



Our Church Circular

March 17,
2010 / 17 de
Marzo 2010

SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

MARCH THEME: Aspects of the Holy — The Depth and Breadth of Life
TEMA DE MARZO: Aspectos de la Santidad, La profundidad y amplitud de la vida

9:30 a.m.

Servicios en español

DOMINGO DE LA TEOLOGÍA

March 21 — 9:30 am

Teología del Pecado Unitario Universalista

¿El Unitario Universalista tiene un concepto de pecado y del mal, o son estos conceptos que muchos de nosotros nos sentimos profundamente agradecidos haber dejado atrás? ¿La visión del Unitario Universalista del “pecado” sería incluso vagamente similar a la de otras religiones? ¿Mientras nos esforzamos por vivir nuestra fe, con su profundo respeto por el valor y potencial humano, no necesitamos también una manera de entender los actos destructivos que nosotros los humanos cometemos? ¿Estamos dispuestos a mirar nuestro propio potencial para hacer gran daño? ¿Qué lenguaje, entonces, puede ayudarnos a comprender este aspecto de nosotros mismos, para que nos movamos a través de la vida con una esperanza realista y estrategias saludables para favorecer lo mejor de nosotros mismos y construir comunidades de amor y justicia?

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM

11:00 a.m.

Services in English

THEOLOGY SUNDAY

March 21 — 11:00 am

A Unitarian Universalist's Theology of Sin

Does Unitarian Universalism have a concept of sin and evil—or are these concepts that most of us feel profoundly grateful to have left behind? Would a Unitarian Universalist's view of “sin” be even vaguely similar to that of other religions? As we strive to live our faith, with its deep respect for human worth and potential, don't we also need a way to understand the destructive acts that we humans commit? Are we willing to look at our own potential to do great harm? What language, then, can help us to understand this aspect of ourselves, so that we move through life with a realistic hope and healthy strategies for becoming our best selves and building communities of love and justice?

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones;
Worship Associates: Mary Martin and Dave Proulx

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SAVE THE DATES

March 18, Thursday, 7-9 pm,
Estate Planning Seminar,
Ramsden Fireside Room

March 21, Sunday, 10:00
am - Junior High Backpack
Trip Informational Meeting
— Classroom

March 21, Sunday, 12:15 pm,
Chancel Decorating Open
House, back of sanctuary

March 26, Friday, 7-10 pm,
Sanding on the Side of Love
Benefit Concert for Haiti

April 10, Saturday, 9:30 am-
12:30 pm, Music Summit,
Ramsden Fireside Room and
Sanctuary

April 11, Sunday [note: second
Sunday], 12:30pm, UU Band
of Writers, Youth Room

April 30-May 2, UUA District
Assembly, Newark, CA

June 23-27, UUA General Assem-
bly, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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

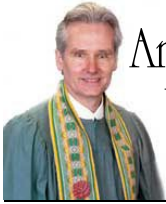
July 14-18, Wednesday-Sunday,
Church Campout 2010, McCon-
nell State Recreation Area,
Turlock, mm@feldmo.com

The Annual Canvass: True Love

While we give to you and you give to me ... true love ... true love ... on and on
it will always be ... true love ... true love. The 2010 annual pledge drive will
kick off at the March 28 service. If you are available to serve as a canvasser or
as a party host this year, please contact the POC member for Stewardship and
Fundraising, Henry Ruddle. (408-234-3670 or stewardship@sanjoseuu.org).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

You make FUSJ what it is! Whatever your talent and availability, there is an opportunity for you to serve. Contact Volunteer Coordinating Team members Liz Owen at lowen@data-time.com or Bob Miess at bob@floweringenterprises.com



Articulating Our Unitarian Universalist Faith

By the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

La articulación de Nuestra Unitaria Universalista Fe

para el Rev. Geoff Rimositis

Ode to Spring

It is springtime in California.

I had a true tell tale sign—

a mockingbird perched on the crest of a house with a twig in its mouth.

I should have known spring was here.

I delighted hearing the mockingbirds sing full throated oratories— matching each other with warbles and trills that would have made Maria Callas proud.

I was fortunate to be in attendance at the trumpet call of spring.

The banners of flowering trees unfurled themselves.

Yellow daffodils waved their pinwheel heads to the sun heralding the season's arrival.

How could I not want to live the life abundant with marvels so close at hand?

Spring is the creative nexus of the emerging whole.

Everywhere potential fulfills its promise and gives birth to beauty incarnate.

The evidence of new growth is everywhere.

I serve as its attendant— helping to bring to full flower the soul of the world.

Oda a la Primavera

Es primavera en California.

Tuve un verdadero signo delator—

un cenzonille encaramado en lo alto de una casa con una ramilla en su boca.

Yo debería haber sabido que la primavera estaba aquí.

Encantado de escuchar a los cenzonilles cantar con intensidad— Haciendo juego entre sí con gorjeos y trinos que habría hecho a María Callas sentirse orgullosa.

Fui afortunado de estar presente al llamado de la trompeta de la primavera.

Los estandartes de los árboles floreciendo desplegados en sí mismos.

Narcisos amarillos ondeaban sus cabezas de molinillo hacia el sol, como heraldos anunciando el arribo de la temporada.

¿Cómo podría no querer vivir la vida abundante de maravillas tan a la mano?

La primavera es el nexo creativo de la totalidad emergente.

En todas partes en potencia cumple su promesa y da a luz a la encarnación de la belleza.

La evidencia del nuevo crecimiento está en todas partes.

Sirvo como su asistente —

Ayudándole a florecer al alma del mundo. ●

Service Is Our Prayer

The Building Committee would like to thank the following 14 people, who helped to clean and maintain our church at Service Is Our Prayer Day on Saturday, February 27:

Steve Saunders, Pam Price, Mike Pelizzari, Catherine Pelizzari, Bob Owen, Patrick Myers, Natasha Myers, Rick Morris, Mary Martin, Gene Martin, Bob Howd, Thomas Hemenway, Dena Dickenson, and Genie Bernadini. Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of our church! ●

Classifieds Career Counseling

I am offering free career counseling to 3 people. I have a free trial of the new version of Skill Scan and I am looking for 3 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. ●

Are You Sure You Didn't Lose One of These?

The following items are in the Lost and Found box in the downstairs office and are eager to be claimed:

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| navy blue jacket | skateboard |
| medium-blue vest | walking stick |
| blue reversible vest | blue plastic water bottle |
| orange bathing suit top | 3 pairs of glasses |
| green cap | 1 pair of sunglasses |
| black tights | red notebook |
| 3 umbrellas | Unbelievable |
| black women's shoes | Bubble Book |
| black and white flip flops | straw hat |

[sounds like a great prop list for an improv comedy night — ed.] ●



Sabbatical leave coming up for the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

An Announcement from the Committee on Ministries

Ministers and congregations have a deep covenant with one another to sustain the ministries of both individuals and the community as a whole. In our tradition part of that covenant includes plans for the minister's sabbatical.

The **First Unitarian Church Board of Trustees** approved the **Rev. Nancy's** sabbatical request at its February meeting. Her sabbatical will start December 25, 2010, and continue through June 26, 2011. Rev. Nancy's letter of agreement with the congregation, effective May 1, 2005, states that *"the Senior Minister shall use sabbatical leave for study, education, writing, meditation, and other forms of professional and religious growth. Sabbatical leave accrues at the rate of one month per year of service, with leave to be taken after four years but before seven years of service. No more than six months of sabbatical leave may be used within any twelve-month period."* Rev. Nancy will use 5 months of earned sabbatical time and a month of vacation for her six months of leave.

The Committee on Ministries will serve as the Sabbatical Committee helping Rev. Nancy with the planning for the sabbatical and overseeing the coordination of her ministries while she is away. More information about the sabbatical and the terrific roster of guest preachers who will be filling our pulpit during Rev. Nancy's absence will be shared in forthcoming newsletter articles.

We congratulate Rev. Nancy on her sabbatical and the well-deserved rest, renewal, and continuing education that will enrich her life and ministry at First Unitarian!

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRIES: **Martha Barahona, Frank Bosche, Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, Roberto Padilla, Rev. Geoff Rimositis, Patrick Smiley, and Claire Wagner.** ●

Proxima licencia sabatica para la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Un anuncio del Comité de Ministerios

Ministros y congregaciones tienen un profundo pacto unos con los otros para sostener los ministerios de los individuos y de la comunidad como un todo. En nuestra tradición parte de ese pacto incluye planes para el tiempo sabático del Ministro.

El Consejo de Administración de la Primera Iglesia Unitaria aprobó la solicitud del tiempo sabático de la **Rev. Nancy** en su reunión de febrero. Su licencia sabática se inicia del 25 de diciembre del 2010 al 26 de junio del 2011. La carta de contrato de la Rev. Nancy con la Congregación, vigente a partir del 1 de mayo de 2005, afirma que *"el Ministro Decano utilizará la licencia sabática para estudio, educación, escribir, meditar y otras formas de crecimiento profesional y religioso. La licencia sabática se acumula a un*

ritmo de un mes por año de servicio, con licencia para tomarse después de cuatro años, pero antes de los siete años de servicio. No más de seis meses de licencia de tiempo sabático puede utilizarse dentro de cualquier período de doce meses." La Rev. Nancy utilizará 5 meses de tiempo sabático ganado y un mes de vacaciones para sus seis meses de ausencia.

El Comité de Ministerios servirá como Comisión Sabática, ayudando a la Rev. Nancy con la planificación del tiempo sabático y para supervisar la coordinación de sus ministerios, mientras que ella está lejos. Más información sobre la licencia sabática y la tremenda lista de predicadores invitados que estarán ocupando nuestro púlpito durante la ausencia de la Rev. Nancy será compartida

en los próximos artículos de nuestro Boletín Informativo.

Felicitemos a la Rev. Nancy por su licencia sabática y su bien merecido descanso, renovación y educación continua que enriquecerán su vida y su ministerio en la Primera Iglesia Unitaria!

COMITTE DE MINISTRIOS: **Martha Barahona, Frank Bosche, Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, Roberto Padilla, Rev. Geoff Rimositis, Patrick Smiley, and Claire Wagner.** ●



Gift of Service

by Genie Bernardini

One-Sentence Salutes

"I thank **Nancy Palmer Jones** for the wonderful creative energy that she brings to worship and spiritual presence."

— Dena Dickinson

"I want to thank **Bob Howd** for voluntarily cleaning the grubby burners on the downstairs stove on SIOPD, a job I would make every effort to avoid!"

— Genie Bernardini

"I thank **Tamara Payne-Alex** for gently and skillfully leading the Program Council in the ways of Policy Based Governance for the church."

— Dena Dickinson

"Thank you to **Dave Proulx** who has graciously hosted Circle Suppers three months in a row, making it possible for many folks to have a fun evening getting better acquainted with one another." — Barbara Derbyshire

DO YOU WANT TO EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION?

Please send your one-sentence salute to me at geniebee@hotmail.com



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 Cotten

Youth Group Activities

Staff: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

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 Cooperrider and other volunteers for the first half hour. We sing, play with rhythm instruments, and have fun doing musical games. Music is the language of the soul and an important component of children's spiritual growth and learning. Occasionally throughout the year the children will present a musical offering in the Sunday service.

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 several diversity issues, while also giving youth an opportunity to pause and 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 give youth the opportunity to develop greater understanding about the variety of issues surrounding diversity. They will learn about the broad definition of diversity that includes gender, age, religion, race, physical abilities, appearance, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

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

Kindergarten to Grade 5 – Review & Planning Meeting for the 2010-11 Lifespan Faith Development Sunday Program Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m.-noon (Church's Lower Level Classrooms)

Help us to envision the next stage in programming for the Kindergarten through grade five. With our new worship structure this year, including monthly themes and stories of the month, children in K-5 have had a half hour of worship followed by music, games or art. Let's explore what we have learned this year from this endeavor and together envision how we can best meet the spiritual and relational needs of our children and their families. Please RSVP to **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**, GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org, 408-292-3858, ext. 25. ●

Safety First!!!

‘We are blessed to be a community of all ages. It is one of the great joys of a religious community to have children, youth and adults coming together under one roof to celebrate life and find here among us support and friendship. One of the challenges for an urban congregation like us is not having a play space for our children to blow off some steam.

Their exuberance and swiftness of foot, though a joy to behold, does pose safety concerns and the possibility that someone could inadvertently be knocked off their balance and come crashing to the floor, breaking a hip or suffering other injuries. Yes, children are the responsibility of their parents after their morning program ends at 12:30; but if I may voice a well used but still valid idea, *We are the village that raises the children.*

Everyone (children and youth too!) should take it upon themselves to stop anyone they observe running around the church and with a firm but loving voice, tell them that it is not allowed. We can be both a child friendly and safe congregation! And this goes for adults too—if we observe someone doing something that is potentially dangerous. Remember safety first and then the Spirit can unfurl its wings! ●

UU Service Committee conveys thanks for Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund donation

In a letter of February 26, VP/CEO Constance Kane says, "...supporters like you have helped UUSC become a leading voice in advancing human rights worldwide....You can learn more about our work, our courageous program partners, and ways you can become involved in the struggle for human rights at www.uusc.org... your generous contribution ... will make a real difference in the lives of people." ●



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DOMINGO DE COMPAÑERISMO

28 de marzo – 9:30am

Lucha en los campos, lucha en los corazones

Poniendo en práctica nuestros dones y poderes para sanar y no para herir, para ayudar y no para impedir. Vengan y celebremos juntos el mensaje de amor y esperanza de Cesar Chávez en la conmemoración de su cumpleaños número 83.

Dirigen: Jeff Norment y Roberto Padilla

Fight in the fields, fight in the hearts

Putting in practice our gifts and powers to heal and not to harm, to help and not to hinder. Come and celebrate together the Cesar Chavez message of love and hope of in commemoration of his birthday number 83.

Worship Leaders: Jeff Norment and Roberto Padilla

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

March 28 – 11:00 am

True love...

The religious life is a spiritual journey to our authentic selves. As Otto Scharmer of the Presencing Institute <http://www.presencing.com/index.shtml> writes in his Book, *Theory U: Leading From The Future As It Emerges*, "In order to access your best creative potential, you have to go on a journey—in which you follow your bliss, your feelings, your felt sense of the emerging future." This is the journey to our authentic selves and what we truly love in this life. Once we are able to access this deeper source that is unique to ourselves, our lives and our future, a true love is unleashed and its language is gratitude and generosity. This Sunday marks the beginning of our annual giving campaign. We will hear from our children, youth and adults on why they give their time, talent and resources to this religious community and our Unitarian Universalist faith.

Worship Leaders: Rev Geoff Rimositis, Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Worship Associates: Carolyn Bowman, Alice Lynch

Verdadero amor...

La vida religiosa es un viaje espiritual a lo auténtico de nosotros mismos. Como Otto Scharmer del Instituto Presencia <http://www.presencing.com/index.shtml> escribe en su libro, *Teoría U: Surgimiento de líderes para el futuro*, "A fin de tener acceso a su mejor potencial creativo, tiene que ir en un viaje — en el que usted siga su dicha, sus sentimientos, su sentida percepción del futuro emergente." Este es el viaje a nuestro auténtico yo y lo que realmente queremos en esta vida. Una vez que somos capaces de tener acceso a esta fuente más profunda que es única para nosotros mismos, nuestras vidas y nuestro futuro, un verdadero amor es desatado y su lenguaje es gratitud y generosidad. Este domingo marca el comienzo de nuestra campaña anual de donaciones. Escucharemos de nuestros niños, jóvenes y adultos, por qué dan su tiempo, talento y recursos a esta comunidad religiosa y a nuestra fe Unitaria Universalista.

Dirigen: Rev. Geoff Rimositis y Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Asociados de Culto: Carolyn Bowman y Alice Lynch

APRIL THEME: The Arts as a Path to the Spirit / TEMA DE ABRIL: Los artes como camino al Espíritu

April 4 – 10:30 am SPECIAL TIME

The Cycle of Life! Combined All-Ages Worship for EASTER SUNDAY with Flower Communion!

On this Easter Sunday, we gather together as one congregation at a special time (10:30 a.m.) to celebrate the great cycle of life and this beautiful spring ritual. We'll share in our annual Flower Communion, and we just might receive a visit after worship from a long-floppy-eared friend. Join in the joy! **Flower Communion:** Please bring a flower or two to share, and leave them with the Flower Gatherers (Worship Associates and children) at the tables on the sidewalk in front of the church before the service. The Flower Gatherers will place your floral offerings in baskets and then process with them into the sanctuary. Our children will later pass these baskets through the congregation for a swift and gentle ritual that will create a field of flowers blooming in our sanctuary—along with bright mementos to take home. **Special note:** If you bring roses or other prickly flowers, please strip off the thorns before bringing them to church! We're hoping for a pain-free day. Come, bring a flower to give; take home a flower to relish for the rest of the day.

Worship Leaders: The Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones and The Rev. Geoff Rimositis

4 de abril – Horario Especial: 10:30 a.m.

El Ciclo de la Vida! Servicio Combinado para todas las Edades para un DOMINGO DE PASCUA Con la Comunión de las Flores!

En este domingo de Pascua, nos reuniremos juntos como una congregación en un horario especial (10:30 a.m.) para celebrar el gran ciclo de la vida y este hermoso ritual de primavera. Compartiremos nuestra anual comunión de las flores, y solo podríamos recibir una visita después del servicio de un amigo de orejas grandes y caídas. Únase a la alegría! **Comunión de las flores:** Favor de traer una o dos flores para compartir y dejarlas con los recolectores de flores (Asociados de culto y niños) en las mesas de la acera frente a la Iglesia antes del servicio. Los recolectores de flores colocaran sus ofertas florales en cestas y, a continuación, harán una procesión con ellas en el santuario. Nuestros niños más tarde pasarán estas cestas a través de la congregación para un ritual rápido y suave que creará un campo de flores que florece en nuestro santuario — junto con recuerdos brillantes para llevar a casa. **Nota especial:** Si usted trae rosas u otras flores espinosas, por favor, quítele las espinas antes de traerlas a la Iglesia! Nosotros estamos esperando un día libre de dolor. Venga, traiga una flor para dar; lleve a casa una flor para disfrutar durante el resto del día.

Dirigen: La Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones y El Rev. Geoff Rimositis

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Anote la Fecha en su Calendario: Domingo 28 de Mayo, a las 12:45 pm para la Elección de Los Líderes de la Iglesia.

Nuestra Reunión Congregacional Anual para elegir los líderes de la iglesia tendrá lugar a las 12:45 pm el domingo 28 de Marzo en el Santuario después del servicio de las 11 am y la hora social.

Si usted no puede asistir, por favor llene una boleta de votación ausente. Las boletas de votación ausente estarán disponibles en la iglesia a partir del domingo 14 de Marzo. También puede solicitarlas en persona a Susan, la coordinadora de oficina, o por internet a fucsj@sanjoseuu.org, o hable con uno de los miembros actuales del consejo directivo o del comité de nominaciones.

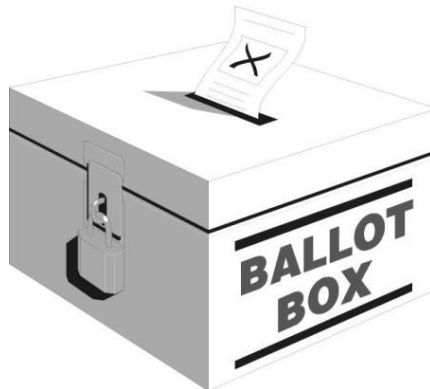
Necesitamos tener quórum para una elección, por lo tanto agradeceremos su esfuerzo por estar presente en la reunión o enviar su boleta de votación ausente. Las boletas también están disponibles en español.

Nuestro comité de nominaciones sigue trabajando duro reclutando candidatos. Los siguientes candidatos aparecen en las boletas de votación:

- ◆ Presidente: **Madeline Morrow**
- ◆ Consejo Directivo: **Rick Morris** (término de 1 año, reemplazando a Madeline Morrow), **Rodrigo García**, **Nancy Taylor** (término de 2 años)
- ◆ Comité de Nominaciones: **Melanie Lanstrom**, **Jeff Norment**

El Consejo Directivo sigue buscando candidatos interesados para estas posiciones: Tesorero, Oficial de Personal, Miembro del Comité de Nominaciones.

El Comité de Nominaciones tiene la intención de nominar candidatos para estas posiciones de entre los miembros presentes en la reunión, después de haber hablado con las personas interesadas. Si usted necesita más información sobre cualquiera de estas posiciones hable con los miembros del Comité de Nominaciones. **Steve Madden**, **Bob Miess**, **Nancy Coleman** y **Jan Theiss-Guffey** son miembros del Comité de Nominaciones.



Presentación de los Candidatos para la Elección 2010-2011

NOMINADA PARA PRESIDENTA DE LA MESA DIRECTIVA

Madeline Morrow

Me crié católica pero me retiré en mi adolescencia. Me convertí en una Unitaria en 1985 porque encontré una comunidad espiritual donde pude estar con mi verdadero ser. Me traslade del norte de NY a California en 1994 y me uní a la FUCSJ en 1995, atraída por la calidez y la diversidad de los servicios religiosos y la congregación, así como su compromiso con la justicia social.

Soy una ex analista de sistemas convertida en madre, ama de casa y asidua voluntaria de escuela. Serví como tesorera y presidenta de PTA, después en tesorera y presidenta de la Fundación de educación y por último Secretaria y presidenta del Music Boosters. También trabajé en dos campañas de enlace de la escuela. Estoy casada con Jim Rumbaugh y tenemos 2 hijos, actualmente en la Universidad. Otra pasión es la jardinería con plantas nativas. Para mí, parte de la curación del mundo es ver mi pedazo de tierra tarareando con vida: plantas nativas y otros insectos, aves y lagartijas.

He sido maestra de ER, voluntaria en Manos Cuidadas, ayude con comida para muchos eventos de la iglesias, enseñé ESL en el Centro Comunitario de la Calle Tercera, he decorado el altar durante mucho tiempo y actualmente soy Coordinadora de Decoraciones del Altar. Soy también una líder entusiasta de un grupo pequeño y participante del grupo de tejedoras UU. En 2008/2009, participé en la clase de antirracismo Construyendo el Mundo que



Soñamos (BTWWDA) y en el proyecto JUUNTOS desde el 2009. Desde mayo de 2009 he servido en la Junta Directiva de FUCSJ.

Desde que mi nido se ha estado vaciando, he estado explorando cuál será mi próximo papel en la vida. Escuchar profundamente en mi pequeño grupo y el curso de BTWWDA han reforzado mi conexión con la comunidad de la Iglesia. Desde que me uní a la Junta Directiva, he sido capaz de usar mi experiencia anterior de organización al servicio de la Iglesia. El curso BTWWDA y el proyecto JUUNTOS han abierto mis ojos a la urgencia de crear el cambio y la alegría cuando nos conectamos a través de las barreras de raza, etnia y clase. Creo que podemos construir una comunidad inclusiva y multicultural justo aquí, la cual sostendremos y ser una fuerza positiva en la comunidad.

NOMINADOS PARA DIRECTORES DEL CONSEJO—3 POSICIONES ABIERTAS

Rodrigo García

Originalmente de la Ciudad de México, se graduó en el Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes en la Ciudad de México en la especialización en drama y danza moderna y obtuvo la licenciatura en diseño gráfico de la misma institución. He participado en la iglesia desde el año 2001 cuando fui contratado como asistente de la Rev. Lindi Ramsden y la Rev. Lilia Cuervo. Dos años más tarde me convertí en un miembro de la Iglesia. Durante esos años, fui voluntario como asociado de culto para los Ministerios de Habla Hispana y me presente en tres actuaciones musicales bastante gratificantes, siguiendo el ejemplo de los Reverendos de la Iglesia y el Presidente de la Junta de ese momento. Soy uno de los intérpretes para los servicios de habla hispana. Quiero ser una voz más y presencia de la diversidad en el tapiz de la dirección de esta iglesia.



Rick Morris

Soy un Unitario Universalista de toda la vida. He estado asistiendo a la Primera Iglesia Unitaria de San José desde 1987. He servido en la iglesia en muchos sentidos durante ese tiempo, en su mayoría sirviendo a los niños como asociado del programa de educación religiosa (RE). He sido el líder de un pequeño grupo alrededor de 7 años y también en el



equipo del Ministerio de Pequeños Grupos por el mismo período de tiempo. Estuve en la Junta Directiva hace muchos años y estoy deseando la oportunidad de servir en esa forma de nuevo.

Nancy A Taylor

Comencé a asistir a esta iglesia en 1993, buscando una familia espiritual en la cual criar a mi hija que entonces tenía 3 años de edad. Yo he sido maestra del programa de ER de los chicos de 5° grado y de secundaria; asistí y me ofrecí como voluntaria en el retiro de la iglesia y asistí al campamento de la Iglesia un verano con muchos mosquitos--recuerdo cariñosamente a Roe Morris como el niño con el mayor número de picaduras de mosquito! He servido como una asociada de culto, canté en el coro de la Iglesia y como un ujier.

Como mi hija ha crecido, he estado menos activa en los acontecimientos cotidianos de la Iglesia, pero todavía estoy muy apegada a esta iglesia como mi hogar espiritual. Se trata de la aldea que ayudó a criar a mi hija, que celebró su ceremonia de bautizo cuando se logró su adopción finalmente a los 4 años y ha compartido de mis alegrías y preocupaciones. Yo soy una Consejera Certificada en Terapia de Pareja y Familia, practicando en este campo desde 1981. He trabajado en la Corte de Familia como Mediadora y Evaluadora de custodia, como terapeuta de familia en dos programas de dependencia química de pacientes internos, fui una consejera y

después, supervisora durante 10 años en Alum Rock, trabajando con familias en crisis de niños y sus padres en la parte del Este de San José, trabajé en salud mental del condado con niños gravemente perturbados y actualmente estoy en el departamento de drogas y alcohol, trabajando con adictos a la heroína y otros opiáceos. Espero traer estas habilidades de conciliación, mediación y entendimiento de las necesidades de los menos afortunados a nuestra Junta de iglesia.

Melanie Lanstrom

Comencé a asistir a la Primera Iglesia Unitaria en enero de 2002 y casi nunca he faltado a un servicio desde entonces. Yo había estado buscando un hogar espiritual progresivo y escuche hablar del Unitario Universalismo en mi clase de estudios religiosos en la Universidad Estatal en San José. Yo había planeado visitar una iglesia Unitaria Universalista así como una reunión Cuáquera, pero cuando llegue aquí, supe que éste era el lugar para mí! Me uní a la iglesia en el 2005 para poder participar en la selección del nuestro nuevo Ministro. He servido en el Consejo de Justicia Social y he disfrutado de participar en muchos eventos de justicia social y en eventos de la Congregación Aceptante, y participado en muchos días de El Servicio es Nuestra Oración. Tengo un don especial para hablar con la gente, incluso si no los conozco. Usted me encontrará a menudo charlando con los recién llegados en el Hattie



Porter Hall. Creo que estar en el Comité de nominaciones será otra gran forma para mí, de utilizar esa habilidad, y realmente disfrutaría la oportunidad para hablar con la gente y conocerlos mejor y para servir a nuestra comunidad religiosa progresiva.

Jeff Norment

He estado asistiendo a esta iglesia desde el verano de 2001. Ingresé formalmente en 2009, pero yo me he considerado un UU desde 1977, cuando empecé ser voluntario haciendo los servicios de la iglesia en el Centro de Desarrollo Agnews. El capellán protestante de ahí, en algún momento me introdujo a las ideas Unitario Universalistas. En ese momento visite el seminario Starr King, en Berkeley, y pensé en serio sobre cómo convertirme en un Ministro, pero la vida me llevó por un camino diferente. Tengo una Licenciatura en Geografía y Estudios Ambientales y un Master en Conserjería en Educación; ambos de la Universidad Estatal de San José. He estado trabajando para el distrito de Evergreen Community Collage en San José durante 30 años. Lo mejor que he hecho fue ir a Michoacan, Morelia en México para aprender español en el verano de 1986. Fue allí que conocí a Martita. Nos enamoramos y un año después nos casamos. En la Iglesia he servido en la Comisión de Santuario Verde y en el Consejo de Justicia Social. También he sido un anfitrión de servicio y actualmente soy a un asociado de culto. Me gustaría estar en el Comité de nominaciones como otra manera de servir a la Iglesia. ●

Save the Date: Sunday May 28, 12:45 pm for Election of Church Leaders



Our annual congregational meeting to elect church leaders will be held at 12:45pm on Sunday, March 28th in the sanctuary after the 11am service and social hour.

If you cannot attend, please fill out an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots should be available at church starting Sunday, March 14. They are also available from the office coordinator Susan in person or via email at fucs@sanjoseuu.org, or see one of our current board or nominating committee members for help.

We need a quorum for an election, so we appreciate your efforts to attend the meeting or send in an absentee ballot. Ballots are also available in Spanish.

Our nominating committee is hard at work recruiting candidates. The following candidates are on the absentee ballot:

- ◆ President: **Madeline Morrow**
- ◆ Board Directors: **Rick Morris** (1 year term replacing Madeline Morrow), **Rodrigo Garcia, Nancy Taylor** (2 year terms)
- ◆ Nominating Committee: **Melanie Lanstrom, Jeff Norment**

The board is still seeking interested candidates for the following positions: Treasurer, Personnel Officer, Nominating Committee Member

The Nominating Committee intends to nominate candidates for these positions from the floor after discussions with interested persons. Please see a member of the Nominating

Committee if you would like more information on any one of these positions. Committee members include **Steve Madden, Bob Miess, Nancy Coleman** and **Jan Theiss-Guffey**.

Candidate Statements for 2010-2011 Election

NOMINATED FOR BOARD PRESIDENT:

Madeline Morrow

I was raised Catholic but left in my teens. I became a Unitarian in 1985 because I found a spiritual community where I could be my true self. I moved to California from upstate NY in 1994, and joined FUCSJ in



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1995, drawn by the warmth and diversity of the worship and the congregation as well as its commitment to social justice.

I am a former systems analyst turned stay-at-home mom and major school volunteer. I served as PTA treasurer and president, then an education foundation treasurer and president, and finally Music Boosters' secretary and president. I also worked on two school bond campaigns. I am married to Jim Rumbaugh and have 2 boys, now in college. Gardening with native plants is another passion. For me, part of healing the world is seeing my patch of earth humming with life: plants, native bees and other insects, birds and lizards.

I have taught RE, volunteered with Caring Hands, helped with food for many church events, taught ESL at the Third Street Community Center, been a long-time chancel decorator and am currently Chancel Decorations coordinator. I am also an enthusiastic small group leader and UU Knitters participant. In 2008/2009 I participated in the Building the World We Dream About (BTWWDA) anti-racism class, then the JUUNTOS project since 2009. Since May 2009 I have served on the FUCSJ Board.

Since becoming an empty nester I have been exploring what my next role in life will be. Deep listening in my small group and the BTWWDA course strengthened my connection to the church community. Since joining the Board I have been able to use my previous organizational experience in service to the church. The BTWWDA course and the JUUNTOS project have opened my eyes to the urgency of creating change and the joy when we connect across the barriers of race, ethnicity, and class. I believe we can build an inclusive multicultural community right here, which will sustain us and be a force for good in the wider community.

NOMINATED FOR BOARD DIRECTOR— 3 OPEN POSITIONS:

Rodrigo Garcia

Originally from Mexico City, I graduated from the National Institute of Fine Arts in Mexico City with a major in modern dance and drama and hold a B.A. in Graphic Design from the same institution. I have been involved in the church since 2001 when I was hired as an assistant to Rev. Lindi Ramsden and Rev. Lilia Cuervo. Two years later I became a member of the



church. During those years, I volunteered as worship associate for the Spanish-speaking ministries and performed in three rather funny musical performances following the example of the Reverends of the church and the president of the board at that time. I am one of the interpreters for the Spanish speaking services. I wish to be one more voice and presence of diversity in the tapestry of the leadership of this church.

Rick Morris

I am a lifelong Unitarian Universalist. I have been attending the First Unitarian Church of San Jose since 1987. I have served the church in many ways over that time, mostly associated with serving the children's religious education program. I have been the leader of a small group for about 7 years and also on the small group ministry content team for about the same length of time. I was actually on the board of directors many years ago, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve in that way again.



Nancy A Taylor

I started attending this church in 1993, looking for a spiritual family in which to raise my then-3-year-old daughter. I have taught the 5th grade and Junior High School R.E. program, attended and volunteered at the church retreat, and attended the Church campout one very mosquito-ridden summer--remember fondly Roe Morris as the child with the most mosquito bites! I have served as a Worship Associate, sung in the church choir and as an usher. As my daughter has grown up I have been less active in the day-to-day happenings of the church but I am still very attached to this church as my spiritual home. This is the village that helped raise my daughter, celebrated her naming ceremony when her adoption was final at age 4 and has shared in my joys and sorrows. I am a licensed marriage and family therapist, practicing in the field since 1981. I have worked in Family Court as a Mediator and Evaluator of custody, as the Family Therapist in two in-patient chemical dependency programs, was a counselor and then supervisor for 10 years in Alum Rock, working with East-Side families in crises with children and their parents, I worked in County mental health with severely disturbed children and I am currently in the Drug and Alcohol department working with Heroin and other Opiate addicts. I hope to bring these skills of conciliation, mediation and understanding of the needs of the least fortunate to our church board.

NOMINATED FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE—3 OPEN POSITIONS

Melanie Lanstrom

I began attending First Unitarian in January 2002, and have almost never missed a service since. I had been looking for a progressive spiritual home and heard about Unitarian Universalism in my religious studies class at San Jose State. I had planned to visit both a Unitarian Universalist church and a Quaker meeting, but when I visited here, I knew this was the place for me! I joined the church in 2005 so that I could participate in selecting our new minister. I have served on the Social Justice Council, and have enjoyed participating in many Social Justice and Welcoming Congregation events, and I participate in many Service is Our Prayer days. I have a special knack for talking with people, even if I don't know them. You'll often find me chatting with newcomers in Hattie Porter Hall. I think being on the Nominating Committee will be another great way for me to use that skill, and I would really enjoy another opportunity to talk with people and get to know them better, and to serve our progressive religious community.



Jeff Norment

I have been attending this church off and on since the summer of 2001. I formally joined in 2009, but I have considered myself a UU since about 1977 when I started volunteering doing church services at Agnews Developmental Center. The Protestant chaplain there at the time introduced me to the ideas of Unitarian Universalism. At that time I visited the Starr King Seminary in Berkeley and seriously thought about becoming a minister, but life took me on a different path. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Geography and Environmental Studies and a Master's in Counselor Education; both from San Jose State University. I have been working for the San Jose/ Evergreen Community College district for 30 years. The best thing I have ever done was to go to Morelia Michoacan in Mexico to learn Spanish in the summer of 1986. It was there I met Martita. We fell in love, and a year later we were married. In the church I have served on the Green Sanctuary Committee and the Social Justice Council. I have also been a Worship Host and currently I am a Worship Associate. I would like to be on Nominating Committee as another way of serving the church. ●





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. Ok, gentle readers, this week:

What company needs wizards? Our senior citizens revealed! The light comes back, finally. *We have actors and singers and newbies, oh my.*

Our own **Jacob Mason-Morison** and **Ruby** and **Maddie Delgros** performed in "Once Upon a Mattress" with Children's Musical Theater San Jose! How ya gonna keep em down on the farm, after they've seen Pree?



After the very cool young people's service, hereinafter called "yoot", I tracked down graduating seniors to find out who they are and where they are going. Oddly everyone I asked either said they graduated years ago or were sophomores. But they did point out the following seniors:

Rudy Behrens. He's currently attending "middle college" at San Jose City College, so he will stay there, finishing GE stuff, probably. Then he is looking for a west coast college. Thus we can tell how bright he is. Who wants that stuff that falls out of the sky in the East? We want air we can see, right? He's thinking about majoring in psychology or law, or maybe both.



Ellie Strong, who played the piano for the service, is going to Mills College. I have no idea why my notes say "shopping cart" and "facebook" right after this entry, but maybe Ellie could remember. She became interested in Mills by

going up there for an overnight, and went to actual classes, where she met a very impressive sociology professor. She has intended to major in creative writing, but who knows, she could switch to soc.

Mary Martin was talking to **Jake Harris** and his wife **Bobbi Miller** when I came up and interrupted them. This was their second Sunday, so **Mary** and I were doing our irresistible number to get them to come back. She teaches 11th grade history at Overfelt for the second year.



We talked briefly about whether kids in the 11th grade could be turned around if they were in danger of failing or not graduating. She pensively decided it would be very very hard. Alas. **Jake** is a chiropractor. He was inspired to study this after a chiropractor really helped him with a back injury a long time ago.

Dani B. Hope (one of our photographers) is living with a hellcat, named Freya who is busily ripping up the house. She also recommends **V Kingsley's** web site alotoflife.com.

Did you see the sorcerer's hat **Bruce Halen** was wearing at the last Sunday service? It had silver cones and things hanging from them. He got it at that place teachers can get stuff businesses donate. This hat was



from Cisco, and what they used it for is to be conjured with.

Diane Saichek, only mentioned in these pages because she threatened me, is going to be directing "Annie", for the Jewish Community Center, where you last saw Dan Z. in Music Man. She says she's scouting for talent, among us, of course. Actually she's looking for somebody else to direct the show. She says. A part of me doubts that.

Daylight Savings time gets a mixed reception at my house. "Finally!", I say, and "grumble, grumble" says **Dan** the troll looking to get back under his bridge and away from the sun.

White Light Corner: for all of us who soldier on. ●

Have you ever dreamed of being a centerfold?

Henry Ruddle is heading up an effort to produce a 2010 Yearbook, and of course the best part of any yearbook is the "Candid" section, closely followed by Group Pictures! Whether you are a hiker, singer, financier, worship planner, small group ministry participant, or a member of any of the dozens of special interest groups in our church, your pictures will bring the yearbook to life. If

you have any photos of your group in action -- or if you will have the opportunity to snap a few before the end of March -- please send digital photos to him at stewardship@sanjoseuu.org, or drop off your prints with **Susan Burke-DeQuisto** in the church office, or mail them to Henry Ruddle, Stewardship, First Unitarian Church of San José, 160 N. Third Street, San José, CA, 95112

If you don't have any candid, you can still have your group included in the yearbook. Just ask everyone to come to church on either Sunday, March 21 or Sunday, March 28. A member of the Yearbook Committee will be there to take a picture of your group. This will be a great memento for all our members -- and even greater with ****your**** pictures in it!! ●



Upcoming Events

Music, Music, Music in the Air!

Imagining an Enriched and Expanded Music Program for FUCSJ
Saturday, April 10, 2010, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Ramsden Fireside Room and Sanctuary
RSVP: Claire Wagner, cwagner21@gmail.com

Please join the conveners—the **Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones** and **Claire Wagner**—along with musicians, music lovers, and all lovers of our Beloved Community for a Music Summit on Saturday, April 10, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room and Sanctuary! Arrive early for coffee and light snacks; the Fireside Room will be open at 9:00 a.m.

The questions we will explore will draw from this list and more:

- ◆ What role does music play in the life of the spirit? How important is it for creating transformative worship experiences?
- ◆ How does variety in musical styles in worship welcome all who enter? Can certain styles create a barrier? What music lifts your spirit?
- ◆ How can music enhance our multicultural mission? What concerns do we have about expanding our musical vocabulary?
- ◆ Who can our Music Ministry become a key aspect of our outreach to the wider community? Can we create FUCSJ Musical Ambassadors?

In sum: How might we build a robust and excellent Music Ministry at FUCSJ, step by step, over the next few years? What do we need to learn? Whom can we learn from? What themes and models can we find for successful Music Ministries among other congregations? What new roles might we need to create?

At FUCSJ, we are blessed with many fine musicians and amazing musical volunteers, as well as with a deep love for music and congregational singing. This Music Summit is designed to open a conversation and develop a process for taking our Music Ministry “to the heights”! Please come share your hopes, dreams, and frustrations on a topic that is vital for our spiritual growth and for the legacy that we will offer generations to come.

If you are not able to join us for this Summit, but want to be included, please send your thoughts to Claire Wagner at cwagner@gmail.com (in English) or **Roberto Padilla** at paor69@yahoo.com (in Spanish). This Summit is the first step in a larger process.

Música, Música, Música en el aire!

Imaginando un Programa de Música Enriquecida y Ampliada para FUCSJ
el sábado, 10 de abril del 2010, de 9: 30 a.m. a 12: 30 p.m.
Salón Ramsden Fireside y Santuario
RSVP: Claire Wagner cwagner21@gmail.com

Por favor únase a los organizadores: la **Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones** y **Claire Wagner** — junto con músicos, amantes de la música y todos los amantes de nuestra Querida Comunidad para una cumbre el sábado, 10 de abril del 2010, de 9: 30 a.m. a 12: 30 p.m. en el salón de la chimenea y en el santuario! Llegue temprano para café y bocadillos ligeros; el salón de la chimenea estará abierto a las 9: 00 a.m.

Las preguntas que exploraremos saldrán de esta lista y mucho más:

- ◆ ¿Qué papel juega la música en la vida del espíritu? ¿Cuan importante es para la creación de experiencias de servicios religiosos transformadores?
- ◆ ¿Como la variedad de estilos musicales en el servicio religioso dan la bienvenida a todo el que entra? ¿Pueden ciertos estilos crear una barrera? ¿Qué música levanta su espíritu?
- ◆ Como puede la música realzar nuestra misión multicultural? ¿Qué preocupaciones tenemos acerca de la expansión de nuestro vocabulario musical?
- ◆ Como puede nuestro Ministerio de Música llegar a ser un aspecto clave de nuestro alcance de la comunidad en general? ¿Podemos crear Embajadores Musicales de la FUCSJ?

En suma: ¿Cómo podríamos construir un Ministerio Musical sólido y excelente en FUCSJ, paso a paso, en los próximos años? ¿Que necesitamos aprender? ¿De quienes podemos aprender? Qué temas y modelos podemos encontrar para el éxito de los Ministerios de Música entre otras congregaciones? ¿Que nuevos roles necesitaríamos crear?

En la FUCSJ estamos bendecidos con muchos buenos músicos y sorprendentes voluntarios musicales, así como con un profundo amor por la música y el canto congregacional. Esta Cumbre de la música está diseñada para abrir una conversación y desarrollar un proceso para llevar a nuestro Ministerio Musical “a las alturas”! Por favor, venga a compartir sus esperanzas, sueños y frustraciones sobre un tema que es vital para nuestro crecimiento espiritual y para el legado que les dejaremos a las generaciones futuras. Si usted no le es posible unirse a nosotros para esta Cumbre, pero desea ser incluido, por favor envíe sus ideas a Claire Wagner en cwagner@gmail.com (en inglés) o con **Roberto Padilla** en paor69@yahoo.com (en español). Esta Cumbre es el primer paso de un largo proceso. ●

Church Campout 2010 – July 14-18

McConnell State Recreation Area, near Turlock, about 2 hours from San Jose, has it all: easy access to the Merced River with sandy beaches for the kids, a bath house with showers and flush toilets, lots of picnic tables, and running water right

in the campsite. You bring your tent and sleeping bag; all the food and cooking equipment for communal meals is provided. This campout is easy camping for pretty much anyone of any age – and dogs! Contact **MM** at mm@feldmo.com. ●



Upcoming Events

Chancel Decorating Open House: March 21

Get in touch with your “inner artist” or just assist someone else with his or her design. The team of chancel decorators really needs some new members, or we may be staring at blank chancel wall in the future. We want to show you it’s easier than you think! Come out to see if chancel decorating might be your cup of tea.

On Sunday March 21 **Madeline Morrow** and other team members will show you how it’s done, and how many possibilities make this a very flexible job. You probably don’t realize how many cool things are stashed away waiting for someone together to beautify a worship service. We also have decorators who no longer are able to get on a step stool or lift a big vase filled with water.

We need assistants who can help them with carrying and lifting.

If you hear even a tiny voice saying, “Maybe I could help”, please come to the Open House to learn what we do and what we need. We are very nice, and won’t kidnap you for the team. Meet at the back of the church at 12:15. The approximate length will be 30 minutes. Email Madeline Morrow at madelinemorrow@earthlink.net if you have questions or want to sign up even before the open house. ●

Around Our District

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.

Thomas Starr King and the Discourse of Anti-Racism

Conrad Wright Lecture

Thursday, April 8, 7:30 pm

Richard S. Dinner Board Room

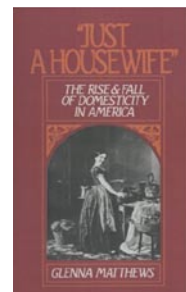
Graduate Theological Union’s Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, CA 94709. Hosted by Starr King School for the Ministry. Reception for Dr. Matthews following the lecture

The Rev. Thomas Starr King, famous Unitarian and Universalist of a century and a half ago, is more recently famous for being displaced from the statuary in the U.S. Capitol by Ronald Reagan. But he may be far more relevant to us today than those bare facts suggest.

Thomas Starr King and the Discourse of Anti-Racism will be explored by Dr. Glenna Matthews in the Unitarian Universalist Historical Society’s annual Conrad Wright Lecture.

Dr. Matthews received her Ph.D. from Stanford, and has filled faculty positions at Oklahoma State University, Stanford, Berkeley, and UCLA. Among her books are *Just a Housewife*:

The Rise and Fall of Domesticity in America; *The Rise of Public Woman: Woman’s Power and Woman’s Place, 1630-1970*; *American Women’s History: A Student Companion*; and *Silicon Valley, Women, and the California Dream: Gender, Class, and Opportunity in the Twentieth Century*. She has also co-authored *Introduction to United States History* and *Running as a Woman: Gender and Power in American Politics*. Thomas Starr King has been a recent subject of her research, and she will be teaching a course on him at Starr King School for the Ministry later this year. For further information, contact the **Rev. Gordon Gibson**, UUHS President, ggibson@uuma.org, or (865) 525-0055 ●



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Join 400 Vibrant & Vital Unitarian Universalists for a weekend of laughing, learning, networking and worship. For more information, see <http://www.pcd-uua.org/events/DA-2010/> ●



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. ●





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Remember to bring your recyclable bottles and cans to help us improve the print quality of this newsletter!

For Pastoral Care

Our community strives to offer compassion, companionship, healing, and joy to all its members. Our pastoral care coordinators can help you find the listening ear or helping hands that you may need in difficult times. For pastoral care in English, please contact our lay Pastoral Associate Coordinator, **Rev. Donna Lenahan**: (home) 408-354-9024; (cell) 408-204-6565; e-mail: djlenahan@aol.com. For pastoral care in Spanish, please contact our Spanish-Speaking Ministries Coordinator, **Roberto Padilla**: 408-991-3212; e-mail: paor69@yahoo.com.

Contacting the Ministers

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Nuestra comunidad se esfuerza en ofrecer la compasión, el compañerismo curativo, y la alegría a todos sus miembros. Nuestros coordinadores en cuidado pastoral pueden ayudarle a encontrar un oído que escucha, o las manos que ayudan cuando ustedes lo pudieran necesitaren épocas difíciles. Para el cuidado pastoral en inglés, por favor, comuníquese con nuestro Coordinador Asociado Laico en Cuidado Pastoral, **la Rev. Donna Lenahan**: (casa) 408-354-9024; (celular) 408-204-6565; e-mail: djlenahan@aol.com. Para el cuidado pastoral en español, por favor comuníquese con nuestro Coordinador de los Ministerios en Español, **Roberto Padilla**: 408-991-3212; e-mail: paor69@yahoo.com.

Contactando a los Ministros

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