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AUGUST 19 SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO 19 DE AGOSTO

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

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.

SERVICES AT 11 AM
in English

19 de Agosto — 11 a.m.
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.
Dirige: Luther Jackson; Asociada de Servicio: Kelly Burnett.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS— HOMECOMING SUNDAY IS COMING SEPTEMBER 9!

SAVE THE DATES

August 19, Sunday, PCD Leadership School Graduate Support Meeting, 2:15-5:15 pm, Ramsden Fireside Room (open to all)
August 27, Monday, Community March to End Homelessness, 4:00 pm
September 6, Thursday, Third Street Community Center Open House, 5:30-7:30 pm
September 6, Thursday, Women's Alliance meeting: Cakes for the Queen of Heaven; 7:15 to 9:15 pm; Fireside Room

September 7, Friday, Dances of Universal Peace, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary
September 8, Saturday, "Service is our Prayer" Day (All-Church Work Party), 9:00 am. to 2 pm at the church
September 16, Saturday, Bay Area Marketing Campaign Kick off with the Rev. Bill Sinkford, 11 am to 1 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley
September 28-30, All-Church Retreat at Monte Toyon

Social Justice Calendar
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Company is Coming!

On September 15th 17 congregations in the Bay Area will be launching a major advertising campaign to increase awareness about Unitarian Universalism and to welcome guests to our church homes. *This is the first UU event of its kind in our area and it will be exciting!*

In many ways the preparation for this campaign is like planning a party. What do you do when you are planning a big party?

You.....

- Send out invitations with directions about how to get to your home and a phone number in case folks get lost. (Is your website up-to-date with contact information and directions? Is your church answering machine working properly and does it have a message that will help the visitor?)
- Mow the lawn, weed the flower beds, make sure that the street address is visible, and turn on the outside lights. Even put out a sign on the lawn perhaps!
- Clean the house, sparkling clean! – hide old boxes, replace worn curtains and



furniture, wash the bathroom stall walls. And make sure there is enough toilet paper!

- Tell people where to park. Maybe even have someone outside to help direct traffic. You make sure that friends needing assistance can park near the house.
- Ask your most outgoing friend to help greeting people at the door.
- Have name tags available.
- Plan a conversational ice-breaker so that folks can meet each other and make a special effort to introduce folks that don't know each other. (Have your greeters been trained?)

- Serve good food and show your guests where the refreshments are located.
- Make sure you have enough chairs and never sit down until all your guests are seated.

Let's begin to plan for our party so that we can share our hospitality with guests, celebrate the joy of our great faith, and most importantly, have lots of fun! ●

Join the All-Church Work Party

Let's Get our Church Building Ready for Company!

by Steve Madden

Saturday, September 8 is our quarterly all-church work party—a “Service is our Prayer” day. We will be working from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please put it on your calendar now. Everyone is invited as we need volunteers of all skill levels. A simple vegetarian lunch is served. Come any time during those hours that you can make it! ●

Bay Area Marketing Campaign Kickoff Celebration — Saturday, September 15 by Bob Miess

In the next couple of weeks, invitations to the marketing kickoff celebration will begin to go out to all those who've donated, volunteered, and participated in helping make this marketing project possible. The Reverend Bill Sinkford, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, will be there. Stay tuned for more information about the kickoff celebration, and keep an eye out for those invitations.

Note that if you have not donated yet, you can still get in on the festivities. Send checks payable to the “Unitarian Universalist

Association” to: Emily Sullins, Stewardship and Development, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

Or donate online at <http://www.uua.org/giving/donatenow/22101.shtml>.

In the mean time, save the date and mark your calendar. Saturday, September 15, 11 am – 1:00 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd Kensington, CA 94707. ●



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> ●



Being President: *by Bob Miess* What's it Like? (Installment 2)

This is the second installment in 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...

Second Answer: "An Immense Honor!"

I became President on April 1, 2005. It was an auspicious time, and an exciting time! Less than a month later, I was honored to participate in our call of **Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones** as our senior minister. April 16-24, we hosted Rev. Nancy in candidating week. To start the first meeting of Rev. Nancy with our elected leaders, I retold the Sleeping Beauty story, in which I invited both Rev. Nancy and the lay leaders to say to the other "tell me all your dreams". It was the beginning of a week of dreaming and engaging with one another. The week was capped with our enthusiastic and unanimous

vote to call Rev. Nancy. As President, I was honored to announce our call to Rev. Nancy when she returned to our sanctuary following the vote. I used words that Nancy herself had written (for another occasion) to welcome her as one of us. The entire sanctuary erupted with joy when Nancy accepted our call!

Months later I had another opportunity to proudly speak on behalf of the congregation. When we voted to affirm the Amicus Brief in favor of Marriage Equality, I was authorized by the congregation to sign on behalf of the congregation. It was a thrill to contact the organizers and tell them we were on board.

In each case, it has been an honor and an immense pleasure to give voice to the hopes, wishes, and most deeply held values of this congregation as it lives up to its covenant of love, search for truth, and service. ●

In future articles, I'll tell you more about what it has been like to be President and how it has changed during my tenure.

Choir Notes

Do You Love to Sing?

If so, come and join a friendly group of folks who make up our First Unitarian Church Choir. We have a wonderful selection of pieces coming up for our fall performances that you're sure to enjoy. We meet for practice in the Sanctuary every Wednesday night for practice; just show up and we'll welcome you aboard. Prior experience is valued but not necessary. If you want more information, call coordinator **Liz Owen** at (408) 257-2237 or email lowen@data-time.com. ●

Recycling Marches On!

Our church did so well with the recycling project to help the South Africa and Transylvania pilgrims while helping the environment that we decided to keep it going! **Your continued contribution of cans and bottles and other recyclables will contribute to continuing to have our newsletter printed professionally.** This great-looking newsletter will be especially important in the fall as we greet the visitors who will hear about us through the Media Publicity Project.

To support our newsletter and other

welcoming projects, please continue to bring in aluminum, glass, and plastic containers that have Cash Redemption Value (CRV) printed on the label or on the container. They shouldn't be crushed. You can bring them to church, bagged or boxed, and put them on the right side of the door of the Third Street Community Center (not the church office). This door is in the lower fenced area on the right side of the church. Please do not block the doorway. Someone will pick them up every Sunday and take them to the recycling center. Thanks for your help!



Alternative Fuels Policy and UU Principles

by Mike Pelizzari



Ethanol production is on the verge of becoming a cornerstone of U.S. energy policy to achieve energy independence. But it could end up becoming a gravestone for millions of starving people if that ethanol comes from corn or other food crops that currently help to feed the world. At stake for UUs are some of our principles which would be violated by current plans to divert more than one third of the U.S. corn crop to ethanol production. These are Principle #2 (Justice, equity and compassion in human relations); Principle #3 (Goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all); and Principle #7 (Respect for the interconnected web of all existence, of which we are a part). The Green City Group, our church's "PACT/LOC" (People Acting in Community Together / Local Organizing Committee), has begun studying alternative paths to energy independence, paths that will not pit rich people's cars against poor people's stomachs.

There are many potential sources of ethanol in the vegetable kingdom, and some can grow on land not being used for food production. Switchgrass is one of these. Switchgrass is a warm season grass that grows naturally in poor soil and climate conditions. Here is the lowdown on why switchgrass is preferable to corn as a source of ethanol for fueling motor vehicles.

1. Switchgrass requires far less input of water, fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides than corn.

Many farmers already grow it as forage for livestock, or as ground cover to control erosion. It's a hardy perennial that can be harvested annually or semiannually for a decade or more before replanting is needed. Long before there were farmers tending crops, switchgrass fed millions of bison on the Great Plains.

2. 1000 gallons of ethanol can be produced per acre of switchgrass, compared to 400 gallons per acre from corn.

Corn is one of the least efficient sources of ethanol. Yields per acre for French sugar beets and Brazilian sugarcane are roughly double those for American corn. Yields per acre for switchgrass grown on Alabama cottonfields are almost triple those for American corn.

3. Producers of ethanol from switchgrass need not compete for agricultural land with producers of food from corn.

Switchgrass can be grown on land unsuitable for food crops. Every acre of corn devoted to ethanol is an acre removed from world food production. The corn required to fill an SUV tank with ethanol just once could feed a person for a year. According to Lester Brown, "The escalating share of the U.S. grain harvest going to ethanol distilleries is driving up food prices worldwide. ... The stage is now set for direct competition for grain between the 800 million people who own automobiles, and the world's 2 billion poorest people. The risk is that millions of those on the lower rungs of the global economic ladder will start falling off as higher food prices drop their consumption below the survival level" ("Earth Policy News - Massive Diversion of U.S. Grain to Fuel Cars", March 21, 2007).

4. For reasons 1 and 2 above, switchgrass is far more energy efficient than corn as a source of ethanol, paying back about four to five times more energy than was invested in its production. Ethanol from corn barely returns the energy that was spent to produce it. Therefore switchgrass-based ethanol is much more efficient than corn-based ethanol at reducing carbon emissions that contribute to global warming.

The net energy output of switchgrass is about 20 times better than corn's, according to Sandy McLaughlin, who leads switchgrass research at Oak Ridge National Laboratories.

Despite the advantages of switchgrass, don't bother asking your local gas station attendant

for switchgrass-derived ethanol. Current methods of converting cellulose to fuel are too inefficient to make non-food crops and waste biomass economically viable fuel sources. New technologies are being developed that use enzymes to break down cellulose and release the plants' sugars for fermentation into ethanol. There will be no switchgrass-based ethanol on the market until these technologies can be commercialized. This will take a few years, but today's automobiles aren't yet ready for ethanol anyway, because their pollution control technology is tailored to gasoline-burning engines. Burning gasoline containing ethanol would increase emissions of volatile organic compounds by 45% (CA Air Resources Board) and nitrogen oxides by 6 or 7% (Environmental Protection Agency) when compared with pure gasoline, exacerbating a variety of health problems. Pollution controls tailored to ethanol-burning engines should be developed now, so they are ready by the time switchgrass-based ethanol reaches the marketplace.

In the meantime, policies that encourage substituting ethanol for gasoline in motor vehicles are environmentally counterproductive. They should be rejected completely, or else reworded in ways that explicitly prohibit the use of corn-based ethanol, and only encourage the use of ethanol derived from waste biomass such as stalks and hardwood chips, municipal waste such as paper and cardboard, and non-food crops such as switchgrass.

Feed corn to people; switchgrass to cars! ●

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Classified Ads for Our Spiritual Cooperative

*Let's Get Ready for the
Newcomers Who Will
Be Responding to Our
Marketing Campaign!*

These are the volunteer positions most urgently in need of filling. Please take a moment to see if any of these service opportunities are right for you.

TAPE DUPLICATOR: make and provide tapes of services 1 Sun. a month in HPH after the service for 1 ½ hrs.; 1 yr. term

LABYRINTH HOST: set up table & music and be present, 11:30-1:00; serve according to availability; 1 yr. term

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLER: fold, staple and stamp newsletters with amiable team; 1st or 3rd Tues. afternoon; 1 yr. term

WORSHIP HOST: greet & welcome people coming to Sun. service, collect offering; 1 Sun. a mo.; 1 yr. term

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATOR: operate sound system during 9:30 & 11:00 services; 1 Sun. a mo.; 1 yr. term

CHANCEL DECORATOR: use creative talents to decorate chancel, using flowers, fabric, etc.; serve when available; 1 yr. term

COFFEE HOUR HOST: set out snacks, drinks before service; clean up after; 1 Sun. a mo.; 1 yr. term

ORDER OF SERVICE ASSEMBLER: fold and assemble Order of Service Fri. morn.; much appreciated by Office Manager; 1 yr. term

NEWCOMER TABLE HOST: welcome newcomers, ask to fill out card, give info.; 1 Sun. a mo.; 1 yr. term

NEWSLETTER COPIER: copy newsletter on risograph machine for assemblers; 1st or 3rd Tues. of mon.; 1 yr. term

R.E. TEACHER or ASSISTANT: lead Sun. morn. sessions, using prepared curriculum; 2 hr. a mon.; 1 yr. term

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Spotlight on Social Justice

By Carol Stephenson, Social Justice Coordinator,
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Summer Days of Boredom and Creativity

As you may know, I don't hold office hours over the summer so that I can work less and be with my two daughters. I can do some work by email, and just lately the days have turned long. In a way, this is the point of my summer break, so that I slow down enough to develop ideas for the coming year. This is how the Art and Social Change Open Mic on August 24 comes to be, long unplanned days with a little thinking thrown in.

As I am sure you've heard from all the buzz, children's art will be featured this year at the Open Mic Gallery in Hattie Porter Hall. The thing is, children have this

approach to their art that makes it difficult to get a hold of their work. I've seen it in my girls, when they draw or paint something that is honest and hopeful, then they leave it on

the sticky kitchen counter where it soon gets wrinkled with splashes from the sink. They've drawn on the back of a barbie.com printout because their last artistic endeavor was decorating Barbie's fingernails by clicking on "sparkle" rather than "shimmer." It's not unlike how I spend my summer days; either

totally vacuous busywork around the house or especially useful insights about making change.

What is your message? What would you like to share? Bring your works of art or your children's musings to me before August 22 so that they can be included in the gallery. Let me know if you'd like to contribute to the Open

Mic so I can reserve your spot. Art and Social Change Open Mic is the first great event of the church year, so be sure to join us.

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Urban Disciples Conference Reunion

In February, 2006 a national collaborative of UU social justice staff known as the Urban Disciples organized a conference for lay people, volunteers and ministers doing social justice work in their UU churches. On Saturday, August 25 this group invites all those interested to reconnect and gather strength from being together. We will meet from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, lunch provided. If you would like to attend, please contact Carol at socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org.

Whether you attended the original conference or not, if you would like to meet and learn from our social justice allies in the Bay Area and beyond, please join us for this special gathering.

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Homecoming Sunday is Coming September 9!

9 de Septiembre — 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

!Domingo de Regreso al Hogar! Héroes, Cada Uno!

¿Quiénes somos nosotros cuando vivimos de nuestro mejor “auto-héroe”? ¡Vengan, amigos de todas las edades! Nombre y afirme a su héroe interno para iniciar un nuevo año en la transformación de la vida, juntos. Por favor, traiga el agua de sus viajes internos y externos para compartir en nuestra anual ceremonia de las aguas. Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

9 September — 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Homecoming Sunday! Heroes, Every One!

Who are we when we live from our best “hero self”? Come, friends of all ages! Name and claim your inner hero as we launch a new year of transformative life together. Please bring water from your inner and outer journeys to share in our annual Water Ceremony.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

Choir Director Dan Zulevic says, “The Choir will perform at homecoming. Want to join us?” (see page 3)



Upcoming Events

Circle Suppers

Circle Suppers offer an opportunity for members of the church community to share a potluck dinner. Groups of 6-10 people, singles and couples, younger and older, spend an evening getting to know one another. People on the Circle Supper list can attend each month or occasionally as convenient.

If you are on the Circle Supper list, you will be contacted each month. If you choose to attend you will be assigned to a host home and asked to bring either a salad, vegetable, dessert, or main dish. The host provides beverages, bread, and an appetizer. The host will contact you with directions to their home.

If you would like to join the Circle Supper Network, send an email to CircleSuppers@aol.com. If you need more information, contact **Barbara Derbyshire** (bmdbbh@aol.com) or **Bonnie Preston** (531-1513, bonnie.preston@sbcglobal.net)

Family Suppers

There is a special group for families to get together with their children. For more information about these suppers, please contact **Connie Bloch**, (408) 266-6504 or email connie_bloch@yahoo.com.

Fall Church Retreat: The Stranger – Sept. 28-30


This year’s Fall Church Retreat promises to be a really good one, so save the dates and make your reservations early! Fitting with the upcoming Bay Area Marketing Campaign, an upcoming anti-racism/anti-oppression series called “Building the World We Dream About,” and the work we are doing to understand immigration issues more deeply, we will focus on our relationship with “the stranger” — the person we may not yet know. This person, who might even seem “strange” to us, is part of the interdependent web of which we all are a part and is a person whose inherent worth and dignity we affirm. The keynote workshop will be offered by Rev. Cathleen Cox-Burneo. Also, we’ll have a reprise of the “Coffee, Tea and Small Talk: The Art of Mingling (and Meaningful Conversation)”

workshop recently presented by **Bob Miess** and much more! Of course, there will be plenty of opportunity to sing, play, hike, and relax.

Make your reservation in Hattie Porter Hall starting Sept. 2. Contact **Carol Low** 408-246-2859 or email fucsretreat@comcast.net.

Renew your eScrip Safeway Card!
Safeway requires that participants “renew” their cards with the eScrip program every September or October; or Safeway drops your card on November 1. Renewing is very easy. Just go to www.escrip.com before November 1, and click the “renew now” button under the Safeway logo. Thank you! We made \$1500 for the church in 2006, effortlessly via eScrip. If you are not already participating in eScrip, you can register your credit cards and Safeway card at www.escrip.com, and with no further effort start making money for the church off your purchases. Call **Diana Wirt** at (408) 993-1003 if you want more information.

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.



9:30 AM Servicios en español/
translation into English

26 August — 9:30 a.m.

Transfiguraciones: Momentos en lo Alto de la Montaña y las Vidas en el Valle

¿Que pasa cuando la “cima de la experiencia” esta terminada? Nuestras experiencias diarias ocurren sobre todo en los valles de la vida. Como, entonces, integramos en nuestras vidas diarias las lecciones y las visiones ofrecidas por nuestras experiencias en lo alto de la montaña-esos momentos de profunda felicidad y exaltación? La Rev. Nancy y algunos de nuestros viajeros a Transilvania, nos traen a casa las canciones e historias de su viaje para que nosotros reflexionemos que significa visitar lo alto de la montaña y entonces aprender a elevar nuestras vidas en los valles.

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Asociados de Culto: Peregrinos del viaje a Transilvania

26 de Agosto — 9:30 a.m.

Transfigurations: Mountaintop Moments and Valley Lives

What happens when a “peak experience” is over? Our everyday experiences take place mostly in life’s valleys. How, then, do we integrate into our everyday lives the lessons and visions offered by our mountaintop experiences—those moments of deep joy and exaltation? Rev. Nancy and some of our Transylvania travelers bring home songs and stories from their journey as we reflect on what it means to visit the mountaintops and then learn to lift up our lives in the valleys.

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Worship Associates: Pilgrims from the Transylvania Trip

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Ver la descripción española arriba.

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9:30 AM en español/
English translation

2 de Septiembre — 9:30 a.m.

Honrando a Aquellos Que Nos Dan Lo Mejor de Si Mismos

Algo que los seres humanos tenemos en común es el trabajo. El trabajo que cada uno de nosotros realizamos nos es de utilidad a nosotros mismos y al resto de la humanidad. Alguna gente realiza trabajo físico, mientras que otra gente realiza trabajo intelectual, ambos son muy importantes para el bienestar del resto de la humanidad. El sueño de mucha gente es dejar de trabajar, pero ¿Como sería nuestra vida si no trabajáramos? Vengan y agradezcamos a nosotros mismos y a aquellos que nos dan lo mejor de si mismos a través de su trabajo.

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

2 September — 9:30 a.m.

Honoring Those Who Give Us the Best of Themselves

Something that human beings have in common is work. The job that each one of us does is of utility to ourselves and the rest of the humanity. Some people do physical work, whereas other people do intellectual work; both are very important for the well-being of the rest of humanity. The dream of a lot of people is to stop working, but how would our life be if we did not work? Come and let us be thankful to those who give us the best of themselves through their work.

Worship Leader: Roberto Padilla; Worship Associates: SSM members

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2 September — 11:00 a.m.

Health Care for All - An Issue of Faith?

Why should we as Unitarian Universalists care about Health Care reform? As the debate heats up over what the “best plan” is to deal with our growing crisis here in California, we will explore some of the questions that we must address in the face of this crisis: How do we understand the role of health in our community and our country? Is health an individual commodity or a matter of public policy? How did we get into this situation anyway? Where do the seventh and the first principles come into play? How can we best work together for effective change?

Worship Leader: Suzanne Marsh; Worship Associate: Frank Bosche

2 de Septiembre — 11:00 a.m.

Atención Médica para Todos - ¿Un Asunto de Fe?

¿Por qué como Unitarios Universalistas debemos preocuparnos por la reforma de cuidado médico? mientras que el candente debate se ocupa sobre cuál es el “mejor plan” de nuestra crisis cada vez mayor aquí en California, nosotros exploraremos algunas de las preguntas que debemos hacer frente a esta crisis: ¿Cómo entendemos el papel de la salud en nuestra comunidad y nuestro país? ¿Es la salud una materia individual o es una cuestión de orden público? ¿Como nos metimos en esto? ¿Dónde los principios séptimo y primero entran en el juego? ¿Cómo podemos trabajar juntos lo mejor posible para un cambio eficaz?

Dirige: Suzanne Marsh; Asociado de Culto: Frank Bosche





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