Sunday Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Theme: War and Peace

NOVEMBER 2
El Dia de Los Muertos
Service Leaders: Rev. Chris Bell, Susan Panttaja, Ben Ford
Special Music from Robin Roger & Festival of Friends.

Many traditions recognize this time of year, with its falling leaves, as one when the boundary between life and death grows thin. This intergenerational service will give us a chance to honor our ancestors and departed loved ones, and make friends with the reality of death. An altar will be built. Please bring an image or object that represents a person (or more) who has passed away.

NOVEMBER 9
Soul Wounds, Broken Covenants and the Search for Grace
Service Leader: Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles
Worship Associate: Andrew Hidas
Special Music by the Choir

As we honor Veterans Day this week, in a time of unending war, we acknowledge the spiritual wounds of our warriors and the need to honor the task of restoring connection and community.

Rev. Carrie Knowles serves as Chaplain to Veterans on the Board of the Interfaith Center at the Presidio in San Francisco. She coordinates conferences that bring together today’s veterans with clergy and congregational leaders to create healing communities where veterans can reconnect with civilian life.

NOVEMBER 23
I thank You God for most this amazing day
Service Leaders: Rev. Chris Bell, Lucia Milburn
Special Music provided by the Choir and Robin Rogers

E. E. Cummings was born to Unitarian parents, and held what we might call a transcendentalist faith throughout his life. For our annual Thanksgiving celebration of gratitude we will consider his life and work, particularly the beloved poem, i thank You God for most this amazing day, which appears in our hymnal as reading #504. Come prepared to leave feeling deeply thankful!

NOVEMBER 30
Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul
Service Leaders: Rev. Chris Bell, Frances Corman, Roger Corman
Special Music provided by some UUsual Suspects

Since the earliest colonial period there have been tensions between the idea of America as a promised land with a chosen people who can and should live in a certain way, and the idea that it is truly a land of liberty for all. This tension is alive and (un)well to this very day. Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island, is one of the great heroes of freedom of conscience, and his amazing tale can continue to inspire all who love religious liberty, as today’s service will demonstrate.

DECEMBER THEME:
Hope in the Darkness

DECEMBER 7
Turning of the Generations
Service Leaders: Rev. Chris Bell, Erin Howseman, Sadie Sonntag

During his sabbatical road trip Rev. Chris spent some time in North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee, which led to these reflections on the Civil War and its lasting and powerful influence on American society and culture (e.g., lasting racial inequality and injustice). We’ll particularly look at the way the war is remembered in the North and the South today. And since Ferguson, Missouri was just the most recent, and probably not the last, battle of the war, maybe we can think of some ways to end this conflict, at long last.
Those of you who have chosen to accept the responsibilities and blessings of membership are, I trust, subscribers to our email chat list. We call it The FOCUS List because it is usually focused on the internal affairs of the congregation.

Many interesting things are said there. If you are indeed on the FOCUS list you were recently granted a quite funny conversation about the differences and similarities between sports and religion. Such a connection has been observed many times, most notably and recently by our own former congregational president Andrew Hidas in his recent blog post (http://andrewhidas.com/lets-go-giiiiiants-sports-as-modern-religion). I love his take on what sports does – and doesn’t – offer that religion offers. Or, perhaps more appropriately, what religion might offer, if it would remember and celebrate the ecstatic experience that is at its heart.

As Andrew put it, “The intimacy of religious community—of the intention to pursue shared values, with people one commits to not for an afternoon of rooting for the home team but for a lifetime of doing the work of kindness, compassion, service and soul—gives lie to any notion that sports is a viable, life-affirming substitute for religion. That it serves functions similar to religion in certain contexts seems beyond dispute, but that’s a long way from proclaiming the establishment of The Church of the San Francisco Giants in anything but the most whimsical, tongue-in-cheek manner.”

That said, sports in general, and baseball in particular, does play a key part in the American Civil Religion. What is the American Civil Religion, you ask? Per the great lar, does play a key part in the American Civil Religion. Beyond dispute, but that’s a long way from proclaiming the sports is a viable, life-affirming substitute for religion. That it establishes of The Church of the San Francisco Giants in compassion, service and soul—gives lie to any notion that religion is a sociological theory that there exists a nonsectarian religious faith in the United States with sacred symbols drawn from national history. Scholars have portrayed it as a cohesive force, a common set of values that foster social and cultural integration. The very heavy emphasis on non-denominational religious themes is quite distinctively American and the theory is designed to explain this. The concept goes back to the 19th century but in its current form the theory was developed by sociologist Robert Bellah in 1967 in Civil Religion in America.8

The relationship between the game of baseball and national affairs and national consciousness is well established. The most obvious example is the role that Jackie Robinson played in further integrating the American workplace. At baseball games shortly after 9/11, there were moments of silence, and lots of flag waving, and we’ve been singing God Bless America during the 7th inning stretch on Sundays ever since. And I have never seen collective emotional healing on the order of the Red Sox World Series victory in 2004.

More recently, during Game 3 of the current World Series (which I suspect will be concluded with a Giants victory by the time you read this), there was a moment of silence for Stand Up To Cancer, a major funding source for cancer research. Nearly every single person in the stadium, including players, managers, broadcasters and fans, stood and silently held up a little sign that said, “I stand up for _______” with the name of a person in their life who had cancer written in. I found it very powerful, even with the MasterCard logo on every sign. (No way to escape that I suppose. This is the United States, after all.)

I have long felt that the way to motivate our sluggish, divided, selfish, gridlocked nation (which is also dynamic, diverse, generous, and progressive, by the way) is to engage the populace in projects that we can all agree on. Let’s start with no more starving babies. Fighting cancer isn’t a bad choice either. My mother died from it.

Regarding the event, Commissioner Bud Selig said, “Major League Baseball is proud to utilize the global platform of the World Series to highlight causes that are important to so many of our fans and our culture as a whole. Baseball is a social institution with significant social responsibilities, and it is a privilege to draw attention to organizations that work tirelessly to address these challenges.”

“A social institution with significant social responsibilities.” Sound like anywhere you’ve heard of?

After the Tommy service, I find myself aware of the fact that I have been striving for worship services that elicit the feeling I get at a rock show. I have wanted to feel in church the way I did in the 12th row at the Radiohead show at Suffolk Downs, singing every song word for word, while some of my favorite music in the world rolled over me and through me and into me, with lights and lasers and dry ice all around. Or the way I often did at a Grateful Dead show, when happiness and freedom blew through on the warm summer air.

AND, as befits a leader of our tradition, I want those feelings to be passed through the filter of reason and reflection, and a disciplined spiritual practice, and the community of my fellow UUs. I want those feelings to remain after the show or game, so to speak, to inspire good living in our families and friendships, and in this community and the community-at-large throughout each day.

I just wonder…

What or who are we standing up for on Sunday mornings? Standing before? Standing against? Standing with gratitude towards, or love for, or commitment to?

What would it take for us to cheer on each other, our leaders, our ministers, our ministries, our faith, our God/Goddess/Great Big Thing, with as much enthusiasm and gusto as we do our sports teams or our rock bands?

I look forward to discovering the answers together. In the meantime, rock on! And GO GIANTS!

Rev. Chris
Greetings from the Board President

I write this a week after we came together for our Fall Congregational Meeting. I want to thank every person who attended. We did a lot of business, heard from many and it felt simply wonderful. We have been through a difficult time and while I am sure there are still some folks who are unresolved it does seem as if we have made it through the storm as a community. We are strong enough to get through the tough times and that is good to find out. Thank you all.

BUSINESS FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Many voting items required your attention: the Budget Timeline bylaw change, the approval of our participation in the Nomadic Shelter project, the budget, nomination for the Endowment Committee, the slate for Advocates for Social Justice. You did your homework and came to the meeting clearly informed and ready to vote. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

GA ACCORDING TO KEN AND JAN

What a delightful presentation! This was one of those tender moments for me when I felt our congregation as truly beloved community. More GA and DA stories to come....stay tuned.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

TIMING FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS...We have struggled to get this right. While the system of eat, work, worship has been good for a bit the difficulty comes when our meeting threatens to run over into worship time, leaving us feeling a sense of hurry in our meeting. We noodled this at last week's board meeting and decided to try a new sequence. We decided to worship first, at 9:15 and "work" at 11. We would still plan a meeting to fit within the hour and a half period we think is optimum but if discussion took us beyond that we wouldn't feel so pressed to end so that worship could set up. Who knows, we might even decide to do a potluck lunch afterwards. We will try this in February and see how it works.

CHANGE IN BOARD COMPOSITION AND OFFICERS...With J. D. Thompson's resignation we are now a board of 8 which is within the range our bylaws require (8-12). J. D. held the position of Vice President with the intention to serve as President next year. The good news is that your current board is filled with talented, hard working folks. One of those, Susan Bartholome, has stepped forward to serve as Vice President this year and President next year. Susan will do a great job and, as I certainly have learned, she will have the full support of the board and all of you.

GOAL GROUPS...I will save news from the Goal Groups for future newsletters. We are up to some good stuff!

SEE YOU ALL AT THE AUCTION NOVEMBER 8!

Jeanie Bates, President, UUCSR Board of Trustees

Time for Change

Since 2007, I have been the contact person for the UUCSR Writers. That’s Long Enough! I look back on my long association with the UUCSR Writers as a very positive experience in every way. I have benefited from the learning and growing process and have enjoyed my role as a resource person to our Writers.

I recently have been in negotiations to use my specialized training as a volunteer group organizer/facilitator under another Writers Umbrella. I’m seriously considering it. Once I’ve got all my ducks in order announcements can be made and invitations sent to join me in my new adventure.

Please know that my contacts with the UUCSR Staff and Volunteers have always been a most pleasant experience. I shall always be grateful to them for their patience and help with the many UUCSR Writers Special Events: The Raymond Burr Film Festival, Forums, Poetry Slams, Interviews, TV Interviews, Regular Monthly Meetings and the list goes on...

I wish to extend my personal, warm thanks to Ellen Skagerberg who was my UUCSR Writers Mentor, to Janis Brewster who always welcomed my unannounced visits about Writer related Admin/Clerical issues, David Templeton, my adopted brother and guide, all the Writers, and to all those who gave encouragement and support.

I’m participating in the NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) in November at the Warm Puppy Cafe. As of Dec. 1, 2014 I no longer will be the Contact Person for the UUCSR Writers.

Sincerely,

Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS)

CUUPS's SAMHAIN POTLUCK is on Sunday, Nov 5th at 5:00pm Join us for an evening of song, guided meditation and a great potluck honoring our beloved dead. Please bring a photo or memento of your loved one and favorite dish to share. Please RSVP to cuups@uusantarosa.org

The next Pagan Happy Hour is October 28th at 5:30-7:00 in the Green Room.
CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH YOUR UUCSR FAMILY!

Thanksgiving at UUCSR ~ November 27, 3 pm

We will celebrate our Annual UUCSR Thanksgiving Day Feast this year again with our friends and family in the Social Hall on Thanksgiving Day, beginning at 3:00pm.

This is always a lovely way to celebrate the true meaning of Thanksgiving! Look for the sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Social Hall.

Please RSVP that you will be joining us and what dish you will be bringing to share. We will have the tables set and decorated, music playing, and a warm welcome for all. Every year we have the most wonderful array of delicious food!

If you have special dietary needs, bring your special dish to share. There’s always plenty for our vegetarian friends, too!

After our feast, plan to stay and enjoy Scrabble or other games. And, of course, clean-up help is very welcome!

Please RSVP by Sunday, November 23rd so that we have plenty of places at our tables for all.

SHARE THE COLLECTION

On Sunday, November 9 we will share our collection with The YWCA Safe House, which provides refuge in a confidential location for women and children fleeing domestic violence. The Safe House has a 60 day therapeutic residential program with intensive case management, and provides a 2 year follow-up. Please help to provide services for this vulnerable population.

On Sunday, November 23 we will share our collection with our own Saturday Breakfast. Every Saturday volunteers from our congregation prepare and serve a hot nutritious meal to individuals and families who need and appreciate the good food, and the opportunity to come in from the cold. Please, as always, be very generous.

ADVOCATES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE / A4SJ

NEWSFLASH - New Meeting Time for A4SJ - 4th Wednesdays, at 12 noon

Interested in what we do? Please visit us in the teen room

GMO? OMG! Film on GMO’s Monday, November 3, 7-9 pm

GMO!? What's that? GMO stands for Genetically Modified Organisms. GMOs are found in a very large percentage of our food, but that food isn't labeled as containing genetically modified organisms or ingredients, unless it is certified organic or certified GMO Free. The US has no GMO labeling requirements. What are the ramifications of GMOs in our foods and in our bodies? Do you want to know more about GMOs? If so, come and see the free film showing of “GMO, OMG!” on November 3rd from 7 to 9 pm at the UUCSR in the Social Hall.

HOT TOPICS

Hot Topics presents Ceres Community Project Speaker Deborah Ramelli and a student team leader from CERES will tell us about this amazing project. CERES, a local organization which gives teen-agers the experiences of growing and preparing healthy food, provides free, nourishing meals to those facing cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. It also educates the larger community about the connection between food, healing and wellness. The speakers will focus on the parts of the program which relate to the training and education of teen volunteers, and to the supporting of patients with nourishing food.

Sunday November 9 at 12:45 pm in the Religious Education Area
Here’s What’s Happening in RE Classes This Month

The Sr. High Youth Group meets every Thursday from 4-6pm. Deborah Mason and Rev. Chris serve as Youth Advisors. Contact Deborah (debmasonuu@gmail.com) for more information.

Sunday Morning RE classes meet during the 11:00 service. Children grades K-8 begin in the sanctuary and are excused to their classes after a story and the recitation of the children’s affirmation. First Sunday of the month is Children’s Chapel with all ages together. On the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays children meet in grade groups, as described below.

Childcare for babies, toddlers and preschoolers will be provided by Fiona Mackenzie and Shawna Hoxsie.

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Treasurer’s Report

Remember our Service Auction on November 8th!

Our largest fundraiser of the year, so please come and participate. It’s a wonderful chance to socialize with your fellow congregants, have a nice meal, and support our mission. Children get in for free so bring the whole family, bid on some of the cool events and nifty items provided by many generous souls, take part in the raffle for prizes donated by our local merchants and have some fun. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

This Year So Far...

Through the first three months of this fiscal year, our pledge revenue is close to budget and our expenses are slightly under budget, likely the result of timing. We are in a good cash position, adequate for our operations. So things are looking positive and I’ll keep you posted as we proceed through the year.

What we strive to do, we can do – expanding our ministry and mission.

In this column last month, I listed the recipients of our financial generosity for the previous fiscal year. Although some generosity is directed toward our own members and friends, the majority is directed to others, generally outside our community, such as the Living Room and our Saturday Breakfast. We practice this generosity as one manifestation of our mission.

This winter, we will be participating in the Nomadic Shelter Program mainly because of the commitment and vision of some of our dedicated members. There are many ways we can make a difference, live our values and demonstrate our generosity. I’m really looking forward to expanding the range and volume of our generosity to those in need.

And as we continue to pursue our mission in the community, we attract others of like-minds and we grow. I think I counted 27 youngsters on the chancel steps recently! What a wonderful development. I feel a great commitment to our congregation and its mission and it is wonderful to welcome new members and friends who I hope will share my commitment. Everyone contributes to make UUCSR the vital and inspiring place that it is.

The Next Ten Years...

It’s hard to believe that we’ve been in our “new” building for 10 years and it’s time to look forward to our next ten years. What do we want to be doing in the coming years and where do we want to be ten years from now? These are the questions we will ponder this year. Many hopes and dreams have been voiced and there are surely many more to come. Let’s put everything on the table and talk about the resources needed to support all our dreams. You never know what sorts of opportunities may arise once we boldly chart a course. I am an optimist and have no doubt that we can accomplish whatever we decide to pursue. What a very exciting time for us!

Linda Balabanian, Treasurer

Vision Planning Committee of the Board

At the October Congregational Meeting, the Board mentioned their hope to get everyone at UUCSR involved in helping record what we desire our future UUCSR to look like. Everything that we have and do now is up for grabs, plus everything we would like to have or do that would help make us realize our vision more fully.

We ask all of you to take a survey (electronically or on paper) that will give us a sense of what the priority areas of our congregational life are that we now value the most. Watch for notices.

We will discuss these at small group meetings in January, where each of us will have a chance to add our own ideas and dreams, that we will later share with the rest of the congregation.

After adding some quantifying information about each of the preferred ideas we will come together to select the most commonly shared and promising ones to forward to the Board and financial planners.

Thank you,

Alan Proulx, Board Member
2014 UUCSR Annual Auction

Saturday, November 8, 5:30 to 8:30

Let’s Make a Deal!

You give us $20 and we give you:
• A festive evening of fun and fellowship
• A glass of wine or soda on the house
• Free child care for those who need it (please reserve)
• A four-course meal featuring pasta from Mary’s Pizza Shack
• The chance to bid for dinners, parties, & outings hosted by your UUCSR compadres
• The chance to bid on fabulous goods & services donated by members & area businesses
• A chance to win a raffle with fabulous prizes for a song
• The pride of knowing that you helped UUCSR further its goals
• Freedom from remorse at missing your community’s premier annual fund-raising event!

NEW THIS YEAR:
• Children admitted free.
• You can use plastic—we will be accepting Master Card and Visa.

! No advance ticket needed —just come !

Saturday, November 8, 5:30 to 8:30

It’s not too late to donate!
You have until Nov 2 to fill out a Donation Form on Sunday at church, or call the office at 568-5381 and ask the receptionist to fill one out for you.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014
Newsletter@uusantarosa.org

E-mail Submissions Greatly Appreciated!
Newsletter Assembly
10 a.m.— November 26, 2014
**Adult Religious Education**

**Write and Connect**: Free Sample Creative Writing and Practice Workshop – Sunday, September 7, 12:00-2:00 pm.

If you’ve been curious about how to develop a deep writing practice and tap into your authentic creative voice, come to this free sample of Write and Connect, a creative writing and practice workshop that will be offered weekly beginning October 6th. The workshop is designed for everyone – women, men, novices, aspiring and advanced writers. Instructor, Patty Somlo, has been writing and publishing articles, short fiction and essays for nearly 35 years. No enrollment is necessary for the September 7 sample workshop. Enrollment for the workshop to begin in October will begin on September 7 and continue after that at the Sunday A.R.E. (Adult RE) table. Or call Kathy Norman.

**Women Together**

**WOMEN TOGETHER 1 DAY RETREAT – Saturday, November 15th 10 - 3**

Mark your calendar for our annual 1-Day Retreat on Saturday, November 15th from 10am (9:30 for coffee) to 3pm at Friends House, 684 Benicia Drive, Santa Rosa. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends, and make new ones. Also, folk who can't navigate St. Dorothy's Rest, or can't be away from home for a whole weekend, really enjoy this opportunity to have fun and get to know one another on a deeper level. Our theme will be “Recharging Your Batteries”. Please bring a lunch dish to share. (There is no charge for this day, nor do you need to sign up ahead of time.)

**UUCSR Writers—A Stimulating Environment**

Monday Afternoons, November 3, 10, 17, 24, from 1-4 pm

UUCSR Writers November “Write Ins” for NaNoWriMo National Novel Writing Month. Write a 50,000 word novel in 30 days. Bring your computer, pencil and pad, parchment and quill, etc. we will write, write, write!

You can buy a cup of coffee, tea, hot chocolate or lunch at our new meeting place the Warm Puppy Cafe, Snoopy’s Home Ice, 1667 West Steele Lane, Santa Rosa, CA (Near Coddingtontown) www.snoopyshomeice.com. Route 11 Bus stops in front of Ice Arena. Parking is free.

http://uucsrwriters.blogspot.com

**Faith and Fitness**

Our November hike is Saturday, November 8. We celebrate our one year anniversary of Faith and Fitness by returning to Foothill Regional Park in Windsor for a dog friendly hike with some uphill climbs, lovely views and a nice lunch spot on the trail. We will have a special treat to celebrate.

Shorter or longer alternatives available after lunch. The shorter hike is 2 1/2 miles. Meet at Foothill Regional Park at 10:00 am, park pass required to park inside the gate, free parking outside: carpool can be arranged if needed, just let me know.

Questions? Contact email fitness@uusantarosa.org. Hope you will join us.

**Evening Book Group**

The Evening Book Group meets on Thursday, November 13th from 7 to 9 p.m. at 547 Mendocino. We meet in the RE wing. The November selection is *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki.

Visitors and newcomers are welcome. In December we are reading *Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan. If you have questions, please contact Linda Lampson.
Music Notes

Because there are two services near special holidays this month, the choir will be singing for both services each Sunday a piece that has been chosen for these occasions. On November 9, prior to Veterans Day, you will hear a marvelous piece composed by our past Choir Director, Doug Bowes, which is a setting of a very moving poem by Walt Whitman in honor of Civil War veterans: “Dirge for Two Veterans” (from “Leaves of Grass”). Then on November 23, prior to Thanksgiving, you will hear another beautiful piece composed by Lloyd Pfautsch, which is a setting of a very joyful poem by e.e. cummings. Here are the lyrics:

“Dirge for Two Veterans”
Walt Whitman, Doug Bowes

The last sunbeam
Lightly falls from the finish’d Sabbath,
On the pavement here—and there beyond, it is looking,
Down a new-made double grave.
Lo! the moon ascending!
Up from the east, the silvery round moon;
Beautiful over the house tops, ghastly phantom moon;
Immense and silent moon.
I see a sad procession,
And I hear the sound of coming full-key’d bugles;
All the channels of the city streets they’re flooding,
As with voices and with tears.
I hear the great drums pounding,
And the small drums steady whirring;
And every blow of the great convulsive drums,
Strikes me through and through.
For the son is brought with the father;
In the foremost ranks of the fierce assault they fell;
Two veterans, son and father, dropt together,
And the double grave awaits them.
Now nearer blow the bugles,
And the drums strike more convulsive;
And the day-light o’er the pavement quite has faded,
And the strong dead-march enwraps me.
In the eastern sky up-buoying,
The sorrowful vast phantom moves illumin’d;
(Tis some mother’s large, transparent face,
In heaven brighter growing.)
O strong dead-march, you please me!
O moon immense, with your silvery face you soothe me!

O my soldiers twain! O my veterans, passing to burial!
What I have I also give you.
The moon gives you light,
And the bugles and the drums give you music;
And my heart, O my soldiers, my veterans,
My heart gives you love.

“i thank you God”
e.e. cummings, Lloyd Pfautsch

i thank You God for most this amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;
and for everything which is natural
which is infinite which is yes
(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun’s birthday;
this is the birthday of life and of love and wings:
and of the gay great happening illimitably earth)
how should tasting touching hearing seeing breathing any –
lifted from the no of all nothing–
human merely being doubt unimaginable You?
(now the ears of my ears awake
and now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

Submitted by Jenny Harriman, Music Committee Chair

Meet the Minister

Meet the minister - once a month following the 11 A.M. Sunday Service visitors and guests are invited to an informal brief meeting with the minister, Reverend Chris Bell, and one or two lay leaders. Questions are not only welcomed, but encouraged!
Bring your coffee or tea and join us in the Green Room, located at the opposite end of the hall from the social area.

November 16  December 21
Glaser Center's "Showcase Concert Series"

The Glaser Center's "Showcase Concert Series" presents

The pickPocket Ensemble & Un Deux Trois
Saturday • November 15 • 7:30pm

Inspired by many musical traditions and styles, the acclaimed pickPocket Ensemble (violin, accordion, trumpet, guitar and bass) exists in a complex, toe-tappingly vibrant world all their own.

To listen to the pickPocket ensemble is to embark on a journey. Speak to audience members after a performance: one will have been to Bogota, one to Prague, one to Paris.

Yet for all its wide-ranging inspirations, the music of the pickPocket ensemble remains intensely personal and immediately engaging, an invitation to listen in on an intimate and ongoing conversation.

In this, the final concert in the Glaser Center's "Showcase Concert Series", the pickpocket Ensemble will be joined by the French music trio Un Deux Trois.

Bal Musette, traditional dance music, song, and original compositions make up the repertoire of this innovative trio.

Un Deux Trois blends the sounds of accordion, guitar, and electric bass to create a contemporary sound that is faithful to the tradition of French music.

Advance tickets available at the UUCSR office and at Brown Paper Tickets.com

Do you have what it takes? Be an Officer of the Day.

WANTED: Officers of the Day (OODs)

As an Officer of the Day you will assist sexton Peter Wilson, a joy to work with, with setup before the first service and takedown after the second service. You will greet late-comers when services are in progress. You might need to contact help if there is a plumbing, electrical, or locked-out emergency. You will be trained in correct light switch location, and in how to control our heating and air conditioning settings. You will know which rooms need to be locked and which to be unlocked and will have the keys necessary to do it. Tact may be required of you—in dealing with potentially disruptive visitors, guests, or members. Because of the responsibilities involved you must be a UUCSR member to serve.

You would serve about once every six weeks, and would get to be listed at the top of the Announcements page. If you are interested in this in-the-loop volunteer position, contact one of the current officers of the day, the ones with the nifty "badges" (that you too could be wearing)

Thanks to the other current OODs for their smooth running of operations on Sunday mornings: Bob Barrows, Ted Miller, Bud Willis, Cori Hall, and John Jaffray.

- Phil Harriman, OOD
The Glaser Center
"Showcase Concert Series"
Chamber Music Series
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The pickPocket Ensemble
Inspired by many world musical traditions, the pickPocket ensemble inhabit a country all their own. Original, fresh and engaging, the pickPocket ensemble create a contemporary chamber café music that moves both body and soul. "The pickPocket Ensemble incorporate violin, accordion, trumpet, guitar and banjo compositions, scored to complex, yet toe-tappingly vibrant time signatures that allow listeners to meander through European cities, become caught up in the winds above the Atlas Mountains and trace steps back to the strangely familiar lands of a foreign cinema soundtrack." - Maverick Magazine

Un Deux Trois
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