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JULY 22 SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO 22 DE JULIO

9:30AM en español/
English translation

22 de Julio — 9:30 a.m.

De nuestra Mente a nuestro Espíritu

Nuestra alma también necesita que le pongamos atención como lo hacemos con nuestro cuerpo o nuestro automóvil, necesitamos limpiarla regularmente de todas las cosas negativas que cotidianamente nos topamos, como lo son el odio, la frustración, la enemistad, la discriminación y los resentimientos. Muchos de nosotros estamos tan acostumbrados a convivir con estas emociones, que a veces pensamos que estas son normales, sin embargo, esto está muy lejos de ser así. Nuestra mente deposita estos sentimientos en nuestra alma, haciendo que veamos las cosas peor de lo que son. Ven, acompáñame a encontrar juntos un mejor camino para poder sobrellevar estos sentimientos cotidianos.

Dirige: Leticia Elicea; Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM

22 July — 9:30 a.m.

Of Our Mind to Our Spirit

Our soul also needs attention, just as we pay attention to our body or our automobile. We need to regularly cleanse it of all the negative things we feel daily — hatred, frustration, animosity, discrimination and resentments. Many of us are so accustomed to living with these emotions that sometimes we think that these are normal; nevertheless, this is so far from the truth. Our mind deposits these feelings into our soul, causing us to see things much worse than they really are. Come with me. Together we will find a better way to bear with these daily feelings.

Worship Leader: Leticia Elicea; Worship Associates: Members of SSM

SERVICES AT 11 AM in English

July 22 — 11 a.m.

Are There Christians Among Us?

In describing who we are as a church community, many of us would be quick to say that we are not Christians, but what relationship would we say that we have with our undeniably Christian roots? Having distanced ourselves from this heritage, have we ever considered what might we be losing? Are we all comfortable with the idea that Christians often feel unwelcome in many of our church communities? Today we will explore what place Christianity and Christians have in our church community and consider whether the voice of our rich Christian heritage has been marginalized as we have embraced a wide diversity of additional beliefs, “unbeliefs” and practices.

Worship Leader: Suzanne Marsh; Worship Associate: Luther Jackson.

22 de Julio — 11 a.m.

¿Son Cristianos entre Nosotros?

Describiendo quiénes somos como comunidad religiosa, muchos de nosotros estaríamos prestos a decir que nosotros no somos cristianos, ¿pero qué relación diríamos que tenemos con nuestras innegables raíces cristianas? ¿Estamos del todo cómodos con la idea de que los cristianos se sientan a menudo incómodos en muchas de nuestras comunidades religiosas? Exploraremos hoy qué lugar tiene el Cristianismo y los Cristianos en nuestra comunidad religiosa y consideremos si la voz de nuestra rica herencia cristiana ha sido marginalizada cuando hemos abrazado una amplia diversidad de creencias, “incredulidades” y prácticas.

Dirige: Suzanne Marsh; Asociado de Servicio: Luther Jackson.

SAVE THE DATES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR

July 18-22, Wednesday-Sunday, All-Church Campout at the Atkinson Estate. For information, contact Alec MacLean at calecm@aol.com

July 21-27, Pacific Central District Leadership School, Alamo, CA

July 22, Sunday, Last recycling pick up.

July 22-25, First Unitarian Church of San Jose Jr. High High-Sierra Backpack Trip

August 3, Friday, Dances of Universal Peace, 8:00 pm, in the Sanctuary

October 5-7, All-Church Retreat at Monte Toyon

Social Justice Calendar

Friday, August 24, Social Justice Open Mic; 7:00pm; Sanctuary and HPH

Summer 2007 at First Unitarian

Worship

Worship continues every Sunday at 9:30 in Spanish and at 11:00 in English throughout the summer! Come share in the beauties of thought and spirit led by our Worship Associates in both languages.

Pastoral Care

Our community strives to offer compassion, companionship, healing, and joy to all its members. Our pastoral care coordinators can help you find the listening ear or helping hands that you may need in difficult times.

For **pastoral care in English**, please contact our lay Pastoral Associate Coordinator, **Rev. Donna Lenahan**: (home) 408-354-9024; (cell) 408-204-6565; e-mail: djlenahan@aol.com.

Ministerial Candidate **Suzanne Marsh** will cover pastoral care in English while Donna is at Leadership School, **July 21 through**

27. Please contact Suzanne during that week: (home) 408-972-5921; (cell) 408-483-8938.

For **pastoral care in Spanish**, please contact our Spanish-Speaking Ministries Coordinator, **Roberto Padilla**: (cell) 408-841-1011; e-mail: paor69@yahoo.com.

Special Events, Parties, and Other Gatherings

Please check our on-line monthly calendar at www.sanjoseuu.org or our newsletter for opportunities to gather for fun, learning, spiritual growth, and friendship throughout the summer.

Staff Schedules

Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, Senior Minister, will be out of the office on vacation and then on pilgrimage to Transylvania from July 9 through August 4. She returns to her regular office schedule on August 13.

Rev. Geoff Rimositis, Associate Minister for Religious Education, will be out

of the office on vacation and on pilgrimage to Transylvania through the month of July and the first part of August. Geoff returns to his regular office schedule on August 20.

Iris Gonzalez, Office Administrator, will be on vacation from July 20 through August 24. **Joyce Miller**, our Personnel Officer, will find staff for the office on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings** while Iris is away.

Roberto Padilla, Spanish-Speaking Ministries Coordinator, will be on call for Pastoral Care in Spanish and will work his regular schedule throughout the summer.

Carol Stephenson, Social Justice Coordinator, will be out of the office in July and August, making special appearances for Social Justice Open-Mic Night on Friday, August 24, and other special events. She returns to her regular office schedule on September 3.

Edgar Cruz, Sexton, will work his regular schedule through the summer.

Please welcome **Rosa Martinez** as our new Weekend Custodian! ●

El Verano del 2007 en la Primera Iglesia Unitaria

Servicios de Culto

Los servicios de culto continúan cada domingo a las 9:30 en Español y a las 11:00 en Inglés durante todo el verano! Venga a disfrutar de las bellezas de pensamiento y espíritu dirigidas por nuestros Asociados de Culto en ambos idiomas.

Cuidado Pastoral

Nuestra comunidad se esfuerza por ofrecer la compasión, el compañerismo, la recuperación, y el gozo para todos sus miembros. Nuestros coordinadores del cuidado pastoral pueden ayudarle a encontrar alguien que le escuche o que le tienda una mano cuando lo necesite en los momentos difíciles.

Para el **cuidado pastoral en inglés**, por favor comuníquese con nuestra Coordinadora Laica de Asociados Pastorales, la **Rev. Donna Lenahan**: (casa) 408-354-9024; (celular) 408-204-6565; e-mail: djlenahan@aol.com.

La Candidata Ministerial **Suzanne Marsh** estará a cargo del cuidado pastoral en inglés mientras Donna esté en la Escuela de

Liderazgo, de **Julio 21 al 27**. Por favor comuníquese con Suzanne durante esa semana: (casa) 408-972-5921; (celular) 408-483-8938.

Para el **cuidado pastoral en español** por favor comuníquese con nuestro coordinador de los ministerios en Español, **Roberto Padilla**: (celular) 408-841-1011; e-mail: paor69@yahoo.com.

Eventos Especiales, Fiestas, y Otras Reuniones

Por favor, cheque nuestro calendario mensual en el internet en www.sanjoseuu.org o nuestro boletín para informarse de todas las oportunidades de reunión para la diversión, el aprendizaje, el crecimiento espiritual y la amistad durante el verano.

Calendarios del Personal

La Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, Ministra Decana, estará de vacaciones y luego en un peregrinaje a Transylvania del 9 de Julio hasta el 4 de Agosto. Ella regresa a su calendario regular de oficina el 13 de Agosto.

El Rev. Geoff Rimositis, Minsitro Asociado de Educación Religiosa, estará de

vacaciones y en peregrinaje a Transylvania durante el mes de Julio y parte de Agosto. Geoff vuelve a su calendario regular de oficina el 20 de Agosto.

Iris Gonzalez, Administradora de la Oficina, estará de vacaciones del 20 de Julio al 24 de Agosto. **Joyce Miller**, nuestra oficial de Personal, proveerá personal para la oficina, durante Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes por la mañana, mientras Iris esté de vacaciones.

Roberto Padilla, Coordinador de los Ministerios en Español, estará de guardia para el Cuidado Pastoral en español, y trabajará su calendario regular de trabajo durante el verano.

Carol Stephenson, Coordinadora de Justicia Social, estará de vacaciones en Julio y Agosto, haciendo una aparición especial en la Noche de Micrófono Abierto de Justicia Social, el Viernes, 24 de Agosto, y en otros eventos especiales. Ella vuelve a su calendario regular de oficina el 3 de Septiembre.

Edgar Cruz, Sacristán, trabajará su calendario regular durante el verano.

Por favor denle la bienvenida a **Rosa Martinez** como nuestra nueva afanadora para los fines de semana. ●



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>

“What Is ‘Radical Hospitality’?”

(This article has been adapted from a sermon by Rev. Ned Wight. Ned is a past UUA Trustee and is currently Executive Director of the UU Veatch Program at Shelter Rock. His message is timely as we prepare for the fall UU marketing campaign. We'll be sharing details of the campaign soon!)

All of us have been strangers, visitors and guests at places both near and far. And all of us have stories—good and bad—that we could share with one another about hospitality we've experienced.

In fact a lot of us have heard the term “radical hospitality” used within the context of our planned fall UU marketing campaign. Where does the term come from?

Actually, it comes from the Benedictines. It was part of the order of St. Benedict, patriarch of western monks, who lived in the 6th century. St. Benedict wrote down how he

believed monastic communities should function—including relations with one another and with “the outside world.”

According to the book entitled *Radical Hospitality* written by Father Daniel Homan, a monk from a Benedictine monastery in Michigan, and Lonni Collins Pratt, a laywoman, radical hospitality is a fully-embodied stance of openness and affirmation toward “the other”—that is, anyone who is not you: spouses, children, close friends, casual acquaintances, strangers—even your “enemies.”

There are five things to remember about radical hospitality:

- **Radical hospitality comes from deep inside of you.** It begins with self-affirmation. It involves your own capacity to be lovable and loved - just as surely as your capacity to love. Hospitality is about the comfort of being accepted and the challenge of accepting others. “Love your neighbor as yourself.”
- **Radical hospitality is about “inclusion and exclusion.”** Each encounter with another person is a chance for you to act out of inclusive or exclusive motives. Radical hospitality always sides with inclusion; on the side of seeing in the other—the stranger, a person of inherent worth and dignity, a child of God, just like you.
- **Radical hospitality is about staying open.** It's not about controlling, manipulating or changing people to conform to your preconceived idea of what's good for them, but rather granting them the freedom to be who they are. This sounds like a basic underpinning of our faith! In the process, we're more likely to learn something significant from them. As the authors state, “The stranger opens our eyes.”
- **Radical hospitality is about giving another person your full attention and treating them with kindness. It is about active listening from the heart.** It is about switching the focus from yourself to the other.
- **Radical hospitality is about understanding, acceptance and intimacy.** Acceptance helps us all “discover [our] true selves,” according to Father Homan. He asserts that “intimacy is the goal of hospitality. Hospitality is a call to revere what is sacred in every person. . . .”

Radical hospitality is about paying attention to the little things; and more importantly; paying attention to the big things: approaching one another with inner openness and positive regard, practicing compassion, patience and active listening; and, last but not least, striving to accept others where they are—as we ourselves long to be accepted.

Who needs our hospitality? Each and every one of us . . . and all of the visitors who will come through our doors during the fall advertising campaign. May we cultivate our own deepest impulses to show these strangers the kind of radical hospitality that will invite them to stay, become friends, and make our congregation their spiritual home.



Health Care: Everybody In, Nobody Out

Our Marla Scharf, representing UULM-CA, spoke about the need for statewide health care at a One Care Now Event held at the Sunnyvale UU Fellowship. Here are Marla's remarks.

Hello, let me re-introduce myself. My name is Marla Scharf. I am a person of faith who was raised in the Unitarian Universalist faith – Unitarian Universalism is an open and welcoming faith which affirms the worth and dignity of every person, and recognizes that we are all part of an interdependent web of life.

I am here as a member, supporter, and representative of the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of California. A handful of words, so let me repeat the name and tell you about us.

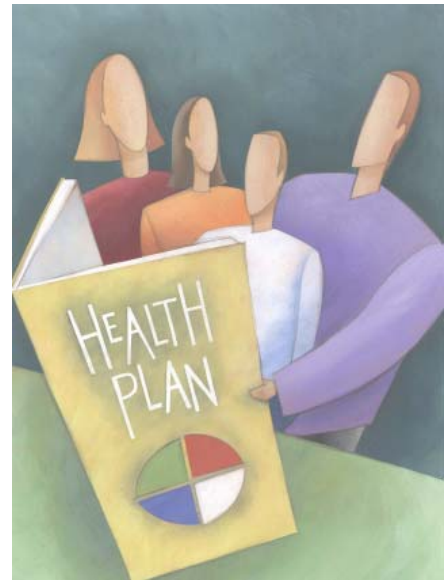
The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of California — UULM California — is a statewide justice ministry that serves to empower the moral voice of Unitarian Universalist values in the public arena.

“Religion has, in various ways throughout history, provided a setting where morals and values are held up and hopefully lived out. Religions all teach how we should care for one another. Islam, for example, requires its adherents to give to the poor and not gather up too much wealth for themselves. Christianity reminds

its believers to love their neighbors as themselves. These beliefs certainly should influence how people respond to those nearby who are sick or injured.”

[quotation from sermon entitled “The Promised Land of Health Care” by Jaco B. ten Hove, Paint Branch UU Church, February 6, 2005 <http://www.pbuuc.org/worship/sermons/sermons0405/PromisedLandHealthCare.html>]

Early founders of my faith, Unitarian Universalism, had **“envisioned the world to come as one where no one was abandoned, where no one was forever cut off from God’s love, where all shared a common destiny... [They] envisioned the world—here and now—as one where no one was abandoned, where no one was forever cut off from participation in the social and economic life of society, where all shared a common social and economic destiny. [We] Unitarian Universalists could make a worthwhile contribution applying this inclusive vision to the**



economic arrangements within our world today. The term [one Unitarian Universalist minister uses] for this vision is ‘economic anti-Calvinism,’ for it calls for a world undivided between the haves and have-nots, a world where no one is economically cast away and abandoned, a world where no one is forever damned to economic hell.”

[quotation from the Rev. David Herndon from “We are the Boat, We are the Sea; Interdependence and Economic Anti-Calvinism”]

Our current health care system in the United States and in California is morally reprehensible — it does not provide for the common needs of the people in a just, equitable, and compassionate manner.

We as a people of faith support a single payer, universal health care system.

We support **Health Care for All’s** work (<http://www.healthcareforall.org/>) for a single payer solution to the health care crisis, and to support Senator Kuehl’s bill SB-840.

People who have health care think they are safe – not true. Health care is changing, and not for the better.

See UULM-CA’s website for more information and how you might choose to help on this social justice issue at <http://www.uulmca.org/programs/health.html>. ●

Does Anyone Want To Take Over the Recycling?

Our church has really come through for the South Africa and Transylvania pilgrims by bringing loads and loads of recycling to the church. The money redeemed from this support is covering a sizeable portion of service project supplies.

The Transylvania group leaves in the next few days and the South Africa group leaves July 31, so the last scheduled day for recycling is Sunday, July 22nd.

However, we think that it would be worthwhile for another group to take over this project for their own fundraising and contribution to planetary well-being. The congregation’s participation is really rolling along, and this endeavor has been rewarding in many ways.

Is there a group that would be interested in this project? Please contact **Carrie Doolittle**, ranita23@sbcglobal.net, (408) 391-2887, to get started! ●



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.

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

NEWCOMER TABLE HOST: welcome newcomers, ask to fill out card, give info.; 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.; when available; 1-yr. term

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

GET ACQUAINTED DINNER COMMITTEE MEMBER: help send out invitations; arrange for potluck; welcome newcomers at event; only 3 times a yr.

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

MONEY COUNTER: count offering for 1 hr. after service, 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

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBER: join in exciting plans to receive influx of new members; work with outstanding people; time TBD; 1-yr. term

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

COOK: for Julian St. Inn or Cecil White Center & help serve meal, if desired; JSI the 2nd Sun. of every mo.; CWC the 3rd Sun. every other mo.; 1-yr. term

LIVE YOUR VALUES—SHARE YOUR TALENTS—FORM WARM FRIENDSHIPS
Call Genie at (408) 997-6292 or Lloyd at (408) 289-1217.

Finance Committee Report

July, 2007

The end-of-year financial accounting for 2006-2007 has been largely completed by **Pam Garcia**, our bookkeeper. Our finances looked very good this last year, with a modest balance at the end. THANKS VERY MUCH to all who contributed to make this a good year, by promptly paying pledges as well as responding to other requests for support during the year. It's wonderful to keep all our commitments and pay fair wages to our faithful staff!

For next year, things don't look as favorable. Members have responded admirably to requests to increase their pledges to offset the loss of one major donor. Members who have pledged have increased their pledge by an average of 12%! However, the canvass is still not complete, and we have a shortfall to meet our budget of about \$15,000.

If you're a member who has not yet made a pledge — who has probably received a reminder letter recently from Nancy — please do complete this process as soon as possible. **Gretchen Leavitt** (gretchen.leavitt@sbcglobal.net, 408-985-9162), **Bob Howd** (bhowd@aol.com, 408-257-6844), or **Joyce Miller** (j408miller@sbcglobal.net, 408-730-1052) would be happy to talk or meet with you to complete the process. We can give you new authorizations for automatic withdrawals, which have to be renewed each year. UUA/PCD dues are \$77 per member this year. We ask our members to cover this fee.

THANKS AGAIN for all the support you provide the church and its many activities!!!

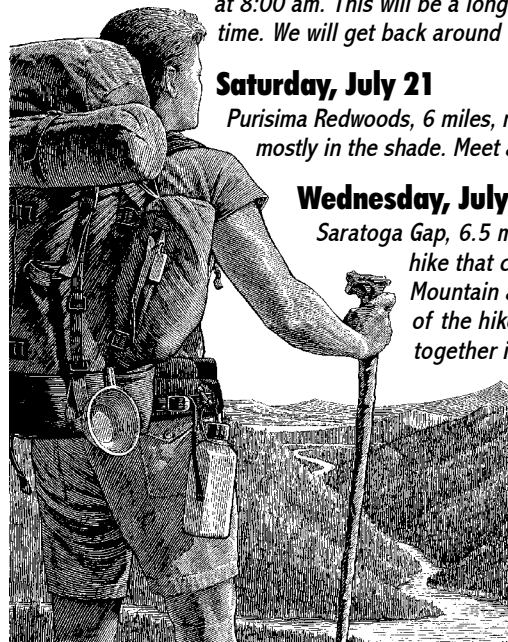
The Finance Committee: **David Tucker**, Treasurer; **Christopher Frey**, Financial Officer; **Diana Wirt**; **Bob Howd**. ●

UU Hikers and Friends *by Joyce Miller*

Here is the hiking schedule for the rest of July. 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, July 18

Big Basin State Park. Berry Falls trail, 12 miles, moderate. Let's try this trail again. We did not do it the last time because so many folks were away. Meet at Comerica Bank in Saratoga at 8:00 am. This will be a long day due to length of the hike and travel time. We will get back around 4 pm.



Saturday, July 21

Purisima Redwoods, 6 miles, moderate. We'll do the car shuttle hike. It is mostly in the shade. Meet at Page/Mill/280 Park and Ride at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, July 25

Saratoga Gap, 6.5 miles, moderate. This is new car shuttle hike that connects Saratoga gap trail to Table Mountain and Grizzly Flat Trail. We have done most of the hike in separate pieces, so this will put it together in a new way. Should be fun!

Saturday, July 28

Big Basin State Park, 12 miles, moderate. Berry Falls—I'm scheduling this again for the Saturday folks. See note for July 18. This is a long hike, but it is in the shade. Meet at Comerica Bank parking lot in Saratoga at 8:00 am.



Coming Events



Band of Writers by Genie Bernardini

The Band of Writers continues to delight me! You would not believe the variety of responses we get at each gathering to the phrase thrown out spontaneously by a member for a 10 minute writing exercise. Each is very different and each is a gem! This kind of creative energy-building must go on!

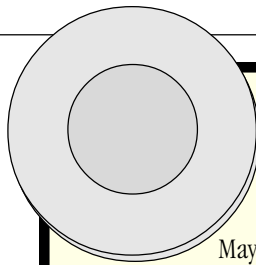
However, we are in the process yet again of finding a new time and place to meet. At this time, nothing has been decided. I will keep those on the email list informed.

Others who are interested in joining us, please call me at (408) 997-6292 or email me at geniebee@hotmail.com ●

CIRCLING AROUND Milestones in the lives of the First Unitarian Community

By Sharon
Noguchi, San Jose
Mercury News, July 7,
2007, featuring our own
Aralyn Tucker and Carrie Doolittle
([http://www.mercurynews.com/
localnewsheadlines/ci_6280176](http://www.mercurynews.com/localnewsheadlines/ci_6280176) (for the
full story on Watson Park reopening.)

“...Then there was Genevieve, the long-haired dachshund-chihuahua mix who snuggled against the leg of her mistress, **Aralyn Tucker**, 14. At home, ‘Princess Genevieve,’ as she’s called, dines on chicken, beef and organic dog food. At the park, she preferred being petted to playing, ignoring the loping and panting around her with a look that said, ‘Only dogs would behave that way.’ Nevertheless, Princess Genevieve and golden retriever Sunny had been the first dogs to be rechristened Watson Park on Saturday,’ said Aralyn’s mother, **Carrie Doolittle**. They were the only dogs there at 7 a.m. when the



Family Circle Supper Potluck Dinners

Our Family Circle Dinners have been going for the last few months. We had a great time at our last Circle Supper dinner in May, hosted at the home of **Kristen** and **Glenn Schmall** in Morgan Hill. Kristen has been attending our church with her one-year old since January. She grew up in a Unitarian church back East. These gatherings are a great way to meet newer members and have more time to get to know other families.

Our next gathering is **Sunday, July 29**, at 5:00 pm at the home of **Misako Matsuoka** at 587 Bancroft Street in Santa Clara. *If you would like to attend our next Family Circle Supper in July, or learn more about the group, please RSVP to **Connie Bloch** at (408) 266-6504 or at Connie.Bloch@yahoo.com.* ●

Choir Notes



All past and present FUCSJ choir members are invited to two events during our practice hiatus. Join us for dinner at Sonoma Chicken Coop on Market Street at 7 p.m., Friday, July 20. (Will be cancelled if not enough interest, so be sure to RSVP!) Or join us at **Dan Zulevic**’s house for a pizza party on Wednesday, August 1. Plan to bring something to share such as a bottle of wine or an hors d’oeuvre, as well as \$3-\$5 to help pay for the pizza. Please contact Henry Ruddle at henry_L@ruddle.com or 408-234-3670 to RSVP.

by Kelly Burnett

gates opened. ‘I am thrilled,’ said Doolittle, who, like other Northside neighborhood dog owners, said she had missed the park.”



Aralyn Tucker, 14, plays tug-of-war with “Sunny” at Watson Dog Park in San Jose...
(Gary Reyes)

Tim and Madeline Blackwood were at a friend’s 70th birthday party. There were flame thrower entertainers and, during the last act, when one of the thrower’s rope went awry, a burst of flame caught Madeline’s hair and Tim’s cotton shirt. It was a frightening



moment but things got taken care of quickly and order was restored. People were immediately snuffing out Tim’s shirt and Madeline says she snuffed out the flame in her own hair. She says they were damn lucky. Of course, they will always remember Darlene’s birthday and I bet every time she sees them — she will remember that party and that horrific moment. Glad you are safe, guys!

Genie Bernardini

recently celebrated her 70th birthday with a party that included singing, poetry, belly dancing and much good fun.



Kindness is a language which the deaf can bear and the blind can see.

...Mark Twain ●

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 408-810-3182, but she’d prefer to receive your news by email, if possible.



9:30 AM Servicios en español/
translation into English

29 de Julio — 9:30 a.m.
Crecimiento Espiritual UU

El crecimiento espiritual es una expresión que se escucha muy a menudo en las denominaciones cristianas. Parece siempre estar ligado a ciertas prácticas de oración, lectura de la Biblia y a veces el ayuno. ¿Cómo y cuándo sucede el crecimiento espiritual para nosotros los Unitarios Universalistas? ¿Qué importancia tiene para nosotros? Dirige: Ervin Barrios; Asociada de Culto: María Pereira

July 29 — 9:30 a.m.
UU Spiritual Growth

Spiritual growth is an expression often used amongst the Christian denominations. It seems to be always linked to certain prayer practices, reading the Bible, and sometimes fasting. How and when does spiritual growth happen for us Unitarian Universalists? How important is it for us? Leader: Ervin Barrios; Worship Associate: María Pereira

SERVICES AT 11 AM
in English

29 July — 11:00 a.m.
A Walk Through This World On Different Feet

Come share stories of people in our community who move about in this world with differing and changing physical abilities. Let's consider and meditate on permanence/impermanence, reality/illusion, and graces/challenges of our beautiful mosaic of differing human bodies. Worship Leader: Marla Scharf; Worship Associates: Dena Dickinson, Lucy Proulx and Kelly Burnett

29 de Julio — 11:00 a.m.
Una caminata a través de este mundo en diversos pies

Ven a compartir las historias de la gente de nuestra comunidad que se mueve alrededor en este mundo con diferentes capacidades físicas. Consideremos y meditemos en permanente/impermanente, realidad/ilusión, y bendiciones/desafíos de nuestro hermoso mosaico de diferentes cuerpos humanos. Dirige: Marla Scharf; Asociadas de Culto: Dena Dickinson, Lucy Proulx, and Kelly Burnett

9:30 AM 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 for some Sundays 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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