



Our Church Circular

June 2, 2010
/ 2 de Junio
2010

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

JUNE THEME: JOY / TEMA DE JUNIO: EL GOZO

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

DOMINGO CELEBRACIÓN

6 de Junio – 9:30 am

Momentos de Gracia

¿Cuándo hemos experimentado un discreto momento de gracia—un tiempo cuando algo ha pasado para establecer nuestras vidas en un nuevo rumbo? A veces estos momentos llegan envueltos en dificultades o pérdidas— aun llegan a ser los momentos de definición de oportunidades y de elección que han abierto una nueva ruta para nuestra vida. A veces estos momentos se deslizan casi desapercibidos: aún más tarde nos damos cuenta de que estos momentos decisivos nos han codeado en la dirección de lo mejor de nosotros mismos, nuestro verdadero camino. ¿Qué regalos de gracia han recibido que les han traído a ustedes a este momento y lugar en su vida?

Este corto servicio meditativo durará apenas media hora. Y posteriormente, vamos a continuar la conversación en el salón de la chimenea, de 10:00 a 10:45 am. Por favor, vengan dispuestos a compartir, en pocas palabras, lo más importante para ustedes acerca de nuestra vida congregacional y de los ministerios en español. Juntos debemos descubrir los momentos de gracia para el próximo año, ¡que estará lleno de cambios y rededicación!

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

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

June 6 – 11:00 am

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 Whole Lives (OWL) Grades 7-9 participants will receive a special pin for taking the human sexuality class this year as well as our Neighboring Faiths curriculum that studied the varied religions in our valley. We will be bridging 5th and 8th graders respectively into the junior and senior high youth groups. K-5th grade will sing under the direction of **Sally Cooperrider** and **Nayo Ulloa**. And after the service everyone is invited to make (and eat) a Sunday Sundae!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Domingo de los Jovenes

Reconoceremos a esas mujeres y hombres jóvenes que están graduándose de la escuela preparatoria este año. Ellos estarán compartiendo con nosotros algunos pensamientos acerca de cómo llevaran sus valores Unitarios Universalistas en la próxima fase de su vida. Nuestros participantes de OWL de 7-9 grado recibirán una insignia especial para tomar esta clase de sexualidad humana este año, al igual que nuestras creencias vecinas que estudiaron las variadas religiones en nuestro Valle. Haremos una transición de los grados 5 y 8 grados respectivamente en los grupos de jóvenes de preparatoria. El 5 grado cantará bajo la dirección de **Sally Cooperrider** y **Nayo Ulloa**. Y

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SAVE THE DATES

June 5, Saturday, meditation retreat, led by Swami Dada Nabhaniilananda; 10 am-5 pm, Hattie Porter Hall

June 6, Sunday, PACT Listening Campaign Issue Discernment Meeting, 12:30 pm, Fireside Room

June 20, Sunday, Reception/Book Signing, Rev. Gretchen Thomas (FUCSJ RE minister 1987-91) 12:45 pm, Ramsden Fireside Room

June 23-27, UUA General Assembly, Minneapolis, MN. More info at <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/>

June 27-30, FUCSJ Junior High Backpack Trip. Registration now closed. Contact Pam Pell at johnpell@aol.com

July 5, Monday, Santa Cruz Beach Cleanup and summer picnic. More info in next issue.

July 14-18, All Church Campout. McConnell State Recreation Area, Contact Mary Mary Feldman at mm@feldmo.com

August 1-7, Senior Youth Group trip to the Channel Islands

Gift of Service

DO YOU WANT TO EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION?

Please send your one-sentence 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

JUNE THEME: JOY

*Rev. Nancy's Photo Album:
First Unitarian Church of San José,
June 2010*

From my minister's perch, I've got a rare perspective on the Big Picture of life at FUCSJ. No single person can witness all that's bubbling and brewing in our spiritual community at any given moment, but I've taken some snapshots, and I know you will have more. Please look for your own beloved face in this gallery, and be sure to picture the video versions—some of these images are moving (in every sense of the word)!



Here's a large group of folks from the Music Summit and its ongoing Learning Journeys to enhance our Music Ministries—this photo sings and sways!



Here's a circle of teachers and parents, reflecting on this year's Lifespan Faith Development program and discovering the next steps for serving our youngest members and their families. Oops—there go some of them, dashing off to accompany our fifth graders on visits to Our Neighboring Faiths!



Wow—look at how many people are showing up for the PACT Listening Campaign gatherings, discerning the social justice issue where we can make a difference. The next gathering is this Sunday, June 6, at 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room—be sure to get in the picture!



Warmth emanates from this photo of congregants gathering after our 9:30 worship service, responding to the news that the Spanish-Speaking Ministries Coordinator position will sunset at the end of December, and overflowing with ideas about how to preserve what matters most and how to improve what needs enhancement in our congregational life.



This next picture captures our Small Group Ministry groups and their leaders, walking with each other through all that life brings. A companion photo holds the loving arms and hands of our Pastoral Care team, along with all who have been touched by them this year.

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TEMA DE JUNIO: ALEGRÍA

*Album de fotografías de la Rev. Nancy:
Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José,
Junio 2010*

Desde la percha de mi ministro, tengo una perspectiva poco común en el panorama de la vida en la FUCSJ. Ninguna persona puede presenciar todo ese burbujeo e inicio en nuestra comunidad espiritual en cualquier momento dado, pero he tomado algunas imágenes instantáneas y sé que usted tendrá más. Por favor, busque su propio rostro amado en esta galería e imagine las versiones de vídeo—algunas de estas imágenes se están moviendo (en todos los sentidos de la palabra)!



Aquí hay un gran grupo de amigos de la Cumbre de la música y sus viajes de aprendizaje en curso para mejorar nuestros ministerios de música: esta foto canta y se mece!



Aquí esta un círculo de profesores y padres reflexionando sobre el programa de desarrollo de la fe de este año y descubriendo los próximos pasos para servir a nuestros miembros más jóvenes y a sus familias. Ups: ¡ahí van algunos de ellos, que salen corriendo para acompañar a nuestros niños de quinto grado en su visita a nuestras creencias vecinas!



Guau— miré cuantas personas asisten a los encuentros de la campaña de oyentes de PACT, discernir la cuestión de justicia social, donde podemos hacer una diferencia. La próxima reunión es este domingo, 6 de junio, a las 12: 30 pm en la sala de la chimenea—¡asegúrese de salir en la foto!



El calor emana de esta foto de congregantes reuniéndose después de nuestro servicio religioso de las 9:30, respondiendo a la noticia de que la posición del coordinador de los ministerios en español se terminará al final de diciembre y se desborda con ideas acerca de cómo preservar lo más importante, y cómo mejorar lo que necesita mejoramiento en nuestra vida congregacional.



La siguiente fotografía captura a los grupos de nuestro Ministerio de pequeños grupos y a sus líderes, caminando con cada uno a través de todo lo que la vida trae. Una foto adjunta sostiene los amorosos brazos y manos de nuestro equipo de cuidado pastoral, junto con todos aquellos que han sido tocados por ellos este año.



Ey—aquí esta el laberinto lleno hasta desbordarse con niños y jóvenes! Esta sola fotografía resume la energía de la joven congregación que acogimos este mes de mayo; la esperanza y valentía que continuamente

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Whoa—here’s the labyrinth filled to overflowing with children and youth! This single photo sums up the energy of the Youth Con we hosted this May; the hope and courage that Our Amazing Youth continually inspire; and the fun of the stories we have shared in worship this year.



Here are the Worship Associates, actually growing taller in stature as their worship leadership blooms—and here is a larger circle surrounding them, expanding way beyond the borders of the picture. This circle represents all of us who come to worship; all the folks who have filled out worship surveys or offered worship themes; all the folks who feel the beating heart of our community in the shared experiences of worship.



“Nancy, why do you have a picture of a building’s foundation?” Glad you asked! It represents the work of our Building Committee, keeping a roof over our heads and sturdy walls to shelter all this life energy. It also symbolizes the stronger-than-ever infrastructure of our elected and appointed leadership. I wish you all could experience firsthand the depth of the work these groups do! For the first time this year, the Program and Operations Council produced Monitoring Reports on all our Ends (our deepest goals), naming our core values, assessing our effectiveness, establishing transparency and accountability in our leadership structures and in the work of the whole congregation. This summer, the Board, led by lay members who are graduates of Leadership School, is “harvesting the power” to build its creative and spiritual capacities for long-range planning, mission guidance, and deep listening. This isn’t just any old cement foundation in this snapshot; this is a foundation that is newly strong and flexible, awash in the glow of a Unitarian Universalist chalice.



And here is one more picture, tinted with the future: It’s all of us, at a party! Oh, yes, we have differences of opinions, we have engaged in passionate debate, yet here we are, staying at the table together. We have built into the coming year new ways to deepen our fellowship; we have established healthier means of communication and opened clear pathways for feedback and the continued growth of ministers, staff, lay leaders, and members; and we have grounded ourselves in a renewed sense of our mission and identity as a spiritual community. At this party, the conversations are flowing, the laughter rising. There are tears, too, for life will continue to break our hearts as well as bring us its gifts. But the beautiful diverse faces in this photo shine with comfort, joy, and transformation. THIS is FUCSJ.

With my love, warmth—and more than a little fun,

Nancy, or: Mr. Clean Jeans’ Pony¹

Mr. Clean Jeans’ Pony is the anagram for my full name devised for one of the games at our end-of-year party on May 23. When this anagram was announced, I replied, “I want one!”

inspira a nuestra increíble juventud; y la diversión de las historias que hemos compartido en los servicios religiosos este año.



Aquí están los Asociados de culto, realmente creciendo más altos en estatura mientras su liderazgo de culto florece—y aquí esta un círculo más grande que lo rodea, ampliándose mucho más allá de las fronteras de la imagen. Este círculo representa a todos nosotros los que venimos al servicio religioso; todas las personas que han rellenado las encuestas de los servicios u ofrecieron temas de culto; toda la gente que siente el latir del corazón de nuestra comunidad en las experiencias compartidas de los servicios religiosos.



“Nancy, ¿por qué tienes una foto de los cimientos de un edificio?” Con mucho gusto les contesto! Representa la labor de nuestra Comisión del edificio, mantener un techo sobre nuestras cabezas y paredes resistentes para proteger a toda esta energía de vida. También simboliza la infraestructura más fuerte-que-nunca de nuestro elegido y designado liderazgo. Me gustaría que todos ustedes pudieran experimentar de primera mano la profundidad del trabajo que estos grupos hacen! Por primera vez este año, el Consejo de Programas y Operaciones produjo informes de supervisión sobre todos nuestros fines (nuestros objetivos más profundos), nombrando nuestros valores esenciales, evaluando nuestra eficacia, estableciendo la transparencia y la rendición de cuentas en nuestras estructuras de liderazgo y en el trabajo de toda la Congregación. Este verano, la Junta directiva, dirigida por miembros laicos quienes son graduados de la escuela de liderazgo, está “cosechando la energía” para construir su capacidad creativa y espiritual para la planificación a largo plazo, la orientación de la misión y escuchar con profundidad. Este no es sólo cualquier cimiento antiguo de cemento en esta instantánea; este es un cimiento que recientemente es fuerte y flexible, lleno del resplandor de un cáliz Unitario Universalista.



Y aquí esta una imagen más, teñida con el futuro: es todos nosotros, ¡en una fiesta! Ah, sí, tenemos diferencias de opiniones, nos hemos comprometido en debate apasionado, aun aquí estamos, continuamos en la mesa juntos. Hemos construido para el próximo año nuevas formas para profundizar nuestra camaradería; hemos establecido más saludables medios de comunicación y abierto vías claras para la retroalimentación y el continuó crecimiento de los Ministros, del personal, de los líderes laicos y de los miembros; y nosotros mismos nos hemos basado en un renovado sentido de nuestra misión e identidad como una comunidad espiritual. En esta fiesta, las conversaciones están fluyendo, la risa aumenta. Hay lágrimas, también, la vida continuará rompiendo nuestros corazones, también como nos trae sus regalos. Pero la bella diversidad de rostros en esta foto brillan con comodidad, alegría y transformación. ESTO es la FUCSJ.

Con mi amor, calidez—y más de un poco de diversión,

Nancy ●



Fun-Raiser Sign-Ups on Basement Bulletin Board

Many hands make light work, so take a look at the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs for a job you can do to help make this year's fundraising events a success. Detailed information is also available at www.sanjoseuu.org/AboutUs/Fundraising/events.html

Planned fun/fundraising events:

- Summer - Farmer's Market
- September 17 - Benefit Concert
- October 17 - UU Puzzle Day
- November 19-21 - Mystery Dinner Theater
- December 12 - Holiday Craft Faire
- December 17 - Non-Trad. Holiday Concert

- January 2011 - Service Auction
- February 2011 - Benefit Tea

If you have any questions or would like to offer your assistance, please e-mail **Henry Ruddle** at stewardship@sanjoseuu.org.

Loved that Chicken Salad?

Here's the recipe for the delicious chicken salad that was served at the End of Canvass lunch. The recipe was published in our own *San Jose Mercury News*, and it's by Jesse Cool, chef, Cantor Arts Center. Thanks again to **Kim Aldridge** and **Sally Souders** for cooking it for us!

Curried Chicken Salad

1/2 c. mayonnaise	1/2 c. sour cream
1.5 tsp. curry powder	1/2 tsp. turmeric
1/2 tsp. cumin	1 tbsp. sugar
12 oz. cooked chicken cut into bite-sized pieces (about 3 cups)	1 c. chopped celery green onion
1/4 c. chopped cilantro	1/2 c. raisins
Salt and pepper to taste	

In a large bowl, stir mayo, sour cream, spices and sugar until well combined. Add the rest of ingredients, toss. Season to taste. Serves 4.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 AND 19

Legacy Planning Workshop

Held in the church Board Room, this two-session workshop will walk you through a process of creating a legacy that will be far more lasting and far more valuable than any money or property you can leave your family and friends – the legacy of what you love and cherish, the beauty you see in life, the treasures of the heart that you

would like your loved ones to carry with them, simply because they have known you. You may choose to share your will with those you love while you are still with them, or you may wish for it to be read after your death, in a memorial service or other ritual.

To participate, contact **Bob Miess** at Bob@FloweringEnterprises.com or (408) 781-7073. A donation of \$20 to the church is requested but negotiable.



News from the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry, California (UULMCA)

- If you've been parsing the nuances of the June 8th Ballot Propositions, parse no more! A short, pithy guide with a comparison chart of other organization's positions and UULM Action Network's is available on the web at www.uulmca.org.
- Also, the Young Adult Water Justice Road Trip is only a few short weeks away. Check

out the itinerary and register online at our website, or call the office at 916-441-0018.

- Interested in joining UUs around the state who are supporting Prop 15, the CA Fair Elections Act? Volunteers are needed to make phone calls from home at www.yesonprop15.org/phoning or join a local phone bank. Learn more at www.YesOnProp15.org.

News & Events: PCD and UUA

The Pacific Central District (PCD) includes 38 congregations in northern Nevada, northern California, and Hawaii, and is home to the Church of the Larger Fellowship and two seminaries, the Starr King School for the Ministry and the Pacific School of Religion. To find out more about PCD, see <http://www.pcd-uua.org>. Click "PCD Currents" for current news.

FUCSJ Members on PCD Board of Directors

Did you know: One of the officers of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Central District (PCD) of the UUA is our own **Ed Massey**, and now one of the newly

elected members is also one of ours: **Julia Rodriguez**. Congratulations!

PCD Board Officers

President, Ed Massey (San José)
Moderator, Lisa Fry (Live Oak)
Vice President, Ramón Urbano (Davis)
Recording Secretary, Margaret Kelso (North Bay)
Corresponding Secretary, Kären Aaker (Santa Cruz)
Executive Committee at-large, Mary MacKay (Honolulu) and Dave Vallerga (Redwood City).

Newly elected Board members:

The Reverend Laurel Liefert (Oakland)
Julia Rodriguez (San José)
Maggie Shepherd (Marin)



GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMING UP IN MINNEAPOLIS



Join thousands of Unitarian Universalists from across the United States for the 2010 General Assembly (GA) in Minneapolis June 23-27. You'll experience wonderful and uplifting worship services. General Assembly is the way that our faith does business. Actions of social witness are passed at GA, elements that make up future policies are discussed and YOU have a voice in the discussion. You'll hear terrific speakers. There will be hundreds of entertaining programs and informative workshops, offering excellent support and learning for leaders in our congregations. You'll be able to join the witness for our faith and values, in moving and exciting ways. Visit www.UUA.org to register.



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Upcoming Events: Our Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Reception and Book Reading/Signing by Gretchen Thomas

The Partner Church Committee is pleased to host the **Rev. Gretchen Thomas**, who will be reading and signing her new book, *Walking in Others' Shoes: Stories from the Early Years of the Partner Church Movement* on Sunday, June 20 at 12:45 pm in the Fireside Room.



Rev. Thomas was the FUCSJ Minister of Religious Education from 1987 until she moved to Toronto in 1991. Since then she has lived in Oslo, Stockholm, and Melbourne, where she has been writing a book of partner church stories—many are about our congregation and Homoródszentmárton.

Walking in Others' Shoes: Stories from the Early Years of the Partner Church Movement has just been published (it costs \$28) and on June 20th Gretchen will be visiting us to help celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our partnership by reading some of the San Jose stories for us. She will also sign books after the service for everyone who wants to buy a copy. It is a wonderful book, not only for those who have been to Transylvania and those who hope to go there in the future, but also for anyone who has ever reached for committed connection across a culture or a border.

A reception will follow. If anyone would like to help with the reception or bring refreshments for the reception, please contact **Monty Low** at low.monty@gmail.com.

MONDAY JUNE 21

HUUmanist Group Meeting

The monthly meeting of the HUUmanist Group will be on Monday June 21st from 7 PM to 8:30 PM in the lower level conference room. We will continue showing the film "The Examined Life." Last month we covered less than half of it, which is good news, because the film created some stimulating discussion. Some of the thinkers were quite challenging, as sometimes happens in philosophy, but people hung in here and grappled with it as best they could. We are over the hardest part, I think. More details will be available in a week; so please contact **Tim Blackwood** tjb@timblackwood.com.



SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Reading "The Five Gospels" With Bob



Facilitated by **Bob Miess**, this group will meet Sunday, June 20, 6-8 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 in the Fireside Room discussing our readings from *The Five Gospels: What Did Jesus Really Say? The Search for the Authentic Words of Jesus*. For our June 20 session, attendees should read as much as possible from:

- Preface (pages ix-xxii) and the introduction (pp 1-38)
- All of the Gospel of Mark (pp 39-127)
- The Chart about the Stages of Development of the Early Christian Tradition (pp 128)
- Gospel of Matthew through Chapter 16:12 (pp 129-206)

We let the interests of those present guide the focus of our discussions, so this session we can focus on any of the material in the preface, the introduction, the Gospel of Mark, and/or the first part of Matthew. We'll also have more copies of "the Red Sayings" handout that we looked at in April. The new material covered in this session is Matthew Chapters 8 – 16, which include several parables. It will be an excellent way to experience what the scholars of the Jesus Seminar thought they heard as the "voice of the historical Jesus" breaking through clearly. Bring along any interesting things you note in your reading, and questions that are arising for you.

Questions? Contact Bob Miess at 408-781-7073 or Bob@FloweringEnterprises.com

UU HIKERS & FRIENDS

By Joyce Miller

Here is the June hiking schedule. Be sure to call if you want to hike unless you are a regular, then let me know if you are not coming. Only big rain storms cancel hikes. In case of rain, call the morning of the hike to find out if we are changing the venue to the Stanford dish or if the hike is cancelled. My home phone is 408 730-1052 and cell is 570-7052. Use my cell phone after 7:30 am. All other times use my home phone. See you on the trails!

Wednesday, June 2

Stevens Creek/Fremont Older, 6 miles. Meet at the parking lot at Stevens Creek park at 8:30 am. Directions: From 280 take Foothill Expressway as though you were going to Rancho San Antonio, but go straight on Foothill, which becomes Stevens Canyon Road at McClellan. Continue about a mile to the park entrance, which is on the left. Parking fee is \$6.00 It should be fun to see how full the reservoir is.

Saturday, June 5

No hike planned, I will be attending a meditation retreat.

Wednesday, June 9

Long Ridge Open Space. Meet at US Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:30 am. Turn right at first driveway beyond the 76 Union Station at the corner of DeAnza and Highway 9 (Big Basin Drive) and drive to parking lot behind.

Saturday, June 12

Joseph Grant County Park. 6 miles, moderate. Meet at VTA Park and Ride at Capitol and Alum Rock at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, June 16

Foothill Park, 7 miles, mod. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, June 19

Almaden Quicksilver, 9 miles Hacienda Entrance. Meet at Bed, Bath & Beyond parking lot at Almaden Plaza at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, June 23

Skyline Ridge Loop, 6 miles. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am.

Saturday, June 26

Huddart County Park, 8 miles. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am. We'll do the longer hike up to Skyline.

Wednesday, June 30

Big Basin, Berry Falls, 12 miles. Meet at US Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:30 am. This is long day. Plan to get back around 4:30. Bring a lunch.



Lifespan Faith Development

Nursery (birth-5 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

The Arts & Spiritual Practice — Kindergarten-Grade 5 (Lower Level, Classrooms 4-6)

Each Sunday after they are sung out of the service, our children come together to make music with **Nayo Ulloa** (<http://www.nayoulloa.com/>), **Sally Cooper-rider** and other volunteers for the first half hour. We sing, play with rhythm instruments, and have fun doing musical games

Make A World of Difference-Asset Building Activities to Help Teens Explore Diversity— Grades 6-8 (Lower Level, Classrooms 2-3)

In this class, youth develop their skills as competent global citizens, able to understand many of the issues surrounding diversity and culture. The goal is to raise the level of awareness about diversity issues, while giving youth an opportunity to reflect on their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The purpose of these activities is not to promote any particular idea, value, or point of view, but to help develop greater understanding about the diversity issues. They will learn about the broad definition of diversity that includes gender, age, and socioeconomic status.

Lifespan Faith Development Summer Updates:

There will be no summer program for children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade from June 13 through September 12. The nursery will be available to children through seven years of age and the senior high youth group will continue to meet on Sundays. ●

Youth Group Activities

Staff: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

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

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

The Junior High Youth Group meets the first Friday of the month for social and fun activities. Junior High Advisor: Pam Pell (and parents of youth leading classes)

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 ●



Senior High Channel Islands Trip

For UU youth who have or will attend high school in 2010

The Senior Youth Group will be repeating its favorite trip to the Channel Islands August 1-7. 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; participating in music and youth led classes, 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.

Maximum group size will be 24 youth. FUCSJ youth have first priority until June 1. Payment deadline June 7. Non-FUCSJ youth will need leader approval. Contact: **Matt Trask**, 408-655-1991, matttrask@earthlink.net. Cost: \$200 (Scholarships are available). ●

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. ●



CIRCLING AROUND
Milestones
in the lives of the
First Unitarian Community



Torchy is still enjoying herself in Italy; she'll be back with her ever-amazing column next time. ●



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June 6 — 9:30 a.m. (continued)

Moments of Grace

When have we experienced an inconspicuous moment of grace—a time when something has happened to set our lives on a new course? Sometimes these moments arrive wrapped in difficulty or loss—yet they become the defining moments of opportunity and choice that have opened a new path for our life. Sometimes these moments slide by almost unnoticed—yet later we realize that these turning points have nudged us in the direction of our best selves, our true path. What gifts of grace have you received that have brought you to this time and place in your life?

This short meditative service will last just half an hour. Then we will continue the conversation in the Fireside Room, from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Please come prepared to share, in just a few words, what matters most to you about our congregational life and the Spanish-Speaking Ministries. Let us discover together the moments of grace in the year ahead, which will be full of change and rededication!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Worship Associates: Members of SSM

DOMINGO DE LAS FUENTES

13 de Junio – 9:30 am

¡Disfrutando de la vida!

¿Cuál es la misión de cada uno de nosotros en esta vida que nos toca vivir? ¿Cuál es la razón de estar vivos? Vengan y compartamos nuestras ideas de lo que significa la vida para cada uno de nosotros, en un servicio entrelazado con nuestras propias historias.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla; Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM

Enjoying Life!

What is the mission of each one of us in this life that we live? What is the reason for being alive? Come and share our ideas of what life means for each of us, a service interwoven with our own stories.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla; Worship Associates: Members of SSM

DOMINGO DE LA TEOLOGÍA

20 de Junio – 9:30 am

La paternidad, un rol muy difícil

Recordemos en este día, a los padres de cada uno de nosotros que ya no están con nosotros y a aquellos que aun nos están acompañando en nuestro camino.

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Paternity, a difficult role

Let us remember on this day the parents of each of us that are not with us and those that are even now accompanying us on our journey.

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June 6 — 11:00 a.m. (continued)

después del servicio, todo el mundo esta invitado a hacer (y comer) un domingo de Helado!

Dirige: el Rev. Geoff Rimositis

SOURCES SUNDAY

June 13 – 11:00 am

Living a Joyful Life

What is difference between an experience of joy and living a joyful life? We are grateful when those ecstatic moments come over us and we are washed over with peaceful contentment. As wonderful as those peak experiences are we cannot count on them. In the course of a single day we probably experience many feelings: fatigue, engagement, frustration, satisfaction and even wonder. A joyful life can have more than joy in it and still be joyful. The key is to experience the full range of our emotional life and work through our “stuck-ness” to mindfulness and awareness.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis; Worship Associate: Barbara Grover

Viviendo una vida alegre

¿Cuál es la diferencia entre una experiencia de alegría y vivir una vida gozosa? Estamos agradecidos cuando esos momentos de éxtasis vienen a nosotros y somos lavados con la pacífica satisfacción. Tan maravilloso como esos picos de experiencia que no contamos con ellos. En el curso de un solo día, nosotros probablemente experimentamos muchos sentimientos: fatiga, compromiso, frustración, satisfacción e incluso asombro. Una vida gozosa puede tener más que alegría en ella y aún estar llena de gozo. La clave es la experiencia de toda la gama de nuestra vida emocional y trabajar a través de lo que nos “detiene” a la sensibilidad y la conciencia.

Dirige: el Rev. Geoff Rimositis; Asociada de Culto: Barbara Grover

THEOLOGY SUNDAY

June 20 – 11:00 am

The Father Archetype

Please join us for worship on Father's Day Sunday as we reflect on the roles of fathers, teachers, and mentors. We will have a contemplative ritual around remembering the joys of fatherhood while healing the memories that may still need our attention.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Donna Lenahan

Worship Associates: Frank Bosche and Bill Bowman

El Arquetipo del Padre

Por favor únase a nosotros para el servicio del domingo del día del padre mientras reflexionamos sobre el papel de padres, profesores y mentores. Tendremos un ritual contemplativo acerca del recordar los placeres de la paternidad mientras sanamos los recuerdos que todavía necesitan nuestra atención.

Dirige: la Rev. Donna Lenahan

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