



Our Church Circular

June 17,
2009 / 17 de
Junio 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

June 21—11:00 am

“What Do Men Want?” A Different Father’s Day Service

We Unitarian Universalists usually like to minimize the traditional gender distinctions of Mother’s and Father’s Day and emphasize the common values of parenting. So why have a gender-specific support group lead worship on Father’s Day? Because, as the Men’s Support Group would say, they too have grown away from something that is gender-centric, and what they want from their support group is universal. Come see if you agree as they describe their experiences.

Worship Leaders: Men’s Support Group;
Worship Associates: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones and Colleen Cabot.

“¿Que Quieren los Hombres?” Un servicio diferente del Día del Padre

Los Unitarios Universalistas generalmente nos gusta minimizar las diferencias tradicionales de género del día de la madre y del día del padre y de acentuar los valores comunes de la paternidad. ¿Entonces porqué tener un específico genero apoyando al grupo que dirige el servicio en el Día del Padre? Porque, como el Grupo de Apoyo de Hombres dirían, ellos también han crecido alejados de algo que esta centrado en el género, y desean que su grupo de apoyo sea universal. Venga y vea si usted esta de acuerdo mientras que ellos describen sus experiencias.

Dirigen: Grupo de Apoyo de Hombres; Asociadas de Culto: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones y Colleen Cabot.

June 28 – 11:00 am

Lost In Translation

Many of us struggle with words such as God, Worship, Lord, and Salvation, as well as many related rituals and concepts for a range of reasons from differences in theology to negative associations to political ideology. Maybe they don’t have to feel like sticks and stones. Let’s see what it takes to feel comfortable with the uncomfortable ways others express ideas we cherish using words we don’t prefer.

Worship Leader: Henry Ruddle
Worship Associates: Donna Lenahan and Dan Zulevic

Perdidos en la traducción

Muchos de nosotros luchamos con palabras tales como dios, adoración, señor, y salvación, así como muchos rituales y conceptos relacionados para una gama de razones de diferencias en teología con asociaciones negativas para la ideología política. Quizá ellos no tienen que sentirse como los palillos y las piedras. Veamos lo que toma para sentirse cómodo con las formas incómodas de otros, expresando ideas que acariciamos usando palabras que no preferimos.

Dirige: Henry Ruddle
Asociados de Culto: Donna Lenahan and Dan Zulevic

9:30 a.m.
Servicios en español

21 de Junio —9:30 am
Será anunciado
To Be Announced

28 de Junio —9:30 am
Será anunciado
To Be Announced

See page 5 for more SUNDAY SERVICES

SAVE THE DATES

June 20, Saturday, Service is Our Prayer Work party at the church, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

June 24-28, Wednesday – Sunday, UUA General Assembly, Salt Lake City. (Find out more and register at <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/index.shtml>: FUCSJ presents “JUUNTOS/Together!”

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

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

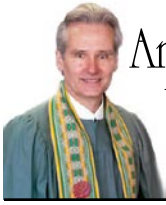
August 9: Worship (11 a.m. service) with our Transylvanian kin

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

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

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



Articulating Our Unitarian Universalist Faith

By the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

One of my goals for this past year was *working with the Religious Education Council to prioritize the Lifespan Religious Education Visions generated from feedback sessions in April and May of last year and to develop an operational plan—so that we might bring our collective vision to life!*

It all started in 2008 with visioning meetings led by **Sonya Sukalski** who was serving as a part time religious educator for the congregation during my sabbatical. There were a lot of good ideas that were generated by those meetings. We built on those brainstorming sessions and began focusing on how we could go deeper and develop a plan and direction for *Lifespan Faith Development*. We saw our charge not only to provide a meaningful Sunday morning program for children and youth but to dream big how we might become a truly integrated community where youth sat at the table of leadership and adults came together to actively develop their spiritual growth plans through classes, support groups and social justice activities.

So **Tamara Payne-Alex** and I convened a summit that re-imagined religious education into its broader and more transformative form of Lifespan Faith Development. We have seen the possibilities of this model at the town hall meeting on May 17. We have work to do to bring everyone in on the conversation. And how it will all turn out will be a reflection of the needs of our religious

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community. But as people who took the church survey and identified things they felt were important to church life even if they were not as important to them personally; I hope that we can take this beginning work on covenant deeper with each other as we begin to implement some of these ideas.

We want people to think of their needs and to act to fulfill them in a covenantal relationship with other members of the community. We want to stretch ourselves for the good of the community and not only consider what is convenient. We will begin to prioritize how such changes could be implemented in what phases. We will form work groups and involve those who attended the summit and those who wish to see a new way of community created so that there is a place for everyone at the table of our faith.

We want families who struggle to get their children to church to find that we have created together ways for everyone to participate in church life.

I would love to see a fall church-wide retreat on the theme of covenant that would bring together, yes, our whole community. Our youth and children that have been missing in recent retreats would be personally invited and involved in creating the content of the retreat and providing leadership. This retreat could be a laboratory of what we would like to be together across the ages when we are working, studying, playing, praying

and acting on our principles and values. Transformative work is hard work but we know we must do it so that the message of our faith can reach out beyond our walls to invite the seeker to find a home with us.

This is a grand opportunity to grow in depth and I believe it will lead to growth in numbers too. For when people see this dynamic church in action fulfilling its vision to become the beloved community, people will make the commitment because they see first hand how the commitment has changed us. ●

Gift of Service: volunteer opportunities

by Genie Bernardini



Membership Council Member

New or non-members coveted! Why? Because of the fresh perspective they could provide. The purpose of the Council is to envision and coordinate the various aspects of membership, from the time someone first enters the church until s/he is fully integrated into our Beloved Community. Meetings are held once a month and the 4 current members are eager to be joined by 2 others with youth, energy and new ideas.

Stewardship And Fundraising Position

As a member of the Program and Operations Council, (which meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays), you would have an opportunity to make an extremely valuable contribution to the successful operation of our spiritual cooperative. The responsibilities include seeing that all fund-raising activities are appropriate,

well-planned and well-executed, especially the Annual Giving Campaign. Expert guidance will be available for anyone willing to take on this very rewarding position.

Other volunteer opportunities

- Wayside Pulpit Preparer
- Worship Host
- Sound System Operator
- Money Counter
- Coffee Hour Host

For all the positions above contact Volunteer Coordinating Team members **Liz Owen** at lowen@data-time-com or **Bob Miess** at Bob@FloweringEnterprises.com ●



Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Fighting for our lives

Come to a **Healthcare forum** at FUCSJ on June 28, which will decode the national debate, highlight successful health plans of other countries, and feature the Single-Payer Health-care plans, favored by 60% of the nation's doctors, nurses and patients. Members of the Santa Clara County Single Payer Health-care Coalition and our church Social Justice Council have been working together to bring this terrific and important forum to FUCSJ and the public on Sunday, **June 28, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** The coffee and donuts will be supplemented to provide lunch for those staying for the program. Please bring potluck food to share if you wish. The insurance industry has declared war on health care reform and is doing everything in its power to strangle it in its cradle. Get information and form an action plan to help fight for comprehensive universal health care as a human right — from birth to death. Everybody In, Nobody Out! ●



DOMINGO 28 DE JUNIO

Luchando por Nuestras Vidas

Vengan a un foro sobre cuidado de salud en la Primera Iglesia Unitaria domingo el 28 de junio, que clarificará el debate nacional, destacar los planes exitosos de otros países, y presentar los planes de cuidado de salud “un solo pagador”, favorecido por 60% de médicos y pacientes del país. Miembros de la Coalición del Condado de Santa Clara para Cuidado de Salud de un Solo Pagador y el Comité de Justicia Social de la Primera Iglesia Unitaria han trabajado juntos para llevar este foro magnífico e importante a la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José y del público el domingo, **28 de junio, de 1:00 – 3:00 pm.** El café y donas se complementarán para proveer almuerzo para los que queden por el programa. Puede llevar comida para compartir si quiere. La industria de aseguranza esta haciendo guerra en contra de la reforma de cuidado de salud y hace todo que pueda para estrangularla en su infancia. La gente norteamericana se estan levantando para defenderla y para luchar por cuidado de salud universal como derecho humano — desde el nacimiento hasta la muerte. ●

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! ●

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Service Is Our Prayer Workday June 20

Come one, come all! Saturday, June 20, from 9 am to 2 pm, we'll have our quarterly Service is our Prayer work party at the church. A full slate of jobs is planned, from installing a new light fixture to basic scrubbing and cleaning. No special skills are needed to join the fun! We'll meet in the Sanctuary at 9 for a blessing and job assignments, break for lunch (provided) at noon, and finish up afterwards. Please come down and help for the entire period or just a of couple of hours - any assistance is appreciated! Please contact Bob Howd or Patrick Myers if you need additional information. bhowd@aol.com, jpatrickmyers@yahoo.com ●

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.

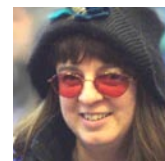
We have the big group campsite, which can accommodate up to 50 people, at the same wonderful location as last year's campout. The dates are Wednesday, July 15 through Sunday, July 19, 2009. The cost is \$50 for adults, \$25 for kids 4-11, and free for little kids up through age 3. Some camperships are 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. Don't delay -- space is limited. ●





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

June 19, Friday, "Race, the Power of an Illusion" Video, San Jose Peace & Justice Center, 48 South 7th Street, 7 pm

June 25, Thursday, Universal Healthcare. Lobby Day, in Sacramento

June 25, Thursday, Elder Abuse & Neglect Panel Presentations, Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave., 11 am-2:30 pm

June 28, Sunday, Fighting for Our Lives—Real Healthcare Reform, First Unitarian Church, 160 N. First St., San Jose, 1 pm

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

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

Find more Social Justice news at <http://www.sanjoseuu.org/socialjusticeblog>, and subscribe to a Yahoo! group for social justice news and events at sjsjuu-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Additional articles not appearing in the print or PDF versions of the newsletter appear in the blog and in the HTML version of the newsletter.

Fighting for Our Lives—Real Healthcare Reform, June 28th

An informational forum and discussion on healthcare reform sponsored by the Santa Clara Single-Payer Healthcare Coalition and the First Unitarian Church of San Jose will be held Sunday, June 28th, at 1:00 pm at the First Unitarian Church, 160 N. First Street, San Jose. Topics will include: 1) A description of national healthcare systems of other developed countries with better results than the US; 2) Some of the current national proposals and how they rate with President Obama's criteria of reducing costs, guaranteeing

choice, and achieving universal coverage; 3) The main points of HR 676, Improved Medicare for All; 4) A discussion of the healthcare reform process in Washington which has left single-payer off the table, despite overwhelming independent polling results which show support for it from 70 percent of the public, 60 percent of the physicians, the National Organizing Committee of Nurses, as well as broad union, city, and state support. Informative (Bill Moyers) video at: http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/blog/2009/05/singlepayer_is_nationalized_he.html. and at: <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/archives/archives.php>. More at: http://www.healthcareforall.org/single_payer.html.

Jubilee Making Progress for the Poorest Countries

Thanks to your advocacy, the bill that passed the Senate recently includes: 1) An amendment offered by Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) barring the IMF from capping health and education spending in impoverished countries, and 2) Calls for \$2.5 billion in additional grants, debt relief, and inexpensive loans from the IMF to the poorest countries in addition to what the G-20 already promised. Unfortunately, these measures are not enough. Fortunately there is still a chance to improve the bill before final passage. Improvement would include: 1) Congress should urge that \$5 billion be raised for the poorest countries using IMF gold and other sources—with an emphasis on debt service relief or grants rather than new loans; 2) Congress should address the impact of IMF policy requirements that force developing countries to severely restrict spending in a time of recession; and, 3) Congress should require greater transparency at the IMF and parliamentary approval for IMF loans. More at: <http://www.jubileeusa.org/>.

UUA Final Draft of Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking Ready

The Commission on Social Witness has released the final draft of the Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking for General Assembly. To read the draft, please visit www.uua.org/

peacemaking. The UUA encourages congregations to read and discuss the Statement of Conscience with their delegates in preparation for General Assembly. Any comments directed to the UUA on the Statement of Conscience will be reserved for the GA delegates.

Honda Bill Make Sweeping Changes in Legal Immigration

To ensure that issues involving legal immigration don't get lost in the fiery debate about illegal immigration, Silicon Valley Congressman Mike Honda today will introduce a bill that would give green-card holders the same rights as citizens to bring their spouses and children to the US. Read full article at: http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_12514065.

Gay Marriage Bill Signed Into Law in New Hampshire

On June 3rd, New Hampshire became the sixth state to legalize gay marriage after the Senate and House passed key language on religious rights and Gov. John Lynch (who personally opposes gay marriage) signed the legislation Wednesday afternoon. More at: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090603/ap_on_re_us/us_xgr_gay_marriage_new_hampshire.

Free Elder Abuse & Neglect Panel Presentations

Santa Clara County Department of Aging and Adult Services and Archstone Foundation have initiated a project to strengthen Faith Communities to recognize and respond to the mistreatment and neglect of older people in whatever settings it occurs, so that each individual can achieve an optimal quality of life in keeping with his or her cultural values and tradition. Please join us for a free Summit Meeting, with Panel Presentations on Thursday, June 25, 2009 11 am-2:30 pm in the Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave. Topic will include: What is Elder Abuse & Neglect: Intervention and Prevention, The Role of Public Guardian/Conservator, and Caregiver Support: Compassionate Responses. Lunch provided. To RSVP or for more info, please contact rsvp@protectelders.com or (650) 269.2589. ●



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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

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 ●

Pastoral Care This Summer

While Rev. Nancy and Rev. Geoff are on vacation and study-leave Rev. Donna Lenahan, our Pastoral Associates Coordinator, and Starr King School for the Ministry student and church member Marla Scharf will provide pastoral care coverage. If there is a pastoral care emergency or a need for someone to talk to please don't hesitate to contact Donna and Marla.

June 24-29, Donna Lenahan is on call

June 30-July 5, Rev. Nancy is back from General Assembly

July 6-August 1, Donna Lenahan & Marla Scharf are on call

August 2, Rev. Geoff is back

August 6, Rev. Nancy is back

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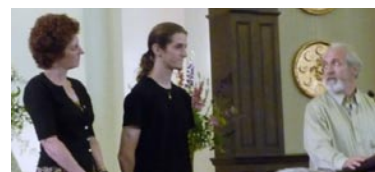
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A Fun Time Was Had: Memorial Day Picnic

by Dena Dickinson
(dickiden@comcast.net)

On May 25th, we had the 16th Annual Memorial Day Picnic. There were about 35-40 who participated this year -- and lots of good Scrabble games were going on. I have been coordinating the picnic for all of those 16 years, and I have been trying to pass along the fun to someone new for the past few years -- and have decided this was my last year for doing it. It is a fun social activity for the church community that takes very little work and offers a great opportunity for folks to just be together to eat and play and talk and relax. I am putting out the request early to recruit a replacement to coordinate the Picnic. I would be happy to pass along any hints on making it happen. It is undoubtedly the easiest church event to plan -- and creates good fellowship and fun. I hope someone will pick up the mantle -- and it does not have to be for 16 years.... really... ●

Youth Sunday, June 7



As usual, the congregation was blown away with the wit, intelligence and sentiment of the graduating seniors receiving their chalice necklaces from their parents and the junior high youth bridging into senior high. ●



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

Leaders for 2008-2009

Thanks to all who helped this year with the children and youth programs!

Religious Education Council:

Patricia Ohanian-Coffey, Tamara Payne-Alex, Jan Theiss-Guffey, Kasthuri Veeraraghavan; Associate Minister: Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Nursery: Marta Forse, Maria Elena Olvera (And all the parents who volunteer each Sunday!)

Kindergarten – second grades:

Melinda Hoppe, Ed Massey, Elia Bonner

Third – fifth grades:

Kathryn Axtell, Bill Bowman, John Burk, Cheri Goodman, Jean Rivers, Patti Segarini

Sixth, seventh eighth grades:

Lori Andersen, Connie Block, Susan Butler-Graham, Cecilia Deck, Ed Gardner, Tina Hemenway, Richard Ferry, Crystal Isola, Rebecca Mason, Mike Meyers, Lynn Morison, Pam Pell, Donna Presson, Kyle Terrell, Linda Terrill, Inés Zapiola, Lori Zink; Class Coordinator: Pam Pell

Senior high youth group:

Dani Hope, V Kingsley, Mike Williamson, Cordelia Willis

Coming of age Mentors:

Susan Butler-Graham Julie Doyle Austa Falconer Alec MacLean, Rick Morris, Jessica Springer Jennie Redfern Katherine Trask

Coming of Age Steering Committee:

Carrie Doolittle Nancy Johnson Rick Merritt, Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Junior high backpacking trip:

Paul Delgros, Pam Pell, Rev. Geoff Rimositis; Trip Coordinator: Pam Pell

Senior high camping trip:

Colleen Cabot, Mary Mary Feldman, Crystal Lanier,

Matt Trask, Rick Morris; Trip Coordinator: Gordon Smith

Children's winter holiday play: Play Director: Cordelia Willis; Choir Leader: Kelly Bolton

Summer Lifespan Faith Development 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> ●

New hours for office manager = new opportunity to help

In order to comply with the new Church budget for 2009-2010 which reduced the hours of the office manager from 30 to 21 hours per week the new hours are as follows:

- Monday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Iris is currently working with Rev. Nancy and other church leaders to define specific office tasks that can be performed by volunteers which she will no longer have time to do. We are planning to have a group of volunteers who can provide consistent office support. You will be hearing more about the office volunteer program in the near future. So stay tuned. ●

Custodian schedule

by Joyce Miller VP for Personnel
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Although the hours for the custodians have not be changed, I am taking this opportunity to publish the hours that our custodians work.



Edgar Cruz

works from 8:00A to 12:00P and 7:30P to 10:00P on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 7:00P to 10:00P on

Wednesday. He works Sundays from 8:00P to 10:00P.

Sandra our weekend Custodian works 8A - 9A (for coffee set up) and 8:00P - 10:00P on Sunday and from 1:00PM - 6:00P on Saturday. Saturday hours are flexible based on church use.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. ●





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:

How is Lucy Proulx going to light up the night? Like she doesn't already, but this is new.

What is Her Very High Holiness looking for? Henry Ruddle not only composes this whole rag but makes news, too, only this time he's not alone. Finally, what gone-and-lamented former member is going to do something really nutso? crazy? way too hard?

Dave and Lucy Proulx will be participating in the "Relay For Life" at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy on June 19th. It's put on by the American Cancer Society for three reasons: First, to celebrate the Survivors of this horrible disease, and second, as a way to honor those whose lives have been taken by cancer, and third, as a fundraiser. "Dave and I will be walking the Survivor Walk and the Luminary Walk. I'd like to invite anyone from church who has lost a loved one to cancer or has or had cancer themselves to join us. I've been encouraged to bring tissues as this is a very heart-wrenching event." says Lucy. Call her at 289-9286 for more.



Roberto Padillo is taking his first vacation since moving into the Coordinator position almost 4 years ago—which is something to celebrate! He just can't keep away though — he still wrote all the Spanish translations in this issue!

Henry Ruddle's

7-year-old daughter **Lily** had to go to Stanford for an MRI scan. Was it a bad news?



No, she's participating in the Stanford Math Project. After screening her using several intelligence tests in March, they asked her back for the second part of the test on May 31. She had to solve math problems while lying in a noisy, confined space with her head clamped in place, one hand strapped to an answer box and the other on a squeeze ball she could use as a panic button (although she didn't need it). The MRI scan gives researchers another set of data in a four-year (so far) study to compare the brain activity of children doing math in an attempt to find out why some kids struggle and others excel. The best news was that it proved conclusively that Lily does in fact have a brain ... and it's an active one.

And Henry was in the *Mercury News* on June 3 with a letter to the editor (the newspaper wrote the headline):

Every measure must pay for itself

There's a simple way to solve the budget mess in California — require that every bill, proposition and measure pay for itself through taxes or spending cuts. Want longer prison sentences or universal health care or a transportation bond issue? No problem, as long as you also accept the higher taxes or cuts in other programs that will inevitably be necessary to pay for them.

Henry Ruddle, San Jose

Julie Gill has been

training for the Vineman Triathlon in Napa Valley on August 1. She is doing this to honor her brother-in-law,



Roland Franz, who passed away last fall from non-Hodgkin lymphoma, and to help raise funds for cancer research through Team in Training. For more of her story, and to contribute to her effort, see her Team in Training web page at <http://tinyurl.com/juliegill>.

White Light Corner: the amazing Proulx, of course. There are some very tough things going on in the beloved community, folks: unemployment for people who have never been unemployed, family difficulties from this as well as the financial crunch. Be very nice to each other. ●

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Women's Alliance Potluck: Author Visit!

Please join us for a potluck at the home of **Jean von Kaenel** 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. ●





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