



Our Church Circular

August 4,
2010 / 4 de
Agosto 2010

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

August Theme: The Beauties of Who We Are / Tema de agosto: Las Bellezas de Quienes Somos

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

8 de agosto – 9:30 a.m.

A la Búsqueda de la Piedra Filosofal

Ven a unirte a nosotros en el proceso de buscar la transformación de nuestras mentes y nuestras almas como individuos y como comunidad.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla

The Search for the Philosopher's Stone

Come join us in the process of looking for transformation of our minds and our souls as individuals and as community.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla

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SUNDAY SERVICES

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

August 8 – 11:00 a.m.

Global, Continental, and Local Identities: What Does 'Immigrant' Mean?

Come join us as we listen with a curious mind and an open heart to how some of us (currently) answer the question, "As part of my personal identities what does the word 'immigrant' mean to me, and what might my answer tell me about the work of transformation, here in this place, in this time?"

Worship Leader: Marla Scharf

Worship Associates: Alice Lynch, Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Identidades Locales, Continentales y Mundiales: ¿qué Significa 'Inmigrante'?

Ven a unirte a nosotros mientras escuchamos con una mente curiosa y un corazón abierto cómo algunos de nosotros (actualmente) respondemos a la pregunta, "como parte de mi identidad personal la palabra 'inmigrante' que significa para mí y lo que podría mi respuesta decirme acerca del trabajo de transformación, aquí en este lugar y en este tiempo?"

Dirige: Marla Scharf

Asociadas de Culto: Alice Lynch, Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

San José Pride Parade

San José's Pride Weekend arrives on August 22, scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.! Shall we wear matching T-shirts? Shall we make special banners and signs? Shall we learn some new songs? Stay tuned for more information in August about our plans, including how early we will meet at the parade gathering point. In August, we will also provide more information about the worship service at FUCSJ on that designed for newcomers and for all those who will not be watching or marching in the parade this year. There will be joy to spare! ●

Desfile del Orgullo Gay

El desfile del Orgullo Gay de San José llega el domingo 22 de agosto, ¡programado para empezar a las 10:30am! vestiremos camisetas haciendo juego? Haremos pancartas y anuncios especiales? ¿Aprenderemos algunas canciones nuevas? Continúen en sintonía para más información acerca de nuestros planes en agosto, incluyendo que tan temprano nos juntaremos en el punto de reunión para el desfile. En agosto, también proporcionaremos más información acerca del servicio religioso en la FUCSJ sobre ese diseñado para los recién llegados y para todos aquellos que no estarán marchando en el desfile de este año. Habrá alegría de sobra! ●

SAVE THE DATES

August 9, Campus UU Outreach, 7:00 pm, FUSJ Board Room

August 13, Social Justice Movie: Rethink Afghanistan, 7:15 p.m.

August 16, New Meditation Group, 6:30-7:30 pm, Sanctuary

August 22, San José Pride Parade, gathering point to be announced, 10:30 am

September 7, Lifetime Faith Development Training, 7:00 pm

September 9, OWL program begins, 7:30 pm

September 12, Homecoming Sunday

September 25, all-church Annual Coastal Cleanup Day at a Santa Cruz beach

October 6, Inspirational Reading Circle – first meeting, 6:20 p.m., home of Rev. Donna Lenahan

July 14-29 and July 21-August 4, 2011, Partner Church Committee trips to Homoród-szentmárton

DO YOU WANT TO EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION? Please send your concise salute to **Genie Bernardini** at geniebee@hotmail.com

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 amada
comunidad...

Por la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Toward a True Kinship: A Summery Reflection

His Holiness the Dalai Lama is coming to the San José Convention Center on Tuesday, October 12 (www.gyutocenter.org)! The teaching is titled “Eight Verses of Training the Mind”—from an eleventh-century Buddhist text—with the subtitle “Awakening the Heart of Compassion.” After His Holiness speaks, the Silicon Valley Interreligious Council, or SiVIC—the interfaith group I have been helping to launch this summer—will lead a small gathering to further the interreligious dialogue.

We diverse faith leaders are taking our cue from the Dalai Lama’s latest book, *Toward a True Kinship of Faiths: How the World’s Religions Can Come Together*. The book helps us to see where and how the different world’s religions converge, without ever losing their distinctiveness. The choice of the word kinship is perfect, for to be “kin”—to be truly, deeply related, one to another—means that each of us living beings is both our own unique individual self and is fundamentally part of the same family. We share “convergences” (in our genetic material, our longings, our capacities for life, our need for life’s basic elements), but like all families, we also struggle to understand and embrace each other across our differences. The Dalai Lama invites us to move toward an understanding that honors this kinship—an understanding that will transform the way we live.

In late June I offered a worship service suggesting “guides for the summer,” each of which just might transform our understanding of kinship. I invited us to find ways to:

- quiet ourselves and experience our kinship with creatures and things beyond our usual spheres
- step outside our comfort zone and learn something new
- get into our bodies and revel in our senses
- pay attention to the beauty around us.

So tell me: How is your summer going? Have you followed any of these guides, and if so, where have they led you? It’s not too late to give one or more of them a try! What will you bring “home” with you to First Unitarian from these summer journeys—what will the water you bring to Homecoming on September 12 represent?

Following these guides this summer has brought me to a sense of kinship across borders, which keeps surprising me. (Ah! So this is what it means to “practice what we preach”!) Lately, when I stand under a tree, for instance, I feel it growing and changing ever so

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Hacia un verdadero parentesco: una reflexión veraniega

Su Santidad el Dalai Lama está llegando al Centro de Convenciones de San José el martes 12 de octubre (www.gyutocenter.org)! La enseñanza se titula “Los ocho versos de formación de la mente”—de un texto budista del siglo XI—con el subtítulo “Despertar el corazón de la compasión”. Después de que su santidad hable, el Consejo Interreligioso del Valle del Silicon, o SiVIC—el grupo ínter confesional que he estado ayudando para lanzar este verano—conducirá una pequeña reunión para promover el diálogo entre religiones.

Dirigentes de diversas creencias estamos tomando nuestra referencia del último libro del Dalai Lama, *Hacia un Verdadero Parentesco de las Religiones: Como las Religiones del Mundo Pueden Avanzar Juntas*. El libro nos ayuda a ver dónde y cómo las diferentes religiones del mundo convergen, sin perder nunca su carácter distintivo. La elección de la palabra parentesco es perfecta, para ser “familiares”—estar verdaderamente, profundamente relacionadas, la una a la otra—significa que cada uno de nosotros los seres vivos somos tanto nuestra propia y única individualidad y somos fundamentalmente parte de la misma familia. Compartimos “convergencias” (en nuestro material genético, nuestros anhelos, nuestras capacidades para la vida, nuestra necesidad de elementos básicos para la vida), pero como todas las familias, también luchamos por comprender y abrazarnos entre sí a través de nuestras diferencias. El Dalai Lama nos invita a avanzar hacia un entendimiento que honra este parentesco—un entendimiento que transformará la forma en que vivimos.

A finales de junio ofrecí un servicio religioso sugiriendo las “guías para el verano,” cada una de las cuales en sí, podría transformar nuestra comprensión del parentesco. Los invité para encontrar formas de:

- tranquilizarnos a nosotros mismos y experimentar nuestro parentesco con las criaturas y las cosas más allá de nuestras esferas habituales
- salirnos de nuestra esfera de confort y aprender algo nuevo
- entrar en nuestros cuerpos y deleitarnos en nuestros sentidos
- poner atención a la belleza que nos rodea.

Así que díganme: ¿cómo les está yendo en su verano? ¿Han seguido cualquiera de estas guías, y si es así, adonde los llevaron? No es demasiado tarde para probar uno o más de ellos! ¿Que traerán al “hogar” con ustedes a la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de estos viajes de verano—que representará el agua que traigan al regreso al hogar el 12 de septiembre?

Siguiendo estas guías, este verano me ha traído un sentido de parentesco a través de la frontera, que me mantiene sorprendida. (¡Ah! Así es que esto es lo que significa “práctica lo que predicamos”!) Últimamente, cuando estoy

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slowly beside me; its life is so palpable that it almost seems to be breathing. I marvel at the deep crevices in its bark, at the angles of the branches, at its reach upward to sky and downward to earth; these are so different from my human skin, angles, and reach . . . yet we are kin, converging in our dependence on this earth, this air, this light and dark. "Thank you, my brother," I say, hoping that it knows how to translate the language of Human into the idiom of Tree.

As I write, I am poised for takeoff on my next journey to Arizona, standing on the side of love July 28-29 with all peoples who are suffering from the anti-immigrant law SB 1070. Truly, the law affects a wide swath: immigrants without documents, immigrants with documents, United States citizens of many generations, First Nations peoples who are not "immigrants" at all, other peoples of color who came to this country not of their own choosing, and all human beings, who are diminished wherever fear reigns. I won't be comfortable in Arizona, but I will be on the ground with people I do not know, converging in our commitment to creating a world that recognizes human dignity, love of family, and the longing to survive and thrive in all their unique forms. My sense of kinship grows wider and deeper.

Together we here at FUCSJ will look at kinship when we take up the topics of identities, immigration, and pride (or rather, "PRIDE!") on August 8, 15, and 22 in worship. Please join us! To learn more about what our PACT team is discovering on our chosen area of immigration and antiracism, come to our next LOC (local organizing committee) meeting, Thursday, August 12, at 7 p.m. in the Ramsden Fireside Room.

So, my friends: What summer guides have you followed? What new kinship have you discovered? What inner and outer journeys will the water you bring to Homecoming represent? We all are eager to hear! I'll see you in church!

With joy and anticipation for the year ahead,

Nancy ●

parada debajo de un árbol, por ejemplo, lo siento crecer y cambiar muy lentamente a mi lado; su vida es tan palpable que casi parece estar respirando. Admiro las profundas grietas en su corteza, los ángulos de las ramas en su búsqueda ascendente al cielo y descendente en la tierra; estas son tan diferentes de mi piel humana, ángulos y búsqueda. . . aun somos familiares, convergiendo en nuestra dependencia de esta tierra, de este aire, de esta luz y sombra. "Gracias, mi hermano," digo, con la esperanza de que él sepa cómo traducir el lenguaje de los humanos en el idioma del árbol.

Mientras escribo, estoy preparada para despegar en mi próximo viaje a Arizona, estando al lado de amor del 28 al 29 de julio con toda la gente que sufre la ley anti inmigrante SB 1070. Verdaderamente, la ley afecta a una amplia franja: los inmigrantes sin documentos, los inmigrantes con documentos, los ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos de muchas generaciones, la gente de las primeras naciones que no son "inmigrantes" en absoluto, otra gente de color que vinieron a este país sin haberlo decidido por ellos mismos y a todos los seres humanos que son empujados dondequiera que impere el miedo. Yo no estaré cómoda en Arizona, pero estaré sobre el terreno con la gente que no conozco, convergiendo en nuestro compromiso de crear un mundo que reconoce la dignidad humana, el amor de la familia y el anhelo para sobrevivir y prosperar en todas sus formas únicas. Mi sentido de parentesco crece más amplio y más profundo.

Juntos aquí en FUCSJ analizaremos el parentesco cuando tomamos los temas de identidad, inmigración y orgullo (o más bien, "ORGULLO!") el 8 de agosto, el 15 y el 22 en el servicio de culto. Por favor únase! Para aprender más acerca de lo que nuestro equipo PACT esta descubriendo en nuestra área elegida de inmigración y antirracismo, vengan a nuestra próxima reunión LOC (Comité organizador local), el jueves 12 de agosto, a las 7 p.m. en el salón de la chimenea.

Así, mis amigos: ¿qué guías de verano han seguido? ¿Qué nuevo parentesco han descubierto? ¿Qué viajes interiores y exteriores representará el agua que traiga al regreso al hogar? Todos estamos ansiosos por escuchar! Nos vemos en la Iglesia!

Con la alegría y anticipación por el año que viene,

Nancy ●

This Summer at FUCSJ

Ministers' Schedules, Pastoral Care

Rev. Nancy's Summer Schedule:

- Monday, August 2 onward: Back on the job for the launch of an amazing year at FUCSJ!

Rev. Geoff's Summer Schedule:

- Thursday, July 1 – Sunday, August 8: Vacation and Study Break
- Monday, August 9: Back on the job for the launch of an amazing year at FUCSJ!

For Pastoral Care, June 28 – August 1:

- Please contact Pastoral Care Coordinator, Rev. Donna Lenahan: djlenahan@aol.com, 408-204-6565. ●

Este verano en la FUCSJ

Programa de los Ministros, Cuidado Pastoral

Programa de verano de la Rev. Nancy:

- Lunes, Agosto 2: De regreso al trabajo para el lanzamiento de un increíble año en la FUCSJ!

Programa de verano del Rev. Geoff:

- Jueves, Julio 1 – Domingo, Agosto 8: Vacaciones y tiempo de estudio
- Lunes, Agosto 9: De regreso al trabajo para el lanzamiento de un increíble año en la FUCSJ!

Para el Cuidado Pastoral, Junio 28 – Agosto 1:

- Por favor contacte a la Rev. Donna Lenahan, Coordinadora de Cuidado Pastoral: djlenahan@aol.com, 408-204-6565. ●



Sinister Minister on A Deadly Mission

Margie Marumoto, FUCSJ church secretary (1989-1993), has written to us to recommend a mystery book: *A Deadly Mission* by Judith Campbell, former minister of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

UU HIKERS & FRIENDS

By Joyce Miller

Here is the August hiking schedule. You will notice that I have scheduled most of the hikes in areas where there is an abundance of trees and limited exposure to the sun and heat. Again let me know if you are joining us unless you are a regular and you know who you are. Call on my home phone 408 730 1052 or email me. I will check it in the morning before the hike. You can call my cell phone 408 507 7052 after 7:30 am the morning of the hike. If I am driving I will not answer, so just leave me a message and I'll check it when I get parked. See you on the trails!

Wednesday August 4

Foothill Park 7 miles. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, August 7

Butano State Park, 8 miles. This is long day. Travel time and pie eating. Plan to get back around 4:30 pm. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, August 11

Purissima State Park. We will do a shuttle hike. 6 miles. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, August 14

Saratoga Gap 6 miles. Meet at US Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 18

Stevens Creek/Fremont Older 6 miles. Meet at parking lot at Stevens Creek County Park at 8:30 am.

Saturday, August 21

Wunderlich County Park, 6-8 miles. We can decide if we want to do the longer hike. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, August 25

Montebello Open Space Preserve. 6 miles. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, August 28

Skyline Ridge Loop 7 miles. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

"She is asking her friends to help her market this book," says Margie, "and therefore I'm writing to suggest that all Unitarian mystery lovers help Rev. Judy establish herself by purchasing copies for themselves."

From a review in the Martha's Vineyard Times:

"There's method to the Machiavellian madness in A Deadly Mission, a fast-moving story of religious cults, college bureaucracy, and yes, murder. Author Judith Campbell accomplished her intention of making specific points about tolerance,

the verities of academic life, and most pointedly, about the dangers of religious cults.... Now, with plans for more mysteries featuring her crime-solving protagonist, Olympia Brown, Ms. Campbell has whimsically dubbed herself "The Sinister Minister."



The book is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and at www.mainlymurderpress.com. Find more information online at <http://judithcampbell-holymysteries.com>.

Thanks for the tip, Margie! ●

Classifieds

Translation Needed

The Third Street Community Center is looking for an outgoing individual who can do verbal translation –Mandarin/English. This work involves informal translation during nutrition and health focused group activities for Chinese seniors. Ability to read & write Chinese is preferred. We are looking for someone who is available Tues. (1-3pm), and for 2 hours, late morning/early afternoon during the week; exact date/ & time TBD. This is a contract position up to 42 hours depending on senior activities. Please contact **Vanessa** at (408) 295-8722 or Vanessa@3street.org for more information.

Dance Instructors Needed

The Third Street Community Center is looking for Dance Instructors to teach Chinese seniors different dance styles. We are looking for a friendly individual who is flexible in his/her teaching and able to accommodate different levels of mobility of seniors. Ability to speak Mandarin or Cantonese preferred but not required. We are looking for someone who is available Tues. or Thurs. from 1-2pm. This is a contract position with no more than 5 hours per month. Please contact **Vanessa** at (408) 295-8722 or at Vanessa@3street.org for more information.

Frequent Flyer Miles Wanted

The Partner Church Committee is looking forward to an incredible experience in the summer of 2011 with our youth

Pilgrimage to Homoródszentmárton. Due to the expense of travel, we are asking for donations of frequent flier miles. If you have miles that you can spare, they will make it possible to provide scholarship aid and/or to reduce the costs for all travelers. For more information, contact **Monty Low** 408-348-2778 or low.monty@gmail.com

Wanted: 1/2 garage or other storage space to store some furniture and appliances for sale, just for a short while. Contact **Kelly Burnett**, 971-9930, kelly@kellybur.com

Career Counseling

I am offering free career counseling to three people. I have a free trial of the new version of Skill Scan and I am looking for three different types of people, i.e. artistic, realistic, investigative, etc. I will also include Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and Strong Interest Inventory as well as personal counseling. Anyone who is interested should e-mail **Jerry Cluney** at cluneycluney@yahoo.com or call 408 292-1781.

Wine Country Excursions

Visit wineries, galleries and museums; bike, hike, or tour by car; chose a guided tour or find your own way. Stay up to three nights (breakfast included) with fellow UUs. Fees are below market rate for similar services, and all proceeds go to the UU Fellowship of North Bay in Napa. Available April through October. For complete details, contact Tom Wilson at 707-254-7743 or 2wilsons1dog@comcast.net. ●



Members Tour Homeless Shelters

Members of the First Unitarian Church recently had a guided tour of Montgomery Street and Julian Inn Shelters. We have a long history of working with both shelters over the years and we are excited about renewing and deepening our relationship. To follow through on our commitment to these shelters, we will designate the offering from our September 12

Homecoming Service to the shelters. We also invite you to bring items from the InnVision wish list on that morning, which we will deliver to the shelters. We look forward to starting off our church year thinking about our neighbors who could use our assistance.

InnVision Wish List:

- Plastic or real Utensils: forks, knives, spoons –huge need – sometimes clients have to eat chicken with spoons!
- Laundry soap huge need
- Napkins
- Coffee mugs or plastic reusable large cups
- Arts and craft supplies (anything and everything)
- Black pens,
- Cleaning supplies (Comet, Windex, pinesol, bleach) huge need
- Lots of Brooms, huge need
- Lots of heavy duty Mops huge need
- Dust pan
- Park bench those wooden ones' you see in the stores that seat maybe 2.
- Towels
- Twin sheets
- New pillows (we cannot take used) huge need
- Cots (like military) for over flow of people who have to otherwise sleep on the floor
- Ear plugs
- Walls clocks
- Batteries any and all kinds (AA, AAA, D, C)
- Flash light
- Emergency and first aid kits. (for large number of people) 100 (sorry we cannot take medicine)
- Primer paint (new please) and paint brushes
- Sledge hammer (ours just broke)
- Trash cans (plastic and new please) with lids
- Large black garbage bags.... huge need... I mean huge.
- Gloves
- Air freshener
- Light bulbs
- Permanent marker (Black heavy duty)
- Patio umbrellas, canopies, tables (please check to see if yours are a type and size we can use)
- We need repair on several washing machines that may need parts. ●



Spotlight on Social Justice

The Social Justice Council blog appears on the Church Webpage at: <http://www.sanjoseuu.org/socialjusticeblog/>. You can subscribe to the YahooGroup For Social Justice News & Events at: sjsjuu-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. ●

Second Friday Movie:

Rethink Afghanistan, August 13, 7:15pm

The Second Friday Movie will be *Rethink Afghanistan* on August 13. At 7:15 pm we will socialize and share food in the Fireside Room. At 7:30 pm we will show the movie in the Sanctuary. Please bring food for yourself and to share.

The full-length documentary features experts from Afghanistan, the U.S., and Russia among others discussing critical issues like military escalation, how escalation will affect Pakistan and the surrounding region, the cost of war, civilian casualties, and the rights of Afghan women. *Rethink Afghanistan* also gave birth to a movement based out of the growing need and desire for non-military solutions in the region. Through the film, coupled with online and on-the-ground campaigns, *Rethink Afghanistan* advocates an alternative vision to the current U.S. policy on Afghanistan. The ultimate goal is to raise the level of public discourse, compel people to ask key questions about the war, and urge Congress to vote NO for any the escalation of U.S. troops in the war in Afghanistan. More detailed text, from which this is taken, at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rethink_Afghanistan ●

An Opportunity to Help Clean up Our Beautiful Santa Cruz Beach

We have been invited to participate in the 26th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 25 from 9:00-12:00 in Santa Cruz. This is a wonderful opportunity to walk our talk by picking up trash and recyclables defacing our beautiful beaches. Then we will reward ourselves with a tasty barbecue potluck lunch. Further details will be provided when we get closer to the date. For more information see <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html> ●

SJ 2010 US Social Forum Report

From **Billie Wachter**: Here is good news for all who see great hopes for our broken world in growing cross movement-activity, including interorganizational exchange of information and views, diversity in interconnections, and in coordinated and joint action. Go to info@war-times.org. Here you can get the War Times' initial report of the 2010 U.S. Social Forum (USSF), including a Conference (June 22-26) and a huge march. As many as twenty thousand activists came together, from many organizations, working on many related but distinct issues, antiwar and economic, involving youth, labor, immigrant rights, people of color, and women. The Grassroots and Global Service coalition one of the initiators, alone brought a whole group of activists whose work began in conferences in Brazil some years ago. ●

Hill House at History Park

Did you ever take a close look at the pictures in the Ramsden Fireside Room? There is a photo of the founders of our church, including Andrew Putnam Hill (1853–1922). He is better known as a painter and photographer, and the leader of the effort to save a forest of large redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains which became the first of the California State Parks, now known as Big Basin Redwoods State Park. The working group that achieved this milestone became Sempervirens [sempervirens.org].

His home, a City Landmark building, was moved from its original site on Sherman Avenue to the San Jose History Park on Senter Road, where the Victorian Preservation Association of Santa Clara County spent nine years restoring it. It is now open for public tours.

San Jose History Park is open from 12:00 noon to 5:00PM every day (except Mondays). Admission is free.

History Park website, historysanjose.org

Victorian Preservation Association website, vpa.org ●



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15 de agosto – 9:30 a.m.

“Nadie es ilegal”: Qué Estamos Aprendiendo Acerca de la Inmigración

“Nadie es ilegal” es el nombre de un libro que toma un complejo vistazo de la inmigración de hoy. También es una declaración de fe. ¿Qué significa para nosotros los Unitarios Universalistas? ¿Qué necesitamos saber, ¿qué historias necesitamos escuchar, ¿qué principios subyacen en dónde nos encontramos sobre la reforma de inmigración y la difícil situación de los inmigrantes recientes y de sus familias? Rev. Nancy trae historias de sus viajes a Arizona este verano y Rosemary Báez y Sabrina Parra-García ofrecen sus reflexiones mientras nosotros profundizamos más sobre este tema.

Dirige: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, con Rosemary Báez, Centro Comunitario de la Calle Tercera y Sabrina Parra-García, PACT

Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM

August 15 – 11:00 a.m.

“No One Is Illegal”: What We Are Learning About Immigration

“No One Is Illegal” is the name of a book that takes a complex look at immigration today. It is also a statement of faith. What does it mean for us Unitarian Universalists? What do we need to know, what stories do we need to hear, what principles underlie where we stand on immigration reform and the plight of recent immigrants and their families? Rev. Nancy brings stories of her trips to Arizona this summer, and Rosemary Baez and Sabrina Parra-García offer their reflections as we go deeper on this topic.



If you shop at Safeway, please be sure to link eScrip to your Safeway card with First Unitarian Church of San Jose as the charity. The church raises \$1,000-\$1,500 a year at no expense to members this way.
www.escrip.com

Worship Leaders: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, with Rosemary Baez, Third Street Community Center, and Sabrina Parra-García, PACT

Worship Associate: Bill Bowman

22 de agosto – 9:30 a.m.

ORGULLO!

¿Qué significa estar orgullosos de nuestras identidades y por qué podría eso ser especialmente importante para las personas gays, lesbianas, bisexuales y transexuales? En este domingo del orgullo, venga a unirse a nosotros en una conversación sagrada acerca de todo lo que hemos aprendido y cómo hemos crecido!

Dirige: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones,
Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM

PRIDE!

What does it mean to be proud of our identities, and why might that be especially important for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons? On this Pride come join us in a sacred conversation about all we have learned and how we have grown!

Worship Leaders: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones,
Worship Associates: Members of the Spanish-Speaking Ministries

August 22 – 11:00 a.m.

To Be Announced

Our ministers and worship committee are preparing a thoughtful and inspirational worship service continuing the theme of The Beauties of Who We Are.

Que se anunciará

Nuestros ministros de culto y el comité están preparando un servicio de adoración reflexiva e inspiradora siguiendo con el tema de las bellezas de lo que somos.

29 de agosto – 9:30a.m.

Caminando por el vecindario

Los seres humanos cambiamos de residencia varias veces en nuestras vidas. ¿Qué clase de vecinos nos rodean? ¿Cómo se muestran ante nosotros? ¿Cómo nos mostramos ante ellos? ¿Qué compartimos entre vecinos? Únete a nosotros en este pequeño viaje a través de nuestro vecindario.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla

Walking in the neighborhood

Human beings change residence several times in our lives. What kind of neighbors surround us? How do we present ourselves to them? how do they present themselves to us? What do we share among neighbors? Join us in this short trip through our neighborhood.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla

August 29 – 11:00 a.m.

The Hero's Journey

“In books like The Hero with a Thousand Faces [and] The Power of Myth, ...[Joseph] Campbell reported on the synthesis he found while comparing the myths and legends of many cultures. The Hero's Journey was his all-embracing metaphor for the deep inner journey of transformation that heroes in every time and place seem to share, a path that leads them through great movements of separation, descent, ordeal and return.” (Christopher Vogler, foreword to Myth and the Movies by Stuart Voytilla) In this service we will hear the story of a church member who will share her recent hero's journey and what she learned in her Call to Adventure. Members of the Junior High Youth Group will also give witness to the agony and ecstasy of their journey through snow and mountain peaks this summer.

Worship Leader: Rev. Geoff Rimositis; **Worship Associate:** Carolyn Bowman

El Viaje del Héroe

“En los libros como El héroe con mil caras y El poder de mito, Joseph Campbell informó sobre la síntesis que se encontró en la comparación de los mitos y leyendas de muchas culturas. El viaje del héroe era su metáfora que incluye todo para el viaje interior profundo de transformación que héroes en todo tiempo y lugar parecen compartir, un camino que les lleva a través de grandes movimientos de separación, el descenso, el calvario y el regreso”. (Christopher Vogler, extractos de Mito y las Películas, Stuart Voytilla.) En este servicio escucharemos la



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historia de un miembro de la iglesia que compartirá su reciente viaje de héroe y lo que aprendió en su llamado a la aventura. Miembros del grupo juvenil de preparatoria también darán testimonio de la agonía y el éxtasis de su viaje a través de la nieve y los picos de montaña en este verano.

Dirige: Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Asociado de Culto: Carolyn Bowman

5 de septiembre – 9:30 a.m.

Labor en el Pulpito

Celebramos el trabajo y a los trabajadores este fin de semana del día del trabajo mientras la Reverenda Nancy y un invitado especial traen las bellezas y los desafíos de la labor en el púlpito. ¿Dónde se verá usted mismo en estas historias?

Dirige: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones y un invitado especial

Asociados de Culto: 9:30 – Miembros de SSM; 11:00 – que se anunciará

September 5 – 11:00 a.m.

Labor in the Pulpit

We celebrate work and workers this Labor Day weekend as Reverend Nancy and a special guest bring the beauties and challenges of labor into the pulpit. Where will you see yourself in these stories?

Worship Leaders: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones and a special guest

Worship Associates: 9:30 – Members of the Spanish-Speaking Ministries; 11:00

**September 12 –
Homecoming Sunday!**

Stay tuned for more information!

**12 de septiembre –
¡Domingo de regreso al Hogar!**

**Este en sintonía para mayor
información!**

September 26

Launching a month-long, congregation-wide focus on discerning our multicultural, multiracial mission.

12 de septiembre

Inicio de un mes de duración, se centran en toda congregación multicultural on discerning nuestra, la misión multirracial. ●

Upcoming Events:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6 PM TO 8 PM

Reading “The Five Gospels” along With Bob - No Session in August!

Our reading group will not meet in August. The next session will be Sunday, September 12, 6 PM to 8 PM.

New participants are always welcome, so whether you've been participating up to this point or not, please come join us in our next session discussing our readings from “The Five Gospels”. Contact **Bob Miess** at Bob@FloweringEnterprises.com or 408-781-7073 for details. ●

JULY 14-29, JULY 21-AUGUST 4

2011 Partner Church Pilgrimage

The Partner Church Committee will offer 2 trips to Homoródszentmárton in 2011. The first trip from July 14 to July 29 will include a more adult oriented program with classes in the arts and culture of the village. The second trip will be youth oriented from July 21 to August 4 with less structure. All travelers must be high school age or older. The youth and their families will have priority for the second trip. The approximate cost for the trip is \$2,600. This includes airfare, but not food in Budapest and Kolozsvár. We will have scholarship opportunities for anyone who needs help with the cost of the trip. Please contact **Monty Low** for scholarship and fundraising needs.

The first trip will begin with 2 full days in Budapest, but the second trip will have only 1 full day in Budapest. The trips will then travel to Kolozsvár, Romania for 1 day where we will visit Unitarian heritage sites. The trips will travel to our partner church in the village of Homoródszentmárton where we will stay 7 nights. There will be a one-night overlap when both trips will be in the village. While in the village we will work on service projects with our hosts and learn about the life, history and culture of our Unitarian partners. Finally

we will travel to Budapest for a one-day visit and then fly home. Please contact **Monty Low**, low.monty@gmail.com, for information or if you are interested in joining us on one of the trips. ●

AUGUST 9TH FROM 7-9PM

Campus UUs at SJSU

The First Unitarian UU Campus Outreach (Campus UU's) group has just begun meeting to create a presence at San Jose State University. This group is open to anyone who is inclined to help in bringing information about our faith to the student and faculty of SJSU. We would also request that anyone who is connected to SJSU (student, teacher, contractor, etc.) please contact **John Burk** at mus6@aceweb.com.

The next meeting of the Campus UU's is on August 9th from 7-9pm in the FUCSJ Board Room. Please join us – we are starting small, so we are looking for ideas to get the word out to the students and faculty of San Jose State. ●

**MONDAY, AUGUST 16,
6:30-7:30 PM, SANCTUARY**

New Meditation Group

A newly forming Meditation group is meeting next on August 16 and continuing on the first and third Monday evenings in the church Sanctuary. **Anand David Solest**, who has a background in meditation and chanting for over 30 years and began to attend our church in February 2010, is leading the meditations.

Many of the group participants attended a meditation workshop given at our church in June, but this is not a pre-requisite. The format is simple, and it encourages our meditation practices.

For more information or questions, please contact **Connie** at Connie.Bloch@yahoo.com or 408-206-2163. We invite you to be part of our new meditation group, and reap the spiritual and physical benefits! ●



Lifespan Faith Development

Nursery (birth-7 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: Maria Elena Olvera & Glynda Cotton

Senior High Youth Group— Grades 9-12 (Youth Room)

The senior high youth group meets from 11:30-12:30 most Sundays. The group offers its members a safe place to share their lives and find support and friendship among open minded and loving peers. The group engages in discussions about issues relevant to youth's lives and communities. They plan social and service projects throughout the year, and they participate in youth conferences in area Unitarian Universalist churches under the auspices of the Pacific Central District of Unitarian Universalist Congregations and YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists). The youth group's empowering philosophy educates youth to be leaders within the group, church community and denomination.
Youth Group Advisors: V Kingsley, Cordelia Willis, and Greg Muller

Lifespan Faith Development Summer Update

There will be no summer program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade from June 13 through September 12. The program begins again on September 19.

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

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Course For Young Adults Ages 18-35

Our Whole Lives (OWL) for Young Adults is grounded in a wholistic view of sexuality. It provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

Co-author (Rev.) Michael Tino writes about how the curriculum team sought to meet the particular needs of a young adult audience:

“... We intentionally developed lessons that were sex-positive (without presuming a particular level of sexual experience), creative, and grounded in justice and inclusivity. We were able to weave into the curriculum activities that ask the participants to engage in high-level reasoning and abstraction, activities that ask questions grounded in queer theory about what is ‘normal,’ and explorations of sexuality and intimacy that go beyond what is available for high-school students.”

Introductory session will be Thursday, September 9, 7-9 p.m., First Unitarian Church of San José.

Leaders: Kristin Rivers, the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Dates: (Thursdays 7-9 p.m.) Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 / Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 / Nov. 4, 11, 18 / Dec. 2, 9, 16

Cost: \$140-\$100, sliding scale. Scholarships available as needed. Makes checks out to First Unitarian Church c/o Susan Burke-Diquisto

RSVP: Susan Burke-Diquisto, Office Manager, fucs@sanjoseuu.org, 292-3858, ext. 10

Planning Ahead – Lifespan Faith Development Program for 2010-11: Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5

The PreK- Grade 5 Curriculum Team (**Jan Theiss-Guffey, Sally Cooperrider, Pam Pell, John Burk, Tamara Payne-Alex and Rev. Geoff Rimositis**) is working on an exciting program for our elementary age children beginning on September 19.

We have created three groups: 4 year olds-first grade, second through fourth grade, and fifth grade.

Nayo Ulloa and Sally Cooperrider will be returning to do music quarterly rather than every Sunday as we did this past year. In addition to music we will be introducing yoga and meditation to the children. The second through fourth graders will be getting to know members of our congregation with Faith in Action interviews that they will conduct.

On the remaining teaching Sundays we will be drawing from the Unitarian Universalist Association's Tapestry of Faith curriculums. PreK-1 will be doing Creating Home <http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/creatinghome/index.shtml>

And second through fourth grades will be doing Moral Tales <http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/moraltales/index.shtml>

Lessons can be accessed on the web by both teachers and parents.

Fifth Grade will again be doing Neighboring Faiths, our exploration of the world's religions with visits to churches, temples and mosques.

Social Justice Sundays will happen quarterly with a special National Day of Service on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Monday.

We especially are excited about how we are going to ask volunteers to participate this year. We will have both Class Guides and Curriculum Leaders. The Class Guides will be responsible for classroom management and will be trained on how to use games and transition activities. They will be responsible for community building with the children. The Curriculum Leaders would only be responsible for presenting the lesson or program for that morning. We think that it is a winning formula that will take the stress off of the person presenting the lesson for the day and bring children closer together by having a person who is responsible for the interpersonal dynamics of the class.

If you are interested in serving as a Class Guide or Curriculum Leader for next year and you haven't already been trained, sign up for the second training, Tuesday, September 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m. ●





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 torchy.hunter@gmail.com.

Who is taking off for parts unknown without asking permission? Somebody is being paid to play with little kids. What not to say to your hairdresser! Who has abandoned cooking, cleaning and hosting parties forever? *A heretofore well-respected member of our community is an out-and-out fraud!* Who discovered shocking news in front of millions?

Ahhhhh Summer. The beautiful part: the stuff you got done, the food you ate outside, the sunsets you watched, the mornings that knocked you out. August: The Best!

Mrs Jean Von Kanel

wishes to announce her new address is The Atrium in San Jose. That's the place on Blossom Hill right next to the Light Rail and akin to Oakridge Shopping Center. It took a while for her to realize that the time had come to stop doing maintenance on the house she had lived in for 30 years, and held truly countless group meetings, dinners, holiday parties, sit-downs for 24, which were all wonderful to have, she says. But the work of cleanup, not so much. She was looking at books of recipes she had taken out of papers or magazines, and with a great jolt of happiness she realized no more cooking! Not even to mention no cleaning, planning, painting, unclogging. Ever again. Whooppee! Reminds me that I owe her a book. Should get it to her since it's been a year. How many of you owe something tangible to somebody? August might be a good month to give it back!



The Redferns happily report a long weekend at **Rogriguez's** "cabin". It is not a cabin. Think spa or hotel. But Rosie (the granddaughter you may have heard of before) went into the water at Lake Tahoe, where she considered every little wave a new gift.

Lotus is the highly decoratively inked-up new person. She has a huge lotus blossom across her chest, and Om on her arms. Her

friend (& ours) **Glynda Cotten**, turned her on to our little establishment. She's a hairdresser, currently working in Oakland. Her favorite kind of customers do not come in a say "do anything you want", but say "I've seen something like this, what do you think?" She very kindly didn't say a word about your correspondent's coiffure.

If you ask **Carol Low** how her Hungarian is after spending time there studying the language, she will come out with a huge barrage of incomprehensible syllables. Be not impressed. She is a total fraud. She is saying completely random words strung together. But she's acquiring some language skill: went to see "Carmen" and wasn't completely lost even though it was sung in French and the supertitles were in Hungarian.



And speaking of New Mexico, **Frances Schwab** got a job teaching Sociology at the community college in Hobbs, New Mexico which is right in that little southeast corner surrounded by Texas. She may be already gone when this is published. Where do people get off thinking they can just up and move away without our consent? Godspeed, Frances.

If you were watching the last episode of Antiques Roadshow from San Jose, you might have seen our very own fashion and design



duo, **Steve Stein** and **Gary MacCumber**, who took in several of their priceless antiques. They say "priceless" has a whole new meaning, more or less.

But They Are Only Little Kids Department: **Susan Burke Diquisto** claims that her infant daughter Christina graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a Masters in Education on June 13, had a job interview on June 16, and a signed contract on June 22. Kindergarteners are going to deal with a Master!

Church member and youth group advisor **Cordelia Willis** and her crew won "Best in Show" for their costumes at the International Comic Con. Even the LA Times sought to interview Cordelia! See their show at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DDjkXsc7vk>. And, of course, there's always Facebook. ●





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Contact Rev. Geoff, grimosis@sanjoseuu.org

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