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AUGUST 5 SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO 5 DE AGOSTO

9:30AM en español/
English translation

5 de Agosto — 9:30 a.m.
Porque no deberías integrarte al Unitario Universalismo
Continuando con la serie que inicié hace algunos domingos de cómo entendemos la fe que hemos escogido, acompáñenme a meditar sobre lo que dice el Rev. UU Dr. Tony Larsen de la iglesia Olimpia Brown Unitaria Universalista de Racine Wisconsin, del porque no deberíamos integrarnos al Unitario Universalismo.
Dirige: Roberto Padilla; Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM

5 August — 9:30 a.m.
You Shouldn't be a Unitarian Universalist.
Continuing with the series that I initiated some Sundays ago to explore how we understand the faith that we have chosen. Come with me and meditate about what the Rev. Dr. Tony Larsen of the Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church in Racine, Wisconsin, says about why we would not have to integrate with Unitarian Universalism.
Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla; Worship Associates: SSM Members

SERVICES AT 11 AM
in English

August 5 — 11:00 a.m.
Generosity of Spirit as Spiritual Practice
Generosity of Spirit can be as simple as sharing our essence, our spirit, in our daily interactions. Even the smallest things when shared can be examples of generosity. When we are open to the connection between us in the web of life, the predominant feeling is one of love, and generosity is one of the natural outcomes of feeling this connection. Join us for inspiring reflections, songs, and ritual as we explore what it means to have Generosity of Spirit and what it means when the Spirit is generous and we recognize it.
Worship Leader: the Rev. Donna Lenahan; Worship Associate: Kelly Burnett

5 de Agosto — 11:00 a.m.
La Generosidad del Espíritu Como Una Practica Espiritual
La generosidad del espíritu puede ser tan simple como compartir nuestra esencia, nuestro espíritu, en nuestras interacciones diarias. Incluso las cosas más pequeñas cuando están compartidas pueden ser ejemplos de generosidad. Cuando estamos abiertos a la conexión entre nosotros en la red de la vida, la sensación predominante es de amor, y la generosidad es uno de los resultados naturales de sentir esta conexión. Unámonos para inspiradas reflexiones, canciones, y el ritual de como exploramos lo que significa tener Generosidad de Espíritu y lo que esto significa cuando el espíritu es generoso y lo reconocemos.
Dirige: la Rev. Donna Lenahan; Asociada de Culto: Kelly Burnett

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SAVE THE DATES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR

- August 3, Friday**, Dances of Universal Peace, 8:00 pm, in the Sanctuary
- August 5, Sunday**, UU Band of Writers, 12:20, Youth Room
- August 8, Wednesday**, Choir practice (first after summer hiatus)
- August 19**, PCD Leadership School Graduate Support Meeting, 2:15-5:15pm, in the Ramsden Fireside Room (open to all, see page 5)

- August 27, Monday**, 4:00 pm, Community March to End Homelessness (see page 5).
- September 6, Thursday**, Women's Alliance meeting: Cakes for the Queen of Heaven; 7:15 to 9:15 pm; Fireside Room. (see page 2)
- September 6, Thursday**, Third Street Community Center Open House, 5:30-7:30 pm (see page 4)
- September 28-30**, All-Church Retreat at Monte Toyon

- December 9, Sunday**, Fireside Gift Faire after the church service in Hattie Porter Hall
- Social Justice Calendar**
- Friday, August 24**, Art & Social Justice Open Mic, 7:00pm, Sanctuary/HPH
- Saturday, August 25**, Turning Toward One Another Social Justice Gathering, 9:00 am -3:00
- Monday, September 17**, Social Justice Council Meeting, Church, 7:00 pm

Being President: What's it Like? (Installment 1) by Bob Miess

This is the beginning of a series of articles about the office of President of our church. I've been President of the congregation now for the last 28 months. Several times over these months people have asked me, "What's it like?" Depending on when they asked they may have heard different answers. . .

First Answer: "Impossible"

I became President on April 1, 2005. Yes, April Fools Day is when our Board and Officers take office! Perhaps there's a message there? Anyway, until that day I had been the Vice President of Programs, a position that has now been replaced by that of the Program

Officer, currently held by **Julia Rodriguez**. Being President then meant taking lay responsibility for the governance and management of the church (with a lot of help and support from the ministers and other lay leaders).

Together with the Executive Committee, which essentially consisted of the church officers, I set the agenda for the board meetings and the congregational meetings, and I chaired those meetings. That was the easy part! There were many committees and plenty of activities and groups in the church, and in some sense I was responsible for all of them. If something needed to be done, it was

at least in part my responsibility to see that it was done. For every serious issue that arose, it was my responsibility to see that it was dealt with properly. My inbox was full of e-mails, and my phone rang frequently.

Frankly, the job was more than one volunteer should take on. I was always in awe of those who did it. During my time on the board, I had seen **Dena Dickinson**, then **Ed Massey**, and finally **Mary Mary Feldman** shoulder this responsibility. I could not imagine how they could do it, or how those who came before them had done it. After (and actually before) I had taken the position, I was not sure how I would do it either. Indeed, if you asked me then what the job was like, you may have gotten an answer like "impossible," or "more than you can believe." But I had one thing going for me – I knew that changes were in the works that would transform the Presidency into something that a person could do. ●

In future articles, I'll tell you how things have changed, and boy have they changed!

Refreshing Our Online Calendar

By Bob Miess, temporary Calendar editor, bob@creating-contex.com or 408-776-6561

It is time to make sure that our online calendar for the upcoming year is up-to-date and correct. If a committee or group you are involved in regularly uses the church facilities, or if your group has a special event coming up and you know the date and time, please check the calendar to make sure that the room you need is reserved for you and that the event is properly described. To do so:

1. Point your web browser to www.sanjoseuu.org and click on "Monthly Calendar View."
2. Either select the month of your choice, or click on the ">>" next to the month to scroll through the year.

If the room you need is already reserved and the description is correct, you don't need to do anything more. You're all set. But if it is not, you'll want to get it reserved.

Note that usually Iris would be maintaining the calendar, but she is on a well deserved vacation until August 24. So I'll take reservations for now. If you have a regularly scheduled meeting, or a special event that is not currently on the online calendar, and you'd like to schedule it, send me an e-mail with the following:

1. The group wishing to schedule the event.
2. The name and contact information for the "person in charge."
3. The event title.
4. The date(s) and time(s) the event starts and ends (for repeating events, you can give me instructions like "every other Monday" or "the first Tuesday of every month").
5. The amount of setup time and cleanup time you need before and after the event.
6. The room(s) you would like to reserve.
7. A description of the event that would help people to know whether it would be of interest to them.
8. If you want people to be able to "register" for the event online, let me know.

If you see any potential conflicts on the calendar, let me know, and we'll work it out. If you know of events that are scheduled, but no longer occur, please let me know. If you don't have access to the web, or you have a question, give me a call.

Thanks for your help! ●

Women's Alliance "Cakes" is Coming Back!



Many Unitarian
Universalists were

introduced to the ancient religions of the goddess through the *Cakes from the Queen of Heaven* curriculum since its introduction twenty years ago.

Now a newly revised edition is out, and you can find out what you missed or revisit this fascinating look at women's spirituality through the ages.

Join the Women's Alliance meeting in the Fireside Room on the first Thursday of each month beginning September 6 from 7:15 to 9:15 pm.

Contact **Nancy Coleman** at nancycoleman@mac.com or 408 985 5778 for more information. ●



Religious Education

Religious Growth and Learning Program

Nursery (birth-5 years) - Church's Lower Level

We provide a safe, clean environment in which to support all children in initiating play activities at the developmental level they manifest. Structured activities, games, stories, and crafts are a part of the nursery experience.

"UU Super Heroes"

A special summer program for children in 1st-5th grades

Theme and Description

UU Super Heroes is a values-based Unitarian Universalist identity curriculum that encourages children to explore the lives of famous people who were Unitarians, Universalists or Unitarian Universalists.

"You the Creator"

A special summer program for children in 6th-8th grades

Theme and Description

Junior high youth and leaders explore together the power that everyone's creativity has to shape the world.

Youth Group Activities

- Chalice Club (Elementary Age Youth Group, Grades K-5)
- Junior High (Grades 6-8)
- Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Advisors: Diana Chung, Mike Williamson, and Cordelia Willis

Staff: the Rev. Geoff Rimositis

If you are interested in participating in Chalice Club or junior or senior high youth group activities, contact the Rev. Geoff Rimositis, 292-3858, ext.25 or grimositis@sanjoseuu.org.

**Open Meditation Thursdays
6:30-7:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

**Religious Education
Registration On Line**

<http://sanjoseuu.org/RE/br.html> ●

Improving Children's Health Care: How You Can Help

by Marla Scharf

While your First Unitarian Church PACT LOC leaders are busy determining how we can take local action on environmental justice issues (issues such as a plastic carry-bag ban similar to those in San Francisco and Oakland, banning corn-based ethanol use for the city fleet, eliminating or reducing the permit fee for installing solar panels, etc.), our fellow seekers of social justice are working on children's health. They have asked us to ask you to consider supporting their action calls.

Here's what you might do:

First, take a trip to LA and on Saturday, August 11th join the UULM-CA and many others at "The Great L.A. Health Rally" that will take place at 1:00 pm on the south lawn of Los Angeles' City Hall, located at First and Spring Streets. **Suzanne Marsh**, Intern Minister, UULM-CA, writes, "The purpose of the rally is to encourage lawmakers to eliminate insurance companies from the health care equation and guarantee universal coverage for all in California. It will begin with a procession of hearses from Santa Monica to the City Hall and will feature live music, celebrity speakers such as Lily Tomlin, legislator Sheila Kuehl, Lt. Governor John Garamendi and others. It promises to be quite a day and another opportunity to let our Governor and legislators know where we stand. We are making progress, but we must keep up the pressure on our legislators in order to ensure that all Californians have affordable, quality healthcare!"

For more information on this see:

<http://www.onecarenow.org/events/81107.htm> or contact Suzanne at intern@uulmca.org

Second, on **Sunday, August 19, 2007** show up for a **PACT Health Care For All Community Action Meeting** at 12:15-1:30 pm at Cambrian Park United Methodist Church, 1919 Gunston Avenue, San Jose. Invited Guests include Assemblyman Jim Beall, Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, Assemblyman Joe Coto, Senator Elaine Alquist, Senator Abel Maldonado, and Supervisor Ken Yeager.

Third, be part of **PICO's National Compassion Sabbath – Compassion Sunday**, by placing phone calls to your members of Congress, via a particular phone number. Call PICO's toll free number 877-367-5235 to reach the Congressional Switchboard, ask to speak with the legislative staff person responsible for health care issues. Let them know that you and many others are very concerned about the number of uninsured children in the community and the nation. Tell the staff person that the congregation wants the Member of Congress to support a strong SCHIP Reauthorization bill that includes \$50 billion to help states cover millions of uninsured children.

And to help you do your homework; to learn more about the pending SCHIP Reauthorization needs, to consider whether to support these health care actions, here are some on-line resources:

- **UULM-CA web page on Health Care Reform:**
<http://www.uulmca.org/programs/health.html#pico>
- **UUA Speak Out for Children 1996 General Resolution:**
<http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/socialjustice/statements/14249.shtml>
- **PICO reports on what California and its children and families have at stake in SCHIP* reauthorization:**
<http://www.coverallchildren.org/assets/At-stake-in-California.pdf>

Finally, on a non-health care issue, be ready to support your local FUGSJ PACT LOC leaders as we do our homework towards asking the City of San Jose to Be Green! You can join our Yahoo Group - subscribe by sending an email to: usj-green-city-subscribe@yahoogroups.com ●



Third Street Community Center Updates

By Rosemary Baez

It's hard to believe but we are getting very near the beginning of a new program year! The theme for our 2007-08 After School Academic Program (ASAP) will be environmental science and alternative energy... with a social justice spin! I am very excited about implementing this new curriculum and having kids not just learn science (biology, ecology, chemistry, marine science, etc.) but also learn how institutions and corporations play a role in things like environmental racism, the exploitation of people for diamonds, the destruction of our earth for oil, and other such travesties. In December we will emphasize the metaphorical "heart" – what it means to care for and respect our multicultural community, tying this into to the holidays such as the annual Posada, but also adding discussions on Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Ramadan. We have a whole new list of special field trips planned (pending sponsors) and sports activities. And this is just the first half of the year!

This leads me to ask for your help in recruiting volunteers with specific skill sets.



TSSC Project-Based Learning Leaders Needed!

This is a part-time temporary position from August 2007 to June 2008 working with children in grades 2-5. Program hours are Monday through Friday, 2:00–6:00 pm. Please see the posting at the FUCSJ community boards or email me at rosemary@3street.org for the complete job description. ●

We are in need of people with:

- Knowledge of golf, badminton, or volleyball to help train our staff (late August) and/or work with our kids on Monday and/or Wednesday.
- Ability to lead the prep of healthy snacks in the kitchen during program hours
- Ability to make a special presentation on science related topics (a good example is the solar cooker presentation and demonstration)
- Knowledge of making and creating arts and crafts projects on Fun Days (usually around holiday-related activities)

We are planning an Open House where parents can bring their children and enroll them in ASAP or enroll themselves in ESL or computer mentoring classes. This will be on Thursday, September 6, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. We will have volunteer information on this day. ASAP will resume on September 10, and our adult classes will resume the same week.

As always, there are many UU's to thank for helping make TSSC programs successful. These include **Pam Price**, who donated a bike for the ASAP graduation ceremony, **Carol Stevenson** and **Roberto Padilla** for their help with Dia de los Muertos and ASAP related activities, **Bob Howd** for donating items for our nutrition class, and others who have worked with staff at TSSC over the past months. Your presence and enthusiasm for our families are always appreciated! ●

Peace,

Rosemary Baez

Dates to Remember

September 6, Thursday, TSSC Open House (5:30 - 7:30 pm)

November 2, Friday, Dia de los Muertos Cultural and Social Exhibition (time TBD)

More information is forthcoming so check with the Social Justice Council! ●

Spotlight on Social Justice



By Carol Stephenson, Social Justice Coordinator, socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org

Make Art, Not War

I have no artistic talent. I don't mean to say that I am devoid of creativity, just that when I paint or draw, the effect is never what I have intended. Often my clothes don't match and even my handwriting is a scribbled mess. I admire artistic people, those who can sew, arrange flowers, or do clever things with PhotoShop, but I never considered myself someone who could create something pleasing or interesting.



I came upon a book recently called *The Guerrilla Art Kit* by Keri Smith. It's basically a workbook on what any of us can do in public spaces to communicate an idea. Chalk on a sidewalk, posters around town, or flowers planted in an abandoned lot are all ways to express ourselves. Artistic adventures of any kind, such as writing, music, sculpture, are mediums for the message. The beauty lies in the idea that is communicated and the creativity to express it.

Art lets us explore our deepest passion, and what could be a subject of more passion than social justice? Whatever your concern, you can convey it in imaginative ways to bring it to someone's attention or maybe change their mind. So that even I can be a part of art and social change! Me, with my clumsy hands and bad eye for color, even I can contribute.

What can you contribute? I promise you will be inspired by checking out the video on PARK (ing) Day at <http://www.rebargroup.org/projects/parkingday/images.html>

Want to borrow my Guerrilla Art Kit for more ideas? Or go to the authors' website at www.kerismith.com. We all have it in us, so join us for the Art and Social Justice Open Mic on August 24. ●



Community March to End Homelessness and Poverty

by Bob Miess and Claire Wagner

Join CHAM, the Affordable Housing Network, Santa Clara County Collaborative on Affordable Housing and Homeless Issues, and others in a large march on Monday, August 27 in downtown San Jose. We call on Congress and the Federal government to take action to rapidly end homelessness and poverty in America once and for all.

1. **Section 8 Vouchers:** Increase HUD funding to provide an additional 59,000 Section 8 vouchers for Santa Clara County. This is the number of families and individuals currently on the Section 8 waiting list.
2. **NHTF:** Pass the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund legislation. The NHTF would fund the construction of 1.5 million low-income housing units - 75% for extremely low-income households over 10 years.
3. **A right to housing:** Legislation giving everyone in the U.S. a right to decent, affordable housing in a good neighborhood.

The Federal Government has the authority, the power, and the funds to end homelessness and poverty in America immediately, as called for by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. However, Congress will not act unless we the people create the political will to make it happen.

- 4:00 PM Gather in front of the County Building, 70 W, Hedding Street
- 4:30 PM Begin Marching
- 4:45 PM Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren's Office, 635 N First Street
- 5:30 PM Rally and Cultural Program, San Jose City Hall Plaza, 200 E Santa Clara Street

Partial list of Endorsers:

CHAM Deliverance Ministry, Affordable Housing Network, Santa Clara County Collaborative on Affordable Housing and Homelessness, Charities Housing, Sacred Heart Community Services, Catholic Charities, South Bay Central Labor Council, Labor Party, Low-Income Self-Help Center, Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley, Voluntarios de la Comunidad, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 5.

For more information, call CHAM 408-295-4463

Please consider giving your support in one of the ways outlined below, and especially by showing up and bringing with you or encouraging your friends to attend.

Other ways in which you can support the march:

1. Attend planning meetings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm every Tuesday in the basement of First Christian Church, 80 S. Fifth

Street (off E. San Fernando St. in downtown San Jose).

2. Provide transportation for fellow members (or others) to attend this march.
3. Make a financial contribution to help fund the march. There is a budget of \$1000 and currently the organizers have raised about one third of that amount. Checks should be made out to the Affordable Housing Network, the organization handling funds for the march.

The Pacific Central District UUA Leadership School Grad Meeting presents:

Discovering Writing as a Spiritual Touchstone

Presented by Elizabeth Schaefer, Mission Peak UU Congregation, Fremont

This workshop will describe the use of creative writing as an accessible, potent spiritual practice, and as a tool for healing mind and body. We'll experience several writing exercises designed to help you connect with your deeper wisdom and life journey, and discuss resources for further writing.

Beth Schaefer, a member of the Mission Peak UU Congregation in Fremont, has been a professional journalist and book editor, has taught creative writing for eight years to patients with mood disorders at Stanford, and is now authoring a book on the power of

writing to ease depression. She has used writing as a spiritual practice for many years.

The workshop will be held Sunday, August 19, 2:15 to 5:15 pm in the Ramsden Fireside Room. All are invited to join the LS Graduates for this quarterly get-together. RSVP for Elizabeth Schaefer's presentation to **Joy-Ellen Lipsky** at jelipsky@successwithjoy.com to allow us to accommodate all who wish to participate.

Future Presentations:

November 18, 2007: Pat Rodgers, "Singing as a Spiritual Practice" ●



UU Hikers and Friends

Here is the hiking schedule for August. Please let me know if you are coming on a hike so I can look for you at the carpool spot or trailhead. My phone number is (408) 730-1052 and my cell phone is (408) 507-7052, which I will have turned on after 6:30 am. You can call me the morning of the hike any time after 6:30 am. See you on the trails!

Wednesday August 1

Huddart County Park, 7 miles, moderate. This mileage is for the longer hike up to Skyline. If folks don't have time to do it, we can do the shorter one. Meet at Page Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

Saturday, August 4

No hike planned. I will be in Yosemite.

Wednesday, August 8

No hike planned. Still in Yosemite.

Saturday, August 11

Portola Redwoods State Park, 7 miles, moderate. This is a little longer due to travel time. It is a beautiful trail in the woods. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am. We should be back by 2:30 pm.

Wednesday, August, 15

Windy Hill, 6-7 miles, moderate. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

Saturday, August 18

Castle Rock State Park, 5 miles, moderate. Meet at Comerica Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, August 22

Saratoga Gap, 5 miles, moderate. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

Saturday, August 25

Purissima State Park, 6 miles, moderate. This is a car-shuttle hike. Hike is all in the shade. Meet at PageMill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

Wednesday August 29 *No hike planned.*



by Ellie White

JOY THROUGH SERVICE

CIRCLING AROUND

Milestones in the lives of the First Unitarian Community

by Kelly Burnett

Small World!

Interesting item from congregation members

Rebecca Mason, Lynn Morison

and son **Jake**:

“On Sunday July 8th, our family was waiting in the ferry line on Vancouver



Island, Canada, when we spotted a labradoodle dog being walked by two kids. We, doodle owners ourselves, of course started up a conversation. Somewhere into the conversation, I realized I knew one of these kids, but he was out of context. ‘Who is your mom?’ I asked him. Turned out to be **Crystal Isola** and her family, waiting in line for the same ferry back to Anacortes! **Carlo** is a young man now, so it took me awhile to recognize him.

“They had been at a family reunion, and we had spent two weeks traveling in the Pacific Northwest on our way to a reunion of my Westmont College friends in Lake Wenatchee.”

Big World!

Julia Rodriguez’s daughter Audrey had a meeting with the president last week.



Yes, the president of the United States of America. She went to a budget meeting and sat at a table with the president. She even asked him a question!

UU is going mainstream!!!

The August 2007 issue of O, the Oprah magazine, has a wonderful excerpt from *Here If you Need Me* by Rev. Kate Braestrup, a Unitarian minister from Maine. ●

Please Send Kelly Burnett your honors, joys, plans, and any other news that needs to be shared with our community so that she can keep us all informed. Her email address is kelly@kellybur.com. Her telephone number is 408-81003182, but she’d prefer to receive your news by email, if possible.



Lloyd Eater: A Wizard of Organization and Camaraderie

Lloyd Eater has fed many a spirit, including mine, and many others would undoubtedly agree with the comments from the parishioners below, starting with Genie and Bev, who are on the Volunteer Coordinating Team (VCT) with him.

Genie Bernardini says, “Lloyd is extremely conscientious, competent, efficient and dependable. He has taken on leadership of the VCT with such a whirlwind of innovations my head is still spinning! In addition to his organizational wizardry, Lloyd is also a very gentle, sensitive human being and a great asset to our Beloved Community.”

Adds **Bev Clifford**, “Lloyd’s compassion, understanding, and innate sensitivity make him a perfect fit for our Volunteer Coordinating Team. I have no doubt that the people he interviews come away with the sense that they have been truly listened to and deeply appreciated, because that’s exactly how he makes me feel every time I talk to him. On top of all that, he is an amazing organizer with superb writing skills, and he keeps us all up to date and on track—I honestly don’t know how he does it!”

Barbara Grover, who suggested Lloyd for this column, comments, “Lloyd is our gracious host for our small group ministry; always extending a warm greeting of welcome. I find Lloyd to be intelligent, open, honest, dependable and fun. He is someone I am so pleased to call ‘friend!’”

My mate, **Jeff White** says, “I found Lloyd to be efficient and thoughtful as I helped him on projects, such as refinishing our church’s front doors. Doing volunteer service with Lloyd is like having a pleasant coffee session with an old friend.”

According to **Liz Owen**, “Lloyd went way beyond the call of duty when he tackled the white flies plaguing some of our roses. We got information on the gamut of possibilities, from insecticides to spraying with blasts of



Watercolor of Lloyd Eater by Carol Greene (2005)

water. It took Lloyd a couple of weeks of careful and regular water blasting but he won! The white flies are gone and our roses are looking wonderful again.”

Mike Pelizzari, who handed over the duties of our sound booth to Lloyd, says with his usual wit, “Lloyd loves to plant; he plants flowers out front, microphones in the sanctuary, and Amory

Lovins’ ideas in people’s minds.”

Lloyd also counts the offerings and cooks for the Julian St, Inn and he’s probably done more church volunteer work that we don’t know about. We thank you, Lloyd for nourishing the operation, integrity, and camaraderie of our church community. You’ve fed many a spirit! ●



Who feeds your spirit in his or her church service? You just need to start the ball rolling by supplying a name and let us carry the ball from there. Email Ellie White at ellejeff@finestplanet.com or phone (408) 729-0420.



9:30 AM Servicios en español/
translation into English

12 de Agosto— 9:30 a.m.

La Risa, Remedio Infallible

El universo nos dota a cada ser humano de un espíritu alegre y festivo, el cual nosotros nos empeñamos en ocasiones en guardar bajo siete llaves en nuestros baúles personales de los recuerdos olvidados. La alegría, la risa y el buen humor son una de las partes más sagradas de nuestro espíritu. Llenemos nuestras almas de alegría a través de la risa y el buen humor, en compañía de esta comunidad vibrante de felicidad y amor.

Dirige: Roberto Padilla; Asociados de Servicio: Miembros de SSM.

August 12— 9:30 a.m.

Laughter, the Infallible Remedy

The universe equipped each human being with a cheerful and festive spirit, that we insist sometimes on keeping under seven keys in our personal trunks of memories. Joy, laughter, and good humor are one of the more sacred parts of our spirit. Let us fill our souls with joy through laughter and good humor in the company of this vibrant community of happiness and love.

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

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Renewal of Spirit as Spiritual Practice

The UU Living Tradition invites us to experience that which moves us to a renewal of the Spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life. How do we experience that transcending mystery and wonder? In this fast-paced world, it is sometimes difficult to practice living our principles and to connect with Spirit. Time to be quiet, to connect with nature, to connect with each other, to connect with the Divine is essential to renew our Spirit. Join us for a time to explore the mystery, the wonder of all, and how to bring this into our lives on a daily basis.

Worship Leader: Joy-Ellen Lipsky; Worship Associate: Mary Martin.

August 12 — 11 a.m.

Renovacion del Espiritu como Practica Espiritual

La tradición viva de UU nos invita a que experimentemos que es lo que nos mueve a una renovación del espíritu y a una apertura de las fuerzas que crean y mantienen vida. ¿Cómo experimentamos eso que supera el misterio y maravilla? En estos tiempos tan rápidos, es a veces es difícil practicar el vivir con nuestros principios y conectarnos con el espíritu. Tiempo de tranquilidad, de conectarnos con la naturaleza, de conectarnos con el uno al otro, de conectarnos con lo divino es esencial para renovar nuestro espíritu. Unámonos pora explorar el misterio, la maravilla de todos y cómo traer esto a nuestras vidas diarias.

Dirige: Joy-Ellen Lipsky; Asociada de Servicio: Mary Martin.

9:30 AM en español/
English translation

19 de Agosto — 9:30 a.m.

El Diablo No Es Como lo Pintan

Estamos tan acostumbrados a pensar en el diablo como una figura infernal, con cuernos, cola y patas de chivo. ¿Pero que o quien es realmente el diablo? Descubramos juntos lo que realmente hay detrás de la palabra diablo.

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August 19 — 9:30 a.m.

**The Devil Is Not as He is Portrayed
(You Can't Judge a Book by its Cover)**

We are so accustomed to think about the devil as an infernal figure with horns, a tail, and the legs of a goat. But who is really the devil? Let us discover together what is really behind the word devil.

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

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Facing Our Fear of Success

As children of God, we are all remarkably talented individuals with limitless potential. But just the thought of this awesome power leads some of us to fear success and occasionally indulge in personally destructive behavior. Based on personal reflection, this service will explore the roots of these feelings and suggest that by facing our fears, we can inspire others to be blazing beacons of justice and compassion.

Worship Leader: Luther Jackson; Worship Associate: Kelly Burnett.

August 19 — 11 a.m.

Haciendo Frente a Nuestro Miedo al Éxito

Como niños de dios, todos somos individuos notablemente talentosos con un ilimitado potencial. Pero solo el pensar en esta impresionante energía conduce a algunos de nosotros a temer en el éxito y en ocasiones nos lleva a comportamientos personalmente destructivos. De acuerdo con una reflexión personal, este servicio explorará las raíces de estas sensaciones y sugerirá que hacer frente a nuestros miedos, podemos inspirar a otros a que sean faros ardientes de justicia y compasión.

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