



Our Church Circular

September 1,
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SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO

SEPTEMBER THEME: Season of Transformation: Homecoming Sunday through the Day of the Dead Celebration!
TEMA DE SEPTIEMBRE: Temporada de transformación: Domingo de Regreso al Hogar a la Celebración del Día de los Muertos!

9:30 a.m.
Servicios en español

5 de Septiembre – 9:30

Labor en el Pulpito

Como celebrar el trabajo y a los trabajadores de todo tipo este fin de semana del día del trabajo, recordamos la labor del líder César Chávez con una historia para todas las edades, cantamos las entusiastas canciones del movimiento laboral y damos la bienvenida a la invitada especial Elly Matsumura, con historias de cómo nuestros presupuestos— personales, institucionales, estatales y nacionales— pueden y deben reflejar nuestros valores más profundos, honrando a la dignidad inherente de cada persona y ayudando a crear paz y justicia para todos.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla con Elly Matsumura;
Asociada de Culto: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

11:00 a.m.
Services in English

September 5 – 11:00 am

Labor in the Pulpit

As we celebrate work and workers of all kinds this Labor Day weekend, we remember labor leader César Chavez with a Story for All Ages, we sing the rousing songs of the labor movement, and we welcome special guest Elly Matsumura, with stories of how our budgets—personal, institutional, state, and national—can and must reflect our deepest values, honoring the inherent dignity of every person, and helping to create peace and justice for all.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones
with Elly Matsumura

Worship Associates: K'Ailsa Rowan

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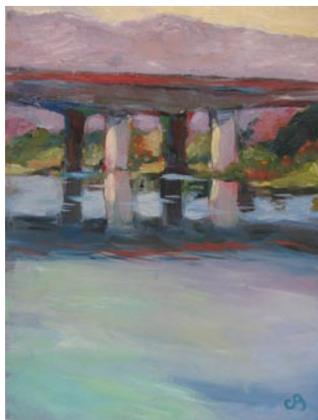


Grand Opening of First UU Art Display on Homecoming Sunday!

Featured Artist: Carol Greene

There are so many talented artists in our Beloved Community that the Aesthetics Committee thought it would be a fine idea to display some of their artistry for everyone to see. As a result, there will be occasional art displays in HPH after church for our pleasure and enlightenment. On Sunday, September 12, we will feature the work of Carol Greene, who says her art is “my way of responding to life; a way of connecting with the world and with other people – and hopefully the finished work will resonate with others, forming more connections. As you view my work I hope you will find something that resonates with you.”

If you are an artist of any kind and would like to share your creative efforts with the congregation, please contact **Genie Bernardini** geniebee@hotmail.com



SAVE THE DATES

September 2, Tuesday, Women's Alliance Meeting, 7:15 pm, Ramsden Fireside room

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

September 9, Thursday, OWL program begins, 7:30 pm

September 12, Sunday, Homecoming Sunday

September 12, Sunday, Reading The Five Gospels with Bob, 6:00 pm

September 19, Advanced Health Care Planning: The 5 Wishes, exact time to be announced.

September 20, HUManist Group, 7:00 pm

September 25, All-church Annual Coastal Cleanup Day at a Santa Cruz beach – CANCELLED – to participate as an individual, see <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/published/ccd/ccd2.htm>

October 3, HUManist Forum, 9:45 am

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

October 7, Tuesday, Women's Alliance Meeting, 7:15 pm, Fireside room

October 15-17, PDC Men's Retreat, Westminster Center, Alamo, CA

June 2-26, 2011, UUA General Assembly

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

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

The Seasons of Renewal for Our Journey of Faith: Happy Homecoming, FUCSJ!

Sunday, September 12, at our Special Combined-
Service Time of 10:30 a.m.: Homecoming Sunday!

The words are sweet on my tongue and dancing through my fingertips. Homecoming is here – this joyful time of renewal, re-gathering, and recommitment!

Like the water we each bring to share in our Water Ceremony, at Homecoming we unite the individual streams of our life into one river, which is greater even than the sum of its parts. At Homecoming, we reconnect with who we are: one community of many diverse and beautiful souls, bound together by choice to discover greater depth, joy, service, and meaning, committed to making the transforming power of Love visible in our lives, in our community, in our world.

This year we embark with renewed intention on a remarkable journey of faith. We of all ages will find mysteries to explore, questions to be asked, fun to be had, good works to be done, relationships to deepen. We will shape our journey around five “liturgical seasons” – does that phrase echo with any faith traditions you have known? If so, be prepared to delight in the mingling of the familiar and the brand-new, for here are the **Unitarian Universalist** seasons we claim this year: the seasons of Transformation, Incarnation, Love, Grace, and Freedom.

During the Season of Transformation – Homecoming Sunday through the Day of the Dead (November 2) – we will share our stories of change and new beginnings. We will ponder the ways in which forgiveness, as a spiritual practice, helps to make room for the new; we will practice seeing things with the fresh eyes of compassion. We will deepen our understanding of how, in our lives as in nature all around us, we must sometimes die to the old in order to be reborn to the new.

Our board (a body of strong and visionary members) will guide us in naming and claiming our mission and vision. Did you know that in 2015, FUCSJ will be 150 years old? What will we do between now and then to make this birthday a citywide celebration of all that First Unitarian has offered and now offers to our community?

With our consultation weekend, **October 2-3**, and in conversations before and after, we will ask the radical questions: Who are we? What is our purpose? **Why** do we need to be a multicultural,

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Las Estaciones de Renovación para Nuestra Jornada de la Fe: Feliz Regreso al Hogar, FUCSJ!

El domingo 12 de septiembre, en nuestro Servicio Combi-
nado en horario especial de las 10: 30 a.m.: El Domingo
de Regreso al Hogar!

Las palabras son dulces en mi lengua y bailando a través de las yemas de los dedos. El Regreso al Hogar esta aquí —este alegre tiempo de renovación, de reunión y de nuevo compromiso!

Como el agua que cada uno de nosotros trae para compartir en nuestra Ceremonia del agua, en el Regreso al Hogar, unimos los arroyos individuales de nuestras vidas en un río que es mayor incluso que la suma de sus partes. En el regreso al hogar nos reconectamos con quienes somos: una comunidad de gran diversidad y bellas almas, atados juntos por la elección para descubrir una mayor profundidad, la alegría, el servicio y el significado, comprometiéndonos a crear el poder transformador del amor en nuestras vidas, en nuestra comunidad, en nuestro mundo.

Este año nos embarcaremos con renovada intención en una sorprendente jornada de la fe. Nosotros de todas las edades encontraremos misterios que exploraremos, preguntas que preguntaremos, diversión que tendremos, buenas obras que realizaremos, relaciones más profundas. ¿Daremos forma a nuestro viaje alrededor de cinco “temporadas litúrgicas”—hace eco esa frase con cualquiera de las tradiciones de fe que han conocido? Si es así, prepárese a deleitarse en la mezcla de lo familiar y lo flamante, aquí están las temporadas **Unitario Universalistas** que afirmamos este año: las estaciones de Transformación, Encarnación, Amor, Gracia y Libertad.

Durante la temporada de transformación— del domingo del Regreso al Hogar al día de los muertos—nosotros compartiremos nuestras historias de cambio y nuevos comienzos. Consideraremos las maneras en el cual el perdón, como una práctica espiritual, nos ayuda para hacer espacio para el nuevo; practicaremos viendo las cosas con los ojos frescos de la compasión. Profundizaremos nuestra comprensión de cómo, en nuestras vidas, como en la naturaleza que nos rodea, debemos a veces matar lo viejo para que renazca lo nuevo.

Nuestra Mesa Directiva (un cuerpo fuerte y visionario de miembros). Nos guiará identificando y afirmando nuestra misión y visión ¿Sabían que en 2015, la FUCSJ tendrá 150 años de edad? ¿Qué haremos entre ahora y entonces, para hacer de este cumpleaños una celebración a lo largo y ancho de la ciudad de todo lo que la Primera Iglesia Unitaria ha ofrecido y ofrece ahora a nuestra comunidad?

Con nuestra consulta de fin de semana, **del 2-3 de octubre**, y en las conversaciones anteriores y posteriores, preguntaremos las preguntas

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multiracial, multidimensional congregation, for example? Do we, in fact, “need” to be? And if we are indeed called to create this Beloved Community, this community that models one sacred human family, then how best do we go about making this vision a reality?

What transformations will we experience in ourselves, as well as in our community, when we ask these questions and follow them faithfully where they lead us?

My own **sabbatical time – from December 25 through June 26** – will offer both you, beloved FUCSJ, and me rich seasons of renewal. As we prepare for the sabbatical this fall, we are united on this journey of faith, for the streams of all our lives have flowed together to make a river greater than any one of us could have dreamed.

Come, join us on this journey! Welcome Home!
With joy and anticipation for the year ahead,

Nancy ●

radicales: Por ejemplo, ¿Quiénes somos? ¿Cuál es nuestro propósito? ¿Por qué necesitamos ser una congregación multicultural, multirracial y multidimensional?, ¿De hecho, “necesitamos” ser? Y si de hecho estamos llamados a crear esta Amada Comunidad, esta comunidad que modela una sagrada familia humana, ¿entonces cual es la mejor forma de hacer esta visión una realidad?

¿Qué transformaciones experimentaremos en nosotros mismos, así como en nuestra comunidad, cuando preguntamos estas preguntas y las seguimos fielmente ¿a donde nos conducen?

Mi propio tiempo sabático—**desde el 25 de diciembre a través de 26 de junio**—les ofrecerá tanto ustedes, amada FUCSJ y a mí, ricas temporadas de renovación. Mientras nos preparamos para el año sabático este otoño, estamos unidos en este viaje de la fe, para que los arroyos de todas nuestras vidas fluyan juntos para hacer un río mayor que cualquiera de nosotros podría haber soñado.

Vengan, únase a nosotros en este viaje! Bienvenidos al Hogar!
Con alegría y anticipación para el año que viene,

Nancy ●

Upcoming Events:

Inspirational Reading Circle Wednesday PM

This Reading Circle, facilitated by **Rev. Donna Lenahan**, will meet in her home for seven Wednesday evenings from 6:20 to 8:50 pm, on October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 4 and 11.

The book we will use is *For the Love of God; Handbook for the Spirit* by Richard Carlson and Benjamin Shield, available used online. Short pieces by 25 extraordinary writers (such as The Dalai Lama, Matthew Fox, Thich Nhat Hanh, and Huston Smith) celebrate their personal experiences of the divine. Marianne Williamson says: “Books such as this one are maps back home. They bridge us back to the essential self. They remind us who we are and grant us the peace of remembering at last.”

Come enjoy discussion and tea with like-minded journeyers on the path. \$5 per session

GIFT OF SERVICE:

Grateful kudos to Gretchen Leavitt, who has without fail, twice each month, coordinated her team to take the files for Our Church Circular to the printer, pick up printed copies, assemble the newsletters ready for mailing, and taken them to the post office. She is resigning the post of Newsletter Assembly Coordinator as of the end of September.

is the suggested donation. Please e-mail Donna at: djlenahan@aol.com or call her at 408-354-9024 to let her know you are interested. The group is limited to ten participants and there are five spaces remaining. ●

Women’s Alliance

Please join us for the new “season” of Women’s Alliance. We’ll be meeting in the Ramsden Fireside Room on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm For further information contact **Nancy Coleman** at 408 985 5778 or nbc Coleman@gmail.com. ●

Advanced Health Care Planning Series

What would it be like if we planned for illness and end-of-life issues as thoroughly as we plan for college and career, marriage, children, and other life transitions? Charlotte Bear, one of the innovators of the Hospice concept and currently Community Liaison with Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, will come to FUCSJ to help us explore these issues and take some of the Angst out. On September 19, she will introduce “The 5 Wishes Advanced Health Care Directive” for anyone 18 years and older. Just as you keep your insurance policies up to

date, you can prepare in case of serious illness. Exact time and room to be announced. ●

HUUMANISTS Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 7:00-8:30 PM IN CONFERENCE ROOM.

by Tim Blackwood, timblackwood@sbcglobal.net

Jay and Nancy saw one of the films at the recently held Atheist Film Festival in San Francisco. Jay will tell us a little bit about it. We will start a first-Sunday-of-the-month forum on October 3, 9:45-10:45 am in the Ramsden Fireside Room. Amy will select the first topic and facilitate the first forum. Details for the future to be discussed and decided... as well as topics for future Third Monday group. ●

Reading The Five Gospels Along With Bob

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12, 6:00 PM TO 8:00 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”. For this session, we are doing our best to read up to page 310 (through Luke Chapter 8). Questions? Contact **Bob Miess** at 408-781-7073 or Bob@FloweringEnterprises.com ●



Lifespan Faith Development

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

We provide a safe, clean environment in which to support each child in initiating play activities at the developmental level they manifest. Each week our paid staff members, Maria Elena Olvera and Glynda Cotton, provide a loving presence as they engage children in games, stories and crafts with seasonal and holiday themes throughout the year.

Children & Youth Classes Begin On September 19

Children and youth in Preschool (4 years) through high school begin this year's Lifespan Faith Development Program on Sunday, September 19 by joining the community for the first part of worship at 11 a.m. and then going to their prospective classes until 12:30. Come and catch up with old friends and make new ones as we recreate our Unitarian Universalist community with fun, learning and service.

PreK (4 years) through First Grade – Creating Home

Children will participate in the Unitarian Universalist Association curriculum, Creating Home for 15 Sundays this year. <http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapes-tryfaith/creatinghome/index.shtml>

Second through Fourth Grades – Moral Tales

Children will participate in the Unitarian Universalist Association curriculum, Moral Tales for 15 Sundays this year. <http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapes-tryfaith/moraltales/index.shtml>

Children from PreK through Fourth Grade for 10 Sundays will be engaged in music with leaders **Sally Cooperrider** and **Nayo Ulloa** <http://www.nayoulloa.com/> in October, January and May. The morning will include 30 minutes of singing and music using Orff percussion instruments. With the opportunity for children to participate in Sunday services. Sally took Orff training this summer! And for the second 30 minutes the children will experience yoga with Shirley Worth.

On two Sundays there will be a Social Justice Project and on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Monday birthday celebration we are inviting all the families of the church to participate in a day of service.

And on nine Sundays through the year, from September through June, children will be together with the whole community in worship on Celebration Sundays.

Fifth Grade – Neighboring Faiths

This yearlong curriculum helps youth learn about their own faith and other faith traditions through interactive experience such as field trips and interviews. These encounters with other religions are given meaning through periods of reflection and discussion about Unitarian Universalist and personal beliefs and values.

Goals for Participants:

- To learn about other faith traditions;
- To consider the universals of religious experience;
- To deepen one's own faith;
- To strengthen one's understanding of and respect for cultural diversity.

Sixth through Eighth Grades – Junior High Youth Group

The junior high youth group meets on Sundays from 11:30-12:30 and follows a planned curriculum exploring themes of empowerment, diversity and compassion. They organize monthly social activities on the first Friday of the month. Class Coordinator, **Pam Pell** johnpell@aol.com

Ninth through Twelfth Grades – Senior High Youth Group (Youth Group Room)

The senior high youth group meets from 11:30 to 12:30 most Sundays. The group offers its members a safe place to share their lives and find support and friendship among open

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 Y.R.U.U. (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, Greg Muller and Cordelia Willis

If you are interested in participating in any of the child, youth or adult classes or activities please contact the Rev. Geoff Rimositis, 292-3858, ext.25 or GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org

Eighth Through Tenth Grades – Coming of Age

Coming of Age is a rite of passage program for Unitarian Universalist Youth.

The mission of The First Unitarian Church of San Jose's Coming of Age Program is:

To provide experiences for our youth that will help them integrate their childhood into their emerging adulthood with a clear sense of themselves and their place in the church and in the world.

The program is designed to help our young people:

- explore their own spirituality;
- develop a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism;
- continue the lifelong process of values clarification;
- recognize and accept responsibility for the consequences of their decisions;
- explore their options for service, both to the church and to the community;
- deepen their relationships with each other and with adults in the church
- come to a positive understanding of their capabilities and;
- test themselves against their own preconceived limits.

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.



Each youth participating in the program will have a mentor (an adult member from the congregation) who will serve as an important companion throughout the year. The mentor will join their mentee in an open and supportive relationship in which fellowship, honesty and fun are central. The mentor will serve as a resource and advisor by sharing thoughts, feelings and experiences on matters of the head (knowledge), hands (service), heart (relationships), and spirit (reverence and wonder). The Coming of Age Task Force will help each participant choose a mentor that is right for him or her.

In addition to each participant's local congregational involvement there will be a series of three retreats during the year in which we will join with other Unitarian Universalist Coming of Age youth from around the bay area. The retreats will give youth the opportunity to do some fun and challenging activities like a Ropes Course and a Nature Vigil.

At the culmination of the Coming of Age Program in May of 2010 there will be a special Coming of Age Sunday in which youth in our congregation and from around the district will be honored by their local congregations. That evening there will be a dinner and at our church to celebrate the completion of the program.

Coming of Age is an opportunity for youth to: challenge themselves both physically and spiritually; develop meaningful relationships with other youth and adults; gain a greater understanding of Unitarian Universalism and what it means to them and; to have lots of fun enjoying the many gifts life presents to us.

For a brochure and registration form please contact **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**, GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org, 292-3858, 25

2010-2011 Lifespan Faith Development Calendar

Tuesday, September 7 – Curriculum Leader/Class Guide Training, 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, September 12 – Celebration Sunday-Homecoming—NO CLASSES

Sunday, September 19 – Classes begin at 11:30; Curriculum Leader/Class Guide Training, 9-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 25 – Coming of Age Mentor Training, 9-3 p.m.

Sunday, September 26 – Classes for Pre-K through High School, 11:30-12:30 a.m.

Class Guides & Curriculum Leader Trainings

For Pre-K(4 Years) through First Grade and Second through Fourth Grades:

- Tuesday, September 7, 7-9 p.m.,
- Sunday, September 19, 9-10:30 a.m.

What are Class Guides and a Curriculum Leaders?

I am glad you asked! Class Guides volunteer in either the PreK-First or Second through Fourth Grade Classes. The Class Guides are community builders. They are the ones who get to know our children the best and help them to feel connected with their peers and church community. Their responsibilities include providing an opening ritual for each class by lighting a chalice and leading a closing circle at the end of each class. The Class Guides will have a list of getting acquainted games and energy activities to help children to get the most out of their church experience. They will redirect children's energy in a participatory direction when children drift away from the class group. Class Guides free up the Curriculum Leader to present the morning's lesson or activity without having to worry about also managing children's behavior. Because class guides are consistently with our children they get to know them well and how best to draw them into full participation.

Curriculum Leaders teach the assigned lesson accessed on-line, for PreK-First, Creating Home at: <http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/creating-home/index.shtml>

And for Second through Fourth Grade, Moral Tales at: <http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/moraltales/index.shtml>

With the Class Guides serving as home-room teachers, the Curriculum Guides can focus on the lesson they are presenting knowing that there is a person who knows the children and will handle any behavior issues that might come up.

Parents, prospective volunteers and curious folks who are interested in learning more

about our Sunday Program for children in PreK-Fourth Grade are invited to attend either of the two up coming trainings on Tuesday, September 7, 7-9 p.m., or Sunday, September 19, 9-10:30 a.m. at the church in the lower level classrooms. Please RSVP with **Rev. Geoff Rimositis**, GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org

Adult Class: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

This class will address important themes in Unitarian Universalist congregational life: worship and theology, history, covenant and polity, religious education, faith development, social justice, and membership. The class will provide an opportunity for participants to interact and share their own experiences, a process that echoes the Unitarian Universalist commitment to individual theological exploration. Participants will learn about Unitarian Universalism not only by hearing about it, but by doing it—exploring their own theology and its intersection with the Unitarian Universalist tradition.

Leader: Rev Geoff Rimositis

Rsvp GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org

Classes are free and held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the church's lower level classrooms.

October 28, Theology and Worship

November 4, Where Do We Come From? Unitarian Universalist Roots

November 11, How We Grow in Faith—Philosophy of Religious Education

November 18, Social Justice Philosophy and Practice

December 2, How Are Decisions Made? Governance and Polity

December 19, Membership

NEW MEMBER INGATHERING, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Our next New Member Ingathering will be held during the service on Sunday, October 3, when our new members will be introduced to the congregation. To explore membership in our church community please contact, the Reverend Geoff Rimositis, GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org



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Homecoming Sunday / Domingo Del Regreso Al Hogar!

Combined Service At A Special Time: 10:30 AM / Servicio Combinado En Tiempo Especial: 10: 30 A.M.!!

September 12 – 10:30 a.m.

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Please bring a small quantity of water from your inner or outer journeys this summer to pour into our river of life! In English, with some singing in Spanish, and with Spanish translation.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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

Worship Associates: FUCSJ Board, and many others!

12 de Septiembre – 10:30 am

Temporadas de Renovación en la Jornada de la Fe

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Por favor, traigan una pequeña cantidad de agua de sus viajes interiores o exteriores este verano para verter en nuestro río de la vida! En inglés, con algunas canciones en español, y con traducción al español.

TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!!

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

Asociados de Culto: mesa directiva de FUCSJ, y muchos otros!

19 de septiembre – 9:30 a.m.

Centrarse en la misión multicultural

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

September 19 – 11 a.m.

Focus on our multicultural mission

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

UU HIKERS & FRIENDS

By Joyce Miller

Here is the September 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, September 1

Windy Hill, 7-8 miles, moderate. I will be on vacation until September 19. You all can decide if you want to do the longer hike. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 or at trailhead on Alpine Rd at 8:45 am.

Saturday, September 4

Joseph Grant County Park, 6 miles, moderate. I will be on vacation until September 19. Let Alice Lynch know if you are planning to hike. Her email is lynch.alice@gmail.com. Meet at VTA Park and Ride on Capitol at Alum Rock across from cemetery at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, September 8

Sanborn County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at US Bank Parking lot in Saratoga at 8:30 am. Remember, I am still on vacation, so you are on your own.

Saturday, September 11

Calero County Park, 6 miles, moderate. Let Alice Lynch know if you are hiking. Meet at Almaden Plaza Shopping Center across from Bed, Bath and Beyond at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, September 15

Montebello Open Space Preserve, 6 miles, moderate. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:30 am. I am still on vacation so you are on your own.

Saturday, September 18

Sunol Regional Park. You can decide if you want to do McGuire Peaks or another trail at Sunol. Let Alice know if you are hiking. Meet at VTA Park and Ride at Capitol and Alum Rock at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, September 22

Saratoga Gap to Grizzly Flat, 6 miles, moderate. This is a shuttle hike. Meet at US Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:30 am.

Saturday, September 25

Santa Teresa County Park, 6-7 miles, moderate. Meet at Bed, Bath and Beyond parking lot at Amaden Plaza Shopping center at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, September 29

Skyline Trail from Sunnyvale Mountain in Sanborn Park to Summit Rock. Trail is in Sanborn, but access is off of Skyline Blvd. (Highway 35) This is new hike some of us wanted to try the last time we hiked at Sanborn. It will be a shuttle hike. According to my calculations it is about 6 miles give or take .5 miles. Meet at Saratoga parking lot behind US Bank at 8:30 am.

Saturday, October 2

Alum Rock, 6 miles, mod/strenuous. Meet at VTA Park and Ride on Capitol at Alum Rock at 8:00 am.



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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.

Which of us believes things that are proven by neither statistics nor science? What's happening to our little kids? Could you be playful 3 weeks after a broken jaw? Somebody can. Visualize the entire congregation in high school.

From the mailbox:

From Mary Martin: I think for our congregation's size, we probably get more letters to the editor of the *Mercury News* published than any other congregation in the Valley. (That's totally unproven by statistics or science, but I still think it's true.) In the paper today (Aug. 7) there was a good letter from **Sharon Grennan** celebrating Judge Vaughn Walker's ruling about same-sex marriage.

From **Jan Theiss-Guffey:** Jim's older brother, Don, passed away at the end of June, of a stroke. We think of him daily.

From **Rebecca Mason:** CreaTV channel 15 local cable tv presents films made by teens in their summer video boot camp – **Jacob Mason Morison** participated in this three week summer camp for ages 13-17. They learned all about video and production in the CreaTV studio. Teams made short films (very short) that will be presented at this premiere. We have not seen any of them yet. We will be on the red carpet with our son. Tuxs or evening gowns?

From **Barbara Derbyshire:** Bev and I are back in RI at our alternate home. Our indoor cat escaped and was hit just before our intended departure. Luckily, his worst injury was a broken jaw, and he is back to his normal play-

ful self. Our dog traveled well and loves racing around our acreage. Lots of visits from kids and grandkids. Bev attended GA. We'll be back in CA sometime in October.

The Probing (Impertinent) Question of the day from the captive audience in Hattie Porter Hall: "When in your life have you felt the most like an outsider?"

Dave Proulx: walking into a gathering of people without much in common with them.
– **Lisa Hettler-Smith, Claire Wagner:** junior high school – **Tina Hemenway, Billie Wachter, Monty Low, Frank Bosche, Carole Greene:** High school – **Madeline Blackwood:** elementary school. Her definition of hell is 9th grade forever. – **Dana Grover:** Anaheim in the mid-70's high school transfer mid-senior year – **Connie Bloch:** when I transferred schools in 7th grade – **Dan Zulevic:** 1st grade – **Liz Owen:** kindergarten – **Karen Conratto:** any school – **Bill Ardrey:** when he got off at the wrong bus stop – **Sol Wachter:** on his first trip abroad – **Anne Gunn:** now – **Sherry Howd:** after Bush elections - any Bush election – **Lucie Ashley:** in Germany alone – **Nancy Walker:** when Prop 8 passed – **Jenny Redfern:** in catechism class – **Anand:** any new group – **Bob**

Howd: at MIT for a post doc fresh off the truck from the Midwest

But-They-Are-Only-Little-Kids

Department: (We are letting our kids get away!)

From **Lisa Hettler-Smith:** Gordon has graduated from Bellarmine and he's going on the UULM Young Adult Water Justice Road Trip in June, and will be starting at UC "Gordon has to learn to call it Cal" Berkeley in September. He will most likely major in Conservation and Resource Studies.

From **Jan Theiss-Guffey:** Mason got his PhD from the University of Chicago in Chemistry! The picture is of Mason pointing to his laser assembly. We are, of course, bursting with pride.



From Facebook: a picture purporting to be the infant child of **Carol & Monty Low** was shown in a gown and mortarboard. ●

Classifieds

Juliet Stubblebine, a long-time member of our beloved community, is currently looking to start a career in the nonprofit sector. Her ideal job would utilize her experience working with children and planning events. Juliet would appreciate any help the congregation can give her in her quest for a new career. While looking for work, Juliet is available for custom sewing work. She has many years of experience sewing and has created many historical reproduction outfits for Renaissance Faire, Dicken's Fair and Halloween costumes.

Those of you who would like to offer assistance with Juliet's job search or who would like to commission a garment can contact Juliet at juliet_b_1@hotmail.com.

Local Room Wanted: UC Berkeley Visiting Scholar seeks a room for rent in San Jose Area. I only need to be in Berkeley once or twice a week, and I prefer the climate of the South Bay. I am a gay male in my 40s, non-smoking, health conscious, a Unitarian, and I need a place for the coming academic year. I will be writing up my research studies comparing US and Canadian health care policies. I practice yoga, go to bed by 11, and

am very quiet. Price is negotiable. Denver Llewellen, Ph. D; telephone 650-273-2251 denverllewellen@berkeley.edu

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