



# Our Church Circular

June 20,  
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## JUNE 24 SUNDAY SERVICES / SERVICIOS DE DOMINGO 24 DE JUNIO

9:30AM en español/  
English translation

**24 de Junio — 9:30 a.m.**  
**Viviendo en el Destierro; ¿Soy Latina o Americana?**  
Muchos latinos viven las complicaciones de vivir lejos de la patria. Intentan forjar una vida nueva en los Estados Unidos, mientras intentan mantener su identidad patria. ¿Cómo mantener el balance de ser latino y americano?  
Dirige: Annette Falcón; Asociados de Culto: Miembros de SSM.

**June 24 — 9:30 a.m.**  
**Living in Exile; Am I Latin or American?**  
Many Latinos live the complications of living far away from their mother country. They try to forge a new life in the United States, while they try to maintain their own identity. How can they maintain the balance of being Latin and American?  
Worship Leader: Annette Falcón; Worship Associates: Members of SSM.

SERVICES AT 11:00AM Services in English

**June 24 — 11 a.m.**  
**Making a Difference; Sharing Our Caring**  
Having experienced life as it comes, on life's terms, and not always as we wish it to be, we are each called to be "wounded healers." In the process of healing our own wounds, we learn how to be with and care for others as they experience life as it comes. Join us for heartfelt songs, caring reflections, and ritual, as we remember those who cared for us and those we care for and have cared for.  
Worship Leader: la Rev. Donna Lenahan; Worship Associates: Pastoral Care Training Class.

**24 de Junio — 11 a.m.**  
**Haciendo una Diferencia; Compartiendo Nuestro Cuidado**  
Habiendo experimentado la vida como viene, en términos de vida, y no siempre lo que deseamos ser, cada uno de nosotros estamos llamados a ser "Curadores de heridas". En el proceso curativo de nuestras propias heridas, aprendemos cómo estar y como cuidar a otros mientras que ellos experimentan la vida como viene. Unámonos para cantar canciones sentidas, hacer reflexiones que cuidan y un ritual de como recordamos a los que cuidaron de nosotros, y a ésos que cuidamos y para aquellos que hemos cuidado.  
Dirige: la Rev. Donna Lenahan; Asociados de Culto: Miembros de la Clase de Cuidado Pastoral.

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Committee chairs and other volunteers were praised with rhyming couplets and received UU t-shirts on Sunday, June 17.



### Call For Photos

The photo archive has grown a lot over the past couple of weeks because several members chose to send in their own photo collections or sent photos they took at recent events. The church's website, newsletter and other communications still need more, particularly for events in the sanctuary such as special worship services, weddings/commitment ceremonies and community meetings. If you have or plan to take such photos, please e-mail them or your questions to [uusanjose@gmail.com](mailto:uusanjose@gmail.com).

## SAVE THE DATES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR

**July 1, Sunday**, Potluck Sponsored by Romanian Pilgrims, 6-9 pm, Hattie Porter Hall  
**July 6, Friday**, Dances of Universal Peace, 8:00 pm, in the Sanctuary

**July 8, Sunday**, UU Band of Writers, 9:00 am — NEW TIME — place TBD

**July 18-22, Wednesday-Sunday**, Camping at the Atkinson Estate. For information, contact Alec MacLean at [calecm@aol.com](mailto:calecm@aol.com).  
**July 15, Sunday**, last recycle pick-up day





## As We Build the Beloved Community “Patience Is Your Alley . . .”

by the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

**M**y spouse Kevin cracked open a fortune cookie a few days ago, and he found this message on the tiny slip of paper inside: “Patience is your alley at the moment. Don’t worry!”

Surely there is a typo here—surely the fortune-cookie writer really meant to say, “Patience is your ally”—but I actually prefer the message just as it is. With that one little typographical error, patience becomes not some abstract virtue, and not an inner quality or personality trait with which we may or may not be gifted; it is not even the friend or companion—the “ally”—who can support us along life’s bumpy path. Instead, patience becomes the path itself. Can you picture this? Patience as the road we choose to walk, the way we take through life. Some of us turn left and race down Impatient Street; others turn off the beaten path and walk down Patience Alley.

So what kind of “way” is this Patience Alley? Perhaps patience is a gravelly hidden road, linking the backyards of houses, running down the long interior of a city block like a zipper—like the alley I used to run down as a child to reach my best friend’s house every day. Perhaps patience is an alley with a slightly British flair: a lovely garden path that weaves between tall stalks of iris and hollyhocks or that trails along under a canopy of towering trees. Or perhaps this Patience Alley is one of those dark narrow streets squeezed between grimy city buildings, littered with broken bottles and open trash containers, smelling of spoiled food. Not such a pretty picture? But for some of us this is our very first association with the word alley. And in truth, it makes sense to me that the Way of Patience is not a smooth and easy path but rather one that requires us to stay alert, to step over or around the obstacles, and to learn to accept the not-so-lovely parts of life.

What difference would it make in my own life if I consistently chose to walk the Patience Path? I think I’d move more slowly. I’d pay attention to the smallest details. Most of all I would be more forgiving of myself and my mistakes, for I would see reflected—maybe in that broken scrap of mirror over there—how I am and will always be a work in progress. Forgiving others would be easier too, because in Patience Alley I would see more clearly the hazards and the obstacles that make us all stumble sometimes. And I would appreciate more deeply the bits of beauty we find here and there—the beauty in a tuft of stubborn green weed that breaks through the gravel and the grime; the beauty in the sharp flute of a bird’s song before it sweeps off with a crust of bread, or in the piercing cry of the baby birds it is flying home to feed.

“Patience is your alley . . . Don’t worry!” the fortune cookie says. I think we wouldn’t worry quite so much if we walked the Patience Way. So . . . what kind of path would your Patience Alley be?

Interesting, isn’t it? A little error—a less-than-perfect fortune-cookie fortune—has given us a new perspective on a very old idea. Maybe it wasn’t a mistake after all!

May your summer open up pathways to new perspectives, to playful meanderings in body, mind, or spirit, and to mistakes that turn out to be blessings! All of these things will give us strength as we build the Beloved Community.

I’ll see you in July!

Warmly, *Nancy*



## A Medida que Construimos Nuestra Comunidad de Amor “La Paciencia es tu Callejón . . .”

por la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones

**M**i esposo Kevin partió una galletita de la fortuna hace unos días, y en un pequeño pedazo de papel encontró este mensaje: “La Paciencia es tu callejón en este momento. No te preocupes.”

Probablemente fue un error tipográfico al escribirlo—seguramente el escritor del mensaje en la galletita realmente quiso decir “La Paciencia es tu Aliado”—pero yo realmente prefiero el mensaje como esta. Con ese pequeño error tipográfico, la paciencia no se convierte en una virtud abstracta, en una cualidad interior ó un rasgo interno de la personalidad con el cual podemos ó no ser dotados, no es incluso el amigo ó el compañero—el aliado—que puede apoyarnos a lo largo de la trayectoria desigual de la vida. En su lugar, la paciencia se convierte en la trayectoria en si misma. ¿Puedes visualizar esto? La Paciencia como el sendero que elegimos caminar, la manera como tomamos la vida. Algunos de nosotros damos vuelta a la izquierda y empezamos una carrera cuesta abajo por la calle de la Impaciencia, otros toman el sendero golpeando y hacia abajo siguiendo el callejón de la paciencia.

Que clase de camino es el Callejón de la Paciencia? Quizás la paciencia es un camino oculto lleno de grava, juntando los patios traseros de la casas, corriendo a través del interior de las manzanas de la ciudad como una cremallera—como el callejón que utilice para correr cuesta abajo cuando era niña para llegar a la casa de mi mejor amiga diariamente. Quizás la paciencia es un callejón con un instinto levemente Británico: una trayectoria encantadora del jardín que ondula entre los altos tallos de los Iris y las “Malvas” ó de esa trayectoria que corre debajo de un pabellón de árboles elevados. O quizás este callejón de la paciencia es una de esas calles estrechas, oscuras y comprimidas entre los edificios mugrientos de la ciudad, dejados en desorden con los contenedores quebrados de basura abiertos, con el olor de comida descompuesta. ¿No es un espectáculo muy bonito? Pero para algunos de nosotros ésta es nuestra asociación con la palabra callejón. Y en verdad, esto tiene sentido para mi, que el camino de la paciencia no es un sendero liso y fácil, pero es uno que nos requiere permanecer alerta, caminar sobre ó alrededor de los obstáculos, y aprender a aceptar las partes no tan encantadoras de la vida.

Qué diferenciaría en mi propia vida si elegí constantemente caminar la trayectoria de la paciencia? Pienso que me movería más lentamente. Prestaría atención a los detalles más pequeños. Sobre todo, me perdonaría mis errores, porque vería reflejado—quizá en ese espejo quebrado que esta ahí—cómo soy y seré siempre una obra en fase de progreso. El perdón de otros sería más fácil también, porque en el callejón de la paciencia vería más claramente los peligros y los obstáculos que nos hacen tropezar, y apreciaría más profundamente los pedacitos de belleza encontrados aquí y allá—la belleza en un penacho de mala hierba verde obstinada asomarse a través de la grava: la belleza del sonido de flauta aguda de la canción de un pájaro antes de que esparza una corteza de pan, ó el grito agudo de los pájaros bebés cuando vuelve al hogar volando para ser alimentados.

“La Paciencia es tu callejón . . . No te preocupes!” la galleta de la fortuna decía, pienso que no nos preocuparíamos tanto si caminamos el camino de la paciencia. ¿Así mismo . . . que clase de sendero sería tu callejón de la paciencia?

¿Interesante, no es así? Un pequeño error—una galleta de la fortuna menos que perfecta—nos ha dado una nueva perspectiva de una idea muy vieja. ¡No era quizá un error después de todo!

Espero que tu verano abra caminos a nuevas perspectivas en cuerpo, mente ó espíritu y que los errores se conviertan en bendiciones. Todas estas cosas nos darán fuerza mientras construimos nuestra querida comunidad.

Calurosamente,

*Nancy*



## Yahoo Group Available for Discussion of Immigration Issues

by Bob Miess

Recently, our congregation has been considering whether and how we might become involved in the New Sanctuary Movement, which calls for comprehensive and humanitarian reform of our immigration laws. In its April meeting, the Board of Directors asked the Program & Operations Council (POC) to assist the congregation in exploring any such involvement. The POC developed a draft resolution to support the movement primarily through advocacy and education, to begin this discernment process.

On May 27, Rev. Carol Been of the Interfaith Council came to our congregational meeting to explain the New Sanctuary Movement; the POC's draft resolution was presented. We held an open forum on Sunday, June 3 to have Richard Hobbs offer more information, to discuss the resolution, and to provide opportunities for amending the resolution. There was good discussion among those who attended.

The congregation met on Sunday, June 17 to consider this resolution and amendments to it. Our intent was to get a "sense of the congregation's thoughts," not to take a final and complete position on the issue. The date allowed our delegates to go to the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly (GA) with an understanding of the congregation's desires, as this issue is sure to arise during the GA proceedings.

We are now furthering this ongoing discussion electronically through a Yahoo e-mail group.

If you would like to participate in the discussion, either as a listener or as a speaker, send an e-mail request to [uusj-discuss-  
subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:uusj-discuss-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). You will be automatically added to the discussion group and receive any e-mails sent to the group. You will also be able to send e-mails to the group at the following address: [uusj-discuss@yahoogroups.com](mailto:uusj-discuss@yahoogroups.com). Everyone is welcome to take part in this respectful conversation.

In this Yahoo group, we will discuss the resolution and the issue of immigration, so please address any other issues in some other way. It is meant to allow us to continue our discernment on immigration questions and immigration reform. Please post your comments with these intentions, seeking to understand other perspectives and with the consensus building in mind. We hope that this group will be a useful tool toward these ends.

We do hope you'll join and be a part of this important discernment process for our church!

## Yahoo Groups disponible para la discusión de temas de inmigración.

por Bob Miess

Recientemente, nuestra congregación ha estado considerando si y cómo podemos estar envueltos en el Nuevo Movimiento Santuario que nos llama para una reforma comprensiva y humanitaria de nuestras leyes de inmigración. En su reunión de abril, la junta directiva pidió que el consejo del programa y de las operaciones (POC) asistiera a la congregación en explorar cualquier implicación. El POC desarrolló un proyecto de resolución para apoyar el movimiento primario a través de la con defensa y la educación, para comenzar con el proceso de discernimiento.

El 27 de mayo, La Rev. Carol Been del consejo de Interfe, vino a nuestra reunión congregacional a explicar que es el Nuevo Movimiento Santuario, el proyecto de resolución del POC fue presentado. Sostuvimos un foro abierto el domingo 3 de junio donde Richard Hobbs ofreció más información para discutir la resolución, y para proporcionar las oportunidades para enmendar dicha resolución. Hubo una buena discusión entre los que asistieron.

La congregación se reunió el domingo 17 de junio para considerar esta resolución y hacerle algunas enmiendas. Nuestro intento era conseguir el "sentir de los pensamientos de la congregación", de no tomar una posición final y completa respecto a la edición. La fecha permitió a nuestros delegados que van a la Asamblea General del UUA con una comprensión de los deseos de la congregación, pues esta edición es segura presentarse durante los procedimientos de GA.

Ahora estamos fomentando esta discusión electrónicamente a través de un grupo de Yahoo.

Si usted quisiera participar en la discusión, como oyente o como altavoz, envíe un mensaje electrónico a [uusj-discuss-  
subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:uusj-discuss-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Le agregarán automáticamente al grupo de discusión y recibirá cualquier E-mail enviado al grupo. Usted también podrá enviar mensajes electrónicos al grupo en la dirección siguiente: [uusj-discuss@yahoogroups.com](mailto:uusj-discuss@yahoogroups.com). Cada uno es bienvenido participar en esta respetuosa conversación.

En este grupo de Yahoo, discutiremos la resolución y el asunto de inmigración, así que por favor, envíe cualquier otro asunto en cualquier otra manera. Esto significa que nos permitirá que continuemos nuestro discernimiento en las preguntas de inmigración y la reforma de inmigración. Envíe por favor sus comentarios con esa intención, intentando entender otras perspectivas y con el consenso en mente para poder construir. Esperamos que este grupo sea una herramienta útil para estos fines.

¡Esperamos que usted se reúna y sea una parte de este importante proceso de discernimiento para nuestra iglesia!

**E-Mail Extra:** Bob has advice for how to experience General Assembly from home in the online newsletter edition

**E-Mail Extra:** Refer to the May 18 print/online newsletter or read the online edition of this newsletter for the Religious Education schedule



**E-Mail Extra:** Read praise for the June 9 Service is Our Prayer Day crew in the online edition!



by Ellie White

# JOY THROUGH SERVICE

## In Praise of Dan Zulevic's Choir Leadership

“It’s a joy to be in our church choir because of **Dan Zulevic**, our choir director,” says **Nancy Sutton Hada**. “The quick sense of humor with which he delivers his many analogies to help us do our best makes me look forward to our practices.”

“Dan has brought us interesting and challenging music and led us to build a repertoire of songs that allows us to sing more than once the songs the congregation and we especially like. We also have really enjoyed the choir exchanges that he has arranged with other churches like the one we had with Rev. Kevin Smith’s church.”

“The multi-dimensional leadership of Dan finds a kindred spirit in our multi-talented pianist Dianne Saichek, and her ability to match his sense of fun makes our practice time fly by. Our choir has a number of professionally trained voices along with Dan who is a professional bandleader and singer of an amazing variety of styles. I’m inspired by Dan’s willingness to bring his musical talent to share with the choir.”

Henry Ruddle adds, “Dan has a very gentle way of encouraging us – despite our best efforts to goof around – to hit the right notes the right way at the right volume. His easy going style means that he constantly gives us the impression that he’s just winging it, and yet, to my constant amazement, he always seems to have a well thought out rationale for everything he does and asks us to do. Even when choir members ask exasperating questions or demonstrate their



expertise at ignoring everything Dan has just explained, he keeps his cool – on practice days anyway.

“On performance days, it’s a different story. Dan keeps us on a short leash during our pre-service practice, even if he has to pop a few veins in his forehead or get a bit snippy to wrangle a room full of cut-ups.”

Catch Dan’s variety of spirited styles which keeps Nancy, Henry and the other choir members coming back to each Wednesday eve’s rehearsal where all can learn from *the maestro*. **Liz**

**Owen** says, “Dan’s only criteria for joining the choir is that you like to sing. This requirement lets us *shower singers* enjoy the experience of singing and in doing so, we also learn a lot.”

The entire choir and the rest of our congregation, who’ve enjoyed Dan’s uplifting energy, would surely join in a chorus of “Thank you Dan, for some memorable, creative choir *happenings*.” ●



*Would you like to praise one or more of our church volunteers who lift your spirit? Is it a certain parishioner (or a church group) who’s shown one or more attributes of, for example, bright leadership, cooperation, cheerfulness, kindness, and/or humor? Email Ellie White at [elejeff@finestplanet.com](mailto:elejeff@finestplanet.com) or phone (408) 729-0420.*

**E-Mail Extra: Read the e-mail newsletter edition for the back stage story in “Choir Notes”**

## Classified Ads for Our Spiritual Cooperative

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

**T**hese 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; 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. afternoon; 1-yr. term

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

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# Spotlight on Social Justice

By Carol Stephenson, Social Justice Coordinator, [socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org](mailto:socialjustice@sanjoseuu.org) (408) 292-3858 x27

Let it Shine



I love the summer! My birthday comes smack dab in the middle of the months that kids have off from school, and that *may* have something to do with it. But I also love the enveloping heat, all the different ways to cool off with water (ocean is my singular favorite, but sprinklers do quite nicely) and the hope that comes with the prospect of a new year. I have kept my internal clock geared to the school year, so for me June is a time to wind

down, summer means celebration and September allows for a fresh start. With new teachers, new subjects, infinite possibilities, I have always looked forward to the new school year as the one that I will finally shine! Not that I accomplish all that I aspire to do, but the thrill is in the potential. So the church year suits me just perfectly. The entire office slows down about now, and through June and July I will not be holding office hours. I will, however, be contemplating how the Social

Justice Council will reach *its* potential come the new church year. I look forward to an emphasis on building the Social Justice Council into a more formal body with help from each of you. We are looking for new blood on the Social Justice Council, so if you would like to take part in guiding the social justice ministry, are able to commit to one Monday evening meeting per month, and want to join a growing and dynamic group at the church, please contact me. Here's to summer, here's to all we aspire to be! ●

by Kelly Burnett

## CIRCLING AROUND Milestones in the lives of the First Unitarian Community

Our own **Juliana Richmond**

is a delightful 86 year old lady with a wonderful gift for story-telling. Her description of a very full and interesting life—just published in her book, *Dancing with Mama*—will move, amuse and inspire you. Juliana read from her book at the 11:00 am service on June 17. Also, a book signing in Hattie Porter Hall followed the service.



**Elise Engelhardt** is running a summer technology camp for kids grades 6 through 10 though a nonprofit where she is a volunteer—the Silicon Valley Engineering Council. She started the camp last summer at San Jose State University in conjunction with retired dean of engineering Dr. Jay Pinson. They have now expanded it to Santa Clara University and Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill. The sessions run for three weeks. Start dates are June 18, July 9 and July 30. The cost is only \$250, which is pretty good for three weeks.

They also offer scholarships for the asking (no proof required, just include a letter saying you need it). The program is supported by donations from local companies. Elise is taking a break from her regular engineering job over the summer to get this program off the ground. They still have quite a few classes that

are not yet full. You can find more information at: <http://www.techacademysv.com/>

**Torchy Hunter** has a small piano that she wants to give away. It is a “Betsy Ross” spinet. She says it has a good tone. If you would like to have it, please contact Torchy directly by email at [dzu@aol.com](mailto:dzu@aol.com).

### High-School Graduates' Plans Photos by Dana Grover

On Sunday, June 3, at the 11:00 am service, the following youth members of our congregation who are off to college this fall spoke movingly with their parents and about their experiences growing up in our church. The speakers and the colleges they will attend are:



**Brandon Balzer-Carr** (UC Santa Cruz)



**Isabelle Heye** (Washington University in St. Louis, MO)



**Anne Newman** (San Jose State)



**Mike Lanier** (Chapman College in Orange, CA)

**Tommy Low** (DigiPen Institute of Technology in Seattle, WA)

**Emma Strong** (Smith College in Northampton, MA)



**Stephen Marsh** (West Valley College)

Additional youth members of our church who graduated this month and are going off to college soon are **Katie Hoose** (Cal Poly), **Steven Schuler** (Cal Poly), and **Gavin Zirkel** (Cal Poly).

Congratulations to all! And if we've missed any graduates, please let **Kelly Burnett** know their names, so we can congratulate them, too.

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](mailto:kelly@kellybur.com). Her telephone number is 408-810-3182, but she'd prefer to receive your news by email, if possible.

### Church Haiku by Marge Schneider

Sunday is the day  
we all come together for  
service, sermon, song

afterwards we talk  
over coffee and donuts  
to our hearts delight

we leave uplifted  
filled with the magic of love  
and our dreams' desires



# Upcoming Events

## Low-Stress Camping, July 18-22

It's summer, and time to go camping! On July 18 - 22 we will return to the Atkinson Estate, just up the hill from Morgan Hill, for five days of - - well, ask someone who's been to one! The kids make friends, the adults make friends. The village raises the children. It is truly low-stress camping. We eat, sleep, hike, read, snooze, play Boggle, play in the creek, talk, listen, count stars, watch birds, share chores, s'mores and snores, and we wish life were always like this.

For more information, send an email to **Alec MacLean** at [calecm@aol.com](mailto:calecm@aol.com), and



we'll send you some more information. We are limited in the number of people we can take, so don't wait until the last minute. ●

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

### Unitarian Artisans & Craftspeople!!!

Share your creativity at the **Fireside Gift Faire** on Sunday Dec. 10 after the church service! This sixth annual event, formerly known as Holiday Wanderers, is a fundraiser for First Unitarian. Artistic and crafty people can rent tables to sell their handmade goods, with a portion of profits donated to the church. Let your creative mind go! Registration deadline for new vendors is August 15, 2007. California Seller's Permit is required. It's free and easy to get by visiting [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov). For the Fireside Gift Faire registration form and further information, please contact **Cecilia Deck** at (408) 729-5586 or email [ceciliadeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ceciliadeck@sbcglobal.net). ●

## Pilgrim's Potluck

**Sunday, July 1, 6 – 9 pm  
in Hattie Porter Hall**

**T**he Romania Pilgrims invite you to a summertime potluck dinner. Come and hang out with friends. Activities available for all ages are:

- Food.
- Videos to see and music to hear.
- A rubber-stamp project to make gifts that we will present to our hosts. (*Several helpers are needed – contact Monty*)
- Pilgrims preparing music for sharing with our hosts. You are invited to participate.
- Informational talks about our Unitarianism roots in Transylvania.
- Making a video greeting card for our partner church.

Food assignments are first come first serve. Call or e-mail **Monty Low** with your choice and contact information: phone (408) 348-2778 or send email to [low.monty@gmail.com](mailto:low.monty@gmail.com).

You will be contacted for a second choice if we have too many of one thing. — main dish, beverage, salad, side or dessert. ●

## Recycle for Romania & Africa by Mary Martin

**We're off to Africa! Romania too!  
And to help us raise funds,  
here's what you can do!**

**Bring us aluminum,  
your glass and your plastic—**

**The action you take  
doesn't have to be drastic!**



**Look on the label for the word,  
"CRV", and  
don't toss that item with other debris.  
Put these things into big garbage sacks  
and bring them to church  
to the stairs near the back.  
That's right by the Third Street Community sign  
Hey! Let's make this a UU recycling shrine!**

**Don't crush the cans, and  
don't break the glass,  
They're worth much more whole,  
so more cash we'll amass!**

**E-Mail Extra: Read the e-mail  
newsletter edition for an open  
letter from pilgrim Monty Low!**

**With your help these pilgrimages will be a success  
And so we say thanks and may you be blessed!**



**Last Recycle Pick Up — July 15**

## South Africa Pilgrims' Progress

**T**he South Africa pilgrims would like to extend a HUGE thank you to our community that has supported our mission so quickly and so fully.

We have, in a matter of two weeks, collected two vanfuls of cans, bottles, and plastic containers, which we know will be lucrative. And, the special offering last Sunday yielded an enormous amount—almost \$700!

At this point, we are certain, with this kind of support from our congregation, that we will have enough to purchase the supplies necessary for our service work. This money will buy roofing materials, tools, gardening implements, irrigation materials, and the incidentals necessary to complete our projects.

We are not done. We are about halfway through the process for these projects, so keep those cans and bottles coming!!!!

In deep gratitude and awe of this community,  
*Carrie and all the rest of the South Africa pilgrims*

**9:30AM** Servicios en español/  
translation into English

**1 De Julio — 9:30 a.m.**

**Unitario Universalismo, Una visión personal**

Aunque no lo creamos, a veces los temas más difíciles de la vida son los más sencillos de explicar, de enseñar y de aprender. ¿Que es el unitario universalismo? ¿Que se espera de nosotros? ¿Por qué somos tan pocos Unitarios Universalistas en el mundo? Vengan y acompañenme a tratar de responder a estas preguntas, encontrando en comunidad un camino de luz dentro de esta fe que hemos escogido. Vengan y revisemos juntos lo que nos esta ofreciendo la vida a través del Unitario Universalismo.

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

**July 1 — 9:30 a.m.**

**Unitarian Universalism, a personal vision**

Sometimes the most difficult subjects in our life are simplest to explain and to learn. What is Unitarian Universalism? What is expected of us? Why are there so few Unitarian Universalists in the world? Come and work with me to try to respond to these questions, finding in community a lighted path within this faith that we have chosen. Come and let us review together what life offers us through Unitarian Universalism.

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

**SERVICES AT 11AM**  
in English

**July 1 — 11:00 a.m.**

**Hospitality: Reaching Out, Providing Welcome**

As Unitarian Universalists, we like to think of ourselves as welcoming of all people. *Indeed, acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations is one of our principles.* Acceptance, however, is not the same as hospitality. How do we overcome personal and congregational barriers so that we receive others with an open heart? We will feed one another with bread, song, and words.

Worship Leader: Christy Baker; Worship Associate: Sandra Iwamoto

**1 De Julio — 11:00 a.m.**

**Hospitalidad: Tratando de llegar a más gente, dándoles la bienvenida**

Como Unitarios Universalistas, nos gusta pensar en nosotros mismos dándole la bienvenida a toda la gente. De hecho, la aceptación de unos y otros y del estímulo al crecimiento espiritual en nuestras congregaciones es uno de nuestros principios. Aceptación, sin embargo, no es igual que hospitalidad. ¿Cómo superamos barreras personales y congregacionales de modo que recibamos a otros con un corazón abierto? Nosotros nos alimentaremos el uno al otro con pan, canción y palabras.

Dirige: Christy Baker; Asociada de Culto: Sandra Iwamoto

**9:30AM** en español/  
English translation

**8 de Julio — 9:30 a.m.**

**Opciones que importan: Experiencias de Portland**

¿Cuáles fueron las “opciones que importan” en la Asamblea General de la Asociación de Unitaria Universalista este año? ¿Qué descubrieron nuestros miembros y que creamos juntándonos con millares de UUs alrededor del país y del mundo en Portland, Oregon a finales de junio? ¿Y cómo pudieron estas decisiones y experiencias afectar nuestra vida junta en San José en el año que viene? Ven a compartir las riquezas y regalos que nuestros asistentes de la Asamblea General han traído al hogar de nuestra querida comunidad. ¡Es bueno estar de regreso!

Dirige: la Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Asociados de Culto: Carol Stephenson y otros que asistieron a la Asamblea General 2007

**July 8 — 9:30 a.m.**

**Choices That Matter: Experiences from Portland**

What were the “Choices That Matter” at the Unitarian Universalist Association’s General Assembly this year? What did our members discover and what did we create by meeting with thousands of UUs from around the country and the world in Portland, Oregon, at the end of June? And how might these decisions and experiences affect our life together in San José in the year to come? Come share the riches and the gifts that our General Assembly attendees have brought home to our Beloved Community. It’s good to be back!

Worship Leader: the Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones; Worship Associates: Carol Stephenson and other attendees of General Assembly 2007

**SERVICES AT 11AM**  
in English

**July 8 — 11:00 a.m.**

**Choices That Matter: Experiences from Portland**

*See English description above.*

**8 de Julio — 11:00 a.m.**

**Opciones que importan: Experiencias de Portland**

*Ver la descripción española arriba.*

**Please Sign Up to Lead or Assist** one or more sessions of the **UU Superheroes (K-5th)** OR **You The Creator (6th-8th)** Sunday morning classes. Contact the Rev. Geoff Rimositis ([GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org](mailto:GRimositis@sanjoseuu.org)). Lesson plans and support provided.





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## The Ministers are in!

**Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones** and **Rev. Geoff Rimositis** are here to talk with you! Because ministers' office schedules vary—we may be in a meeting, attending to denominational business, writing at home, visiting congregants, and more—it's always wise to call or e-mail to make an appointment before coming in.

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Call if you are interested in becoming a member of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose, if you would like to discuss the work of our congregation, if you want to schedule a rite of passage, if you simply need a listening ear or are in a personal crisis. We may not be able to "do it all"—but we cherish the sacred trust of being called to serve you!

## Aquí estan los Ministros!

La **Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones** y el **Rev. Geoff Rimositis** están aquí para conversar con ustedes! Debido a que nuestros horarios de oficina varían – podemos encontrarlos en reunión, atendiendo asuntos de negocios, escribiendo en casa, visitando congregantes y otras cosas más – les recomendamos hacer una cita antes de venir a vernos. Nos pueden encontrar:

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Llame si está interesado en ser miembro de la Primera Iglesia Unitaria, si quiere saber más sobre el trabajo de nuestra congregación, si necesita servicios rituales, espirituales, o simplemente a alguien que lo excuche y si tiene una crisis personal. Tal vez no podamos asistirlo con todo – pero honramos la confianza sagrada de que nos contacte para ayudarle!

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