

# FCCB THE CARILLON



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Thirteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Welcome Sunday

**Something Special  
Happens Every Sunday!**

**8:00**

**Lectionary Bible Study** with  
Charlotte Russell, Durant House  
Main.

**10:00**

**Worship in the Sanctuary.**  
Patricia de Jong preaching. The  
Caius College Choir.  
Commissioning of Greece/Turkey  
Group. Larry Marietta, Music  
Program Director.

**11:30**

**Ice Cream Social**, front lawn.  
**Fellowship Fair**, Large Assembly.  
**Bill Jersey Art Exhibit**, Sunburst  
Room.

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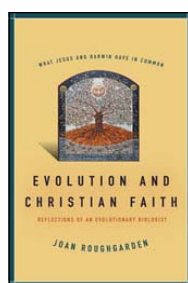
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## Evolution & Creationism New 3-part Science and Religion Series to Begin

At 7:30 pm on Tuesday, September  
12, **Cody's@FCCB** will present Stan-  
ford University professor, **Joan**



**Roughgarden**, dis-  
cussing her new book  
*Evolution and Christian  
Faith: Reflections of an  
Evolutionary Biolo-  
gist*. Although Dr.  
Roughgarden is impa-  
tient with the current  
tone of creation/

evolution debates, she  
sees them as an expression of a “pent-  
up urge for talking about God” in  
American public life.

Two “Second Hour” programs will  
follow on September 17 (**Dr. Ted Pe-  
ters**: “Evolution v. Creation—Who’s  
Fighting Whom For What?”) and Sep-  
tember 24 (**Dr. Robert Russell**:  
“Science and Religion—What Does A  
Progressive Christian Believe?”). Ted  
and Bob were participants in last fall’s  
series and made presentations to capac-  
ity crowds.

September 14-16, PSR’s Center For  
Theology and the Natural Sciences,  
founded by Bob Russell, a member of  
FCCB and ordained minister in a 4-way  
covenant with FCCB will celebrate its  
25th anniversary with an amazing series  
of programs at the GTU Library.

Brochures will be available on Sun-  
day after worship.

## FELLOWSHIP FAIR THIS SUNDAY!

*Find a group that is just right  
for you!*

## Exciting Events This Week!

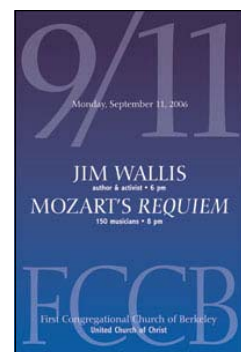
**Welcome  
Sunday, Sept.  
10:** Caius College  
Choir, Sunday  
School for our  
children and  
youth, new ban-  
ners, an ice cream  
social and Fellowship Fair. Worship at  
10 am. Winthrop & YES also begin.

**FCCB Marks 9/11: Monday  
night, Sept 11.** Jim Wallis at 6 pm  
followed by a book signing and bake  
sale. Then **Mozart’s Ave Verum** and  
**Requiem** at 8 pm featuring 150 singers  
from four Bay Area choirs. All events  
are free. Invite your friends!

## “Hot Topics” to Debut

Are you eager to engage more  
deeply in **conversations about impor-  
tant questions** with other members of  
the FCCB community?

Don’t miss the first “Hot Topics”  
on **Wednesday, Sept. 13.** With  
**Patricia de Jong, Adam Blons and  
Phil Porter** in the lead, we will gather  
to eat a simple meal at 6:30 pm, have  
some simple worship to get us focused  
and grounded, and then explore this  
question: **“How Has 9/11 Changed  
Your World?”** How do you see its in-  
fluence on your politics and world  
view? What are your hopes, dreams,  
fears or frustrations? These questions  
and those that you bring with you will  
shape our evening. It will be a perfect  
opportunity to follow up more person-  
ally the Jim Wallis/Mozart’s *Requiem*  
event on September 11. We will end by  
8:30 pm.





Continued prayers for **Hideya Gamo** in Alta Bates.

Congratulations and prayers of thanksgiving on the birth of **Jayne Saffarian's** great grandchild. **Noah James Carr-Therol Ford** was born Sunday August 27th to parents **Austyn Carr-Therol** (Jayne's granddaughter) and **James Ford of Antioch**.

Congratulations to **Carol and Bruce Copeland**, who met here at FCCB and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last week.

## Changes at the Front Desk

As the school year starts anew, changes are happening inside the FCCB Front Office, too. We say a huge thank you to **Natalie Lucchese** as she retires from work at the Front Desk on 1st Sundays of each month and to **Nancy Arevalo**, who has been our work-study receptionist 3 days a week for the 3 months of summer.

We lift up the wonderful ministry of hospitality provided by all our front office volunteers and employees: **Ginny Miller, Joy Service and Eleanor Lyness** on Sundays; **Cheryl Scott, Della Wiegand and Lewis Perry** on weekdays. And we say a special word of welcome to **Helen Bliven** who will be working 1st Sunday mornings as well as Monday morning each week (following the tradition of her mother, Marjorie Robinson). Also, three new work-study students—**Jenna Ingalls, Augustine Gaw and Phillip Alvarado**—will join us in the next two weeks.

We hope you will greet these newcomers warmly as they arrive and express your appreciation to those who have served so faithfully!

## “Teach Us to Pray”

On Wednesday, September 13, 5:30-6:15 pm in the Hall of Entrance, we will practice the presence of God through prayers in community. Bring your concerns, joys and prayers for others into the circle of healing, hope and grace.

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## The View from Here

**Patricia de Jong**  
*Senior Minister*



Kids across the nation are heading back to school. Many of our young people have packed up for college and some of us are preparing to let go of sons and daughters for the first time as they make their way to colleges and universities around the country. It's a moment filled with deep pride and some grief and bewilderment. Our prayers are with all these parents and teens as they depart for college.

Many of us squeezed the last juices out of summer this past Labor Day weekend and now we are ready for the more demanding pace of our fall schedules. Here at FCCB, we have been preparing for the new year in a variety of ways. The staff spent a day in retreat with each other last Thursday, deepening our collegial relationships and preparing for our new and ongoing programs. Ken Iha, our Church Business Administrator and a certified Myers-Briggs teacher, offered us an excellent “in service” to help us discover how we work as individuals and together as staff. While many of us have worked together for a long time, there are also newer staff and two new Ministers in Training, so it was especially fun to learn about our work patterns in such a creative way.

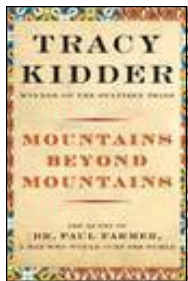
Our Ministry of Care, Fellowship and Invitation has organized our annual Fellowship Fair and Ice Cream Social following worship for September 10. Come to the Fair and visit the tables encircling the Large Assembly; they'll be full of information about the dozens of ways you can experience friendship and community at FCCB. “Seven For Leaven,” “Spirit Talk,” “Sister Space,” and “Hot Topics” are only a few of the groups that you can sign up for. Thanks to CF&I for this great idea—a time for us to experience the wide variety of programs so we can make healthy choices about how to “balance” our experiences of fellowship, fun and deep inquiry in the midst of community life.

As people of faith, we take the metaphor of the journey very seriously. We are willing to walk in new ways on the path with each other and with God. When we say “welcome” and pass the peace to one another every Sunday, we are responding to the deep welcome that we have known in God and the peace we have come to know in the Body of Christ.

May the first Sunday of the “new year” be a time of deep welcome, a response to the invitation to be on the journey of faith in caring community. May “Welcome Sunday” be a time of sharing and extending the peace of Christ to others in our lives. As the world continues to suffer from violence and hostility, may we invest our hearts and lives in the making of peace and the creating of hospitality and welcome for the Spirit. Welcome home! See you in church!

## Book Group Sept. 19

As announced earlier this spring, the book selection for September 19 is



*Mountains Beyond Mountains* (2003). Tracy Kidder presents a portrait of **Dr. Paul Farmer**, an extraordinary doctor determined to cure infectious diseases and bring modern medicine to regions

with great challenges, currently in Haiti which is the focus of this book.

Coincidentally, **Dr. Paul Farmer** will be in Berkeley on Saturday, **September 9**, appearing on a panel with **Fr. Gerard Jean-Juste**, pastor of St. Clare's Church in Port-au-Prince and site of the What If? Food program feeding 600 Haitian youth each day. The benefit event will be at St. Joseph the Worker beginning at 7 pm.

The FCCB Book Group will meet September 19, 7:30–9 pm in the Library. Newcomers are always welcome.

## Codys@FCCB Presents: Philip Jenkins

On Thursday, September 21, Codys@FCCB will feature **Philip Jenkins** reading from his newest book, *The New Faces of Christianity: Believing the Bible in the Global South* at 7:30 pm in the Large Assembly.

Philip Jenkins, Distinguished Professor of History and Religious Studies at Pennsylvania State University, argues that the center of gravity in the Christian world is moving southward in the world, so much so that soon Africa may be the home to the largest Christian populations. These Christians identify strongly with the agricultural world described in the Bible—places of famine, plague, poverty and exile much like their own. In what surprising ways are they reading the Bible?



## Global Day for Darfur September 17

On September 17, people around the world will take part in the **Global Day for Darfur** to show world-wide support for the Darfur people and to put pressure on our governments to protect the civilians in western Sudan. Go to [www.DayForDarfur.org](http://www.DayForDarfur.org) to find out about these events, to see the *Day for Darfur* video, and to add your name to the Day for Darfur campaign, which calls for strengthening the peacekeeping forces, increasing aid levels and ensuring access for aid delivery, and implementing the Darfur Peace Agreement signed on May 5, 2006.

## BOCA Fundraiser 9/17

The Fundraiser for BOCA, **Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action** will be September 17 from 12 to 4 pm at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2005 Berryman St. in Berkeley. FCCB was a founding member of this organization and still supports its work for systemic change in Berkeley and California. Each congregation is challenged to sell at least \$200 worth of tickets to meet our goal of \$3,000. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, buy tickets or help sell them, please contact FCCB member, **Jane Stahlhut**.

## Songs of the Soul

Songs of the Soul Vocal Ensemble for high school and college students resumes Sept. 10. Rehearsals are Sunday evenings from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the North Room. No previous singing experience needed. All are welcome! Pizza will be provided. Questions? Call Linda Crebbin-Coates at 925-283-5406.

## Lectionary Bible Study

Every Sunday morning at 8 am, beginning September 10, you are welcome to gather in Durant House Main to study the lectionary text for that Sunday's worship. Materials are available upon request. This is a wonderful way to enter into the worship experience.

## Did You Know...

...that FCCB provided a rousing "welcome back" to around **25 Bay Area undergraduate and graduate students** on Friday, August 25?



...that **Anne Bailey**, our multi-talented administrative secretary, will celebrate her one-year anniversary as a member of FCCB's staff on September 19?

...that you can **recycle your old batteries** by bringing them to the church office?

...that **Larry Marietta** will be playing the organ with the Berkeley Symphony for a Cal Performances Concert on Sunday, September 17?

...that our **new organ** has been chosen as one of three new American organ installations to be featured on the nationally syndicated NPR show *Pipedreams*? The CD submitted for consideration was played by **John Walko**. **Michael Barrone**, longtime host of *Pipedreams*, said of our organ: "The [music] was particularly impressive as the melodic content moved upwards, the 'singing' intensity of the voicing was very effective. I've heard too many bland new instruments lately. Yours definitely is not one of those. My heartiest congratulations on a magnificent installation."

## Coming Up!

**Codys@FCCB: Jim Wallis**  
Monday, September 11 at 6 pm

**Codys@FCCB: Joan Roughgarden**  
Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30 pm

**Hot Topics**  
Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm

**Codys@FCCB: Philip Jenkins**  
Thursday, September 21 at 7:30 pm

**more news at [www.fccb.org](http://www.fccb.org)**

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## Explore Membership at FCCB

### *Looking for a community of faith?*

Please join us for our next series:

**Sunday, October 1 or 8** (come either date) after worship in Pat de Jong's office for a short orientation meeting

**Sunday, October 15**, at 5:00 pm for dinner and class in an FCCB member's home

**Sunday, October 22**, at 8:30 am. Location to be announced.

### *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 Sunday, October 29, during worship.

### *Interested?*

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

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

## Bits and Pieces

### Sign Up for Family Camp!

Sign up now for the all-church retreat at **Camp Cazadero Sept. 23-24**. It's a wonderful time of singing, crafts, hiking, worship, meeting new friends and spending time with your church family. This year's theme is "Restoring the Spirit, Becoming Peacemakers." Visit

the "Caz" table in the Large Assembly during Coffee Hour for information and sign-ups. If you have questions, call **Louise Halsey** or **Margie Coates**.

### New Enneagram Series

A series of panels on the Nine Enneagram Types and the Instinctual Subtypes will run for eight Sundays beginning September 17 from 7 to 9 pm in the Small Assembly. The Enneagram describes nine personality types and their patterns of feeling and behaving. The series is \$275 or \$35 per class. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, a class schedule or to register, call 510/234-1600.

### Alden Club Sept. 14

Alden Club will host a gala old-hymn sing, preceded by (can you believe it?) root beer floats on **Thursday, Sept. 14** at 1 pm in the Small Assembly. Just come and join in or give Margie Coates a call.

### Friday Group Resumes

The Friday Group gathers again beginning Friday, Sept. 8 and each Friday morning thereafter from 10 am to noon in Durant House Main. This is a women's group that meets to discuss books and share their life interests. Carolyn Ocheltree will be this year's convener.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday September 10

**HEALING PILGRIMAGE**  
11:30 am, Durant House Upstairs  
**WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP**  
4:30 pm, Side Door Room  
**YES JR HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP**  
6 pm, YES Room  
**SONGS OF THE SOUL**  
6 pm, North Room

### Monday 11

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BETTY AUSTIN**  
11 am, Sanctuary  
**RESTORATIVE YOGA**  
3:45 pm, Durant House Main  
**CODYS@FCCB PRESENTS: JIM WALLIS**  
6 pm, Sanctuary  
**MOZART'S REQUIEM**  
8 pm, Sanctuary

### Tuesday 12

**WOMEN'S MEMOIR CLASS**  
9:30 am, Durant House Main  
**STAFF MEETING**  
9:30 am, Small Assembly  
**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**  
5:30 pm, Sunburst Room  
**OUTREACH, MISSION AND SERVICE**  
6:30 pm, North Room  
**CARE, FELLOWSHIP AND INVITATION**  
7 pm, Durant House Main  
**CODYS@FCCB PRESENTS: JOAN ROUGHGARDEN**  
7:30 pm, Large Assembly

### Wednesday 13

**CELLAR THRIFT SHOP: OPEN**  
10 am-4 pm, Downstairs, Pilgrim Hall  
**TEACH US TO PRAY**  
5:30 pm, Hall of Entrance  
**HOT TOPICS**  
6:30 pm, Large Assembly  
**CAMPUS MINISTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
7 pm, Sunburst Room  
**HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
7 pm, Plymouth Assembly

### Thursday 14

**ALDEN CLUB**  
1 pm, Small Assembly  
**LONG RANGE PLANNING**  
5:30 pm, Sunburst Room  
**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
7 pm, Sanctuary

### Friday 15

**FRIDAY GROUP**  
10 am, Durant House Main  
**DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE**  
7:30 pm, Durant House Main

### Saturday 16

**CELLAR THRIFT SHOP: OPEN**  
10 am-2 pm, Downstairs, Pilgrim Hall