



Redwood Reachout

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Sunday Services – 10:30 a.m.

May 3: **Calm Mind in a Busy World** — Tulku Orgyen Zangpo
Buddhist meditation and centering in the midst of scattered busyness.

May 10: **The Feminine** — Rev. Julia Older
Intergenerational Service: Stories and poetry for mothers, on this “Celebration Sunday” marking the end to our annual budget drive. Special collection for HAND (Helping After Neonatal Death).

May 17: **Start With the Heart** — Rev. Catherine Harrington
In the peace process, one small success can pave the way for future negotiations, making a peaceful solution possible where it once seemed impossible. This basic wisdom translates from world peace to peace in the home.

May 24: **Rooted in Shared History** — Rev. Endre Nagy, Jr.
Rev. Nagy is the 2008-2009 Balázs Scholar at Starr King School for the Ministry. He will explore the historical background of both Transylvanian and U.S. American Unitarianism and Universalism.

May 31: **The Right Questions** — Rev. Julia Older
Sometimes what we need is not the definitive answer but a better question.

Invitation to Newcomers

Newcomers are warmly invited to join us for our monthly “Newcomer Circle” on May 10 after the service. (This month it’s the first Sunday, rather than the usual second, because of Easter.) This is an opportunity for you to learn more about our Fellowship and to ask any questions that you may have about us. We’ll meet in the Back Lounge at 11:45 for this 30-minute gathering. Childcare is available. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Johnson, Welcoming Coordinator, at 364-4995 or **phreeps @ pacbell.net**.



Thanks to Kat Eden, I was invited to write a piece on Nature Deficit Disorder for Education.com. It was recently published and I decided to share it with you instead of my usual column:

I grew up in a time when all the kids in my neighborhood spent time outside, and most of us came to feel at home in the natural world. The outside drew us to play, to wander, to daydream, and to imagine. The woods at the end of the street, the fields near Grandpa's and the solitary walk home from school opened us to the enchantment of the natural world.

For me, growing up in the urban setting of an Atlanta neighborhood, there were two magic outdoor places: the poplar tree with its long rope swing in my own back yard, and the creek at the end of the street. I ran away to that creek and spent hours alone daydreaming. My mother forbid me to go there and said there might be kidnappers. However, I wanted to be down at that creek more than I feared punishment or kidnappers. Those woods called to me. Getting there was completely worth the whipping I got when Mama found out. And she most often found out, as I almost inevitably got wet and muddy slipping into the water. I wasn't a particularly graceful child, or clever about covering my tracks. I was simply and irresistibly drawn to that green sanctuary.

When my own kids were young, we were lucky to live out from town on a bit of land. I was grateful that being in the woods was almost unavoidable for my kids, but I still worked to help them notice the beauty of the natural world. There was enough wilderness nearby that we had regular visits from deer and a black snake, which literally hung out in the shed—waiting, I suppose, for mice. One particular possum came onto the porch in the afternoons in hopes of finding cat food. We didn't ordinarily see possums in the daytime. The local wisdom was that they were ashamed of their tails and preferred to come out after dark.

Every summer abundant, sweet concord grapes on an old vine lured my daughters to gorge until stomachaches slowed them down. Every August we spent a couple of nights sleeping on our porch roof watching for shooting stars from the Perseid meteor shower. At the first snow we simmered chili on the wood stove to eat when we came back from a walk. By the time my kids were teenagers, other kids from school made it out to the house and camped with us until the roads cleared.

I worry that my children's children, this generation of wonderful, enthusiastic, curious, lively children, do not have much opportunity to be outside unsupervised. I worry about keeping our kids so safe and controlled, they can't experience with all of their senses the beauty of the natural world that is my guiding light, my true north. I worry that they don't get to play outside until it is really dark outside, not just grown-up dark but real dark, when it is no longer possible to play hide and seek and the world is just a little deliciously scary with deep shadows and unfamiliar night noises. I worry that they do not have enough time to move through boredom and into the pleasure of playing without supervision.

Do they know how to lie on the ground and watch clouds? Do they get to build tree houses and damn up a stream with stones to make a wading pool or a little waterfall? How often do they come home with a box turtle or a garter snake or swing from a tree as high as they can while singing the sun down?

My personal resolution is to be alert for opportunities to take kids outside. At last year's church retreat, we had a magical walk under the full moon. Covering our flashlights with

red plastic so the night animals would not scurry away, we carefully climbed the trail to the top of the hill and then sat together in total silence for several minutes. Even our youngest children were awed enough to honor the quiet.

I hope our kids have a sustained and leisurely opportunity to just be with the world and see what comes next. To play outside, to smell the rich loam of earth, to taste a too sour apple, straight from a tree, to make a lean-to with an old blanket and lie under it on the grass.

City dwellers will find nature breaking through cracks in the pavement. “God bless the grass.” What clearer expression of the irrepressibility of life could we have? Isn’t there a message of hope just there? A walk through an empty lot can be filled with miracles if we are attentive.

There is something in these encounters with nature that nourishes us from the inside out, that builds reverence for life. There is something there that holds us and heals us, which sustains us throughout our lives when everything else falls away, that allows us to revel in our own aliveness and feed our imagination. In a world which pushes us to be more and more committed to work and projects and good causes, finding a way to engage regularly with the natural world is life-saving.

In a world in which we are so often bombarded with what is broken and out of balance, connecting with the natural world is a balm to our bruised and aching hearts.

Healing and restoration are possible. Look around; the evidence is everywhere. Making sure that our children have unstructured time outside will build their awareness and trust. Nature can be sustaining to them throughout their lives.



Go outside. Sit in the sun, walk in the rain, taste snowflakes. Notice. Repetition is important; think of it as spiritual practice. Like hearing uncommon musical forms or tasting exotic foods, kids may not know what to do with unstructured outdoor time at first, but they will gradually build their capacity and appreciation. Don’t make elaborate plans; just be outside. Just be.

Whatever your idea of God or the infinite, time outside, without planned activities, or even talking, helps us see that we are part of the unfolding of something beyond ourselves. Part of the great story of creation.

I know I can regain my own balance when I visit the woods. I know I will find some of the healing I seek. Savoring the natural world is, in itself, a healing prayer of gratitude. When despair grows in me, I need to be with the beauty of the natural world. Like Wendell Berry, I need to rest in the “grace of wild things.” From that place, I trust I will eventually find my way back to my community. Then together, with all of our collective friendships and creativity and learning and love, I can imagine a healed world, and work to make it so.

Love, Julia

***From Tracey Fecher
Director of Religious Education***



The Coming of Age program wraps up on May 17 with recognition of the three participants in our congregation (Risa Voss Jensen, Pau Robles, and Adam Fecher) during the UUFRC service and a dinner with their peers that

evening at the San Jose church. From talking to our youth, I believe they all enjoyed the retreats, were challenged in some ways, and made many new UU friends across the district.

As many of you know, I participated in all three of the Pacific Central District Coming of Age retreats as a Wisdom Circle Leader. I learned a lot about youth programming, have a much better idea of how we might implement a larger program in 2010–2011 (Coming of Age takes place every two years), and had a great time myself. I enjoyed meeting youth and other adult leaders from all over the district and am much more comfortable with district youth programs, in general. I feel confident that Coming of Age is on a good footing at UUFRC and will become a cherished part of our Rites of Passage programming in the years to come.

The RE Committee is busy recruiting teachers for Sunday school next year. We need 35 teachers for our growing Pre-K to 10th grade program. Teaching is a wonderful way to get to know the children at the Fellowship. If you have any interest in teaching, please talk to me. We are especially looking for adults who have not taught at UUFRC before and those who do not have children in the program.

Several months ago, I wrote that I was thinking about Youth Group programming at UUFRC. It has become clear to me that we are not ready to implement a Sunday evening youth group. Because we will offer OWL for grades 8 and 9 on Sunday evenings from January to June 2010, there

are not enough youth that won't also be attending OWL. I've been in conversation with the San Mateo and Palo Alto churches to investigate the feasibility of a Peninsula UU Youth Group for youth from our three congregations. The RE professionals at those churches like this idea, but, for various reasons, it is not the right time. It is good to dream though! Maybe this can come to fruition in the future.

In the meantime, at UUFRC, we are building programs that move us in the direction of having a viable youth program in the future. Our plan for the next church year is to hold a class on Sunday mornings for grades 8–10 based on a C-Group model. I am pleased that Emily Lehr Anning and John Anning will get this group started in the fall. Emily and I are still working on what youth group activities are going to look like next year. I am hoping we will have events for grades 6–7 and grades 8–10, with some joint activities for both groups. Beth Harrison shared the excellent idea of holding a meeting with parents and youth in September to brainstorm about the youth group in the fall. Stay tuned for an announcement about that meeting.

With the help of Dave George, I've been working on a new PDF registration form that can be filled out on the computer and e-mailed back to me. This should help our program maintain more accurate information. Beginning this month, I will be sending each family with children at the Fellowship a new form to fill out. In following years, parents can just confirm the information on their forms. For each family with children who attend church events without a parent, I will send an emergency release as well. Please do your best to get them back soon. I'd love to complete this now, instead of in the fall, when things are pretty busy around here.

Enjoy the warmer days and the budding garden!

Ordination Celebration!

And the day came
when the risk to remain
tight in a bud
was more painful than
the risk it took
to blossom.

—Anais Nin



The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City
invites you to celebrate with us
as we joyfully gather to Ordain

Nina Irene Kalmoutis

to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry

Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

2124 Brewster Avenue
Redwood City, California

Reception immediately following the service.
Childcare will be provided.

Clergy, Religious Educators, and Seminarians
are invited to robe and process.
Please assemble at 3:30 p.m.

Kindly RSVP by May 3, 2009 to UUFRC
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Help Us Make Nina's Ordination Wonderful!!

Many of you know Nina Kalmoutis, our Intern Minister of last year. Nina will be ordained at UUFRC on Sunday, May 17th at 4 p.m. A Reception will follow the ceremony. This is a momentous celebration for Nina, and a great honor for our Fellowship to host.

We are looking for volunteers to help create a beautiful and memorable event for Nina. How can you help? Setting up, making finger foods, helping in the Social Hall during the reception, and cleaning up are just a few of the many ways.

Please consider helping! Contact Kathy Voss-Jensen to volunteer for helping with food, drink, and the reception at **voss_organizing @ att.net** (*note new e-mail*) or 650-367-1202. Contact Cindy Johnson to volunteer for setup, cleanup, or other organizing details at 650-364-4995 or **phreeps @ pacbell.net**.

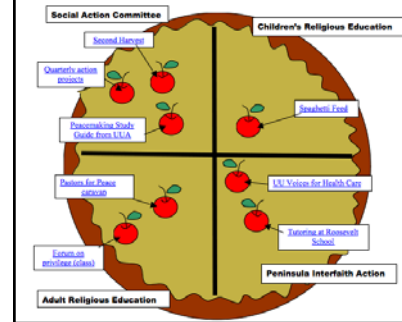
Large-Print Hymnals Now Available

We have large-print hymnals for people with limited vision. They are available next to the assisted-hearing devices at the central door to the Sanctuary on Sundays.

Scheduled Community Action Activities

- Share the Plate Collection for HAND (Help After Neonatal Death), Sunday, May 10
- Green Forum, Sunday, May 17 after church
- Second Harvest Food Bank sorting, Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m., Second Harvest warehouse in San Carlos

See the UUFRC web site Calendar and Community Action pages for updates.



Food Sort for Second Harvest, Wednesday Evening, May 27

Come help us sort food at Second Harvest Wednesday, May 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. It's fun and easy, and open to anyone 14 years of age and up. It's conveniently located at 1051 Bing Street, San Carlos, between Old County Road and Industrial Way. Use the side entrance.

All volunteers must bring completed and signed forms with them to the Food Bank. For volunteers under age 18, both a Youth Permission Form and a Volunteer Agreement are required; a parent or guardian over the age of 21 must accompany youth ages 14 and 15. Forms are available on the Social Action table. The dress code is casual and comfortable. Closed-toe shoes and long pants are required; no shorts or tank tops please. Please leave all valuables in the trunk of your cars; don't bring in purses or backpacks.

This is our Social Action Quarterly Service Project, and 20 slots are reserved for UUFRC. Let's fill them all! Please contact Kaye Bonney ([kayebonney @ yahoo.com](mailto:kayebonney@yahoo.com)) to sign up.

PIA Local Organizing Committee Update – Beth Harrison

At our April PIA LOC meeting, several recent actions and events were discussed.

- **The substitute teacher training initiative.** Bill Vinci attended a training in Sonoma. He hopes we can set up and start the program with the RWC District. There is a possibility of setting up a pilot program.
- **Mentoring for Roosevelt parents.** Ramon reported on the meetings set up for April 30 to discuss Roosevelt's budget for next year and PTA leadership positions. PIA is recruiting people from UUFRC to mentor or serve as buddies to Roosevelt PTA members taking on leadership positions. We still need more mentors. Carol Cross will host a meeting at her home on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:00 for our PIA LOC working on Roosevelt. She will share her experiences in working with Latino parents. Please contact Pat Crawford at [opengator @ aol.com](mailto:opengator@aol.com) if you are interested either in mentoring Roosevelt parents or tutoring Roosevelt children.
- **Measure E.** We are helping with the parcel tax campaign, which includes phone banking, district walking, and contributions soliciting. The website is www.yesonE.us. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Rick Hunter, phone banking coordinator, at [rick.hunter @ comcast.net](mailto:rick.hunter@comcast.net) or sign up directly at http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=pvBEC8ALbI_u_kzw50UmgEw

Our next PIA LOC meeting will be Wednesday, May 20, 7 pm at UUFRC. Join us!

What Is Measure E and Why Should I Vote for It?

The Redwood City School District (RCS D) is currently trying to pass Measure E, a \$91 parcel tax to support the schools, which is on the ballot on June 2 and will last for 5 years. Measure E will:

- Retain qualified, experienced teachers
- Maintain classroom science and technology programs
- Keep school libraries open
- Preserve art, music, and PE classes
- Continue reading and math tutoring programs

Measure E funding cannot be taken away by the State. Senior citizens are eligible for exemption to ensure this measure is not a burden to those living on fixed incomes.

Some relevant facts about the RCS D:

- The District is the only one of eight feeder districts to Sequoia High School that has no parcel tax. It is 7th of these districts in total funding.
- Since 2003–04, the District has lost \$5.8 million in general purpose funding.
- The District has cut spending by \$4.2 million over the last 6 years, due to previous state budget cuts. It may have to cut \$4–6 million more for 2009–2010.

How can you help?

- If you live in the RCS D boundaries, vote “yes” on Measure E on June 2.
- Contribute to the campaign at www.yesonE.us
- Sign up to call registered voters at a phone bank at:

http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=pvBEC8ALbI_u_kzw5OUmgEw

“UU 101” Class June 6

Our next “UU101” class will be held on Saturday, June 6 (not May 30, as previously scheduled) from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Rev. Julia teaches this introductory class, beginning with reflection on your own particular faith journey. Topics covered include the roots of our faith tradition, our Fellowship history, what our church offers and is involved in, and the meaning of membership.

It’s a wonderful class to learn more about us, meet others, and deepen your connections to the Fellowship. A light breakfast will be served, as well as a tasty lunch. Childcare is available if needed.

Please call the office at 365-6913 to sign up. Questions can be directed to our Welcoming Coordinator, Cindy Johnson, at 650-364-4995.

Green Forum May 14

Come to UUFRC’s Green Forum at noon Sunday, May 14. Find out who lives close to you that you might carpool to church with. Learn about Drive-Less Day on May 24. Learn about the new GoGoVerde resource-sharing website for groups like ours. Go green!

UUFRC Food Lover’s Club

We love food, perhaps a little too much! We want to live healthier lives, and weight loss is one of the goals. Come share thoughts and stories and help to guide the content of our meetings. Let’s be creative and healthy together!

All the meetings are in the Minister’s Study at 12:15. Delicious, nutritious foods will be shared. At our May 10 meeting we will discuss confidentiality and a covenant of right relations. Future meeting dates are May 24, June 14, and June 28.

For more details, contact Alicia DeValliere at [Alicia_devalliere @ yahoo.com](mailto:Alicia_devalliere@yahoo.com) or 510-847-2295.

Happenings at UUFRC and Beyond

Building Committee Checking In—*Cal Sloan, Chairperson*

Thank you for the big turnout on our April 18 Work Day. Check out the newly painted kitchen, Boyson Room, and more. New bulletin boards are in use, and UUFRC is ready for summer living.

Pulpit update: What pulpit, you say? Once long ago, in a time almost forgotten, Charlie, John, and Cal (not to be confused with Larry, Curly, and Moe) began a woodworking project to build a new pulpit for the church. Had these three stooges carefully considered the complicated construction required for the elegant design... a different design would undoubtedly have prevailed. There have been times the whole endeavor seemed a bit of a folly, but it is finally coming together. Completed are the base, sides, front, and shelves. We are now cutting the assembled pulpit so the reader board can be mounted at an angle. We have added a few features along the way, and it looks great.

And when will it be done? Once the construction work is complete, we have a month or two of finish work to do. We don't have a completion date set, but we do have a deadline. We decided Charlie cannot get married in September as planned unless the pulpit is done... this should help keep Charlie focused on the project in the coming months.

Coyote Grace Concert June 6

Singer/songwriter Joe Stevens and Ingrid Elizabeth of Amazing Grace Revival are the musicians of Coyote Grace, an "alt-country, indie-roots" duo who offer original and traditional songs with virtuosic musicianship and sublime harmony. They will perform at UUFRC at a fundraiser on June 6. Still in their 20s, they've opened for artists such as the Indigo Girls and Melissa Ferrick. Check out their music at www.coyotegrace.com. You'll have a hand-clapping, toe-tapping, knee-slapping, foot-stomping good time ... and are guaranteed to have a smile on your face while you're humming on the way home.

The concert is at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and childcare will be available.

Spring into Yoga in May!

Come to one or all of the 3 beginning yoga classes at UUFRC scheduled for Saturdays, May 9, 16, and 30 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Boyson Room. Suggested donation to UUFRC is \$10 per lesson (or \$5 per lesson for the economically impacted).

Yoga asanas (or postures) can help you release stress and increase your energy. Classes are designed for people with average flexibility. You don't have to wrap yourself into a pretzel! Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat, if you have one. The instructor, Michelle Rosenaur, is a Level 2-certified hatha yoga instructor.

Join UUs from Around the Country in Niagara Falls, July 19-22

Come experience the wonder of Niagara Falls—including some great educational opportunities—while being taken care of like royalty! The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four-day UU Niagara Experience, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective. Spend four days with us exploring the rich history and natural beauty around the Falls. For more information visit our web site at <http://www.uunex.net>

UUFRC Committee and Group Activities

Filoli “Back Country” Hike

– Kaye Bonney

Saturday, May 2, join us for a local hike around the back country of the Filoli Estate with our very own docent, DeeDee Stovel.

We will spend about two hours traversing chaparral, redwood, oak woodland, and riparian ecosystems. A pond at the top of the trail system contains many California newts that arrive there in the early spring to mate and lay eggs. We may see newts in the pond or on the trail. Unless all the eggs have hatched, we can see egg sacs in the stream running into the pond and maybe baby pollywog-like newts (efs). Deer, coyote, mountain lions, and many birds and little furry animals live on the property, and with luck we will see some.

Because the estate is private property, an entrance fee of \$12 per person is required (free to members). The fee includes a tour of the house and gardens after the hike if you wish. You may also eat lunch in the charming café, which serves soup, salad, and sandwiches.

NOTE DIFFERENT MEETING PLACE AND TIME: Meet at the Filoli Visitor’s Center at 10 a.m. Directions: From I-280, exit west onto Edgewood Road. Drive down Edgewood Road to where it ends at Canada Road. Turn right on Canada Road. Drive about ¾ of a mile and turn left at the gate.

Women’s Group – Geri Kennedy

The UUFRC Women’s Group will meet Wednesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. All UUFRC women are welcome to come to one or more of our monthly gatherings on third Wednesdays. We have lovely discussions and enjoy good company.

The general topic for April will be “The Road Not Taken.” We meet in the cottage at the back of the Kennedy’s home, 263 Alameda (between Brewster & Hopkins).

May Book Group

– Carolyn Chaney

The Book Discussion Group meets on second Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the front lounge. We’d love to meet more readers—hope you will join us! Our book for May 11 is *Dreams of My Father*, by Barack Obama. If you get the audio version, you will hear the book in Obama’s voice.

New Horizons Group

– Jonelle Preisser

Our next New Horizons meeting will be Friday, May 8, at 1:00 p.m. A representative from the Health Insurance Council Advocacy Program (HICAP) will talk with us about Medicare and programs that go with it. As seniors, this is a subject that we need to know more about, and we urge you to attend this meeting. Everyone is welcome, and bring a friend.

Knitting Circle

Join us for another evening of knitting and conversation. All skill levels welcome. We’ll meet on Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at Sally Mentzer’s home, 79 Duane, Cottage 1, Redwood City. Phone is 650 366-9746

MOCA Thank-Yous for May!

Thanks for hosting our May Sundays go to:

- May 3: Kate Eden - Yeah! May
- May 10: The Mitchells
- May 17: Millie and Veronica
- May 24: The Board of Trustees - Just For Fun
- May 31: Jeanne and Juanita - Happy Birthday Jeanne!

Please consider hosting a Sunday this summer. It’s fun, easy, and a great way to show your support for our Fellowship. Sign up on the board next to the kitchen, or contact Jeanne Durnford at 650-325-5055 or [jeannedurnford @ yahoo.com](mailto:jeannedurnford@yahoo.com).

Who's Who and How to Contact Us

UUFRC Regular Events

Every Sunday ~ Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Every Thursday ~ Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
1st Sundays ~ Social Action Committee, 11:30 a.m.
2nd Sundays ~ RE Committee, 8:30 a.m.,
and Newcomer Circle, 11:45 a.m.
2nd Mondays ~ Book Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m.
2nd Wednesdays ~ Committee on Ministry, 7:15 p.m.
2nd Thursdays ~ Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
2nd Fridays ~ New Horizons, 1-3 p.m.
3rd Mondays ~ Membership Committee, 7:00 p.m.
3rd Tuesdays ~ Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m.
3rd Wednesdays ~ Women's Group, 7:30 p.m.
and PIA Local Org. Comm., 7:30 p.m.
4th Mondays ~ Arts & Crafts Group, 7:00 p.m.
4th Wednesdays ~ Finance Committee, 6:20 p.m. ,
and UU Voices for Health Care, 7:30 p.m.
Last Thursdays ~ Newsletter assembly for mailing, 1 p.m.

See the Calendar of Events at www.uufrc.org for updates

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Newsletter Deadline: Noon, Friday before last Thursday. E-mail articles to: **newsletter @ uufrc.org** (preferred), or mail or bring hardcopies to the office.

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Contact a board member if you have ideas to share regarding the organization and governance of the church.

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Committee on Ministry for 2008–2009

Contact a Committee on Ministry member if you have issues to discuss regarding the shared ministry of the church. Examples include worship, outreach, how we are treating each other, and how the settled minister is serving the congregation.

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Salsa Dancing at UU San Mateo

Love salsa dancing? Professional dance instructor Rose Vierling will teach the basics of this fun Latin dance at UUSM on three Saturdays, May 16, 23, and 30, 5:00-6:00 pm. No experience necessary, couples and singles welcome, bring your friends. You can take all three classes or drop in for individual sessions. The price is \$27 for the three classes or \$10 for one. For more information, visit

[http://www.uusanmateo.org/index.php/For Fun & Fellowship/Salsa at UUSM.html](http://www.uusanmateo.org/index.php/For_Fun_&_Fellowship/Salsa_at_UUSM.html)

Calendar of UUFRC Events, May 2009

Friday	1		
Saturday	2	10a	Happy Trails Hiking Club (Filoli Visitor's Center)
Sunday	3	10:30a 11:45a	Service: Calm Mind in a Busy World — Tulku Orgyen Zangpo Social Action Committee
Monday	4	7p	Knitting Circle (Mentzer home)
Tuesday	5		
Wednesday	6		
Thursday	7	7:30p	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	8	1p	New Horizons
Saturday	9	10a	Yoga Workshop
Sunday	10	10:30a 11:45 12:15	Service: The Feminine — Rev. Julia Older Newcomer Circle Food Lover's Group
Monday	11	7:30p	Book Discussion Group
Tuesday	12	7:15	Committee on Ministry
Wednesday	13		
Thursday	14	7p 7:30p	Board of Trustees Choir Rehearsal
Friday	15	7p	Game Night
Saturday	16	10a	Yoga workshop
Sunday	17	8:30 9a 10:30a 12p 4p	RE Committee Parent Support Group Service: Start With the Heart — Rev. Catherine Harrington Green Forum Ordination of Nina Kalmoutis
Monday	18	7p	Membership Committee
Tuesday	19	7p	Worship Committee
Wednesday	20	7p	PIA Local Organizing Committee Women's Group (Kennedy home)
Thursday	21	7:30p	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	22	12n	Newsletter deadline
Saturday	23		
Sunday	24	8:30a 10:30a 12:15	RE Committee Service: Rooted in Shared History — Rev. Endre Nagy, Jr. Food Lover's Group
Monday	25	7p	Arts & Crafts Group
Tuesday	26		
Wednesday	27	6:45p 7p	Finance Committee Second Harvest food sort (Second Harvest Food Bank, San Carlos) UU Voices for Health Care
Thursday	28	1p 7:30p	Newsletter assembly Choir Rehearsal
Friday	29	8p	Chant Night
Saturday	30	10a	Yoga Workshop
Sunday	31	10:30a	Service: The Right Questions — Rev. Julia Older

Calling all Gamesters, Charades Fanatics, and Card Sharks!!!

Come to our casual Neighborhood Games Night!
Friday, May 8, 7-10pm at UUFRC

- Interactive parlor games (like Charades and Kick Yahtzee) in the Sanctuary
- Effervescent kids games like Twister, I Spy, and Hoopla in the Social Hall area
- Serious table games of chess and Scrabble and cards in the Main Social Hall
- And loads of Fraternizing in the Foyer.



Bring some pot-lucking snacks and drinks (beer and wine if you wish) and join the fun!

Games appropriate for ages 6-106. Younger children are welcome, but no child-care provided

Sponsored by our fun-loving C-Group: Rob Caldwell, Veronica Palmer, Debra Pritchard, Elisabeth Rossi, George Sliter, Bev Spiker, and Danielle Stagner

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