



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View

July 28, 2011

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

Haven't joined PUC's [Facebook Group](#)? Here's a way to build commUUnity online: Make your PUC friends your Facebook Friends. Keep up-to-date on Church news & events, and what others are thinking about, doing, and all the rest. And don't forget to REEEAADD AALL ABOOUUUUT IT!



Heart & Soul

Our Church is fortunate to have a team of Lay Pastoral Associates to help care for the spiritual and emotional well-being of our members. They offer spiritual and emotional support to members who are facing life's difficult days.

We are looking for a few more people for the Lay Pastoral Associates program. If you are an excellent listener, are understanding and empathetic, and are open to your own and others' spirituality, this may be just the volunteer position for you. If you are interested please fill out an application, available by contacting Rev. Teri by [email](#).

"It is not easy to love one another—there are no rules when to say this or that, when to act or when to wait. All I know is that when we walk deep within another, we must tiptoe and not arrange their house according to our plans. To bother to really care calls for the highest courage; perhaps that is why there are so few who really do it."

~Anonymous

Do fill out an application. This is a rewarding and fulfilling opportunity.

Be kind to one another,

—Teri

Rev. Teri Masters, Pastoral Care Director
pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org

Meet Michael Eselun



This Sunday

10:30 AM Service

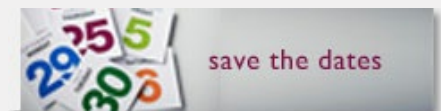
Coming Out: It's Everybody's Business

guest speaker [Michael Eselun](#)

11:30 AM: Coffee Hour

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

**Janet Steinberg will provide
Sunday's flowers.**



8/21-26: PSWIRL's Summer



**Camp for Grownups at
deBenneville Pines. Click
[here](#).**



**9/10: Quilting/Sewing Class
resumes.**



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

U p c o m i n g

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 for this Sunday's Service

Michael Eselun, a Unitarian Universalist, is the chaplain for the Simms/Mann-UCLA Center for Integrative Oncology. He recently co-wrote an article published in *Coping Magazine*: "Cancer as a Spiritual Journey." He's been invited many times to speak to undergraduate students at UCLA about his work as a chaplain, on death and dying and the spiritual dimension of the cancer experience. Michael has also facilitated workshops at the Wellness Community, and he's led workshops on integrating spirituality into an LGBT identity. He recently was invited to address 300 nurses at the Cedars-Sinai Hospital Nursing Symposium.

Michael is also a co-founder and co-chair of a non-profit, volunteer anti-homophobia speakers bureau called GLIDE, Gays and Lesbians Initiating Dialogue for Equality (www.socal-glide.org). Over the last 17 years, Michael and his fellow speakers have spoken to an audience of over 100,000 students, teachers, and other various groups and agencies in the LA area about homophobia.

He shares his life with Scott, his partner of 33 years. He is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica and has been a popular guest speaker there and at more than 20 UU congregations including First Parish in Cambridge, MA.



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 inform us 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.'s sUUper-hero Summer Program

This Sunday:

Have the Courage to Cooperate! This week in RE we will have fun playing some Cooperative Games. If only we could play these kinds of games in Washington, DC!
See you Sunday!

-Your RE Committee

...and check out the rest of RE's Summer Program...

Love, Courage, Justice and fUUn!

This summer we focus on Love, Courage, and Justice. But most of all we focus on fun! Come join us! Click [here](#) for details on the sUUper-hero Summer Program for the kids of PUC.

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., 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: Summer hiatus

CELEBRATED YOUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

Then you're eligible to join PUC's Half a Century Marrieds Group. Couples who've been married for 50+ years meet for lunch at the Fu Yuan Low Restaurant in Peninsula Center on the fifth Sunday of any month that has one. We will next meet THIS SUNDAY, **July 31**. Please call Gerry Howey, 310-541-2284.



Lammas—Festival of the First

Harvest

3 PM, Sunday, July 31 @ PUC (All Ages Welcome!)

Also called Lughnasadh, named for the Celtic god Lugh, this is the first of three harvest holidays of the pagans and is the ritual of gratitude and prosperity. Summer is at its height and we celebrate



and give thanks for all the harvest has brought us so far! We will begin our Lammas/Lughnasadh celebration with an introduction to the holiday, and a prayer to the gods of this day. We will ask the Morrigan—Celtic goddess of reaping at this time of year—to take away from us those things we no longer need. Then in the name of Lugh, we

petition for prosperity after we have given our gratitude for the abundance we share.

We will then toast and break bread with the Celtic deities of Lammas. Each person may make a toast as he or she sees fit, ending with “May you never hunger; may you never thirst.”

Please bring a dish to share. Fruit, grain, and vegetable-based foods are celebrated, and a simple and nutritious dish can be made for pennies with a grain-based dish. Bring musical instruments or noisemakers. We will pass the plate, but no one is ever turned away for lack of funds.

We also celebrate the one-year anniversary of the ordination of our Adept and Priestess Rev. Connie aka Simiramis. Come celebrate with us!

For more info, contact Denise Dumars at (310) 371-0274.

RSVP required by phone or email: Isis_Paedusis@hotmail.com

—*The Adepti of the Iseum of Isis Paedusis*



Dinners for UU's

August 11 is our next Dinners for UU's. This time Dick and Ginnie Granoff will host our potluck dinner, which means it will be a great evening of food and fun, plus good UU company.

Come join us for the evening. Sign up at the Welcome Table on Sunday or phone me for details and questions.

—*Betty Saunders*

*A Note from Rachel and Alma Bruhnke,
Now in Cuba with Pastors for Peace*

July 19, 2011

Hello fellow PUC'ers,

If you were at church last Sunday you heard Alma's and my "joy" that we are going to Cuba this week with the *Pastors for Peace*.

*Choir Practice: Summer hiatus
until August 24.*

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 (GBLQ), 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.*



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

John Hocutt has had a heart attack. He was in the hospital for several days and is now home recuperating. This was not a minor attack and John was lucky to get quick treatment. Please hold him in your hearts as his body and spirit heal.

Bucky, Patricia Hart's beautiful 16-year-old cat has been diagnosed with cancer. It seems that it won't be terribly long and Patricia is very sad. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

—*Teri*

member to member



Friendshipment Caravan. I am writing this from McAllen, Texas, where we are organizing with more than 100 other caravanistas, preparing to cross tomorrow, Wednesday, July 20, over the US-Mexico border with 100 tons of humanitarian aid bound for Cuba.

It is my third time on the caravan, and I am very happy, and just a bit nervous, to have my angel Alma with me. She is a real trooper and "gets" the what and why of what we are doing.

I encourage you all to look up *Pastors for Peace* on the web. It is a righteous, wonderful project, begun by the late Reverend Lucius Walker, who died suddenly last September. You will be amazed by the work of this group, and the lifelong activism of Rev. Walker.

After we cross into Mexico, we drive in a caravan of our many vehicles to Tampico, where the aid is shipped to Cuba, and where we fly over for a nine-day educational program of People to People diplomacy.

We might have problems at the border.

We are performing two acts of civil disobedience. First, on July 22, we are taking aid to Cuba, which is a challenge to the US Embargo.

When we return to the US-Mexico border Monday, August 1, we will have traveled to Cuba without a "license" (bow wow). In short, we are challenging the US Travel Ban to Cuba. Cuba is the only country in the world that our government requires us to get a "license" for. No other country's peoples in the world are prohibited from traveling to Cuba.

So, July 22 and again August 1 are two critical days of standing up to unjust US foreign policy.

Please find out about [*Pastors for Peace*](#) and do what you can to support us on those days if there are problems. Calling our Representatives, emailing our contacts, etc., to let them know.

Thank you, and as Alma said the other Sunday during Joys and Sorrows, the saying of this year's caravan, "Love is our License."

Paz,

—Alma and Rachel



Wanted: [*Marian Mone*](#)
[*Seeking Quiet Room.*](#)



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



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

Organizational and Strategy Plans:

[*Jessy Mossey Melowicz Constant Evolution - Organizational and Strategy Plans geared towards Creatives/Artists to succeed in their lives and their businesses.*](#)

310-733-9081

constantevolution@me.com

Read more details or submit your posting request.

H o s p i t a l i t y

Coffee Hour Host: Jill McKenzie

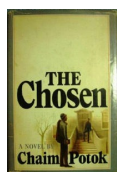
Ushers: Tom Rische & Linda Warrick

Welcome Table: Betty Saunders

Greeters: Marvel Burke & Noel Hammond

Women's Reading and Responding Bookclub

Summer Reading



We'll meet on Monday, **August 15** at 11 AM to discuss Chaim Potok's *The Chosen*.

On **September 19**, we will discuss Alice Sebold's *The Lovely Bones*.

Enjoy your summer reading!

—Robin Arehart



**Free Quilting/Sewing Class
Resumes September 10**

Kellie Rountree's Free Quilting/Sewing Class will resume on Saturday, **September 10** from 1-4 PM, and continue every other Saturday through November 19. The only cost is to buy your own materials (we'll help you figure out what you need). Sewing machine available to use. Drop-Ins are welcome. No experience necessary. Contact Kellie with any questions or to RSVP: 310-850-6429 (especially if you left Kellie a msg. last month when she was away... you know who you are, but Kellie doesn't ;-).



**Volunteer
Opportunities**

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*

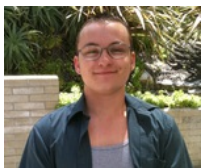
Coffee Hour Host : *4th Sundays of the month*

Ushers: *1st Sundays of the month*

Welcome Table Coordinator: *Ensure Welcome Table Hosts scheduled for each Sunday.*

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

Welcome New Members



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Around the District and Beyond





South Coast Interfaith Council News

SCIC Interfaith Cafe

Sunday, **August 21**, 2 - 5 PM

St. Margaret Mary Catholic, [25511 Eshelman Ave, Lomita](#)

co-host: SGI Buddhist

Interfaith Cafés are small group discussions for laity, youth (9th - 12th graders) and faith/community leaders about how faith both impacts their daily lives and allows them to relate to and appreciate those from other faith traditions.

This summer, the SCIC will continue playing the [WeBelieve2](#) interfaith board game as part of the café experience! Each session consists of the same format, but with different participants. You are welcome to attend any and/or all of them!

Bring your Friends! All are Welcome!



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