



Our Church Circular

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May 20,
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SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

24 de Mayo —9:30 am

Un Paseo por el Baúl de los Recuerdos

Hay una época para cada estación: una época para mirar atrás, una época para mirar hacia adelante, una época para ser arraigado sólidamente en el presente. En este fin de semana del Día de Conmemoración a los Caídos, celebramos los regalos de la memoria en sus numerosas formas. Con un discreto ritual, elevaremos los recuerdos a partir del año pasado que deseamos llevar hacia adelante y liberar a aquellos que ya no están más con nosotros. Unámonos para este servicio dulce y curativo.

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Asociados de Culto: Miembros de nuestros Ministerios en Español.

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

May 24—11:00 am

A Stroll Down Memory Lane

There is a time for every season: a time to look back, a time to look forward, a time to be rooted solidly in the present. On this Memorial Day weekend, we celebrate the gifts of memory in its many forms. With a gentle ritual, we will lift up the memories from the past year that we want to carry forward and release those that no longer serve us. Join us for this sweet and healing service.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Worship Associate: Bruce Halen.

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THREE EVENTS COMING UP SOON!

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Bring Treasures to Share With TSCC Families

Please bring only things in excellent condition—toys, household items, books, and clothes (if they are exceptional) to Hattie Porter Hall between 9:30 and 1:00. On Thursday night our TSCC friends will look over the things we'd like to pass on and take what they can use. Anything left behind will be taken to the Salvation Army. For further information contact Genie at 997-6292. ●

MONDAY MAY 25 – 11AM TO 3PM IN CENTRAL PARK, SANTA CLARA (KIELY BLVD. AT HOMESTEAD)

Memorial Day Picnic! Potluck! Games!

POTLUCK -- Please bring food to share and your own plastic ware (plates, cups, forks, etc). Suggested items: If your name begins with letters A through D, desserts; E through H, burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers; I through L, drinks or buns; M through R, chips, dips, munchies; S through Z, salads. Also bring games - for kids and big kids (adults) - Like ring toss, jump ropes, volleyball, flying saucers..... Activities will be organized through your efforts. Anyone wanting to help, please call **Dena Dickinson** (265-5919) or email at dickiden@comcast.net ●

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 12:45 PM, SANCTUARY

Congregational Annual Meeting

In this congregational meeting, the Board presents the final proposed budget for 2009-10, and we vote on whether to approve it. We'll also formally vote to elect Dena Dickinson as our new Financial Officer. (She has been appointed by the Board until we can hold this vote--thanks a zillion, Dena and Board!) ●

SAVE THE DATES

May 21, Thursday, PACT LOC Action, Most Holy Trinity Church, 2040 Nassau Dr, San Jose, 7:00-8:30 pm

May 25, Monday, FUCSJ Memorial Day Picnic potluck; 11am - 3pm in Central Park, Santa Clara

May 25, Monday, Social Justice Council Meeting, Conference Room, 6:30-8:30 pm.

May 26, Tuesday, Program Council Meeting, Conference Room (board room), 7-9 pm

May 30, Saturday, application deadline for UU Senior High Camping Trip, Channel Islands (August 10-15). For more info contact **Matt Trask mattrask@earthlink.net**

May 31, Sunday, 12:45 pm, Sanctuary: Annual Congregational Meeting

June 7, Sunday, 12:30, UU Band of Writers, Youth Room

June 7, Sunday, Spirit in Practice Workshop: Spiritual Partnership (Ramsden Fireside Room) 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.,

June 14, Sunday, Pride Sunday, Open Air Service, Parade, Blessing of Feet and more!

July 15 -19, All-Church Campout, McConnell State Park,

August 10-15, UU Senior High Camping Trip, Channel Islands.

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



As we build
the beloved
community...

By the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Mientras construimos
nuestra querida
comunidad...

Para la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones



Finding Our Way Home

On a recent Sunday after worship, I watched as two of our elementary-school-aged children helped a much smaller child find his parents, whom he had temporarily lost sight of in Hattie Porter Hall. I saw how the young girls set about energetically to help the lost child; I heard how the boy, even through his tears, bravely pronounced his full name and then took the hand of friends he didn't even know he had. People of all ages were happy to help him find his way home.

Our children teach us what we most need to learn just when we need to learn it, don't they? This little scene, which was over in a minute, reminded me of how we all feel lost sometimes. It can happen for a hundred different reasons: perhaps we have lost some person or some aspect of our lives that seemed to represent our very identity. Perhaps we have simply been working so hard or taking on so many responsibilities that we have lost touch with our own physical or spiritual health, and we have forgotten how it feels to be fully alive. We can all get a little burned out sometimes—I can testify to that! In fact, on that same Sunday, someone's sincere question about how I was doing helped me to find my way to a truer, softer, more centered place—she helped me to find my way home, too.

Life in this valley is often intense and fast-paced, and its stresses have grown even worse this year as we have felt the impact of the economic downturn. Many of us may feel a little overwhelmed and lost; maybe we wish that we too could simply let the tears stream down our faces, as did our beautiful young man on that Sunday morning.

But here's the good news: The First Unitarian Church can be the place where we can take the hands of friends we didn't even know that we had, and they can help us find our way home again. It happens every week, really, often in little scenes that last no more than a minute. Maybe we'll sense the care of friends in the hands we grasp during the Benediction in worship each Sunday. Maybe we'll recognize them in the friendly smiles of those who greet us at the door or on the sidewalk in front of the church. Maybe we'll find our way home through the kind words someone offers us during Social Hour just when we thought we'd have to stand there all alone. Maybe the worship service's music, story, reflections, or sermon will remind us of the attitudes and actions that we want to choose for our lives. Maybe serving a meal at the Julian Street Inn, or bringing household items to share with Third Street Community Center families, or being the one to offer a warm hand during the Benediction or a friendly smile at the front door or a kindly word during Social Hour will call us back to feeling fully alive.

Encontrando Nuestro Camino a Casa

En un reciente domingo después del servicio, miré como dos de nuestras niñas de primaria ayudaron a un niño más pequeño que ellas a encontrar a sus padres, el cual los había perdido de vista temporalmente en el Hattie Porter Hall. Vi cómo las niñas emprendieron enérgicamente la ayuda para ayudar al niño perdido; Oí cómo el muchacho, incluso a través de sus lágrimas, pronunció valientemente su nombre completo y después tomó la mano de sus amigas que él incluso no sabía que tenía. La gente de todas las edades estuvo feliz en ayudarlo a encontrar su camino a casa.

¿Nuestros niños nos enseñan lo que nosotros necesitamos aprender en el momento en que necesitamos aprenderlo, no ellos. Esta pequeña escena, de alrededor de un minuto, me recordó cómo todos nos sentimos perdidos algunas veces. Puede suceder por cientos de diversas razones: quizás hemos perdido a alguna persona o un cierto aspecto de nuestras vidas que parecía representar nuestra propia identidad. Quizás simplemente hemos estado trabajando tan duro o hemos estado adquiriendo demasiadas responsabilidades que hemos perdido el contacto con nuestra propia salud física o espiritual y nos hemos olvidado de cómo se siente estar completamente vivos. Todos podemos estar un poco agotados algunas veces—¡Yo puedo atestiguar eso! De hecho, ese mismo domingo, una pregunta sincera de alguien sobre que estaba haciendo para ayudarme a encontrar mi camino hacia un lugar más verdadero, más suave, más centrado—ella me ayudó a encontrar mi camino a casa, también.

La vida en este valle es a menudo intensa y rápida y sus tensiones han crecido incluso peor este año mientras que hemos sentido el impacto del descenso económico. Muchos de nosotros pudiéramos sentirnos abrumados y haber perdido poco; quizá deseamos que podríamos también simplemente dejar fluir las lágrimas sobre nuestras caras, al igual que nuestro hermoso jovencito en esa mañana de domingo.

Pero aquí están las buenas noticias: La Primera Iglesia Unitaria puede ser el lugar en donde podemos tomar las manos de amigos que incluso no sabíamos que teníamos y pueden ayudarnos a encontrar nuestro camino a casa otra vez. Esto sucede cada semana, realmente, a menudo en pequeñas escenas de no más de un minuto. Quizá sentiremos el cuidado de amigos en las manos que agarramos durante la bendición en el servicio religioso cada domingo. Quizá los reconoceremos en las sonrisas amistosas de los que nos saludan en la puerta o en la acera delante de la iglesia. Quizá encontraremos nuestro camino a casa con las amables palabras que alguien nos ofrece durante la hora social en el momento en que pensamos que tendríamos que estar parados allí solos. Quizá la música, la historia, las reflexiones, o el sermón del servicio religioso nos recordarán las actitudes y las acciones que deseamos elegir para nuestras vidas. Quizá sirviendo una comida en el Julian Street Inn, o trayendo artículos de la casa para compartir con las familias de el Centro Comunitario de la Calle Tercera, o siendo el que está para ofrecer una mano calurosa durante la bendición o una sonrisa amis-

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Julia Rodriguez – Always Drawn to (into?) the Big Challenges

Julia Rodriguez, an active member for 24 years, spent five of those years making coffee! But this relatively simple task was not typical for her.

Though she was perfectly willing to do many similar jobs, Julia found herself drawn into leadership positions of considerable significance as well.

She was central to the creation and implementation of Small Group Ministry, on two Search Committees, on two Church Boards,



Julia Rodriguez with husband Steve Saunders at the Annual Church Party on May 8.



the primary implementer of the church web site and most recently the Program Officer of the Program and Operations Council (POC).

She explains that her reason for accepting **Bob Meiss'** offer to join the POC team (in addition to his excellent proposed structure) was “to help make **Rev. Nancy's** ministry a success,” but there was more involved in becoming the chair. Julia felt ready to become the leader because “it didn't feel too intimidating since I had such a great team to work with.”

In addition, Julia had developed the leadership skills to make her feel ready because of the unqualified support and guidance she had received in all of her former big challenges. (Note: To anyone considering new or additional volunteer service beyond your comfort zone, you can be confident that you will also get such support, so *go for it!*)

The POC serves as the executive team of the church, responsible for personnel, programs, worship, finances, social justice, RE and building care. As Program Officer Julia chaired POC meetings and communicated with the Board and Leadership Team regarding the activities of the POC. But most important, Julia says, she “looked ahead and around to see what needed to be done.” We thank you, Julia, for looking ahead and around in so many ways that have substantially benefited our Beloved Community. We are greatly in your debt!

Volunteer Opportunities: STEWARDSHIP AND FUNDRAISING POSITION ON THE POC

Responsibilities include overseeing fundraising activities; recruiting for and overseeing the Annual Giving Campaign, and participating in POC meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. This is a wonderful way of making an extremely important contribution to the health of our church.

Other Choices: Library Committee member, Worship Host, Keeper of the Lost and Found, Wayside Pulpit Preparer, Memorial Day Picnic Convener, Newsletter Assembler/Mailer.

What rings your bell? Contact your Volunteer Coordinating Team members **Liz Owen** at lowen@data-time.com or **Bob Miess** at bob@floweringenterprizes.com ●

Beloved Community

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We here at FUCSJ could make up new lyrics to the famous song “Amazing Grace,” particularly the part about “I once was lost, but now am found”! It's true: There are friends here at First Unitarian that you didn't even know that you had, eager to help you find your own balance and inner beauty, your anchor and your sense of joy in living again. And there are folks who are feeling lost who need *your* hand, *your* kindly word, just a little of *your* energy so that they too can find their way back to their best selves. What would Social Hour be like if we, like those beautiful, helpful young girls, were all on the lookout for someone who's feeling a little lost? Let us each reach out a hand and help another to find a way home.

With much heart and hope,

Nancy

Querida Comunidad

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tosa en la puerta delantera o una palabra amable durante hora social nos daría de nuevo la sensación de estar completamente vivos.

¡Aquí en FUCSJ podríamos componer la nueva letra a la famosa canción “Sublime Gracia,” particularmente en la parte sobre “Yo una vez estaba perdido, pero ahora me encontré”! Es verdad: Hay amigos aquí en la Primera Iglesia Unitaria que usted incluso no sabía que tenía, impacientes en ayudarlo a encontrar su propio equilibrio y belleza interna, su ancla y su sentido de la alegría de vivir otra vez. Y hay gente que está sintiendo una pérdida, quiénes necesitan su mano, sus amables palabras, solo un poco de su energía de modo que ellos puedan encontrar también su camino de nuevo a lo mejor de ellos mismos. ¿Como sería la hora social sí, como esas hermosas jovencitas auxiliadoras, estuviéramos todos en el puesto de observación para alguien que se está sintiendo un poco perdido? Permitámonos cada uno alcanzar una mano y ayudar a otro para encontrar un camino a casa.

Con mucho corazón y esperanza,

Nancy



Religious Education

Nursery (birth-4 years)—Church's Lower Level

We provide a safe, clean environment in which to support each child in initiating play activities at the developmental level they manifest. Structured activities, games, stories and crafts are a part of the nursery experience. Child Care Workers: Marta Jo Forse & Maria Elena Olvera

K-5TH GRADES. LOWER LEVEL, ROOM 2-3

May 24 Fun & Games With Friends

May 31 Fun & Games With Friends

June 7 NO CLASSES-YOUTH Sunday

6TH-8TH GRADES, CONFERENCE ROOM

Building Assets Together

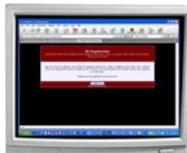
May 24 Activities include: Following the Safe Path - youth observe positive and negative peer pressure and My Life This Month - personal goals can be short term or long term. Youth will discuss short-term goals and how to accomplish them. Developmental Assets: resistance skills, sense of purpose, positive view of personal future.

May 31 Our final class together for the year! A celebration! A party! All teachers and assistants are encouraged to join us for this final class of the year.

June 7 NO CLASSES – YOUTH Sunday

**REGISTER
ONLINE!**

Information sent only
to the RE Minister.



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

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

9TH-12TH GRADES, YOUTH ROOM

Senior High Youth Group

The youth group meets every Sunday after the first part of the service. The youth group provides a safe place for personal sharing and discussion of diverse issues affecting society and youth today.

June 7 NO CLASSES-YOUTH Sunday

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR HIGH (6th-7th-8th Grades)
Advisor: Pam Pell

SENIOR HIGH (9TH-12 GRADES)
Advisors: Dani Hope, V Kingsley, Mike Williamson, Cordelia Willis

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

Were you at the meeting on May 17?

Religious Education is changing to Lifespan Religious Development. Details of the proposals presented at the meeting will be made available to the Congregation. ●

UU values reflected in book about Camp Everytown

A Small Candle tells about the impact of Camp Everytown, a leadership and communication camp for teenagers in the Santa Cruz Mountains, on the lives of its leaders and students. The book's title resonates with our chalice symbol, and member Michael Payne-Alex has been living our UU values over the last 11 years at this camp.

To purchase or borrow a copy of this wonderful little book, see Michael in Hattie Porter Hall after church or send a message to michaelpaynealex@yahoo.com.

All profits from the \$10 dollar cost will be donated to help fund future camps for Santa Teresa High.



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, 292-3858, 25

• **Workshop 4:** Spiritual Partnerships
Sunday, June 7, 2:30-4:00 p.m.,

Ramsden Fireside Room

• **Workshop 5:** Mind Practices
Sunday, July 12, 2:30-4:00 p.m.,
Ramsden Fireside Room

• **Workshop 6:** Body Practices
Sunday, August 12, 2:30-4:00 p.m.,
Ramsden Fireside Room

Fall workshops yet to be scheduled will include: Soul Practices, Life Practices, Justice Practices and Looking Back and Moving Forward. ●



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31 de Mayo – 9:30 a.m.

Vanidad Menospreciada.

Vanidad de Vanidades, todo es vanidad, dice el antiguo libro de Eclesiastés. ¿Cuál es nuestra perspectiva contemporánea en cuanto a la vanidad? ¿Existe quizá un aspecto positivo de la vanidad? ¿Qué relación tiene nuestra vanidad con una auto estima saludable y una espiritualidad integral? Explore-mos este tema juntos.

Dirige: Ervin Barrios; **Asociado de Culto:** PA.

Under-rated Vanity.

Vanity of vanities, everything is vanity, says the old book of Ecclesiastes. What seems to be our contemporary approach to vanity? Is there maybe a positive side to vanity? Is our vanity in any way related to a healthy self-esteem, and a holistic spirituality? Let's explore this topic together.

Worship Leader: Ervin Barrios
Worship Associate: TBA

May 31 – 11:00 a.m.

Serendipity: Life's surprises

I love the Family Circus cartoon when they chart out with a dotted line the path of young Billy who is going to the store for his mom. On his way he can't resist stopping to climb a tree, then discovers a praying mantis on a fence post—then runs into friends playing kick the can and joins in—then is offered a piece of pie by Mrs. Webster—then stops to watch the firemen flush out the fire hydrant—then finally makes it to the store and buys a loaf of bread—then has another wonderful series of serendipitous adventures on his way home. What great fun it is when we open ourselves up to life and let the surprises find us; like when we finally decide to get out of the house and go listen to that lecture at the university and run into a friend we haven't seen in years and decide to meet and have coffee. *Serendipity*. What are some of your favorite serendipitous adventures? How do we remain open to life so that we see those surprises when they reveal themselves? *Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou has for me. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit Divine.*

Worship Leader: Rev. Geoff Rimositis
Worship Associate: Frank Bosche

Serendipity: Sorpresas de la Vida

Me fascina la caricatura de la Familia del Circo cuando ellos trazan con una línea punteada la trayectoria del joven Billy que va al almacén por su mamá. En su camino él no puede resistirse a subirse a un árbol, entonces descubre una mantis religiosa en un poste de la cerca—después corre hacia sus amigos que juegan a patear una lata y se les une— luego la señora Webster le ofrece una rebanada de pie. Luego se detiene a mirar a los bomberos que están drenando el agua de una bomba de incendios—entonces finalmente llega a la tienda y compra una barra de pan—entonces tiene otra serie maravillosa de aventuras con hallazgos sorprendentes en su camino a casa. Qué gran diversión es cuando nos abrimos a la vida y dejamos que las sorpresas nos encuentren; como cuando finalmente decidimos salir de la casa e ir a escuchar esa conferencia en la universidad y encontramos a un amigo que no hemos visto en años y decidimos juntarnos para tomar café. Descubrir algo por casualidad. ¿Cuáles son algunas de sus aventuras con hallazgos sorprendentes preferidas? ¿Cómo continuamos estando abiertos a la vida de modo que veamos esas sorpresas cuando se revelan? *Abreme los ojos para que pueda ver brevemente la verdad tienes para mí. Abre mis los ojos, ilumíname, Espíritu divino.*

Dirige: Rev. Geoff Rimositis
Asociado de Culto: Frank Bosch

7 de Junio – 9:30 a.m.

Entre opresores y oprimidos.

¿Cuántas veces nos hemos sentido oprimidos por alguien o por algo y no sabemos por donde salir de esta situación, y cuántas veces hemos sido los opresores y ni siquiera nos hemos dado cuenta de ello? Explore-mos juntos estas situaciones que se encuentran entrelazadas en cada uno de nosotros.

Dirige: Miembros de SSM
Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM

Between oppressors and those oppressed

How many times have we felt oppressed by somebody or by something and we don't know how to leave this situation, and how many times we have been the oppressors and we don't find out about it? Let us explore together these situations that are intertwined in each one of us.

Leader: Members of SSM
Worship Associates: members of SSM

June 7 – 11:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday

Children and youth of the congregation are the worship leaders for our annual Youth Sunday. We will be recognizing those young women and men who are graduating from senior high school this year. They will be sharing with us some thoughts about how they are going take their Unitarian Universalist values into the next phase of their lives. Our children's choir will be performing under the direction of Cordelia Willis. And after the service everyone is invited to make (and eat) a Sunday Sundae!

Worship Leader: Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Domingo de la Juventud

Los niños y los jóvenes de la congregación son los líderes del servicio en nuestro domingo anual de la juventud. Reconoceremos a esas mujeres y hombres jóvenes que se están graduando de la preparatoria este año. Compartirán con nosotros algunos pensamientos sobre cómo están llevando sus valores Unitarios Universalistas a la próxima fase de sus vidas. Nuestro coro de niños actuará bajo la dirección de Cordelia Willis. ¡Y después del servicio todos están invitados a hacer (y comer) un helado de domingo!

Dirige: Rev. Geoff Rimositis





JULY 15-19

Church Campout

by Alec "I will survive until the Campout" MacLean

Every year for 20 years at the Church campout, I have gotten together with a mixture of old friends and old friends I've just met. Some of these people are very young—heck, a few of them have still been in the womb!

We sit around and get to know each other, go swimming in the river together, share lots and lots of good food and drink together, play Boggle and other games, learn why Rick and Alec make the world's best barbecue chicken, watch children make friends they'll keep for years. We nap in the shade.

We bring our own toys to play with, beads, carving, crosswords, knitting, whatever. We do an amazing amount of laughing. We share childcare in a wonderfully tribal fashion. We look at bugs, birds, shooting stars and each other. Maybe we take another nap.

We spend very little money. We share kitchen duties and enjoy it because we're doing it together. We play music and sing. We finally get a chance to read that book we bought. We hope MaryMary will tell one of her great stories. We watch the teenagers being wonderful to the little kids. We grow closer, happier, more relaxed.

We are the Church campout.

Come join us. Wednesday July 15 - Sunday July 19—or any portion thereof! It's at McConnell State Park on the Merced River. People who would like more information should contact **MaryMary Feldman** at mm@feldmo.com.

AUGUST 10 - 15

FUCSJ Senior High camping trip

by Colleen Cabot

Payment deadline: May 30

Contact: Matt Trask, (408) 655-1991, matttrask@earthlink.net

For UU youth who have or will attend high school in 2009, plus FUCSJ Youth who traveled to Romania in 2007.

The Senior Youth Group will be repeating its favorite trip to the Channel Islands August 10-15. Be sure to sign up for this fabulous trip. Traveling down to Ventura Harbor, we will board a ferry to cross the Santa Barbara Channel to dock in a small bay on Santa Cruz Island, with porpoises surfing our bow waves and maybe seeing whales. Once we carry all our gear into the campground, we'll spend most of the six days snorkeling in the wonderful clear waters and kelp forest in the bay; kayaking around the island and into sea caves; hiking across the island; hanging out in camp (literally, in our nest of hammocks) beading, and getting to know each other. Little wild foxes are our campground hosts! This is an especially good chance for teens who will join the Senior Youth Group in the Fall to meet their peers.

Dates: August 10 to August 15

Cost: \$200 (Scholarships are available)

Embarkation: Ventura Harbor, Santa Barbara

Destination: Scorpion Valley Campground, Santa Cruz Island, Channel Islands National Park.

Maximum group size will be 24 youth. FUCSJ youth have first priority until June 1. **Payment deadline: May 30.** Non-FUCSJ youth will need leader approval.

Activities: Crafts, Hiking, Swimming, First Aid workshop, orienteering, kayaking, snorkeling, youth-led classes, music

10-15 DE AGOSTO

Viaje de Campamento para jóvenes del último grado de la preparatoria de la FUCSJ

par Colleen Cabot

Fecha límite de pago: May 30.

Contactar a: Matt Trask, (408) 655-1991, matttrask@earthlink.net

Para los jóvenes UU que están o acudirán a High School en 2009, más los jóvenes de la FUCSJ que viajaron a Rumania en el 2007.

El grupo de jóvenes del último grado de la preparatoria repetirán su viaje preferido a las Islas Channel del 10 al 15 de agosto. Asegúrate de firmar para este viaje fabuloso. Viajando al puerto de Ventura, subiremos a un ferry para cruzar el Canal de Santa Bárbara y atracar en una pequeña bahía en la Isla de Santa Cruz, con marsopas surfeando nuestras olas de proa y viendo quizá ballenas. Una vez que llevemos todo nuestro equipo al campamento, pasaremos la mayor parte de los seis días buceando con snorkel en las hermosas y claras aguas y en los bosques de algas marinas de la bahía; remando en kayak alrededor de la isla y en las cuevas hechas por el mar; iremos de excursión a través de la isla; colgando en el campo (literalmente, en nuestros nidos de hamacas) haciendo manualidades y conociéndose unos con otros. ¡Los pequeños zorros salvajes son nuestros anfitriones del campamento! Esta es una ocasión especialmente buena para los adolescentes que se unirán al grupo de jóvenes de último grado de la preparatoria en el otoño para conocer a sus iguales.

Fecha: Del 10 al 15 de Agosto

Costo: \$200 (becas están disponibles)

Embarque: Ventura Harbor, Santa Barbara

Destino: Scorpion Valley Campground, Santa Cruz Island, Channel Islands National Park.

Tamaño máximo del grupo será de 24 jóvenes. Los jóvenes de FUCSJ tienen prioridad hasta el 1 de Junio. **Fecha de pago: May 30.** los jóvenes que no son parte de FUCSJ necesitarán la aprobación del líder.

Actividades: Manualidades, caminatas, natación, taller de Primeros Auxilios, orientación, remar en cayak, buceo con snorkel, clases de liderazgo juvenil, música.





I want to be up to date with you, so here's what we need: birthdays (especially those with zeros), parties of any kind, promotions, college destinations, anything that you diverse groups are doing is interesting to everyone else. "Tell Me Everything" when you see me at church, or e-mail me at dzu@aol.com. Ok, gentle readers, this week:

Which Nancy lets everybody know she's coming? And how?
Who was first at figuring out swine flu? Who takes the time to write to me to say she doesn't read the column? What really great news do we have? And what crazy plea?

Claire Wagner, longtime member and one of Dan Zulevic's favorite song leaders, went with hubby Greg Ashley to Baltimore for a job a year or more ago — and now they are back! She shares their new contact information — also good for Lauren Ashley and Lucie Ashley: 46 West Julian Street #531, San Jose, Ca 95110, (408) 539-7045

From my wonderful friend, **Mary McGuinness**:

"This was sent to me from Mum. It reminds me of the time (I was around 5, and just back in Ireland after our sojourn in San Francisco), Dad was working in Dublin, Mum was looking for a place for us to live; Pearse, Niall, and myself were up in Carndonagh, Donegal with Mum's Mum. Granny had a shop, and she did lunches. There were no automatic waste disposal units in those days, so she had a pig. She gave the slops to it from the kitchen. I was always animal crazy, and had no idea that this pig was been fattened for market. I fell in love with it. As a treat, as it was not common then, Granny would give us peanut butter and jam sandwiches for lunch. I would sneak mine (Granny often had to go back into the shop) down to the pig sty and share my sandwich with the pig. One bite for me, and one bite for the pig. Adults love to ask little kids what they want to be when they grow up. At that age I would proudly say, 'A pig lady.'"



Dan, can you read this small print? What? I thought you could read it, Torch!

I thought "**Lisa Hettler-Smith** said the **e.e. cummings** poem used at the Easter service was also said at her brother's funeral..." Turns out her brother would be surprised to hear this news, especially since it was her Mother's/not brother's memorial service...

Now get this from **Jenny Redfern**: "Bob and I have hardly had time to read the Church newsletter, so..." and she goes on to announce her grandchild's birth, recorded here weeks ago along with a picture! but then announces she and Bob have been married 40 years, and they celebrated in Atlanta with hushpuppies, crab cakes, and a Braves/Mets game... Now, what's clear is that she hasn't been reading us at all! Humph.

From **Deanna LaTorre**: "I just spent a wonderful day at Julian Street yesterday. All three of my daughters, my husband, and grandkids showed up and helped serve. The menu was chicken, salad, baked potatoes, and strawberry shortcake, which was made at home. I was thrilled they shared this valuable service with me. There is a consistent core of people who have been serving at Julian Street for several years. I invited my daughter and her family about a year ago and they are still there. My son-in-law is now one of the four coordinators. If anyone is interested in helping cook but can't serve they can always drop their food off at Julian Street earlier in the day. The Unitarian schedule is

every second Sunday of the month and prep and serving is between 5:30 and 7:30. Hope to see new faces! The people at Julian Street say the Unitarians always put out the best food. In fact, the food is so good, we servers always stay around and eat with the clients."

And from that old bag, **Nancy Coleman**: "I turned 50 in April and got to spend that pivotal birthday at my favorite place, Yosemite, where the rocks and the trees are much older than 50 and still look amazing. The waterfalls were magnificent, and the weather was warm. One memorable event took place on the slippery, steep Mist Trail section of the Vernal Falls trail. I had attempted this trail a few years ago and couldn't get to the top, but I was determined to make it this time. Suddenly I found that the back half of the soles of each of my hiking boots decided to break away from the rest of the shoe, and I was wearing flip-flop hiking boots! Needless to say, I didn't feel safe continuing up. The spirit was willing, but the shoes were weak! I caught many quizzical looks on the faces of people I passed on the way down who heard the telltale slap! slap! and looked around for the masochist wearing sandals. So now I have an excuse to go shoe shopping."

All of you go to <http://www.examiner.com/x-10129-San-Jose-Dog-Park-Examiner> to see my latest professional writing gig. If you click on "Be a subscriber" you'll get all this deathless prose every time I write it. Plus, I get paid a penny a click, and I'm working on \$1.83 as we speak, so I could use some help.

White Light Corner very good news: **Lucy Proulx's** doctor said she's getting BETTER! ●





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

May 21, Thursday, PACT LOC Action, Most Holy Trinity Church, 2040 Nassau Dr, San Jose, 7:00-8:30 pm

May 25, Monday, Social Justice Council Meeting, Conference Room, 6:30-8:30 pm.

May 26, Tuesday, Program Council Meeting, Conference Room (board room), 7-9 pm

May 27, Wednesday, Hotel Workers Rising Dinner, St. Justin's Church, 2655 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara, 5:30 pm

May 30, Saturday, Single Payer Health Care for All Action Day

June 14, Sunday, Pride Sunday, Open Air Service, Parade, Blessing of Feet and more!

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

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

Hotel Workers Rising Dinner May 27th

Rising Together and the Interfaith Council invite you to a Hotel Workers Rising dinner on May 27th, 5:30pm at St. Justin's Church, 2655 Homestead Rd. in Santa Clara. Hear the workers of the Hyatt Santa Clara committee discuss their lives, next steps with the campaign, and reflect on our shared commitment to justice and equality for all. RSVP to calvin.miaw@gmail.com

May 30th: National Day of Action/ Rallies for Improved Medicare for All

Join thousands of single-payer supporters in a nationwide week of action to support improved Medicare for all (HR 676). Single-payer activists will be gathering all over the country to say, "Healthcare, yes; Insurance companies, no," and to show solidarity with demonstrations at the AHIP (American Health Insurance Plans, a private health insurance lobby) conference in San Diego. If an action isn't already in your city, plan your own day of action! It can be a town hall meeting, demonstration in front of a local insurance company, film showing, vigil, or your own unique idea. Let us know what you'd like to start planning by contacting info@healthcare-now.org. For more information go to: <http://www.healthcare-now.org/campaigns/may-30th-day-of-action/>.

Maine Becomes Fifth State Allowing Gay Marriages

In a banner day in New England for advocates of gay marriage, Maine legalized the practice May 6th, and the New Hampshire Legislature voted to do the same. If New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch signs the bill or lets it become law without his signature, his state would become the sixth overall to allow gay marriage and the fifth in New England. Rhode Island would be the region's only holdout. Full article at: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/30602151/>.

Cutbacks to Hurt Poor & Elderly at SJ Area Sr. Centers

Senior citizens soon may not be able to strengthen their flexibility with yoga, improve their coordination with a waltz or, most of all, receive balanced nutrition and health assistance. The city of San Jose has announced the possible closure of four downtown senior centers, including, Northside Community Center, Alma community Center, Hank Lopez Community Center, and Saint James Community Center --which provide these services to older residents. Full article at: <http://media.thespartandaily.com/media/storage/paper852/news/2009/05/13/News/City-Senior.Center.Closures.Could.Impact.Nursing.Program-3740804.shtml>

Support Affordable Housing Letter Campaign

Please join us in collecting letters to President Obama urging him to end America's affordable housing and homelessness crisis by building public housing, increasing section 8 vouchers, funding the National Housing Trust Fund, and stopping foreclosures. The "Letters to Obama" campaign has collected over 900 letters with stories and photos. You can see them here: <http://housingisahumanright.blogspot.com/>. Everyone who believes in ending homelessness is encouraged to participate. Photos and personal stories make the message even more effective. What does having a home mean to you? Why do you believe everyone needs a home? For more information, contact **Sandy Perry** at 408-691-6153 or perrysandy@aol.com.

3 out of 6 Jubilee Recommendations to Obama Transition Team Adopted in First 100 Days

These are: 1. Immediate debt cancellation for Haiti. 2. Support Liberia's efforts to reach an agreement for debt cancellation from its commercial creditors. 3. Include full funding for debt relief in its first budget request. More at: <http://www.jubileeusa.org/index.php?id=553>



Spotlight on Social Justice, continued

Oppose Senate Action to Approve Flawed Definition of Homelessness

An amendment to include the HEARTH Act (S. 808) as part of housing bill S. 896 would re-write the law governing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Homeless Assistance Programs. It fails to adequately cover people living doubled up or in motels. Today, when even more children, youth, and families are losing their homes to foreclosure and finding shelters full-forcing them to double up or move into motels--it is deeply ironic that the Senate would vote to prevent these families from receiving HUD homeless assistance. Please call your U.S. Senators immediately and urge them to oppose the Reed/Bond amendment that would add the HEARTH Act to S. 896. Instead, ask them to speak in favor of a realistic definition of homelessness that includes the doubled

up and motel families most impacted by the foreclosure crisis. Contact information for all Senators may be found at www.senate.gov. For additional information, contact Jeremy Rosen at (202) 714-5378 or jrosen@npach.org.

Book donation request for Elmwood Correction Facility

Vision Literacy at Elmwood Correction Facility provides a small library of paperback books for the inmates, and needs more books. There is a particular need for books in Spanish, Vietnamese and other languages, but English books are also welcome. Books may be sent or delivered to Vision Literacy's office at 540 Valley Way, Milpitas, CA, 95035. Please note that books are intended for Elmwood. You may also contact Daislyn Pease at 408-957-5485 to request the books be picked up from your church or home. All books must

be paperback. To learn more, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, see www.visionliteracy.org.

Nurture Your Spirit—Help Heal Our World

Where are you renewing your spirit this year? Please check out the UU camps, retreat centers, and week-long institutes at: <http://www.cu2c2.org/>. There's camps and retreats listed all over North America. For PCD Camps and conferences, see: <http://www.unitarian-camps.org/>. There's two sessions of Family Camp in the Mendocino Woodlands at: <http://www.unitariancamps.org/>, and the ever popular Stebbins Institute at Asilomar at: <http://www.serve.com/stebbins/> and more. ●

IMPORTANT PACT ACTION MAY 21:

Drop In to Help Prevent Drop Outs!

by Lisa Hettler-Smith

In the school year ending in 2007, over 2,300 San Jose middle and high school students dropped out of school. That is a full 30% of the number who graduated. Lifetime economic losses from one year's drop outs alone, including lost earnings, and the impact on crime, health care costs, etc. reach \$400 million. Preventing even half of these dropouts saves 267 victims of murder and aggravated assault.

On May 21st 10 PACT congregations will come together to remind Mayor Reed that he is the Mayor of ALL of us - and that he CAN do something about the horrifying dropout rate, the frightening rise in crime, the desperate foreclosure rate and the unacceptable lack of jobs and job training for our youth.

First Unitarian's PACT LOC has a stake in this action! We need you to help us create a powerful statement of community. Please commit to attending, and invite your friends, family, and co-workers to attend this important event as well! The event will be held at Most Holy Trinity, 2040 Nassau Ave., San Jose. ●



SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Pride Sunday

The San Jose Pride Parade starts even earlier this year (at 10:00 am) and we're not going to miss it! We will gather in the Victory Parking Lot on Market Street between St. John and Santa Clara Streets starting at 9:00 a., and we will hold an Open-Air All-Are-Invited Worship Service, with singing and Blessing of the Feet, in the parking lot starting at 9:15. **Carolyn Bowman** and other hosts will be at our church to let folks know where we are, and to keep the labyrinth open for walking and meditation while some of us are marching.

Then, we'll invite all who would like to join us to return to the sanctuary for the 11:00 am service, a rock-the-house Unitarian Universalist revival for all who would like to come back from the parade, and for those who won't be marching. ●





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