



# Our Church Circular

July 1, 2009  
/ 1 de Julio  
2009

## SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

**9:30 a.m.**

Servicios en español

**5 de Julio** – 9:30 a.m.

### UUs, Utah, y Nuestro Mensaje de Esperanza: Trayendo la Asamblea general a Nuestro Hogar en San José

La primera iglesia de Unitaria de San José llevo nuestro tema de “JUUNTOS/Together” a los millares de Unitarios Universalistas en Salt Lake City durante la última semana de junio. ¿Cómo fue? Ven a descubrir en este domingo festivo, mientras les traemos lo que nosotros vimos, dijimos, y oímos en la Asamblea General a nuestro hogar. ¡Unámonos para elevar este espíritu, provocando pensamientos, creando lazos afectivos en la comunidad en el servicio religioso!

Dirige: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones  
Asociado de Culto: Roberto Padilla

**11:00 a.m.**

Services in English

**July 5** – 11:00 a.m.

### UUs, Utah, and Our Message of Hope: Bringing General Assembly Home to San José

The First Unitarian Church of San José brought our theme of “JUUNTOS/Together” to thousands of Unitarian Universalists in Salt Lake City during the last week in June. How did it go? Come find out on this holiday Sunday, as we bring what we saw, said, and heard at General Assembly home to you. Join us for this spirit-lifting, thought-provoking, community-bonding worship service!

Worship Leader: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones;  
Worship Associates: Roberto Padilla and Other  
General Assembly Participants

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## SAVE THE DATES

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

**July 11–18**, Saturday – Saturday, UUSC's Sixth Annual Freedom Summer–Civil Rights Journey, Atlanta, Georgia., to Birmingham, Selma, and Montgomery, Alabama.

**July 12, Sunday**, pot luck and visit with author Shirley Ranck at the home of Jean vonKaenel. For more information, contact Nancy Coleman at [nbc Coleman@gmail.com](mailto:nbc Coleman@gmail.com).

**July 15 -19**, Wednesday – Sunday, All-Church Campout, McConnell State Park,

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

**August 9**: 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 [mattrask@earthlink.net](mailto:mattrask@earthlink.net)

**September 13**: HOMECOMING SUNDAY 2009: “Draw the Circle Wide!”

## Program and Operations Council (POC) Report for June 2009

By Sherry Howd, Outreach Ministry

The Program and Operations Council (POC) met June 9 and 23. This is the second monthly report on decisions and program issues. The POC meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. The first meeting focuses on policies and procedures. The second meeting includes going through the budget and other business. The meetings are open to visitors except for executive sessions, which can occur at the end of the meeting.

POC members are: **Tamara Payne-Alex**, Program Officer (and Chair of the

POC); **Joyce Miller**, Personal Officer; **Dena Dickinson**, Finance Officer; **Rev. Nancy**; **Rev. Geoff**; **John Burk**, Social Justice; **Patrick Meyers**, Building; **Debra Fenzel-Alexander**, Inreach; **Ben Cadena**, Worship; and **Sherry Howd**, Outreach (reporting).

### Program Progress

*Stewardship Ministry* -- **Steve Madden**, Nominating Committee Chair, made a guest appearance to discuss the job description (drafted by **Bob Meiss**) for the Stewardship Ministry representative to join the POC. This

**See POC REPORT, page 2**

### 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](mailto:lowen@data-time.com) or Bob Meiss at [bob@floweringenterprises.com](mailto:bob@floweringenterprises.com)

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ministry's role is mainly fund-raising. With the job description done, the Nominating Committee can recruit a representative. If you have ideas for candidates, contact Steve Madden.

*Tea fund-raiser for PACT dues* -- **Connie Block** volunteered to designate our PACT dues fund to receive the profits from the annual Partner Church Tea fund-raiser in January. The Tea is always a marvelous event. Please plan on attending and/or helping. This event should raise about half the funds needed for dues.

*Call for Volunteers* -- A Coordinator is needed for Mental Health Ministry, particularly for before and during Sunday services to help affected visitors. If you are interested, please contact **Rev. Donna Lenahan**, email [djlenahan@aol.com](mailto:djlenahan@aol.com).

A Leader is needed to organize an Emergency Management Team. Tasks include making evacuation plans. If you are interested, contact **Dena Dickinson** at [dickiden@comcast.net](mailto:dickiden@comcast.net).

### Q & A

Q: What is the Reimbursement Request procedure?

A: This new procedure, approved by the Finance Committee, is: submit the request (with required approval signatures) to the bookkeeper within 45 days after the event. If this deadline cannot be met, submit a Request for Waiver with the approximate costs within 45 days.

Q: Who can apply for grants for FUCSJ?

A: Tamara reported that anyone can gather information regarding funding and grants. The POC or agents designated by the POC can submit grants.

### Financial Committee Summary, June 9, 2009

Finance Committee members are Bob Howd, Treasurer; Dena Dickinson, Finance Officer; Pam Stellmacher; Jean Rivers; Sue Evanicky, Bookkeeper; and Marla Scharf.

Dena summarized decisions made in the Finance Committee meeting.

I. Reserve/Restricted Accounts – Financial Committee recommendation

a. No activity in the following funds: Kaleidoscope, SSM Publicity, Bookstore, Organ, Reserve. These fund lines were deleted from the books for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

b. \$33,603 is available at the end of the 2008-2009 fiscal year to fund Reserves in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. These funds were

distributed to Partner Church, Building Maintenance, Office Equipment, and Labyrinth accounts.

II. To save money, the church will return the postage machine and just use stamps, which will be locked up in the office. The postage accumulated on the machine will be returned to the church.

III. Other issues being discussed: Special Collections Procedure, Circle Books, Audit, Property Tax, and Counters Procedure. ●

## May 13 & 27 Board Meetings; May 31 Congregational Meeting

by **Bob Redfern**, Board Secretary

Your Church Board was busy over the past month. The most important issue was the budget, and our May 13th meeting focused on that issue. After working many hours on the details, the Program and Operations Council presented the results to the Board, and **Tamara Payne-Alex**, POC Chair, led the presentation. The Board endorsed the POC's work and started planning for the May 31st Congregational Meeting to present the budget to all of you.

The Board's regular meeting occurred May 27th, and we completed the details for our Congregational Meeting on Sunday the 31st

We gave our hearty thanks to **Marla Scharf**. A careful review of the Bylaws adopted in 2007 determined that another meeting to adopt specific language for the bylaws to fulfill the March vote making Policy-Based governance permanent was unnecessary because Marla had included "sunset" language that made the Policy Based Governance permanent if the congregation so voted after 2 years' experience. This may sound a bit arcane, but it is why Marla went to law school, right? Thanks, Marla.

**Nancy Palmer Jones**, **Robert Padilla** and others from the UUA community are presenting a worship workshop at General Assembly on worship. June 16th will be a rehearsal for that event. We are entitled to 6 official delegates at GA. **Barbara Derbyshire**, **Bev Harrison**, **Tracy Avent** and **Ed Massey** are lined up for delegate slots, and Tracy will fill the other slots for the Assembly, to begin June 21st.

The Board will consider over the next few months converting our "Draft Ends" policy to a permanent policy. **Madeline Morrow** brought this up as a priority, and we reviewed the ends and agreed that its dealing with Religious Education, if not other issues, needs to be better expressed.

The Congregational Meeting on May 31 was a success in presenting the budget, voting **Dena Dickenson** as Financial Officer, and presenting the "Draft Ends" to be our "Affirmed Ends." Dena was voted in, Tamara and Dena presented the budget and its significant cuts reflecting our reduced means as a community, and the meeting finished by presenting the Draft Ends to the Congregation and inviting input from one and all, and endorsement of the Lifespan Faith Development initiative to revamp religious education.

The Board's next meeting was moved up to July 1 because a quorum would be unavailable on our usual meeting date, which would be June 24<sup>th</sup>, in the middle of GA week. ●



# Upcoming Events

AUGUST 5-19

## Partner church visit from Romania; please join us in our travels!

by Connie Bloch

Our Partner Church villagers will arrive soon, from Homoródzentmárton, Transylvania, Romania, to visit us for two weeks, from August 5th-19th. 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 5th (11:00 pm) at the San Jose airport, the villagers arrive. The group includes Rev. Jozsef and his wife, Erika, the church president, Guyla, and 3 high school youth. Istvan, a college student from the village who is here for two months, is joining us as well.

The next evening, on August 6th, we are hoping as many folks as possible can join us in a welcoming potluck at the church at 6:30 pm. (Bring food!)

During the next two days, Friday and Saturday, August 7th and 8th, we'll be going up to San Francisco to "see the sights" with them, and possibly the SF Unitarian church.

Sunday, August 9th, 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 next few days, August 9-11, we take off to go to Yosemite and will be camping near a

river. For those of you who want to come with us, but don't want to camp, there is the option to stay in a motel close by. RV spots may be available.

On Thursday, August 12, we are going to Monterey with the adult visitors. The youth will be going to the Channel Islands with our High School group.

On 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.

On Monday and Tuesday, August 17 and 18, we will be touring local valley and high tech sights.

On August 18, we will have a good-bye dinner for our visitors, probably at the church. 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. We still need places for some of them to stay during their visit, and transportation on some of the days they are here.

Please contact Connie at [Connie Bloch@yahoo.com](mailto:Connie.Bloch@yahoo.com) or [Low.monty@gmail.com](mailto:Low.monty@gmail.com) for more information about the visit, especially regarding places for our visitors to stay and for joining us on the Yosemite, SF, or Monterey trips. ●

## UU HIKERS & FRIENDS

By Joyce Miller

Here is the July hiking schedule. As always in the summer months, most of the hikes are up north where there is the most shade, although I have included some of the shaded hiking venues in south county. I will be gone much of July, so have listed Sue Size as the contact person. Remember to let me know if you are coming unless you are one of the regulars, who only need to let me know if they are not coming. My home phone number is 408 730 1052. My cell phone is 408 507 7052. (I turn it on at 7:30 am the day of the hikes.) Use my home phone all other times.

See you on the trails!

### Wednesday, July 1

Long Ridge, moderate, 6 miles. Meet at Downey Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:30 am.

### Saturday, July 4

Big Basin, Berry Falls. 12 miles. Meet at Downey Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:00 am. I will be on vacation in San Diego. Please call or email Sue Size if you want to hike. Her email is [chefsue@aol.com](mailto:chefsue@aol.com) and phone number is 408 410-2510.

### Wednesday, July 8

Wunderlich County Park, 6 miles, easy. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am. Still on vacation in San Diego. Please call or email Sue Size if you want to hike. Her email is [chefsue@aol.com](mailto:chefsue@aol.com) and phone number is 408 410-2510.

### Saturday, July 11

Sanborn County Park, 7 miles. Meet at Downey Bank parking lot at 8:00 am. I will

still be on vacation in San Diego. Please call or email Sue Size if you want to hike. Her email is [chefsue@aol.com](mailto:chefsue@aol.com) and phone number is 408 410-2510.

### Wednesday, July 15

Saratoga Gap, 6 miles. Meet at Downey Bank parking lot at 8:30 am.

### Saturday, July 18

Montebello Open Space Preserve, 6 miles. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am. I will be on vacation with my sister. Please call or email Sue Size if you want to hike. Her email is [chefsue@aol.com](mailto:chefsue@aol.com) and phone number is 408 410-2510.

### Wednesday, July 22

Russian Ridge, 6 miles. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am. I will be on vacation with my sister. Please call or email Sue Size if you want to hike. Her email is [chefsue@aol.com](mailto:chefsue@aol.com) and phone number is 408 410-2510.

### Saturday, July 25

Stevens Creek/Fremont Older, 6 miles. Meet at parking lot at Stevens Creek County Park at 8:00 am. I will still be on vacation with my sister. Please call or email Sue Size if you want to hike. Her email is [chefsue@aol.com](mailto:chefsue@aol.com) and phone number is 408 410-2510.

### Wednesday, July 29

Sanborn County Park, 6 miles. Meet at Downey Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:30 am. I will still be on vacation with my sister. Please call or email Sue Size if you want to hike. Her email is [chefsue@aol.com](mailto:chefsue@aol.com) and phone number is 408 410-2510.

### Saturday, August 1

Huddart County Park, 6 miles. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am. I will still be on vacation with my sister. Please call or email Sue Size if you want to hike. Her email is [chefsue@aol.com](mailto:chefsue@aol.com) and phone number is 408 410-2510. ●

### SUNDAY, JULY 12

## Women's Alliance Potluck: Author Visit!

Please join us for a potluck at the home of **Jean vonKaenel** on Sunday, July 12 beginning at 4:00 pm. We'll visit with Shirley Ranck, the author of *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven*, and plan our sessions for 2009-2010. Contact **Nancy Coleman** for information or directions at 408 985 5778 or [nbcoleman@gmail.com](mailto:nbcoleman@gmail.com). ●

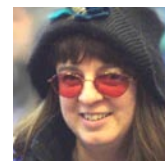






# Spotlight on Social Justice

by Lucy Proulx, *Social Justice Activities Communications Coordinator*, [socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org](mailto:socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org)



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

## SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES TO SAVE

**July 5, Sunday, GA Inspiration at both services**

**July 11-12, Saturday and Sunday, San Jose Obon Festival, San Jose's Japantown, Noon to 8 pm**

**July 11-18, Saturday thru Saturday, UUSC's Sixth Annual Freedom Summer-Civil Rights Journey, Atlanta, Georgia., to Birmingham, Selma, and Montgomery, Alabama**

**July 14, "The Power of Our Stories" Workshop/Dinner, Temple Emanu-El, 1010 University Ave., San Jose, 6-9 pm**

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

## Home Hospitality Needed for Partner Church President and High School Students

The arrival of our partner church visitors is just around the corner! The Partner Church minister and president and other villagers from Romania including 3 high school students will arrive in San Jose on August 5th!

We need homes to host the president, Gyula Timar, between Aug 5-9 and 13-18, and also for part of that time for the 17-year-old high school students. We have activities planned for most of the days they are here, so you would be responsible for breakfast and maybe dinner. Families with children are preferred for the students, but not mandatory.

Please also join us in our activities during the visit including our welcoming potluck on August 6, trips to Monterey, San Francisco, and Yosemite. Please contact Connie as soon as possible regarding hosting a Partner church member for even a couple of days. Please contact Connie at 206-2163 or [Connie.Bloch@yahoo.com](mailto:Connie.Bloch@yahoo.com).

## GA Inspiration at July 5th Services

Bob Miess reminds us to please mark your calendar for Sunday, July 5th, when those members of our congregation who attended GA will be sharing some of the inspiration of this GA at both worship services.

## FT Position Open at UUA

From the PCD: Our UUA Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is seeking a full-time Campus Ministry and Bridging Associate to advocate for and support UU campus ministry, and to develop and support bridging programs and resources. Working onsite in Boston is preferred, but not required. The position is not yet posted, so contact [cilla@pcd-uua.org](mailto:cilla@pcd-uua.org) for more information.

## Oprah Features Our Whole Lives

The July 2009 issue of *Oprah* magazine has an article about the UUA/UCC Our Whole Lives (OWL) program for adults. It is called "Adventures in Adult Sex Education", by Amanda Robb, and features a class being taught at the First Unitarian Church of Austin, Texas. Here is a link: <http://www.oprah.com/article/omagazine/200907-omag-adult-sex-education>.

## Regularly-scheduled Vigils for Peace and Justice

From the San Jose Peace & Justice Center Calendar is a listing of ways you can participate in vigils for peace. These events happen on Thursdays through Sundays. For complete listings see: [www.sanjosepeace.org/](http://www.sanjosepeace.org/).

## The Power of Our Stories Workshop and Dinner

Please join PACT for this first-ever workshop focused on telling our stories to be held on July 14th, from 6-9 pm at Temple Emanu-El, 1010 University Ave., San Jose. Entitled "The Power of Our Stories," it's a Workshop for PACT Leaders. Telling our personal stories takes courage, and discovering our own stories and the stories of others

takes both courage and curiosity. Learn how to use the power of YOUR stories to create the changes you want to see in our community and country. Dinner included! Translation, child care provided. RSVP to 408.998.8001 or [pactsj@pactsj.org](mailto:pactsj@pactsj.org) by July 10th. For more information call your organizer or the PACT office at 408.998.8001.

## Pack-a-Back Program

Sacred Heart Community Service in downtown San Jose will be holding its annual Pack-a-Back Program in August to make certain that children in need receive a strong send-off to the 2009-10 academic year. Want to make a difference in the life of a child in need? Here are three ways you can help: Make a financial gift and let them do the shopping; Donate new backpacks and school supplies using their supply list; or Inspire your group to help us meet our goal of distributing 1500 new backpacks. To get started, go to: <http://www.sacredheartcs.org/donations/pack-a-back.html>.

## SJ Gets \$863,930 from Stimulus Bill to Protect Children

One of the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R.1), or Stimulus Bill, was funding for the Department of Justice's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention program. This program offers funding to local regions to help protect children. Under this program, funding has been announced for local regions that seek to address technology and internet crimes against children. Senator Barbara Boxer announced that the City of San Jose will be receiving \$863,930 from this program to develop and maintain effective programs to protect children and to intercept and prosecute people who victimize children.

More social justice articles can be found on the Social Justice Blog on the Church Web Page at <http://www.sanjoseuu.org/socialjusticeblog/>



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**12 de July** —9:15 am

**A Ser Anunciado/To Be Announced**

**July 12**—11:00 am

**Now Let Us Sing!**

Singing in church serves many functions—it can speak to what is deepest in our souls, lift our spirits, connect us to the transcendent, and bring us together. And it's a lot of fun, too! Come prepared to lift your voices in song today, as we join in an old-fashioned hymn sing.

**Worship Leader:** Mary Martin; **Worship Associates:** Carolyn Bowman, Bruce Halen, and Patricia Ohanian-Coffey.

**Ahora déjenos cantar**

El cantar en iglesia sirve para muchas cosas—puede hablarnos acerca de lo más profundo de nuestras almas, eleva nuestros espíritus, nos conecta con lo trascendente y nos trae juntos. ¡Y es muy divertido también! Vengan preparados para elevar sus voces en la canción de hoy, como nos unimos cantando en un himno pasado de moda.

**Dirige:** Mary Martin; **Asociados/as de Servicio:** Carolyn Bowman, Bruce Halen, y Patricia Ohanian-Coffey.

**19 de Julio** —9:30 am

**Será anunciado/To Be Announced**

**July 19**—11:00 am

**On Justice and Conscience: What Our Unitarian Universalist History Has to Teach Us**

Knowing some of the historical background of our religious tradition is important for the young people growing up in our congregations as well as for the adults. I hope you will enjoy hearing about some of our history and how it is relevant to our world today.

**Worship Leader:** Nina Kalmoutis; **Worship Associate:** Bob Owen.

**Sobre Justicia y Consciencia: Lo Que Nuestra Historia de Unitaria-Universalismo Nos Enseñe**

Saber un poco del fondo histórico de nuestra tradición religiosa es importante para la gente joven que crece en nuestras

congregaciones así como para los adultos. Espero que usted disfrute oyendo sobre un poco de nuestra historia y como es relevante a nuestro mundo hoy.

**Dirige:** Nina Kalmoutis; **Asociado de Culto:** Bob Owen.

**26 de Julio** —9:30 am

**Será anunciado/To Be Announced**

**26 de Julio** —11:00 am

**Prosperity Consciousness During Troubled Times**

For many of us, the past year has brought challenges around finance, employment, health care, equality issues and more. What if we began to look at our life through a different lens? What if we were able to shift our thoughts and actions away from prosperity being tied to the current economic situation? Let's discover a new way of thinking around a consciousness that attracts well-being, abundant flow, and hope—which are the true meanings of prosperity.

**Worship Leader:** Joy-Ellen Lipsky, M.Div.; **Worship Associate:** Mary Martin.

**Conciencia de la prosperidad en tiempos problemáticos**

Para muchos de nosotros, el año pasado nos ha traído desafíos alrededor de las finanzas, el empleo, el cuidado de la salud, la igualdad y más. ¿Si comenzáramos a mirar nuestra vida a través de un lente diferente? ¿Si nosotros fuéramos capaces de cambiar nuestros pensamientos y acciones alejados de la prosperidad estando atados a la situación económica actual? Permítámonos descubrir una nueva manera del pensar alrededor de la conciencia que atraiga bienestar, flujo abundante y esperanza—cuáles son los significados verdaderos de la prosperidad.

**Dirige:** Joy-Ellen Lipsky, M.Div.; **Asociada de Culto:** Mary Martin.

**2 de Agosto** —9:30 am

**Será anunciado/To Be Announced**

**2 de Agosto** —11:00 am

**Topic to be Announced**

**Worship Leader:** Marla Scharf; **Worship Associate:** Jeff Norment and Henry Ruddle.

**Tópico será anunciado**

**Dirige:** Marla Scharf; **Asociados de Culto:** Jeff Norment y Henry Ruddle. ●

## Gift of Service

by Genie Bernardini

*Volunteer Recognition:  
Tamara Payne-Alex—  
National Treasure  
Comes Home!*

As a third-generation life-long UU, Tamara has lived her UU values by serving her church in amazing ways. She was a district youth leader in YRUU and as an adult on the national Ministerial Fellowship Committee for 6 years and the UUA Board of Trustees for 10. In addition to these time-consuming responsibilities, she served our congregation as a Worship Associate, RE teacher, RE Council member and RE representative on the POC (Programs and Operations Council).

If you have seen her leadership skills in action, you understand why we are so fortunate to have her assume the role of Program Officer of the POC. With a deep understanding of Policy Based Governance, she is uniquely qualified to guide the POC through the transitional period between the old ways and the new. She says her primary responsibilities are “to work with the ministers and other officers to coordinate fiscal, staff, and volunteer resources of the church so that we are achieving our Ends and living out our mission.” She adds, “This is an exciting time in our congregational life, and I am looking forward to serving the next few years in this capacity.” And we are looking forward to your leadership, Tamara. All our best wishes for success with this exciting new adventure!

*Volunteer Opportunities:* See page 1. ●



# 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

There will be no summer program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade from June 21 through September 13. 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](mailto:johnpell@aol.com).

*Ninth-Twelfth Grades; Youth Room (Balcony level above Hattie Porter Hall)*

The youth group meets most Sundays 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.

## Youth Group Activities

Staff: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

### Junior High (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Advisor: Pam Pell

The Junior High Youth Group meets the first Friday of the month for social and fun activities.

### Senior High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

Advisors: V Kingsley, Dani Hope, 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](mailto:grimositis@sanjoseuu.org)

## Our New Bookkeeper, Sue Evanicky



By Joyce Miller

Sue started working for us in January and in this short time has begun to help us understand our financial systems and how important it is that all of us in leadership roles be knowledgeable and comfortable with financial reports. She has been working diligently with the Finance Committee and other church leaders on an individual basis to learn what our needs are for financial data and to tutor us on what information is available and how to make use of it to manage our church finances. We are all finding Sue to be an excellent communicator, teacher, and coach.

So, where did we find such a gem? After a lengthy search and selection process which included several excellent candidates, Sue was the clear choice. She has over 30 years of experience working in accounting departments of large corporations and several non-profits with large budgets and smaller entrepreneurial startups. She has had her own bookkeeping business in San Jose for the past 9 years. We found Sue through the network of the Santa Clara County Council of Churches where the vacant position was posted. The minister of the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment emailed Rev. Nancy that their bookkeeper was interested in learning more about the position. As chairperson of the Search and Selection team, I immediately made contact with Sue and, as they say, the rest is history.

Sue lives with her husband and adorable dog Lucy in San Jose. She is a master gardener.

## Spirit in Practice – Monthly Adult Program Continues Through August Leader: Rev. Geoff Rimositis

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](mailto:GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org), 292-3858, 25

- **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.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009**

### All-Church Campout

Our All-Church Campout will be held at McConnell State Recreation Area, near Turlock, about 2 hours from San Jose. This campground has it all: easy access to the Merced River with sandy beaches for the kids, showers and flush toilets, lots of picnic tables, and running water right in the campsite. All you need to bring is your tent and sleeping bag! We do communal cooking, and all the food and cooking equipment is provided.

We have the big group campsite, which can accommodate up to 50 people, at the same wonderful location as last year's campout. The dates are Wednesday, July 15 through Sunday, July 19, 2009. The cost is \$50 for adults, \$25 for kids 4-11, and free for little kids up through age 3. Some camperships are available. Dogs are permitted, but they're supposed to stay on leash. The cost covers campsite fees, supplies, and food. For more information and a registration form, email me at [mm@feldmo.com](mailto:mm@feldmo.com). Don't delay -- space is limited.



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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](mailto:dzu@aol.com). Ok, gentle readers, this week:

## Wonder Woman is out taking laps. Are you?... Who is taking matters into her own hands?... Who did not get arrested?... Who is doing funny math with a job?

Everybody's hero, **Lucy Proulx** writes: "Pat Prickett, Dave, and I got to participate in the Gilroy Relay for Life last Friday evening. It was a very "moving" event. We were entertained by an Elvis impersonator in a giant pink Hummer Limo, fed a delicious Italian dinner by "Mama Mia's," saluted with a white dove release, and more. Pat and I completed the "Survivor Lap", and Dave did the "Caregiver Lap." We all did the Luminary Lap, and that was the most meaningful to me--to see the names of thousands of people lit up by candles along the track's edge while we walked (mostly) in silence. I did a luminary bag for my mom, my grandmother, my aunt, **Marilynn Carstens**, and Dave and me. Dave did luminary bags for a co-worker and a friend. So many of our family and friends have been touched by cancer--it really adds up fast. We took pictures and I hope to have some to share with you soon. Maybe next year we could have a UU Team! If you want to check out any of the ones coming up in the San Jose area, go to: <http://www.relayforlife.org/relay/findevent>.

**Jean vonKaenel** was telling me about the **Mary Martin** press coverage. Turns out there are evil doings in Los Gatos, with the forces of darkness trying to kill local efforts for a library, which was not going to get by our Mary. The Los Gatos paper printed a picture of her protesting against the paid petition-signers efforts. Do not rile up the Unitarians!

While I was talking to Jean, the impeccable **Liz Owen** came up and said, "Oh, excuse me, please. Torchy, there is something I need to tell you. . . . I can't remember what

it is!" Time and tide wait for no (wo)man. It comes for us all.

**Babette Campbell**, sort of a newcomer, was telling me about how she was looking for a new church, when I sort of eyed the big cross she was wearing. She said she thinks of it as courage and enlightenment. She enjoyed the Men's Group service so much she asked why we didn't have such a thing for the women. Well, she happened to be talking to Jean vonKanel and me. Jean's eyes opened wide as she said, "Well, we do!" I had to walk away after Jean had finished with the 19th century history, and was just beginning the 20th. I am a **member** of the Women's Alliance, and a very nice alliance it is, too, but my question is why can't we also have a women's thing that isn't about anything? Just maybe coffee, or tea. Just maybe saying hello for an hour. . . . or maybe bring lunch. But I'm thinking more than our limited time in HPH. If you'd like to do this, email me at [dzu@aol.com](mailto:dzu@aol.com).

### NEWS FLASH!!!

No member of the Hiking group has been arrested this week! That is according to **Meredy Halen**, who was having to explain why **Bruce Halen** was over singing with the Catholics last Sunday. It was never quite clear. But she has half a job, she tells me. **Carol Low**, who always insists nothing is ever going on in her life, was also explaining that San Jose Unified School District sent out pink slips to all its newest teachers last spring. Then told them, erase, erase because they had figured it out. Then they said never mind, you're all fired anyway. Somehow in this, Meredy has half a job. That is not the same as working half time.

It's all looking real unfamiliar out there.

Oh, and by the way, you didn't know **Gene Martin** was a poet, did you? Well here's what he has to say about turning those cell phones off in church!

### My Cell Phone Rings On In Endless Song (To tune 108)

*My cell phone rings in endless song  
Above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far off song  
That hails a new conversation.  
Through all the silence and the calm,  
I hear the music ringing.  
It sounds an echo in my soul,  
How can I stop the ringing?*

*While cell phones all around me ring,  
I know my own is quiet.  
With buzz and vibrate set on mine,  
It's on a silence diet.  
No one can blame my phone today,  
While in church I'm singing.  
Since calls prevail o'er songs in church,  
Wow, can I stop the ringing?*

*When people fumble as they hear,  
Bells of cell phones ringing,  
When friends call from far and near,  
How can I stop the ringing?  
To prison cell and dungeon vile  
Our thoughts to them we're flinging,  
When friends by shame are undeterred,  
How can I stop the ringing?*

**White Light Corner:** The Proulx's, of course, and all the rest of us. Take special care. ●





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