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Sunday Services – 10:30 a.m.

June 7: **Emerson, part III: The Over Soul** — Rev. Julia Older

If you were allowing what you deeply know to be the truth to have its way with you, what would you be doing? Special collection for the Rainbow World Fund (see article on p. 7)

June 14: **Flower Communion** — Rev. Julia Older

Intergenerational Service. One of the few rituals observed by UUs nearly everywhere. Please bring a flower from your garden to exchange. This service also marks the end of our religious school year.

June 21: **Are You What You Eat?** — Geri Kennedy

We will consider the meaning of “ethical eating,” which is a Study Action Issue working its way through the denomination, pending final approval at General Assembly in 2010. Geri Kennedy will present a preliminary look at some of the issues surrounding our food, the choices we make, and the impacts they may have. It promises to be food for thought! A four-week class on this topic will be coming up this Fall.

June 28: **In Our Own Words** — John Anning and others

Members of UUFRC’s two autobiographical writing groups will read from their writings, with a focus on fathers.

Invitation to Newcomers

Newcomers are warmly invited to join us for our monthly “Newcomer Circle” on June 14 after the service. 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](mailto:phreeps@pacbell.net).

Setting the Table – Rev. Julia Older



First I have to kvell some more about Nina's ordination. It was just the best. This community outdid itself once more. I knew you would be generous, but this was just *beyond* beyond. Thank you. Thank you. In spite of the heat of the day, we were filled to capacity and everyone seemed rapt in attention to the ceremony, Cathy Harrington's sermon, and the fabulous music. "Higher Love" by Steve Winwood brought down an already exuberant house. Special appreciation to Thomas Atwood who, after Rev. Lindi's car breakdown, was able to speak on behalf of UULM for the offertory.

Didn't we have a time? I hope all of the planners and cooks and musicians and sound and set-up folks and clean-up folks and the cast of thousands are still basking in the glow.

Now, on to the future:

Next year is my Sabbatical year. Unitarian Universalist ministers are expected to take time away at least every seven years for learning, re-tooling, and rest. I've earned, at this point, six months, but I plan to take four: November 3 through February. I turn 65 this summer and I don't want to be away for the full time. I only have five years of full-time ministry left, and part of me doesn't want to go away at all. I'll be back in the pulpit early in March for an intergenerational service honoring Hinduism. I hope to bring some personal experience into this worship because for the first part of my time away I will be in India.

Rev. Laurel Liefert will be your Sunday minister. Laurel and I overlapped a bit in seminary at Starr King. She did her internship in San Francisco, part at the church where I did mine, and part with the Faithful Fools. She is the lead singer with "Half Dozen of the Other" and "The Duck River Band," in which she also plays banjo. She teaches the Law Review and counsels aspiring attorneys. She came to meet with our worship team last night.

I know that she is very much looking forward to being here. She was dazzled by the ordination last week and impressed with everyone she has met so far. Truly. I know you will find her warm and thoughtful as well as very smart.

Rev. Bill Greer and Bill Kennedy will also be available for pastoral care.

We have a wonderfully able and dedicated board. The vice president will be the link to personnel and the personnel committee.

The Committee on Ministry has swollen from four to six members to oversee church dynamics and arrange for special needs. Heather Hopkins, Cal Sloan, Steve Hill, and Anna Olsen are remaining on the committee. Pat Crawford and Susan Walker-O'Brien have come on to help plan for next year and will continue to serve until I return.

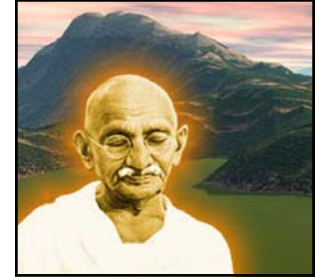
We are, I believe, well set. If you have any thoughts or special concerns, please let me know. I know I will miss being here, and I hope I use the time well so that when I return I am a bit wiser.

Love, Julia

Setting the Table, continued

Your poetry treat this month is written by a Hindu:

There is an indefinable mysterious Power that pervades everything.
I feel It, though I do not see It.
It is this unseen Power which makes Itself felt and yet defies all
proof,
because It is so unlike all that I perceive through my senses.
It transcends the senses.
That informing Power or Spirit is God.
I can see that in the midst of death life persists, in the midst of
untruth truth persists, in the midst of darkness light persists.
Hence I gather that God is Life, Truth, Light, Love, Supreme good.
But he is no God who merely satisfies the intellect.
God to be God must rule the heart and transform it.



~ Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
(From *Young India*, a weekly journal published by Gandhi in English, October 11, 1928)

UUFRC Annual Meeting Sunday, June 7

We will be having our 2009 Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 7, at noon. We need a quorum of members to convene the meeting. Among the important actions that members will take at this meeting are:

- electing the members of the Board of Trustees,
- electing denomination representatives to the 2010 District and General Assemblies, and
- approving the operating budget for 2009–2010.

Final drafts of the budget and candidate statements are being mailed to each member. The full Annual Report will be available at the Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend. This is your opportunity to meet with all Fellowship members and have your opinion heard.

An Invitation to Friends and Newcomers

UUFRC offers each of us a spiritual home, a warm community, a chance to live our values as we care for each other and our planet, and the opportunity for self exploration and growth. Has it become an important place for you? One with meaningful connections? A place where you feel not only accepted and supported, but also challenged?

Then we invite you to become a member. Whether you've been coming for one month, one year, or somewhere between or beyond, if you feel that you've found a home here, we invite you to deepen your commitment to this Fellowship by joining us. We'll be welcoming in and celebrating new members during the service on June 7, followed by more celebrations with cake after the service.

If you would like to join, or if you have questions, please contact Sara Morgan, Membership Committee Chair, at 650-364-0376 or [morganas11 @ juno.com](mailto:morganas11@juno.com), or Cindy Johnson, Welcoming Coordinator, at 650-364-4995 or [phreeps @ pacbell.net](mailto:phreeps@pacbell.net).



Summer is in the air with the tease of hot weather we had a few weeks ago. It is a very busy time with school and extracurricular activities wrapping up for our children. I don't know about other parents, but this time of year makes me long for the lazier

days of summer. (And, then in mid-August, I am so ready for it all to start up again!) Before my mind turns completely to vacation and my garden, I have a few thoughts about this church year.

The Coming of Age program wrapped up on May 17 with a recognition service here at UUFRC and celebration dinner and service at the UU church in San Jose. Over 120 Coming of Age graduates, parents, mentors, and other friends attended the dinner. It was a wonderful way to complete the program. I want to congratulate our graduates: Risa Voss Jensen, Pau Robles, and Adam Fecher. Just a year from now, we will be talking about the Coming of Age program that will begin in September 2011. Hard to believe!

One of my responsibilities is to write an annual report for the church year. I find it to be a great opportunity to think about what we've accomplished this year in Religious Education, to thank volunteers who've gone above and beyond, and to think about what is coming up for the next church year. I encourage parents with children in RE programs to read my report. If you'd like an electronic copy, let me know at dreuufrc@yahoo.com. I'd be happy to send one to you.

The backbone of the Religious Education program at UUFRC is volunteers, especially teachers. We can accomplish as much as we do because of them. I want to thank all of those who took on a teaching role in the program from September 2008 to May 2009.

Here are the teachers who made it all possible: Maeve Knoth, Ana Athanasias, Amy Shaw, Tiki Dare, Lillian Svec, John Anning, Jan Benway, Leslie Vallerga, Amy French, Page Benway, Dave Karow, Jeanne Durnford, Jennifer Davidson, Jorie Schulz, Pat Dwyer, Kat Eden, Greg Eden, Bruce Knoth, David Stoutamire, Lisa Conrad, Beth Harrison, Alex Stagner, Ralph Humphries, Tiffany Karow, Derby Davidson, and Pam McGee. I also want to thank our wonderful Religious Education staff: Emily Lehr Anning (Youth Advisor), Michael Green (Lead Childcare Provider), and Natasha Riviera (Childcare Assistant.)

For the last two years, Pat Dwyer has been the chair of the RE Committee. While she is not leaving the committee, she is handing the reins over to Caroline Mitchell. I want to thank her for her support, leadership, and contributions as the RE Chair. It has been a pleasure to work with her. Please join me in welcoming Caroline to the role of RE Chair. I'd really like to see the addition of one or two members to the RE Committee. If you think you might be interested, please see me or Caroline Mitchell.

You may be wondering, what is happening at UUFRC for children this summer? Pat Dwyer is coordinating volunteers to lead children's activities during the summer. She is looking for volunteers to lead activities during the services. Let Pat know if you'd like to work with the children this summer. Official Sunday school classes begin again in mid-September. I am away from the Fellowship from mid-June to late August.

Have a fantastic summer. It has been a great year, and I look forward to seeing you all again in late August.

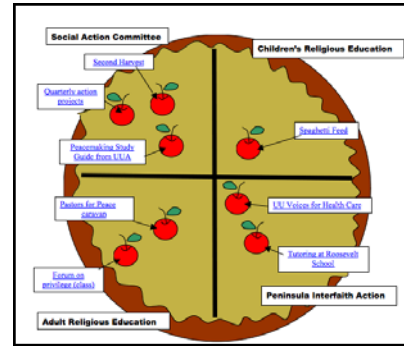
Board of Trustees' March Meeting – Lori Longo, Corr. Secretary

- **Consent Agenda:** Approved GA Delegates: Geri Kennedy, Carol Cross, Thomas Atwood, and Carolyn Chaney; Jeanne Durnford, alternate.
- **Employment Contract:** Rev. Julia's employment contract was discussed briefly. The Personnel Committee will conduct a thorough review; the Board will vote on the Committee's recommendation at the June meeting.
- **Short-Term Rentals:** In lieu of a long-term tenant, we would like to encourage more one-time rental events, such as weddings and communions. Debra will put together a plan for increasing the number of these events, and report back to the board in August.
- **Nominating Committee:** Bev Morgan will run for the open position on the Board. The nominating committee will also nominate people to serve in the role of Denominational Affairs. The people in this role serve as our liaisons to PCD and UUA. Peter recommends that we create a more formal definition for the role of Denominational Affairs. Geri Kennedy will prepare a formal description of the position, and we will discuss that proposal at the June board meeting.
- **Fundraising Committee:** The Fundraising Committee will be an ad hoc committee, like the Futures Group, that will spend a year or so working in earnest on the problem of how we can find a sustainable model for fundraising that builds on our success, looks for ways to raise money from outside our own community, and does not overtax our community volunteers. The group should include roughly five members. Ralph will refine the description for this group.
- **Disaster Preparedness and Response:** Jeanette will recommend specific actions at a future board meeting that should be taken in order to implement the program. In the interim, we will make a disaster preparedness statement at one of the Sunday services, probably in May or early June.
- **Budget Drive:** At the time of the board meeting, 67 households had pledged \$140,600. This includes 6–7 new contributors, whose donations totaled roughly \$10,000. Among the returning households, the average pledge increase was 4.5%. Unfortunately, a low number of people have pledged in a timely manner. An accurate tally is needed before May 28 so that the Board can recommend a budget in time for the annual meeting. Debra will send a reminder email on Friday, May 15. Beginning on Monday the 18th, members of the Pledge committee and the Board will make phone calls to those who have not yet pledged. The Board will convene to discuss the budget at 7:00 on May 28.
- **Etiquette Guide for Yahoo Email Group:** The etiquette guide written by Ralph was approved, with a few minor suggestions. Debra will send the final version to the Yahoo email list in two months, and she will send it again every quarter.

Scheduled Community Action Activities

- Share the Plate Collection for Rainbow World Fund, Sunday, June 7
- Letter writing, Sunday, June 14, noon
- Pastors for Peace kickoff party, Sunday, July 12
- AIDS Walk, Sunday, July 19

See the UUFRC web site [Calendar](#) and [Community Action](#) pages for updates.



A Place for Your Recycled Donations, and for Trading Books and Magazines

You may have noticed the white bins tucked beneath the Social Action table in the social hall. These are “recycling” bins and we invite you to use them. We have bins for the following items:

- Laser printer cartridges -- we take these to Cartridge World for credit toward purchases.
- Toiletries -- we deliver these to Communities Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA), for families that have had to flee their homes from an abusive partner.
- Batteries -- BFI now collects batteries during regular pickups, but our bin is available if you don't have that option.
- Reading glasses -- we donate these to a program run by the Lions Club that refurbishes and donates prescription lenses to those who need them in developing nations.
- Magazines -- recent specialty magazines of interest to our members; take one or leave one.
- Books -- take one or leave one; we'll sell the rest at our annual Rummage Sale.

You can also leave donations for the Pastors for Peace caravan; see article below.

Special Supplies Collection for Pastors for Peace Caravan to Cuba

Would you like to give Carol Cross and Pat Crawford some supplies to take to Cuba in July as part of the Pastors for Peace US-Cuba Friendship Caravan? During June and early July, there will be bins below the Social Action table in the Social Hall for donated items. Especially needed for reconstruction of the many homes damaged by the 2008 hurricanes are hand and power tools, construction supplies, work clothes, and protective gear such as dust masks. Perennially needed are things like school supplies, medicines, PC computer gear, compact fluorescent light bulbs, gardening supplies, and nutritional supplements.

How about taking a look in your closet or garage for unused or lightly used materials (preferably small and lightweight)? Are you willing to ask your local drugstore or hardware store or garden store to make a donation? If you wish, Carol Cross can provide you with more information on the Caravan and a longer list of items needed. Or perhaps you'd like to make a monetary donation. There will be a collection jar on the SAC table, plus fair trade Divine Chocolate bars for purchase. And join us for the kickoff party July 12, where you can learn more about Pastors for Peace, Cuba, and fair trade chocolate.

Locally, the Peninsula Peace & Justice Center is coordinating collection of donations, and they could really use storage space. Please contact Marianna Tubman, Carol Cross, or PPJC (650-326-8837) for more information on helping out.

UUs in the SF AIDS Walk

Thanks to our own Geri Kennedy, we UUs have our own team this year at the San Francisco AIDS Walk on July 19. The AIDS Walk takes place in Golden Gate Park. It is an easy 6.2 mile walk through the park, which will be filled with loads of energized people! We need at least 25 folks to sign up to have a dedicated table and gathering place, so sign up today! Register at aidswalk.net. Our team number is 1412. We are hoping to have a bunch of people (and/or perhaps donations) from each congregation. Questions? Contact team captain Geri at flamingogeri@gmail.com.

GLBT Rainbow World Fund Aids Guatemala– Dick Edminster

For some years, I have volunteered with Rainbow World Fund (RWF), a 501(c)(3) international relief agency based in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and friends community. RWF assists worthy programs around the world, including food aid for hurricane evacuees, emergency supplies for tsunami victims, a landmine eradication project for Cambodia, an HIV/AIDS case management program in South Africa, and water projects in Honduras.

RWF targets those with desperate needs; most aid is not specifically directed to GLBT persons. Thus, RWF is an opportunity for GLBTs and friends to offer a helping hand beyond our community. It is also a chance to present the GLBT community in a positive light in areas of the world where GLBT persons may be subject to severe discrimination, humiliation, and violence.

A major Rainbow World Fund program is directed toward to the poor of Guatemala. Over the last four years, teams of volunteers have delivered tons of donated medicine and medical equipment, teaching materials, school supplies, and money to clinics, orphanages, daycare facilities, and water projects in that nation.

I am very pleased that UUFRC's June 7 offertory will be donated to the Rainbow World Fund. In addition, UUFRC members may be interested in donating supplies for the next Guatemala trip, scheduled for this July. A wide range of medical supplies and medical equipment is needed, as well as teaching materials (in Spanish) and school supplies.

Please contact me for additional information at (650) 593-2309, or see rainbowfund.org.

June 21 Forum on Decisions at the UUA's General Assembly

Big decisions are being made at this year's General Assembly, and we need to let our UUFRC delegates know how we want them to vote on two important issues: electing the new UUA President, and voting either up or down on proposed new Principles and Purposes. The two candidates running for president are Rev. Laurel Hallman of Texas and Rev. Peter Morales of Colorado. We have DVDs of each candidate to borrow from the office, or you can view them at www.hallmanforuuapresident.com and www.moralesforuuapresident.org, respectively. We'll be showing short segments of each DVD at the June 21 forum and hear impressions from those who heard them both speak at District Assembly.

Copies of the current and proposed new Principles and Purposes will also be discussed. You can view a comparison of the old and new versions on our web site under "About Us," "Bylaws," or by clicking [here](#). Please come meet in the Sanctuary on June 21 at noon and share your opinions.

UUFRC Committee and Group Activities

June 6 Hike in East Bay – Kaye Bonney

For our June hike we'll head east to aptly named Redwood Regional Park in the hills above Oakland. This 7.25-mile hike will take us along sunny West Ridge in the morning, from whence we will descend into the shaded canyon of Redwood Creek to hike under the big trees during the heat of the afternoon. The hike includes a couple of ascents and descents of about 700 feet.

There are many opportunities to take an alternate route back to the parking lot for those who would prefer shorter hikes ranging from two to six miles. For instance, you may want to combine a short hike with a visit to Chabot Observatory.

Meet at UUFRC at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 6, to carpool. Bring lunch and water. Dogs are permitted on leash. We should return to Redwood City by 4 p.m.

Women's Group – Geri Kennedy

UUFRC Women are welcome to gather for conversation on Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Our general topic for June, in light of summer, will be "Your most memorable vacation." Perhaps it will include how we feel in general about vacations. Meet at the Kennedy home in the cottage in back.

New Horizons Group – Jonelle Preisser

Our final New Horizons meeting of the church year will be on Friday, June 12 at noon at Frank Montoro's home. His address is 1448 Tarrytown St., San Mateo. Take the 280, exit at Bunker Hill, turn left at Lexington St., then right on Tarrytown St. You need not bring anything; Frank and Jonelle are providing lunch. Please note the time: 12:00 noon. See you then.

Knitting Circle – Sally Mentzer

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

Scrapbooking Group

The UUFRC Scrapbooking group will be meeting twice in June: Tuesday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 16 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Lori Longo's house. Call Lori or Elisabeth Rossi if you have questions.

Thank-Yous to UUFRC

- From the Family of Lee Wakefield

Our family wishes to thank you for all your help and support at our mother's celebration of life service. The dedication of the Japanese maple tree in Mom's memory was truly special, and we can't thank you enough for honoring her in this thoughtful way. She would have been so proud.

Mom truly loved the church and community, and we feel so fortunate that she had so many friends at UUFRC.

Thank you again for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

- From Phyllis Boyson

My family and I want to thank the Congregation for honoring our parents, Vera and Earl Boyson, by dedicating your newly created meeting room in their names. This was a moving gesture for all four of Vera and Earl's children and their grandchildren. Vera was recently connected with Hospice here in Napa. [Vera died on May 7.]

The enclosed gift will, sadly, be her last.

Again, thank you for the acknowledgement of our parents. My daughter and I (both of whom attended your 50 year anniversary service) were thrilled to see UUFRC thriving. My parents would be proud and happy to see you carrying on so well in the faith.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is looking for a couple of new members. If you would like to learn to serve the fellowship as the producer/Worship Associate for services once every couple of months, please contact the Committee Chair, Steve Jung, at 650-325-1248 or sjung1@sbcglobal.net.

A Spiritual Practice Class– Bill Kennedy

Beginning Wednesday, June 3, for 3 weeks we will explore a spiritual practice that I learned from the Faithful Fools. The Examen is a spiritual discipline created by Ignatius of Loyola. He considered it one of the most important of the exercises he invented. In it, we inquire of our own life experiences for spiritual truths to guide our way of living. In this 3 session class we will practice this simple technique and see what is revealed to us.

Join us on Wednesday evening, June 3, 10, and 17, and learn why this class is called Sleeping With Bread. We need a commitment to all 3 classes but promise to keep them to 90 minutes or less, so space is limited. To sign up, contact Debra Schwab at the office, office@uufrc.org, or me at wkennedy@uuma.org.

UU101

We will be holding our next UU101 class at Rev. Julia's cozy cottage on June 6, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come join us if you would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this Fellowship.

Rev. Julia begins the class with reflections on your own particular faith journey. Topics to be covered include the roots of our faith tradition, our Fellowship history, what our church offers (activities, committees, groups, religious education, and more) and the meaning of membership. A light breakfast will be served, as well as a delicious lunch out on her lovely patio deck.

Please RSVP to the office at 650-365-6913. Questions? Contact Cindy Johnson, Welcoming Coordinator, at 650-364-4995 or phreeps@pacbell.net.

Important News from MOCA

Dear Community,

I am retiring my clipboard for MOCA sign ups. It had developed an odor or something because when I approached people, they backed away. We have moved on to “Host a Sunday” and are hoping this generous community will step forward and provide coffee and treats as they are able. We have empty Sundays on June 14 and 21; July 5, 19, and 26; and all of August. So if there are no signups, there will be no coffee, treats, or juice. You decide if we will continue to have coffee and food while we socialize.

To sign up, either just put your name on the sign up board hanging by the kitchen, call me at 650-325-5055, or email me. If you cannot host a Sunday by yourself, find someone to help you.

Jeanne Durnford

GoGoVerde – A Tool to Help Our Community Share Items and Services

Need an extra table for a family event? Have a camping tent to lend? Willing to rent out some of your power tools? Looking for a housesitter? Able to babysit?

Starting June 1, members and friends of UUFRC can sign up for a new Internet-based system to share household items, rent out tools, borrow things, and offer services. Go to www.gogoverde.com and look for “UU Fellowship of Redwood City” in the list of communities on the front page. Then enter your e-mail, create a password, and click “Join.” You can then post items you would like to borrow, services you can offer, or items/services you can offer to others.

This group is ONLY for UUFRC members and friends, so you can feel comfortable loaning (or renting for a modest fee – that’s OK, too! – because of possible replacement needs, etc.) to folks you know in our church. You can arrange to exchange the items at church, or any time or place convenient to you. By sharing things, we can reduce the need to manufacture and buy more products, increase our interconnections, and build a stronger community.

Questions? Contact our GoGoVerde group leader, Debbie Mytels, at [dmytels @ batnet.com](mailto:dmytels@batnet.com). Those who attended the Green Forum in June and wanted to join in will receive an invitation by Debbie – or you can sign yourselves up on the site, too. Another GoGoVerde demonstration will be scheduled after church in July.

If you’d like to start a GoGoVerde community for another group you’re a part of (like your kids’ school, or your workplace or neighborhood), get in touch with Debbie for more info – or click on “Start a Community” on the GoGoVerde home page.



Happenings at UUFRC and Beyond

Coyote Grace Concert, Saturday, June 6...

If you want a lesson in musical chemistry, then come watch the sparks fly between the acoustic downhome duo known as COYOTE GRACE. This folktastic phenomenon consists of California singer/songwriter Joe Stevens and Ohioan Ingrid Elizabeth on vocals and standup bass. Together, they've captured the eyes and the hearts of live audiences nationwide with their bluesy folk-grass sound, sweet harmonies, poignant songwriting, and mid-song dance moves. Coyote Grace's recently released third CD, "Ear to the Ground," is available at www.coyotegrace.com and at www.cdbaby.com. See them at UUFRC on Saturday, June 6, at 7 p.m. Price is \$10; childcare available. The concert is a fund-raiser, with all proceeds split by the musicians and UUFRC. Bring drinks and snacks to share at intermission if you wish.

... and Other Performances Coming Up

- Bev & Tom Morgan's annual music party will be here at UUFRC on Saturday, July 25, 5-10 p.m. Details will follow in the July newsletter.
- Attention Jazz Lovers! Tickets are available now to see Pat Yankee in the upcoming production "Remembering Sophie Tucker," the last of the Red Hot Mamas. Showtime is Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin (at Geary) in San Francisco. Tickets are available at the San Francisco Traditional Jazz Foundation Web site, <http://www.sftradjazz.org>. (Pat is the step-grandmother of our own Michelle Rosenaur.)

The UUFRC Summer Campout Weekend

The date has changed for the UUFRC campout weekend: it's now July 10 and 11. It's at Manresa State Beach in Santa Cruz. We have two slots taken out of eight possible and invite you to join us.

We get to know one another, experience the outdoor beauty, and relax with the ocean to admire. Call Lorie Esposito at 650-867-1853.



Escape to Vermont This Fall, Sponsored by the UU Church of Rutland

The Fifteenth Annual B&B Weekend is being offered by the UU Church of Rutland, VT, on Oct. 9–11, 2009. Enjoy the beauty of Vermont in the fall, UU hospitality, and a choice of guided activities: hiking, nature walk, kayaking, bicycling, antiques/arts, cider making historic tour, soaring tour, touring historic sites and quaint towns, and more. Rates for those who register by August 15 are \$275 (single) and \$475 (double). After August 15, rates are \$325 (single) and \$525 (double). For more information, send a note to [uufoliagevermont @ yahoo.com](mailto:uufoliagevermont@yahoo.com) or call (802) 353-7969. More information is available at the UU Church of Rutland web site, www.rutlanduu.org.

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](http://www.uufrc.org) at www.uufrc.org for updates

To join our UUFRC e-mail group, send any e-mail message to: [uufrc-subscribe @ yahoogroups.com](mailto:uufrc-subscribe@yahoo.com). View some helpful info about the group (no subscription needed) by sending any message to: [uufrc-help @ yahoogroups.com](mailto:uufrc-help@yahoo.com). Once you have subscribed, you can post to the group by sending your message to [uufrc @ yahoogroups.com](mailto:uufrc@yahoo.com).

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E-mail articles to: [newsletter @ uufrc.org](mailto:newsletter@uufrc.org) (preferred),
or mail or bring hardcopies to the office.

Board of Trustees for 2008–2009

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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Calendar of UUFRC Events, June 2009

Monday	1	7p	Knitting Circle (Mentzer home)
Tuesday	2	7p	Job Seekers' Group
Wednesday	3	7p	Class: Sleeping with Bread
Thursday	4	7:30p	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	5		
Saturday	6	9a 7p	Happy Trails Hiking Club UU101 Coyote Grace Concert
Sunday	7	10:30a 12:50 12n	Service: Emerson, part III: The Over Soul — Rev. Julia Older (Ingathering Ceremony during the service) Children's Choir Annual Meeting
Monday	8	7:30p	Book Discussion Group
Tuesday	9	7p 7:15	Scrapbooking Group (Longo home) Committee on Ministry
Wednesday	10	7p	Class: Sleeping with Bread
Thursday	11	7p 7:30p	Board of Trustees Choir Rehearsal
Friday	12	12n	New Horizons (Montoro home)
Saturday	13		
Sunday	14	10:30a 11:45a 12n 12:15p	Service: Flower Communion — Rev. Julia Older Newcomer Circle Letter writing session Food Lover's Club
Monday	15	7p	Membership Committee
Tuesday	16	7p	Worship Committee Job Seekers Group Scrapbooking Group (Longo home)
Wednesday	17	7p	Class: Sleeping with Bread Women's Group (Kennedy home)
Thursday	18		
Friday	19	12n	Newsletter deadline
Saturday	20		
Sunday	21	9a 10:30a 12n	Parent Support Group Service: Are You What You Eat? — Geri Kennedy Forum on General Assembly issues
Monday	22	7p	Arts & Crafts Group
Tuesday	23		
Wednesday	24	6:45p 7p	Finance Committee UU Voices for Health Care
Thursday	25	1p	Newsletter assembly
Friday	26	8p	Chant Night
Saturday	27		
Sunday	28	10:30a 12:15p	Service: In Our Own Words — John Anning and others Food Lover's club
Monday	29		
Tuesday	30	7p	Job Seekers Group

A Note from Nina Kalmoutis

Dear UUFRC Community,

For once in my life I am at a total loss for words! Sunday (May 17, when Nina was ordained at UUFRC) was one of the most amazing events that I have ever been a part of! My family and friends and the folks who came from Starr King School for the Ministry and from other UU congregations had the most wonderful things to say about UUFRC. I loved explaining over and over to folks that what they experienced on Sunday was no exception in many ways. I told everyone who commented on how great it all was, that the quality of music, the abundance of food and drink, and the graciousness of the people who greeted them and made them feel “at home” is what you all DO!



Of course knowing what so many of you did to make it all happen just as I wanted it to, made it even more special for me! There is no way I can begin to thank you all enough for the effort that went into making my ordination such a memorable, once in a lifetime event, for me, my family, and so many others.

With boundless love and gratitude from your “first ever intern,”

Nina

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