



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

Committed to the Free and Responsible Search for Truth, Meaning, and Service

The View

June 30, 2011

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

We're reaching for the stars with this sparkling issue of *THE VIEW* from PUC! Reeaaaadd aaaaaaalll abooooouut it!



Minister's Message

Compassion Takes Courage

I have just returned from the UUA General Assembly in Charlotte, NC. This "GA" was the 50th anniversary of the merger between the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America, two venerable religious movements stretching back hundreds of years. Beyond the incredible worship, presentations, and thrill of almost 5,000 UUs in one place was the spirit of the young people who are the future of our vital movement. They stood up, spoke out, and led us in worship and protest.

One young woman, Loan Tran, now a high school senior, told those protesting North Carolina's pending "Defense of Marriage Law" about how she feared for her life when she came out as a lesbian years ago. She spoke out against the bullying she experienced and the need for courage and compassion. It was a very moving event. (www.standingonthesideoflove.org)

Our spiritual theme for July is courage. We often equate courage with combat and war. We celebrate our independence as a country with that kind of courage in mind. But courage is more often displayed in acts of compassion in the face of difficulty: the woman who gave her last dollar to a homeless man not sure where her next dollar would come from, those New York Republican State Senators who voted for marriage equality, this young woman who stood up for those who were different like her despite being ridiculed. Real compassion often takes the courage of our convictions.

As we celebrate our national independence day, I urge you to consider how you might show courageous compassion in your life.

This Sunday

10:30 AM: Service
Our Costly Heritage
Rev. John Morehouse

11:30 AM: Coffee Hour

Photographs by
Marvel Burke & Noel Hammond animate PUC's Art Wall through July 10

Sunday's Flowers are in celebration of the Fourth of July!
—Danielle Weinstock



 **7/16, 7 PM:** Magic Show with our own Marty Gorman @ **Farmers & Merchants Bank** [12535 Seal Beach Bl, Seal Beach, CA 90704](http://12535SealBeachBl.SealBeach.CA.90704)

 **7/18, 11 AM:** [Reading and Responding Women's Bookclub](#) discusses *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle.

 **7/23:** [Buddy Mixer Potluck Dinner](#) [RSVP to Membership](#)

 **11/18-20:** UULMCA Justice Leader Training at Camp de Benneville Pines.

U p c o m i n g

7/3: **Our Costly Heritage** In recognition of our monthly theme of courage, Rev. John explores the power of our American ideal

Drop me a line and let me know how you are doing.

With Grace and Grit,

—Rev. John

Note: I will be in Chicago doing doctoral work and taking some time off in Maine from July 11- August 11. Rev. Teri will be here for all pastoral needs.

<p>RE's Summer Program: Love, Courage, Justice and fUUn!</p> <p>Click here for details on the sUUPER-hero Summer for the kids of PUC.</p>	<p>Green Sanctuary News</p> <p>Come help the PALOS VERDES LAND CONSERVANCY maintain native plant demonstration gardens to ensure healthy habitat for local wildlife and safe trails for visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesdays @ White Point Nature Preserve 10 AM - noon• Fridays @ George F. Canyon Nature Preserve 2-4 PM• Saturdays & Sundays @ BOTH locations 10:30 AM -12:30 PM <p>For more information, contact Siegrun Storer at 310-541-7613 X 205 or ssstorer@pvplc.org</p>
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Interweaving Movies Presents:

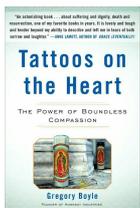


The Kids are All Right

THIS FRIDAY * JULY 8

Joni (Mia Wasikowska) and Laser (Josh Hutcherson), the children of same-sex parents Nic (Annette Bening) and Jules (Julianne Moore), become curious about the identity of their sperm-donor dad (Mark Ruffalo) and set out to make him part of their family unit, often with hilarious results. But his arrival complicates the household dynamics, and nobody is sure how he fits in -- if at all -- in this Oscar-nominated, Golden Globe-winning comedy.

Please join us on **Friday, July 8th** at 7 PM in the PUC Library.



Women's Reading and Responding Bookclub Summer Reading

We'll meet on Monday, **July 18th** at 11 AM to discuss

Tattoos on the Heart by Gregory Boyle.

Subsequent Monday meetings at 11 AM:

- August 15th: Chaim Potok's *The Chosen*

through the ages. Following the service Rev. John will lead a discussion on the virtue of courage.

7/10: **Crossing the Threshold**

What does it take for someone to join our church community? Rev. John will talk about the courage and hope of being a member of PUC. This will be Bring a Friend Sunday. Invite someone you know to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our Church.

7/17: **An Arresting Development**

Guest Speaker Rev. Lee Marie Sanchez focuses on the idea that to be a social justice "activist" means many things, and it can alter one's life in very unexpected ways. One thing sure to be learned is that our choices must be unique to each of us. And in order to sustain our efforts we all need much in the way of self-care, the support of our communities, a good grounding in our spiritual practices, and much love for our individual & collective journeys. Together we can have the courage to make the world a better place. You will, just by being with us on this beautiful summer Sunday.

7/24: **Coming Out: It's Everybody's Business**

Drawing on his experiences as a hospital chaplain, as a speaker with GLIDE, and as a gay man, guest speaker Michael Eselun explores the many dimensions of coming out--something we all must do--and invites us all to investigate the opportunities for us on both sides of the closet door.

Recurring

Sundays

Adult Forums 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

- September 19th: Alice Sebold's *The Lovely Bones*

Enjoy your summer reading!

—Robin Arehart

A symposium hosted by [Transition South Bay LA](#) and the Green Sanctuary Project:

AWAKENING THE DREAMER, Changing the Dream of the Modern World

Saturday, **July 16**, St. Cross Episcopal Church, 1818 Monterey Blvd, Hermosa Beach 9 AM - 1 PM, \$5.00 fee

The purpose of the symposium is to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on this planet.

Don't miss this opportunity to feel connected with your local community and be empowered to make a difference. RSVP to Nancy Hofland.

AGENDA: Where are we? How did we get here? What's possible for the future? Where do we go from here?

With the old dream so entrenched, governments, seemingly unable to move decisively to address the problems and business still mandated to put profit first, the world needs active citizens like all of us. The good news is millions of people are waking up and stepping into action together.

—Katheryn Schneider & Dorian Tippet

Adult Forums, 9:30 AM, L
YRUU High School Group.

10:30 AM, L

All-Church Potluck Brunch, 1st Sun., P

Singles-Family Brunch, 4th Sun., 12:30 PM, offsite

Mondays

Women's Circle, 4th Monday, 10 AM, L

Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Tuesdays

Addictions & Recovery Ministry Mtg, 2nd Tues., 7 PM, L

Women's Fed, 2nd Tuesday, 11 AM, offsite

Wednesdays

Choir Practice, 7-9 PM, H

Thursdays

Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L

Environmental Priorities Meeting, 1st Thurs., 7 PM, L

Men's Ministry, 7 PM, V

Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee Clatch, 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM, Catalina Coffee Co.

Fridays

Watercolor Workshop, 10 AM - noon, H

Interweaving Movie (GBLQT), 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

Saturdays

Dinners with UUs, 2nd Sat. of even-numbered months, 7 PM, offsite

French Conversation Group, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty Chevron for info.



**UUncle Sam Wants YoUU...
to Bring Flowers on Sunday
Morning!!!**

The following 2011 dates are still available:

- **July 10, 24, 31**
- August 7, 21, 28
- September 4
- October 9, 16, 23, 30
- November 6, 13, 20
- December 4, 11, 18, 25

Please contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date!

JULY BIRTHDAYS FOR UU & U

July commemorates Julius Caesar, named by his



successor, Augustus Caesar, to pave the way for renaming the following month, August, for himself. It's American Independence Day, July 4. Budget constraints mean fewer fireworks, however. Baked beans, hot dogs, ice cream & blueberries weeks are also noted. July Dog Days are considered the hottest of most summers.



Birthday people include two 7/11s!

7/1-Carson Edwards, Mary Keyes, Margaret Lazarri

7/5-Ingrid Slizewski

7/8-Julia Lazzari-Dean, Bill Ungar

7/9-Elizabeth Read

7/11-Jesse Robles, Eric Smelser

7/12-Cairo Smith

7/13-Canyon Bosler, Betty Fass, Mia Monnier

7/15-Adrian Ordway

7/16-Tracy Blender, Ramona Burke

7/17-Evan Murray

7/18-Bob Monzingo

7/19-Shuja Oberoi, Betty Saunders

7/20-Clay Bosler

7/21-Mary Palmer

7/25-Maril Wayman

7/26-Connie Ordway, Peggy Tigerman, Carolyn Waters

7/27-Linda Jenson, Josephine Kennedy

7/28-Olga Morimanno, Silvia Morimanno, Norman Simoes

7/29-London Gallagher, Ray Waters

7/30-Dorian Tippet

7/31-Victor Paieda

Remember that all PUC birthdays are family birthdays, because some people lack other family members. And stay cool.

—**Tom Rische**, birthday compiler.



Contact [Leadership Development Committee](#) to volunteer or find out more.

Hospitality Coordinator: Ensure Hosts are scheduled for every Sunday Coffee Hour and monthly brunches; order fair trade coffee

Coffee Hour Host: 4th Sundays of the month

Ushers: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month

Welcome Table Coordinator: Ensure Welcome Table Hosts scheduled for every Sunday.

Stewardship Committee: Stewardship is the visionary component of our financial leadership, including fundraising, (including the Pledge Campaign, split plate collections and Special Events) and volunteer recognition.

Join Our AIDS Walk Team!

On Sunday, **October 16**, PUC YR!!! Teens, advisors, family and



NEW FEATURE! Read more on our [member-to-member web page](#), or [send in your submission](#).



Wanted: [Casey Geist- Looking for a Job in Music Production.](#)



Wanted: [Spare furnishing](#)



Wanted: [Loving home for wonderful dog.](#)



Available: Caregiver recommended - Call Gloria Nussbaum



Clinical Psychologist: PUC Member Dale Stuart, Ph.D., Sc.D. -- Clinical Psychologist Counseling and psychotherapy with specialties working with couples and gifted individuals. 310-371-3543
www.DaleStuart.com.



Marriage and Family Therapy: PUC Member Steve Talley -- Marriage and Family Therapy, Intern #49959, License (Oregon) #T0631 I create, re-create, and reconnect people to preferred ways of living, working, and playing for a more meaningful, mindful, and healthier present. I accept all people referred from people I know (people I already know well can't be my clients by law). Supervised by Josette Ciolino, Ph.D. / J.C. Psych Corp 310-373-3420
stevetalley@yahoo.com

H o s p i t a l i t y

On Sunday, ~~OCTOBER 16~~, PUC PUC TEENS, advisors, family and friends will once again join over 30,000 walkers and volunteers to help raise funds for AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) and other AIDS service organizations' AIDS education, prevention, and services throughout Los Angeles County at the **27th annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles**.



While the team is comprised mainly of YRUU's and their families, *THERE IS ROOM FOR ANY AND ALL OF YOU TO JOIN US*. Please consider walking with us. The walk is about 6 miles with plenty of entertainment, snacks & porta potties along the route. It would be great to see an even larger contingent of PUC walkers this year.

You can register at <http://www.aidswalk.net/losangeles/> - Select "Join a Team" and choose: "**Pacific Unitarian Church Teen Group – 3372**" or click: [Join Our Team](#). Questions: Contact Craig Block in the [PUC Office](#).

Around the District and Beyond



The Unite AZ: We Are All Stars campaign is a wake-up call to let legislators and other elected officials across the country know that hate-based legislation needs to end. Wear a White Ribbon on July 12 to support a solution-based approach to the immigration issue. Click [here](#) for more details.



The deadline fast approaches for applying to the **SALT (Spiritual Advocates Leadership Training) Program** of UULMCA's Young Leader's Project.

This is the pilot year, a year which is shaping up to be exciting and full of adventures in justice making.

- Come! Ignite your passion for justice ministry.
- Explore California's great social movements and get the inside scoop on current issues.
- Become a lobbyist for UU values. Get connected with other young adults.
- Discover the soul of organizing and and the heart in advocacy.

Participation in the program is not full-time. It is designed for those who have jobs or are enrolled in school.

Apply online today! DEADLINE IS JULY 15. Applicants will be notified the end of the first week of August.

For more about the program go [here](#).

"... In the Garden" An Afternoon of Fine Art & Music

Sunday **July 10**, 1:00 to 5:00 PM
Mary & Joseph Retreat Center

Coffee Hour Host: Jill McKenzie

Ushers: Linda Warrick (Need one more)

Welcome Table: Betty Saunders

Greeters: Marvel Burke & Noel Hammond

5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes Click [here](#) for details.



REGISTER NOW for the Reasonable World Conference

September 16-18 at Town and Country Resort in San Diego

The conference, sponsored by San Diego State University, features three speakers from Unitarian and Universalist traditions. Peter Hughes, Mark Harris, and William F. Schulz will join two dozen other experts at the conference called: "Toward a Reasonable World: The Western Heritage of Humanism, Skepticism, and Freethought." For more information about the presenters and the conference and to register online, please visit: <http://reason.sdsu.edu>. The Conference is also looking for volunteers to help with a number of tasks. If you are interested, please email [Rebecca Moore](mailto:Rebecca.Moore@sdsu.edu) or call at 619-594-6252.



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