



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View

June 7, 2011

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

...And speaking of courageous, July's theme at PUC is **COURAGE!**

Ask the Cowardly Lion about it...and

RRRRREEEEAAAADDDDDDD AAAAALL ABOUT IT!



Minister's Message

J o u r n e y s

When I first entered the ministry it was customary for Unitarian Universalist ministers to take two months each summer to travel, read, and reflect on their work. In fact, Unitarian churches were often closed for the summer in New England. There may be good reasons for this: before air conditioning it was hot in those old meeting houses, ministers drove ice cream trucks in the summer, God gave us time off for good behavior. Even when it was expected I never managed to be gone that long. It just didn't seem right to be away from the people whose lives were so intertwined with my own.



So these days I take time off throughout the year but in smaller increments, often combining it with other denominational duties. I will be leaving Sunday evening for a month of Sundays.

Frances and I will first go to Chicago where I have some work to do on my doctorate (and Frances can visit her family who all live there), then on to New England to visit my family and spend some time in our little cabin off the Maine coast. I will go to read, write, and generally relax. It is a great privilege to do so.

I look forward to this journey every year. There is something quite

This Sunday

9:30 a.m. Humanist Forum

10:30 a.m. Service

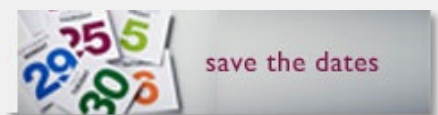
Crossing the Threshold

Rev. John Morehouse

11:30 a.m. Coffee House

*Photographs by Ed Slizewski
embellish PUC's Art Wall
through July 31.*

**Nobody has signed up to bring
this Sunday's flowers. Please
call Craig Block 323 356-7452 if
you'd like to bring 'em!**



7/16, 7 PM: Magic Show with
our own Marty Gorman.

[Click here for details.](#)

7/18, 11 AM: [Reading and](#)

[Responding Women's](#)



[Bookclub](#) discusses *Tattoos
on the Heart* by Gregory
Boyle.

7/23: Buddy Mixer Potluck

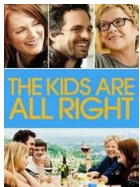
renewing about journeying away, whether for a month, a week, or even a day. I commend journeying to you this summer. Go somewhere however near for however long you can manage and send me an email or a postcard. Tell me what you see and what you want to see for your life when you return. Summer is a special time, a time to be more at ease from our daily lives. What surprise awaits your summer journey?

And as you travel, in real time or in your mind, remember to bring back a little bit of water from your journey. We will blend the waters of our summer journeys into our common bowl, the symbol of our blessed community together. Be safe and stay in touch.

With Grace and Grit,

- Rev. John

In t w e e r à n M o v P e r s e e n t s :



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 8** at 7 PM in the PUC Library.

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

A WAKENING 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 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



7/23: Buddy Mixer Follow

[Dinner RSVP to](#)

[Membership](#)



8/21-26: PSWIRL's [Summer](#)

[Camp for Grownups](#) at

deBenneville Pines.

11/18-20: UULMCA Justice



[Leader Training](#) at Camp de

Benneville Pines

U p c o m i n g

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: Coast Out Food

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

7/24: Cast Out Fear

Rev. Teri will speak on courage, fear and doing the things we think we cannot do.

7/31: 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.

8/7: Rev. Sonya Sukalski, and Rio Monroe, PUC Worship Associate, will share information about the UU Legislative Ministry's Young Leaders Project.

8/14: Dignity and Classism

Rev. John returns with an exploration of how our perception of class status impacts dignity.

8/21: Natural Rights

Do we have the right to have rights? Rev. John preaches on our first principle: The inherent worth and dignity of each person.

R e c u r r i n g

Sundays

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.,

Can a few dollars change the world?

An organization called Kiva believes that a small contribution can lead to changing lives in developing nations. Our small group ministry has been contributing to this outstanding organization and has the satisfaction of seeing our small donations improve the life of others.

It all began when a friend made a donation as a gift to Barbara Michaels, one of our members. She shared this information with us and we all agreed that as one of our service to others projects, our SGM members would each contribute \$25. [Click here for more information.](#)



56 Hours in Phoenix Documentary

A documentary about UU's Civil Disobedience Screens after July 17 Service



STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE

You have a chance to see 56 Hours in Phoenix, a documentary that premiered at UU General Assembly last month about UU's

"Standing on the Side of Love" while carrying out a civil disobedience action protesting SB1070 on July 29, 2010 in Phoenix! It features some amazing shots of what it was like to be there, some of

the civil disobedience training, the day of the action, the arrest of several of the demonstrators--including our Guest Speaker, Lee Marie Sanchez, UUA Prez Peter Morales, and others--what



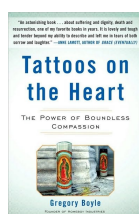
happened outside of the jail then and after, and finally a Taize worship service at the UU Church of Phoenix.

The screening will follow Lee Marie's **July 17** sermon, **An Arresting Development**, in lieu of the regular 3rd Sunday "Immigration Reform As a Moral Issue" series. [Find out more.](#)

RE's Summer Program:

Love, Courage, Justice and fUUn!

Click [here](#) for details on the sUUPER-hero Summer for the kids of PUC.



W o m e n ' s R e a d i n g a n d R e s p o n d i S u m m e r R e a d i n g

We'll meet on Monday, **July 18** at 11 AM to discuss *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle.

Subsequent Monday meetings at 11 AM:

- **August 15** : Chaim Potok's *The Chosen*
- **September 19** : Alice Sebold's *The Lovely Bones*

Enjoy your summer reading!

—Robin Arehart

M a g i c S h o w !

Come to a FREE (kid-friendly, provided they can sit quietly and still) MAGIC SHOW, 7 PM July 16. Farmers & Merchants' Bank 12535 Seal Beach Bl, Seal Beach, CA.



PUC's own Marty Gorman will be competing and asks that you



UUncle Sam Wants YoUU... to Bring Flowers on Sunday Mornings!!!

The following 2011 dates are still available:

- July 24, 31
- August 7, 21, 28
- September 4

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, 3rd 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](#) (GBLTQ), 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.

vote him 1st, 2nd, or 3rd depending on the competition. Marty says: "Hope to see you there and thanks in advance for your support!"

- October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- November 6, 13, 20
- December 4, 11, 18

Please contact the PUC Office to reserve your date!



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 Pledge Campaign, split plate collections, Special Events) and volunteer recognition.

San Pedro Cuba Caravan Event



Tuesday, **July 12**, 6:00 - 8:30 PM
334 17th Street, San Pedro 90731
(310) 833-9945

The Pastors for Peace 22nd Caravan to Cuba is coming through San Pedro, Tuesday, July 12. Come meet them, learn about this inspiring group as a model of US resistance creating People to People diplomacy.

- Cuban Food/Music
- Learn how to travel to Cuba - and why!
- Help local working class youth become DOCTORS for FREE in Cuba!

- Rachel Bruhnke



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

Kathryn Loseff (You'll have to ask for Eunice) is now at Provident LCM Transitional Care Ctr. (The Pavillion) 4320 Maricopa St., Torrance, CA 90503; (310) 543-5900 Visiting Hours 11 AM-8 PM; 1 hr parking is free,



Wanted: Casey Geist- Looking for a Job in Music Production.



Wanted: Spare furnishing



Wanted: Loving home for wonderful dog.



Licensed Acupuncturist/

RN: Ann Bailey -- RN, Licensed Acupuncturist for over 25 yrs. I specialize in treating the interplay of body, mind and spirit. annbailey1@mac.com annbaileyacupuncture.com



AC Pain Control Clinic:

Dr. Linda P. Ding -- AC Pain Control Clinic Acupuncture & Chiropractic Most insurance accepted. 310-257-8800

[Read more details](#) or [submit your posting request](#).

Hospitality Second Sundays

Coffee Hour Host: Open (How about your group?)

Around the District and Beyond

The July **South Bay Unitarian Fellowship Newsletter** is available at:

<http://sbuf.org/newsletters/2011/newsletter1107.htm>.



The **Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)** is a unique congregation without walls. Its mission is to provide a ministry to isolated religious liberals, promote the understanding and growth of Unitarian Universalism, and institute programs to that end. Learn more about the CLF at www.clfuu.org.

Read all about it! CLF offers its members access to a wonderful UU library. A sneak preview is available by viewing this [pdf](#).



South Coast Interfaith Council News:

SCIC Interfaith Day is a program of the SCIC that aims to introduce your faith community to the teachings of others' faith traditions around one central topic, such as compassion, peace or forgiveness.

SCIC Interfaith Sunday:

The Gift of Forgiveness from the Buddhist, Muslim & Native American Faith Perspectives

- **Date & Time:** Sunday, **July 10** - 9 AM & 11 AM
- **Location:** Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living - 907 Knob Hill Avenue, Redondo Beach, CA 90277; 310-540-5080
- **Speakers:** Tenzin Kacho, Honorable Deborah Sanchez & Athia Carrim

[Click here for more information](#)

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

Sunday **July 10**, 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Mary & Joseph Retreat Center

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

about your group:)

Ushers: Orlando Pobre & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table: Elyse Doerflinger & Chip Morgan

Greeters: Louise Allison & Jean Tordella



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