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Fourth Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday

8:00

Lectionary Bible Study, Durant House Porch

8:45

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

10:00

Worship in the Sanctuary. Junior and Senior High School Youth, YES Choir and Songs of the Soul. Larry Marietta, Music Program Director.

11:30

Second Hour: A Glimpse of the United Church of Christ, Small Assembly. Cordelia Strandskov Fiber Art Exhibit & Reception, Sunburst Room.

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Youth To Lead Worship

This **Sunday, April 29**, the worship service will be created and lead by the youth of our church. The theme is “Water of Life” and both the junior and senior high youth group members will serve as liturgists, song leaders, preachers, story tellers and more. Songs



of the Soul and the YES Junior High Choir will both be singing

and there will be a special rap based on the Woman at the Well story and a danced sermon. Come and be moved by the leadership of these gifted young people.

Sunday Second Hour: A Glimpse of the UCC

Did you know that **Pat de Jong** and **Phil Porter** have lead community building at several General Synod plenary sessions or that **Ken Iha** had a hand in the doxological version of the UCC Statement of Faith? What’s a General Synod, you ask? And what’s the difference between a statement of faith and a creed and why is that distinction important in the life and mission of the UCC? Come, and find out answers to these and other questions in the Second Hour this Sunday after worship as we begin to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the denomination once described as “a heady, exasperating mix.”

FCCB CAMPUS MINISTRY BENEFIT

APRIL 27
Auction!

Auction This Friday!

The Campus Ministry Benefit Auction is **Friday, April 27** at 6:30 pm. It will be a grand evening with...

- dinner hors d'oeuvres**
- wine and other beverages**
- live bluegrass music**
- a silent auction**
- a live auction**

Come and bring your friends and family. Tickets are available at the door and are on a sliding scale from \$30 to \$100. Everyone is welcome even if you can't afford a ticket. **All proceeds go to support the Campus Ministry Program.** Childcare will be provided. This will be a fun and exciting way to raise money for a vital ministry.

All Church Potluck

Come to the all church potluck after church on **Sunday, May 6**, in recognition of our Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, youth choir directors and all their helpers! Bring a dish to share (based on the first initial of your last name: A-K: main dish; L-R: dessert; S-Z: salad).

Also remember to wear a hat to worship as part of our celebration. It is a tradition in many cultures, including African-American churches, to blend fashion and faith by wearing beautiful hats to church. It will be fun and dazzling for all.



Prayers for the **students, families and friends** affected by the shootings last week at **Virginia Tech**.

Prayers for the **Korean, Asian and Oceanic American communities**, who are anxious and fearful about possible backlash because of the media's emphasis on the gunman's ethnic identity.

Prayers for **Phil Adams**, who is recovering from heart surgery, and his family.

Prayers for **Carolyn Martin** whose father died Monday, April 23.

Prayers for the **people of Darfur**. Four years of genocidal violence has left over 400,000 dead, 2.5 million innocent civilians displaced, and 4 million men, women, and children completely reliant on international aid for survival. April 23 to 30 have been declared



Global Days for Darfur to call for an end to the violence. There will be a concert and rally on Sunday, April 29, at 4 pm at Civic Center in San Francisco. Visit www.savedarfur.org for information.

Grieving Workshop May 5

The Caring Ministries of FCCB invite everyone wrestling with loss or caring for someone else struggling with loss to a morning with the new Director of the Lloyd Counseling Service, **Scott Sullender**, on Saturday, May 5, 9 am to 12 pm in the Small Assembly. Scott is Associate Professor of Pastoral Counseling at San Francisco Theological Seminary. A psychologist and ordained minister, he has authored *Losses in Later Life: A New Way of Walking with God* (Haworth Press, 1999). RSVP to Charlotte at 510/848-3696 x21 by April 30. Cost is \$5.

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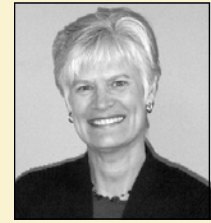
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The View from Here

Patricia de Jong

Senior Minister



It's hard to imagine that the United Church of Christ is fifty years old. In 1957, the United Church of Christ was born in Cleveland, Ohio, of four parent denominations who came together to form a new identity and vision. In those days, I was not a member of the UCC yet, nor of any of her parental sponsors—the Evangelical, Reformed, Congregational and Christian churches. Neither were many of you. Our congregation has almost as many different religious histories as members! Those of you who were members of FCCB in those days, were happily Congregational and had no idea that the church was about to undertake a marvelous adventure in theology, polity, inclusion and peace and justice issues.

It's been an interesting and powerful journey for the whole church. I joined the UCC just over thirty years ago, when it was just a pup and so was I. I fell in love with notions like "the priesthood of all believers," individual congregation decisions, ONA (open and affirming) and the idea that my personal faith was intrinsically related to peace and justice in the world. I also loved the creativity and artistic expression in the midst of worship, things that my Calvinist ancestors would find intrusive and extravagant.

The UCC has its origins in European history, but also is a church of African American, American Indian, Hispanic and Asian heritage. We celebrate the rich diversity of God's human household and attempt to lift up the gifts of women and men, children and youth, single and married folks, rich and poor, queer and straight. One of the early saints of the UCC, Oliver Powell, described the UCC as a "heady, exasperating mix!" That has been my experience on the local, conference and national levels of our beloved church.

As we move toward June 24, the day we will be celebrating the "Big 5-0," we will be offering time to reflect on our individual journeys within the UCC. We are really grateful to have on our staff and in the congregation people who have worked in all levels of the UCC and some who have even grown up being UCC their entire lives! Come to Second Hour this Sunday to hear UCC stories and to tell your own. Also, join us on Mother's Day, May 13, when Rev. Linda Jaramillo from our national staff will be preaching and leading our Second Hour.

Many of us who have come to FCCB in the past decade or so may not be aware of the depth of history or the breadth of the mission of the UCC. Now is the time to discover the grace and gifts of our remarkable connections as those who are called to give shape to the future of the church.

5th Sunday Collection for Network Ministries

Please bring needed supplies for the San Francisco Network Ministries to worship for the 5th Sunday Collection on April 29. Executive Director **Rev. Glenda Hope** visited FCCB during Lent and shared about their inspiring work in the Tenderloin. We asked how we could help.

Their computer center needs: 13 standard computer keyboards, 13 standard computer mice, 13 mouse pads, pens and mechanical pencils, blank computer CDs, printer paper, and Brita water pitcher replacement filters. Their safe house needs common over the counter medications and first aid products (new only), as well as 30 dinner sized plates, water glasses and soup spoons or teaspoons (new or used) plus only one each of the following: a blender, a vacuum cleaner, a large slice capacity toaster, an electric knife sharpener, a few good quality kitchen knives and a large non-stick skillet. The ministry of Outreach, Mission and Service thanks you for your donations.

Last Book Sale Sunday

This Sunday, April 29, will be your last chance for a while to buy books after worship in the Large Assembly to help the children of Haiti. **Carole Wells**, our FCCB librarian, will resume the sale in September, so save all those books you are weeding from your overgrown collections.

Carole writes, "If the trend continues, we will have sent four students in Haiti to school for a year. **Margaret Trost** of What If? Foundation wrote that our first check of \$295 was enough to fund two elementary school stipends and we are well on our way to sending that much more. Thank you very much for all your support and your donations at the book table."



New South Africa Ministry Team Forming

David Harris' visit to FCCB in March has sparked the beginning of a ministry team dedicated to finding ways to help South Africans further their own effort for positive social change. A group has begun that effort by agreeing to support a young woman named Queen Manamudi. Despite a daily struggle for food and other basic needs, Queen is becoming a leader in her community. Queen has been accepted to a 4-year program that includes community service. She needs \$2000 for her first year. The new members of South Africa Voices for Empowerment (SAVE) will meet May 7 from 6 to 7 pm in the Balcony Room. If you would like to contribute to Queen as well as support South Africa in other ways, please join us. Checks may be made out to FCCB/Queen and given to Kathy Helliessen. For further information, call Freddie Bunge.



Tuesday Bible Study

In response to a growing interest among FCCB members, we will be starting a group Bible study called "The Circle of Spirit," which meets on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:15 pm during the month of May (1, 8, 15 and 22) in the Balcony Room. The group will be led by Peter Lin and Charlotte Russell.

Rather than presenting sermons, lectures or even theology *about* the Bible, the evenings will include candle light, music, and a community of love that collectively and directly encounters the Biblical text. The text will be used as a mirror—to look squarely into it, perhaps to discover who we really are and who we want to become, perhaps to open our eyes to the wondrous possibilities for love, forgiveness, peace and transformation within us.

"Did You Know..."

...that **Thursday, April 26th**, is East Bay Dining Out For Life—a nationwide day to raise money for HIV/AIDS and other critical illnesses? Sixty restaurants in the East Bay will be participating by giving 25% of their sales to the program. **Don and Jane Stahlhut** will be greeters at Tacubaya Mexican Restaurant (1788 4th St. in Berkeley, in the complex of shops and restaurants that houses Peet's Coffee). Join other FCCB members for dinner and support a great cause.

...that also on Thursday, April 26, **BOCA** will be hosting an **Immigration Forum** at 6:30 pm at Rosa Parks Elementary School in response to the immigration raids and the deportation of a Berkeley family? Then, on Tuesday, May 1, BOCA will gather at St. Joseph the Worker Church at 10 am to march to UC Berkeley to join their **rally for a just immigration policy** at Sproul Plaza at 11 am.

...that there will be a reception for the opening of the art exhibit by **Cordelia Strandskov**, our minister in training from Pacific School of Religion, this Sunday, April 29, in the Sunburst Gallery following worship? The exhibit will focus on her art quilts, which are a mixture of appliqué, collage, beading, and stamping.



...that our Easter offering raised **\$8,085** for the **Multicultural Institute** in Berkeley and the **Little Flock Children's Homes** in India?

Coming Up!

All Church Potluck
Sunday, May 6, at 11:30 am

Codys@FCCB Presents:

Jeffrey Kripal, *Esalen: America and the Religion of No Religion*

Monday, May 21 at 7:30 pm

Paul Hawken, *Blessed Unrest*

Tuesday, May 29 at 7:30 pm

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Bits and Pieces

Alden Club Lunch 4/29

Alden Club invites everyone to a no-host lunch at Brennan's (4th and University Ave. in Berkeley) at noon on April 29.

Alden Club Meets May 2

Cordelia Strandskov will be sharing "her story" with Alden Club on May 2 at 1 pm in the Small Assembly.

She will talk about her interests in fiber art, collage and book art, including her pieces currently on exhibit in the Sunburst Gallery. Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments and to hear Cordelia.

Make a Difference

Jann Yankauskas, chair of Outreach, Mission and Service, shares some ways FCCB members and friends can get involved in our communities:

Alzheimers Services of the East Bay (ASEB) is holding its annual silent/live auction of clients' art on May 3 at 6 pm at Piedmont Community Center. For information and tickets, contact S. Michael Pope: 510/644-8292 or speak to Kathy Helliesen, Cindy Stewart or Becky and Moe Wright about this wonderful event.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank's **Hunger Action Day** will be Tuesday, May 8 in Sacramento. Join the Food Bank and the California Hunger Action Coalition for a day of legislative visits, briefing on current state hunger issues, testimony from grassroots groups, rallies and more. Call Betsy Edwards at 635-3663 ext 307 or email her at bedwards@accfb.org for information.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday April 29

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

11:30 am, Pat de Jong's Office

SECOND HOUR: A GLIMPSE OF THE UCC

11:30 am, Small Assembly

CORDELIA STRANDSKOV'S ART OPENING

11:30 am, Sunburst

FCCB KITCHEN TABLE COMMUNITY

4 pm, Kitchen

YES CHOIR

5 pm, Durant House Main

SONGS OF THE SOUL CHOIR

6 pm, Durant House Main

Monday 30

STAFF MEETING

1 pm, Durant House Main

RESTORATIVE YOGA

3:45 pm, Durant House Main

Tuesday May 1

CELLAR THRIFT SHOP PRICING DAY

9 am, Cellar Thrift Shop

WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM

1 pm, Sunburst Room

IN CARE COMMITTEE

4 pm, Sunburst Room

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

7:30 pm, Balcony Room

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

7:30 pm, Sunburst Room

Wednesday 2

CELLAR THRIFT SHOP OPEN

10 am to 4 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

ALDEN CLUB WITH CORDELIA STRANDSKOV

1 pm, Small Assembly

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6 pm, Durant House Main

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE

7 pm, Loper Chapel

MEN'S BOOK GROUP

7:30 pm, Library

Thursday 3

BASKETBALL

6 pm, Large Assembly

CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE

7 pm, Sanctuary

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

8 pm, Durant House Main

Friday 4

FRIDAY GROUP

10 am, Durant House Main

Saturday 5

GRIEVING WORKSHOP

9 am to 12 pm, Small Assembly

CELLAR THRIFT SHOP OPEN

10 am to 2 pm, Cellar Thrift Shop

Explore Membership at FCCB

Looking for a community of faith?

Please join us for our next series:

Sunday, April 29 after worship in Patricia de Jong's office for a short orientation meeting

Sunday, May 6, at 5 pm for dinner and class in an FCCB member's home

Sunday, May 13, at 8:30 am, Library

This is your chance to:

- Meet FCCB's ministers and staff
- Ask questions about FCCB, the UCC, the meaning of membership, and life in community
- Get to know fellow visitors and members

If you choose to join...

New members will be received into the congregation on a **Sunday in May** during worship.

Interested?

Contact Patricia de Jong, the church office (510/848-3696), or Kathy Helliesen.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.