the same time as the youth class. Adults will follow the curriculum and learn what the youth are learning.

Elisabeth McKenna is serving as the OWL Class Coordinator. You can reach her directly at 408-375-5148 or EBMcKenna@aol.com. She encourages you to call her with any questions, and if your teen is reluctant to participate.

The UUA has a web site devoted to OWL (<http://www.uua.org/owl/intro.html>) if you would like more information.

The program starts September 13 and goes through December 13. The regularly scheduled classes will take place at the church on Sunday afternoons. The fee for the class will be \$80.

Sexuality education for youth has been one of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations most important ministries. The program has empowered many young people not only with correct information but also with a greater understanding of human

relationships and with a stronger sense of their own personal integrity. I hope you will make every effort to have your son or daughter attend the course.

Faithfully yours,

Rev. Geoff Rimositis ●

Starr King Student in Need of Help

Fellow UU, Starr King Student and beloved DRE of several UU Congregations, **Kevin Drewerey** needs our help. Kevin was diagnosed with PML (a progressive virus that attacks the brain) back in April and has been declining fast this past month. Kevin was living with housemates while attending Starr King, has no immediate family to care for him and just lost his father in June. Kevin is a gentle and gracious man who has touched the lives of many UU's around the nation.



A trust has been set up at Mount Diablo UU Church to help pay for his care. If you can help, we would very much appreciate it. Donations can be sent to: Make out check to MDUUC with *Minister Discretion/Drewerey* in the memo line. Mail to Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. (Special thanks to Rev. Leslie Takahashi-Morris who has helped set up this fund.)

If anyone is visiting San Francisco and would like to visit Kevin, you are welcome to do so: Coming Home, 115 Diamond Street, San Francisco, CA 94114. Room 101

Thank you,

Gin Principe, sunculinary@gmail.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. "Tell Me Everything" when you see me at church, or e-mail me at dzuz@aol.com. Ok, gentle readers, this week:

Who is too busy to even think? Who would go ALL THE WAY TO MASSACHUSETTS FOR A CIRCLE SUPPER?

"I've got a houseful of Missouri grandchildren and there is no time. Let's see if anyone misses me?" writes **Torchy**. We wish her hectic happiness, and will be glad to see her back after everyone goes home. Meanwhile, **Lucy Proulx** sends the following story. — ed.

Long Distance UU Circle Supper by Lucy Proulx

If you had wanted to join us for a Circle Supper on Wednesday, July 29th, you would have had quite a long journey to get here, unless, or course, you happened to already be in Southern New England like **Dave and Lucy Proulx** were (their East Coast home in Bellingham, Mass., is a mere 32 miles from Barbara and Beverly's home!). We had a most lovely tour of the Circle Supper Moms' Foster, Rhode Island 60-acre tree farm homestead, complete with pond, oodles of baby frogs and toads, and enjoyed several hours of lively conversation. There were seven of us for this dinner: **Barbara Derbyshire** and **Beverly Harrison**, Dave and Lucy Proulx, and three of Barbara and Beverly's neighbors. These



Barbara Derbyshire, Lucy Proulx, and Bev Harrison in Foster, RI, July 30, 2009

sweet folks keep an eye Barbara and Beverly's property when our beloved Circle Supper Ladies are back in San Jose. All I can say is regardless of which coast they're on, the Circle Dinner Ladies are great Hosts and can throw together a fun dinner from either East or West coast. We had a wonderful evening.

If you've never signed up to do a UU Circle Supper, you're missing out on a fun evening. Get yourself on their sign-up list and you'll be on your way to a good time. Barbara says, "Circle Suppers offer an opportunity

for church members to share a potluck in members' homes. The mix of people is different each time. People who attend have found this to be a good way to get to know others within 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 her at: CircleSuppers@aol.com.

Some simple steps to live in Wholeness and Prosperity Consciousness:

Dear Ones — Thank you so much for helping to make the July 26 service very special indeed. I love that there were a group of us making our voices and music heard. I believe we succeeded in touching people's hearts and souls.

I had several requests about the seven steps to wholeness I outlined in my sermon, so here they are.

Step 1: Shift your consciousness from lack to abundance, from negative to positive in your thoughts and words

Step 2: At least once a day stop and be thankful for all that you have

Step 3: Ask for help — in finances, job search, health or whatever issues you are facing. Offer help

to others who are in need

Step 4: Take care of your mind, body and spirit. Take time each day to be still and find the center of your being. Read uplifting text. Go for a walk, especially in nature

Step 5: Connect your activities to your major purpose in life. If you do not know what your major purpose is, follow those things in your life that make your heart sing

Step 6: Find and tap into the flow of Grace that brings abundance, creativity and well-being. Become attuned to the beauty and wonder of life

Step 7: Borrowing from Roy Eugene Davis from the Center for Spiritual Awareness — "Do what

you know you should do." First, set an intention, affirm it, then take the steps necessary to prosper.

Live your life through these 7 steps and remember that Prosperity Consciousness is also about well-being and abundance for all creatures. Your thoughts and actions influence others, so invite prosperity for all. Each one of us can make a difference in the world. No matter what our current circumstances, we can abide in wholeness, grace and joy.

Blessings, and live long and prosper,
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UUA President Statement on the First Anniversary of Knoxville Tragedy

UUA President **Peter Morales** marked the first anniversary (July 27) of the tragic shootings which occurred at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee with these words:



A year ago in Knoxville, Tennessee, a man with a gun entered the Sunday morning worship service at the **Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church (TVUUC)** and killed two people, Greg McKendry from TVUUC and Dr. Linda Lee Kraeger from Westside Unitarian Universalist Church. That horrific act reminds us that when hate and fear take hold of the human heart, violence inevitably follows.

The response of the Knoxville UU congregations is a more potent reminder of the power of compassion, hope and courage. Rather than respond to hate with hate, they responded with love. Rather than allow fear to take over, they reaffirmed their commitment to a message of love. The care and support of their neighbors from other faiths reminds us all that our shared humanity and our love for one another are more powerful than our theological differences.

On this painful anniversary of a terrible tragedy, let us all commit ourselves once more to creating religious communities where love can flower. Let us commit ourselves to spreading our message of compassion, hope, understanding, community and joy to a world too often hurt by isolation, desperation and conflict.

Let us stand on the side of love. Love will guide us. It always has. Morales' statement can be found at <http://www.uua.org/news/newssubmissions/144763.shtml> ●

Board Meeting Minutes: July, 2009

There were two board meetings in July – the first meeting was on July 1, which was actually postponed from June 24 because of too many people unavailable on June 24. The second meeting was on the usual fourth Wednesday, July 22.

On July 1, **Rev. Nancy** provided an in-depth report about General Assembly. Peter Morales was elected UU President and asked that church leadership attend future GAs. February 2010 will officially be “Worship Month”, and include programs designed to motivate people to sign up for the 2010 GA in Minneapolis MN. GA formats will change in the future, as well. Finally, Rev. Morales wants to increase membership nationwide. There are a lot of UUs out there who just need to find us and participate.

Speaking of new members, in order to focus interest (i.e. have more new joiners at each in-gathering) changing the timetable to quarterly was discussed. Currently the schedule is second Sundays October – May.

Our Partner Church friends from Homorod-Szent Martin Transylvania will be here August 5-19. Thursday August 6 (Thursday) will be an all-church Pot Luck in Hattie Porter Hall. Rev. Jozsef Szombatfalvi and Rev. Nancy will conduct a joint service on Sunday August 9. **Connie Bloch** and **Monty Low** are coordinating and organizing activities, including the *piece de resistance*, a campout in the Channel Islands with our youth and visiting youth from HSM.

Both on July 1 and July 22 we discussed several communication issues. We agreed to use our website as a means not only to post this newsletter for public access, but also policies, mission statement, vision statements, etc. Some other items would be password-protected. I would post that password here, but then it would not represent much protection. Also, I would have to find it, because I can only remember the first word.

Both meetings also included lengthy discussions about changing our Draft Ends, Mission statement, and Vision Statements into

permanent parts of our Bylaws and message to the public. This will be a major part of our Annual Board Retreat, scheduled for Saturday August 29. Those members of the congregation having issues and opinions on the draft documents should pass their input on to Madeline Morrow, since she is preparing an agenda for the retreat, including some brainstorming board members are doing at this time for a Mission Statement.

Visitor Retention was discussed, with the intention of establishing a program within the Membership Committee to develop data that will aid outreach and marketing.

Nancy listed the following items as being essential for getting and keeping new members:

1. Visibility in the Community
2. Retention & Integration into the Church Community
3. An Excellent Worship Program
4. A Culture of Welcome
5. Involve new joiners within their first six months

Finally, our Treasurer **Bob Howd** has helped develop several new documents to assist with bookkeeping and recordkeeping. They include a reimbursement request form for members who incur an out-of-pocket expense- normally to be signed off by a Program & Operations Council(POC) member. Second is a Special collection form to account for the income and outflow when special collections are made. Finally, as an aid to the POC, Finance Committee and Board a Statement of Cash Flow. This was a suggestion of our new bookkeeper, **Sue Evanicky**, who has truly taken the bull by the horns and taken some great initiatives to help us with our church finances.

Our next Board Meeting is Wednesday August 26, and I will report on that in our next newsletter a month from now, providing procrastination does not rear its ugly head.

Your Secretary and Reporter
Bob Redfern ●



Gift of Service: volunteer recognition

by Genie Bernardini

Mary Martin: How can you find her? You can usually identify Mary Martin by her furrowed brow. Then when you approach her, she breaks into a warm smile that draws you right in. But her brow is often furrowed because Mary always takes very seriously any responsibility she is given and carries it out with great intensity and dedication.



As a long-time member of our church, Mary has served as an RE (Religious Education) teacher, Board member and Visitors' Table host and chair. She now continues at the Visitors' Table, is a Small Group Ministry Content Team member, Small Group Ministry leader and Coordinator of the Worship Associates as well.

Mary finds working with the Worship Associates (WAs), whom she describes as "dynamic, step-up-to-the-plate kinds of people" to be a special pleasure. The 26-year-old Worship Associates program provides an opportunity for lay members (you and I!) to participate actively in our worship services. Working closely with the ministers, guest ministers and others in our congregation, WAs help plan, create and lead Sunday worship. This volunteer service is especially rewarding for Mary because, she says, "I think worship is at the center of our church community life, and I enjoy helping make this happen." Many thanks from all of us for this gift of service, Mary! I personally have fully enjoyed the contributions of the many, many talented and inspiring church members who have shared their wisdom with us over the years and it is a great way to get to know more about our Beloved Community.

If you would be interested in joining this wonderful team, you can fill out an application in the fall for the year 2010. Meanwhile look for that furrowed brow, enjoy that warm smile, and Mary will be glad to tell you anything else you may want to know! ●

Vicky Merryman: The Gift That Keeps on Giving! All who know and love Vicky have been delighted by her stunning outfits for the many years she has been coming to this church. But Vicky has done numerous things to outfit our church as well. She has spent months seeking out just the right piece of furniture to go here, just the right fabric pattern for chairs to go there, etc. And now her latest gift can be seen in Hattie Porter Hall, above the windows! With help from **Catherine Pelizzari**, Vicky found beautiful fabric at a bargain



rate by traveling all the way to San Mateo, then designed, cut out and sewed the lovely valances that have changed the windows from just windows to statements of elegance and class.

Please let Vicky know how much we appreciate her. She's the one in the perfectly coordinated, stand-out attire and devilish grin!

Other volunteer opportunities

If you would like to find out where your talents, time and interests mesh with the needs of the congregation, please contact Volunteer Coordinating Team members **Liz Owen** at lowen@data-time.com or **Bob Miess** at Bob@FloweringEnterprises.com. ●

Marriage Equality: Volunteer Opportunities for a Deeper Campaign to Win!

Dear Friends — I spoke with Chris Riley, Regional Field Manager for the Bay Area with Equality California, and I heard wonderful news about the current actions being taken to gain marriage equality in this state. There is now an Equality California office right around the corner from our church, on 2nd Street between Santa Clara and St. John, and there are important ways in which we can volunteer. Now is the time to lay a deeper foundation of support! Please read on:

Door-to-door canvassing, Sundays 4 to 8 p.m.--Share stories and speak directly with people in nearby areas to deepen the education and sway hearts and minds. So far, at least one in 5 people have shifted their opinions toward being in favor of marriage equality after these conversations. Relationships building and personal testimony and listening are key! Training provided. To volunteer, contact Chris or Ann directly at chris.riley@eqca.org or ann@eqca.org.

Phone banking to recruit volunteers, Monday evenings, Equality California office in San Jose, 6 to 9 p.m. Again, training/script provided. To volunteer, contact Chris or Ann directly at chris.riley@eqca.org or ann@eqca.org.

The first two opportunities are most important! But if talking to folks whom you don't know is not your thing, then the Equality California San Jose office can use your help with some office work, especially data entry. And they are in need of donated office supplies and equipment: desktops, laptops, high-speed printers, and/or gift cards to office supply stores. Again, you can contact Chris or Ann directly at chris.riley@eqca.org or ann@eqca.org.

In contrast to the heat of last fall's campaign, we have the time now to do the kind of work that helps us all to learn, grow, and come into more loving and open relationships with our neighbors, in the service of equal rights. Let's all pitch in!

Warmly,
Nancy





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