



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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# The View



June 28, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and so is *THE VIEW* from PUC...sure, not in the 100°+ heat at 10 PM singing songs of peace and love in front of a human rights violation, but *THE VIEW* from PUC WILL bring that to you in the comfort of wherever you are. That & much more -- all here in *THE VIEW* from PUC.... REEEEEAAD AAALL ABOOUUTT IT!

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## Minister's Message

### **Standing Up for Love**

I arrived home late Saturday night from Phoenix and our General Assembly of Unitarian Universalists, a gathering of the tribe, replete with drumming, dancing, laughter and, this year, more than a few tears. There are always tears at GA, in part because of the realization of the wounds of our world and the great work we have before us. It might also be due to the heat this year, where the average temp was well over 100 degrees. It's a dry heat but then so is your oven. I was part of the process that chose this site although my advice was anywhere but Phoenix. It was between Long beach, downtown LA and Phoenix, oh, and Hell. Hell was also on the short list.

This was the year we marched in support of our undocumented sisters and brothers in protest against SB 1070; right up to [Sheriff Joe Arpaio's Tent City's gate](#). It was immensely moving. Stories abound of the grace of love and strength that came from strangers meeting to protest the human and civil rights abuses the State of AZ visits upon its Latino population. One of the most moving stories came from a young man who had served in the Marine Corps but was jailed unjustly for DWM – "Driving While Mexican" - because of the color of his skin and because he didn't happen to have his license on him. What are we to make of those who have been lost by our confusing

## This Sunday

**9:30 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Forum:**  
*A UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme*

10:30 AM Service  
**Letters Home From Camp**  
Guest Speaker, Jason Cook

6:30 PM Books In Our Lives  
Covenant Group - L

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - No  
*Meditation on 1st Sundays*

*Judy Shaffer brought Sunday's flowers "to celebrate the upcoming visit of Kimberly, Blair, Maggie, and Wilkie."*

**Where Have All the Flower(bringer)s Gone?**  
*Is it Your Turn to Bring Flowers on Sunday Morning?!?! Plenty of dates are still available:*

July 22, 29

August 5, 12

September 2, 9, 23, 30

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

Watercolors by Julius Schwartz

Support PUC's Art Wall

and painful times? In some ways I believe our country is in a new cold war of values, between those who sincerely believe that a rule of order and religious values should override the rights of those who look and act differently and those who see the role of government to help others. It's still a war and in the end nobody survives intact without all of us picking up the pieces. Regardless who wins in the election.

As I was walking back to my hotel, I was approached by a homeless man who asked who all these yellow-shirted people were I told him we were Unitarian Universalists and we were there to protest SB 1070 and call for the humane treatment of those detained. He smiled. He had friends who had been arrested. "It wasn't right," he said. And then he asked me for five dollars. As I handed him the money, I thought how much of a difference it makes to show up and stand up for love.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more GA Coverage.

I will be gone for the month of July resting and renewing. I encourage all of us to do the same. Because a new day is dawning at PUC, by summer's end we will all be called to stand up again for love. Its the only way we can heal our world.

*With Grace and Grit,*

*—Rev. John*

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P.S. **To reach Rev. John and the Pastoral Care Team** please call the PUC Office first 310-378-9449; and then Rev. John directly at 310-710-6846 in an emergency only



Heart & Soul

**Saturday, June 30** will be my last day as Director of Pastoral Care for PUC. I want to thank you for allowing me to walk with you a while on your journeys. If I have learned anything from you in the last six years it is this: we are all much stronger than we imagine. I'll miss being connected to you in this way, but I do plan to be back as a member after a bit.

What's next for me? I am part of the Wayfarers Chapel Ministry, officiating at weddings, baptisms, and memorial services. I did occasional Services for them in the past 2 years and am now on the staff. Next week I have an interview for an internship in pastoral counseling at the Good Samaritan Counseling Center in San Pedro. All fingers and toes crossed, please. So that's what is on the near horizon. Beyond that, more shall be revealed.

My husband **Dee** and I have been members of PUC for 32 years and for half that time I've been an employee. Ten years as Office Administrator, five of those years also as choir director, and six years in my current position. You've allowed me to grow and learn and change and have loved and supported me through it all. Thanks. Let's do it again.

With every good wish,

*—Teri*

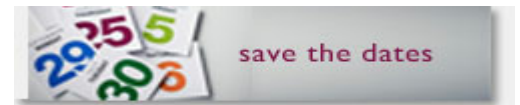
Rev. Teri Masters, Interfaith Minister  
Director of Pastoral Care  
(310) 634-7617

invigorate PUC'S ART WALL  
through **Sunday, July 29.**

**UU Joke of the Week:**

Do UU's ever pray?

Yes, but mainly when they think a Democrat is going to lose an election./p>



**7/14, 5 PM, Manney's Farewell Recital** Manuel 'Manney' Arellano will be playing a piano concert at PUC at 5 PM, Saturday, July 14. We have scheduled it early so all can attend, even those who prefer not to drive at night. More details to follow. Or contact Patricia Hart for more info. 310-658-1074.



**PASTORAL CARE NEWS:**

Longtime PUC member

**Manon Washburn**

passed away peacefully on



Thursday, June 21,

2012. She was

surrounded by her three loving children, six grandchildren, and four great-

grandchildren, as well as spouses and a few close friends.

A retired animation artist, Manon was an award-winning watercolorist and teacher. Four months shy of her ninetieth birthday, her love of life kept her active and laughing right up until a sudden stroke last week. A memorial service is being planned tentatively for **Saturday, July 21**, with the location TBD. For more information please contact her daughter, Carla Washburn @ [yiayia.washburn@gmail.com](mailto:yiayia.washburn@gmail.com) or stay tuned to The View

**Dave English** continues to recover from leg surgery at Heritage Rehab. Center. **Jean** has moved into Belmont Village. Please keep

## SUMMER MADNESS AT PUC THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 30 @ 7 PM-YOU SHOULD BE TOO!!

The Stewardship Committee is presenting a very fun fundraiser--  
**Summer Madness** is a celebration of summer with performers singing, dancing, and doing improv comedy!  
Hot dogs will be available. Come and join the party! Appropriate for teens and adults. **Saturday, June 30** at 7 PM. Tickets will be available in advance and at the door. [CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer!  
Adults (18+) - \$10 donation; Teens and kids - \$5 (5 and under free). For more information call the [PUC Office](#) at 310-378-9449.

## Magically Appear at Bonello's on Friday

PUC's own **Marty the Magician (Gorman)** will be performing some table-hopping magic @ Bonellos Restaurant on [24503 Narbonne Ave. in Lomita](#), [across from Lomita City Hall] **Friday night, June 29**, from 6-8 PM. He'd appreciate your stopping by and supporting the restaurant and his legerdemain..

## Occupy PV Is Here for You

Feel like democracy is not fulfilling its promise? Want to make our nation a better place? **Occupy PV** may be the place to express your concerns.

Occupy PV is a group of concerned Peninsula residents who have a vision for a better America. They act in solidarity with Occupy Wall Street and many other Occupy groups around the country.

Occupy PV demonstrates **every Saturday** from 11 AM to 1 PM at the intersection of Hawthorne Blvd and Silver Spur Road in Rolling Hills Estates.

You are invited to join us.

Contact [Hans Grellmann pvegrellmann@dslextreme.com](mailto:Hans.Grellmann@dslextreme.com) or **Barbara Gleghorn** for more information.

## Around the District and Beyond...

[CLICK HERE](#) for a Message from Our Galactic Overlords  
(Sorry the sound's a little muddy)

## Illuminations: The 1st Unitarian Universalist App is here for iPhones...Android Version Coming Soon

**Illuminations**, the Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA's) first app is now available for free in the [iTunes App Store](#)! This version runs on iPhones, iPod Touch, and iPads. The Android version is currently being tested. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more.

Illuminations has over 350 "Inspirational Words," a Chalice Lighter with several chalice options, and a Seven Principles Guide in English and Spanish, along with examples of the Principles in action.

*Inspirational Words and the Seven Principles can be shared via Facebook, Twitter, and email.*

**Rev. John** will be on vacation for the month of July. He can be reached for emergencies only by calling the church office. Rev. John has arranged for ministerial coverage while he is gone. *You are also welcome to contact our Pastoral Care Team members:*  
**Brad Shreve**  
**Betty Hanner**  
**Betty Faas**  
**Pat Marks**  
**Linnae Eades**  
**Clint Paterson**

## Upcoming Services June's Monthly Theme: Revolutions

### 7/1: Letters Home From Camp Guest Speaker, Jason Cook

By sharing both humorous and poignant real-life experiences working with youth, Jason Cook explores what it means to act on our principles when it comes to creating a community that includes everyone, regardless of age. Using the ministry of presence, how can we begin a revolution to create a more loving, inclusive world? His spouse, vocalist and harpist Lawrence Ingalls, will share his music as well.

*Jason Cook* is in Aspirant status for UU ministry and is a full time student at Meadville Lombard Theological School. He has degrees from the University of Southern California in both film analysis and creative writing, and has worked as a writer, editor, and actor. He also serves Aids Services Foundation of Orange County as a state-certified HIV counselor and is currently participating in the Chaplain training program at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange. Jason is an active member of Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church in Costa Mesa.

### 7/8: Revolutionary Spirits Guest Speaker, Lee Marie Sanchez

## SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS



### "Heart to Heart: Connecting to the Divine"

Solstice Ceremony on Saturday, June 23, 5:30

#### PM

The "Heart to Heart: Connecting to the Divine" program of the SCIC is an opportunity for members of the interfaith community to come and observe and/or partake in the worship service of another faith community outside of one's own. Anyone from the interfaith community is welcome to come and be a part of the worship service.

#### Wishtoyo's Chumash Village

[33904 Pacific Coast Highway](#)  
[Malibu, CA 90265](#)

You can park on PCH and walk a short distance down the driveway to the village. The village is next to the San Nicholas Beach entrance and parking lot. Please [Click here](#) for complete directions. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

#### SCIC Feeding the Homeless

Sunday, June 24, 12 – 4 PM

#### Drop-In Center for the Homeless

[241 Cedar Avenue](#)  
[Long Beach, 90802](#)

This is a wonderful opportunity for people of all faith traditions to gather together in service! Come for an hour or stay the afternoon as we serve the homeless.

For more information and to RSVP, please email [Bradford Lara-Gagne](#) or call 562-607-4006. [CLICK HERE](#) for a flyer.

Other upcoming Summer programming from the *South Coast Interfaith Council*:

[Heart to Heart: Connecting with the Divine](#)  
[SCIC Beach Clean-Up](#)  
[SCIC Interfaith Build Days with Habitat for Humanity](#)  
[SCIC Feeding the Homeless](#)  
[7th Annual Pedaling for Peace Interfaith Unity Bike-a-thon](#)



[See the Member to Member Page on the PUC Website for more](#)

#### Tweens/Teens Write On!

Four weeks: Fridays 1-2:30 PM June 29 - July 20

#### Sanchez

We'll explore our founders' enlightened faith and vision for the nation which we have inherited and whose legacy we still wish to protect and preserve today. What did our founding Fathers & Mothers really have to say about religion and politics; church and state?

#### 7/15: **The Uprising of Snowflakes** Guest Speaker, Rev. Denis Paul

Each of us is special, unique, and mysterious as a snowflake falling silently through the cold night air of winter. The individuality of each of us is our gift to the world, the grace we bring to our neighbors who are suffering. But snowflakes are fragile, susceptible to melting quickly, and being vaporized in the heat of the day, rising up into the atmosphere in gaseous form. What would it take for the snowflakes of world to unite, to rise up in power and strength? That could change the world.

#### 7/22: **I Don't Have a Suit** Guest Speaker, Michael Eselun

Well-received guest speaker here and oncology chaplain, Michael Eselun will explore the experience of insiders and outsiders — our yearning to belong and the comfort we take in belonging versus our inner experience of being on the outside, often at the same time.

#### 7/29: **Sowing the Seeds of Faith in the Field of Despair**

#### Guest Speaker, Rev. Lucas Hergert

What happens when hoped-for change fails? How can you find good news in the midst of heartbreak and loss? This sermon will explore the revolutionary faith that can survive even the darkest times.

#### **Recurring Events**

##### **Sundays**

Sunday Morning Forums, 9:30 AM, L

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: A UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: A Humanist Perspective

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Spirituality and UU

Our weeks. Fridays, 1-2:30 PM **June 29 - July 20**

**Tweens/Teens Write** is a workshop for young writers in all genres of poetry and fiction, taught by professional writer and college professor **Denise Dumars**. The class teaches kids what a writers' workshop is all about, with kids supporting other kids in their writing.

Denise provides unique assignments as well as giving expert advice to writers, as she is a widely published poet and science fiction and fantasy writer! The class celebrates imagination and originality in a fun and supportive atmosphere, located in one of the South Bay's most interesting venues. Summer Studios comes complete with lots of art, plants, and animals to inspire writers. Give kids the gift of creativity with this educational and entertaining workshop!

Summer Studios Arts Academy  
[2161 Lomita Boulevard](#)  
[Lomita, CA 90717](#)

(310) 325-8801

Just east of Crenshaw Blvd. and the City of Torrance.

\$140/student -- No drop-ins; please register early!

Bring a notebook and pen or pencil; other materials supplied.

### **FOR RENT - BEDROOM W/PRIVATE BATH:**

Utilities included, full kitchen privileges, pool & jacuzzi, laundry, secure parking, and bus service at the corner. Near major shopping center and 3 freeways. In East Torrance - Near Harbor UCLA Hospital. \$650 / month with a \$20 security deposit.

Contact **Betty Saunders** [betty90502@earthlink.net](mailto:betty90502@earthlink.net) for more info.

### ***First Sunday Hospitality***

**Sunday Coffee Hour Coordinator:** [Frances Morehouse](#)

*Contact Frances if you would like to help!*

**Ushers:** George Yenoki & Tracy Blender

**Welcome Table:** Marty Gorman

**Greeters:** Nancy Hofland & Dennis Murphy

### ***The Week At a Glance***

[Get this month's PUC Calendar Here!](#)

#### **Thursday, June 28, 2012**

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

#### **Friday, June 29, 2012**

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

#### **Saturday, June 30, 2012**

6:30 PM Shaffer: Italian Dinner - O[TS]

7 PM PUC Summer Madness Show - H

#### **Sunday, July 01, 2012**

9:30 AM Forum: UU Exploration of Monthly Church Theme - L

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

6:30 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - No Meditation on 1st Sundays

#### **Monday, July 02, 2012**

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

7 PM Men's Group - V

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Spiritually and UU*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: [9 AM] 12 Months to a Compassionate Community: A reflection on The 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life*

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Choices in a Jar—Delightful Dilemmas (4/29, 7/29, 9/30 & 12/30)*

*YRUU High School Group, 10:30 AM, L  
All-Church PotlUUCK BrUUunch, 1st Sun., P  
Singles-Family Brunch, 4th Sun., 12:30 PM,  
Offsite*

*Monthly Town Hall Mtg, 3rd Sun., H*

*Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd Sun., L*

*Meditation Circle w/ Randy Goff, 7 PM, All but 1st Sun*

#### **Mondays**

*Tai Chi (Pekich), Mondays, 9:30 AM, H*

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

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

#### **Tuesdays**

*Addictions & Recovery Ministry Mtg, On Hiatus*

#### **Wednesdays**

*Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H*

#### **Thursdays**

*Tai Chi (Beck), Each Thurs., 10 AM, H*

*Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 3rd*

*Thurs., 11 AM, L*

*Environmental Priorities Mtg, 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*

*Friday Afternoon SGM, 2nd & 4th Fri., 1-3 PM, V*

*GBLQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L*

#### **Saturdays**

*French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat.,*

*10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty*

*Chevron*

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**Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM**

**Office Hours: Sun.: 9 am - 3 pm**

**Mon. - Thurs: 10 am - 4 pm**

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**Tuesday, July 03, 2012**

8:30 AM Aerobics - H  
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp - L  
4 PM English: Full Moon BBQ - Cancelled  
6:30 PM Stewardship - L  
6:30 PM RE Committee - Panera Bread  
7 PM Standing On the Side of Love Mtg. - V

**Wednesday, July 04, 2012**

**Independence Day - PUC Office Closed**

**Thursday, July 05, 2012**

8:30 AM Aerobics - H  
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H  
7 PM Men's Ministry - V  
7:30 PM Env. Priorities Network - L  
7:30 PM Strategic Planning Committee - O [Bosler]

