



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



July 12, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and so is *THE VIEW* from PUC...Don't Miss Maney's Concert on Saturday @ 5, and all the other good news contained herein!! That & much more -- all here in *THE VIEW* from PUC.... REEEEEAAAD AAALL ABOUUTT IT! (And VIVA LAS REVOLUCIONES!)

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Please send all VIEW submissions to Newsletter@pacificunitarian.org

Please send requests for a Sunday announcement to: Gary Hart garylhart@gmail.com



"What I Brought Home from Justice General Assembly..." Justice IS Love in Action

This was my first time attending a UU General Assembly. It was truly exciting to be among thousands of Unitarians working to educate and inspire our group to greater accomplishments.

I return home with a question for the Social Justice Committee and the Congregation.: *Can we do more to help the underprivileged, the marginalized, the oppressed?* I think "We Can!"

—**Lee Ann Hart**, Social Justice Chair

Having never been to a General Assembly either, I had no expectations, only a feeling that I was running out of "the passion" somewhere along the way. It was even noticeable to our other PUC delegates when I arrived.

Well, my friends....*I am born, again!!!!* I am still swimming in the love, energy, spirit, commitment, and compassion of over 3,000 UU's from across the country. I have brought back my own commitment of renewed energy for important projects to come. I'm hoping you will join us on this journey. Stay tuned.

—**Sandy McNeill**

This Sunday

9:30 AM 3rd Sunday Forum:
Spirituality and UU
Facilitator: Dee Masters

10:30 AM Service
The Uprising of Snowflakes

Guest Speaker, Rev. Denis Paul
[CLICK HERE](#) for Rev. Denis's bio

11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L

12 noon-1:30 PM Green Sanctuary discussion: **The Importance of Bees**, with Susan Rudnicki. Join us in the Voyagers Room with Susan, an expert on Bees.

4 PM Kissner: BBQ Dinner - O [TS]

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

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - H

Sunday's Flowers "celebrate the life of my late husband, Vic Miller, a fine man whom I dearly loved."

—**Joyce Block-Miller**

Where Have All the Flower(bringer)s Gone?

View the General Assembly's [Ware Lecture by Maria Hinojosa](#): *Stories from the Frontlines of the New America: Detention, Deportation and the Power of Democratic Resistance*.

GLBTQ Movie for July 2012: **Connie and Carla**

Please join us on **THIS Friday, July 13** at 7 PM in the PUC Library for our next GLBTQ Movie.

A mob mix-up in Chicago sends two aspiring singers, Connie and Carla, screaming for L.A., where they score a perfect gig on the dinner theater/cabaret circuit in this light-hearted comedy directed by Michael Lembeck and written by Nia Vardalos. But things get even more complex when they become big hits and Connie meets the guy of her dreams. This film stars Nia Vardalos, Toni Collette and David Duchovny.

Manney's Farewell Recital Is Set for 5 PM, Saturday 7/14

Manuel Arellano's Farewell Concert will take place at **5 PM THIS Saturday July 14**. *It's NOT too late to buy your ticket*. You think you've heard how great he can play, but you haven't really heard him until you hear a full classical piece, including Classical and Broadway favorites from Chopin, Debussy, Gershwin, & Sondheim.

Suggested donation is \$15, but please come no matter what you can afford. There will be childcare available (for the little kids who might not want to sit still for a long time), and the show will take place before dark, so we can all drive to PUC for this fantastic show.

The proceeds from this recital will help supplement Manney's scholarship when he leaves for university in Michigan this fall, and is our way of saying **Thank You** for the joy his piano accompaniment here at PUC brought to us all.

Contact Patricia Hart if you have any questions by [email](#) or phone at 310-658-1074.

—Patricia Hart

Come, Come Whoever You Are...

Please mark your calendars for 12 – 1:30 PM on **Sunday, August 12** for the *Adult R.E. Summit*.

We're looking for people who are interested in brainstorming ideas, being part of a planning committee, and/or facilitating classes. If you fit any of those categories, please plan to attend this summit. Attending the summit does not commit you to anything—it only affords you the opportunity to be a part of our ongoing plan to improve and enhance the Adult Religious Education experience at PUC. Light refreshments will be served.

—Kathy Rickey, ARE Coordinator

Get Some Books In Your Lives!

Do you love to read? Do you love PUC people? Then you should consider joining the PUC *Books in Our Lives Covenant Group*! We meet the first and third Sundays at 7 PM in the PUC Library. Our reading tastes are quite eclectic, running from our current book, *End This Depression Now*, to *Jamaica Inn*. Please contact **Clay Bosler** at 310-779-7540 for more information

Is it Your Turn to Bring Flowers on Sunday Morning?!?!

Plenty of dates are still available:

July 29

August 5, 12

September 2, 9, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 21, 28

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

Watercolors by Julius Schwartz invigorate PUC's Art Wall through **Sunday, July 29**.

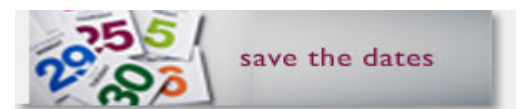
UU Joke of the Week:

How many Unitarians does it take to change a light bulb?

First, let's decide just what we mean by light bulb, and how one might be changed . . .

And then let us examine whether it truly acknowledges the dignity and worth of the light bulb to ask it to change.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more UU humor!



7/28, 4 PM, ALL PUC BUDDY MIXER at the Beach
Summer Fun – 4 PM, **Saturday,**

July 28, at Torrance Beach. A fUUn way to get to know other PUCers. Bring a dish to share. Dress warmly, as the beach gets chilly after sundown. RSVP to denise@umeworks.com

9/29, All Day. PUC Fall Sprucing Party - We'll be conducting a PUC campus-wide *Fall Sprucing Party* on **Saturday, September 29**.

We'll spend the day cleaning up, touching up, and just plain polishing up our campus and facilities. It is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow PUCers while helping make our home look better. Details will be sent out



Welcome Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki to PUC!

The Board of Trustees has selected the **Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki** as our Acting Associate Minister, whose primary focus will be on Youth Religious Education. Rev. Tamara is an ordained UU minister and recently graduated with her Masters of Divinity degree, cum laude, from Claremont School of Theology. She brings many years of professional religious leadership to our church including, before being ordained to our ministry, serving as the Director of Religious Education at the Long Beach UU Church.

Tamara will be working with me to design a religious ministry which will include intergenerational worship and social justice making for youth, two of her areas of expertise. She will also preach in our pulpit on a regular basis.

Please welcome Rev. Tamara warmly as she begins her duties immediately. She will be present this weekend at our **July 15 Service**

Yours in Faith,

—Rev. John

Rev. John is on vacation for the month of July. He can be reached for emergencies only by calling the PUC Office. Rev. John has arranged for ministerial coverage while he is gone.

You are also welcome to contact the Pastoral Care Team members listed below for your immediate concerns:

Brad Shreve	Betty Hanner	Betty Faas
Pat Marks	Linnae Eades	Clint Paterson

Q. Can you really direct money to hunger relief simply by clicking a button on a web site?

A. [CLICK HERE](#) for the answer...

Bike Ride to End Brain Disease - Sat., August 4

All ages and levels of cyclists are welcome to participate in the 1st Annual Bike Ride to End Brain Disease - a family oriented charity bike ride that benefits the Canavan Research Foundation ([Official Canavan Website](#)), a non-profit that is spearheading the fight to cure Canavan Disease and other genetic brain diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

[Central Park](#), 275 S. Raymond Avenue Pasadena, CA 91105

Cost: \$35 [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Even if you don't plan to ride, you can help out in a variety of ways. We will need course marshals, aid station helpers, sign in helpers, public address system techs, bike mechanics, a set up crew, and a cleanup crew.

The theme for our event is "Family Hope and Love." Recent advances in gene and stem cell therapy have been especially encouraging. Our objective is to speed up research through private funding so that these therapies may become available as quickly as possible.

6:30 AM Event/Route Set Up

...once we get closer to the date.

Any amount of time that you can donate during the day will have a demonstrable impact. If there are specific areas of the campus or specific items that you believe need addressing during this Sprucing Party – please let John Einhorn know – einchild1@verizon.net, or 310-937-3134.

Upcoming Services July's Monthly Theme: Revolutions

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.

Rev. Denis Letourneau Paul is the Development Minister at the UU Fellowship of Kern County in Bakersfield, CA. He recently served for four years as an Outreach Minister at the Faithful Fools Street Ministry in San Francisco, where he coordinated the trauma resolution program and led street retreats with hundreds of youth and adults from all over the Americas. He lives in Modesto with his partner, Rev. Joe Cherry, who is the Minister of our congregation there.

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

9 AM Ride Start
11:30 AM Ride Finish
12 PM Speakers
2 PM Event Closed
Event Contact: **Bill Ungar** / Ride Director (310) 791-7146
billungardesign@juno.com
Link to Map of Route: <http://bikeroutetoaster...>

Around the District and Beyond...

Please remember that our wonderful *PSWIRL camp (Summer Camp for Grownups)* starts on **Sunday, August 12** this year (a little earlier than usual).

The theme of our keynote speaker, Rev Matthew Crary, is "What's Going On?" So let's go join in and do what we can to make the world the way we want it to be.

Find out more about the Pacific SouthWest Institute for Religious Liberals at www.pswirl.org. Registration can be done online at the [Camp de Benneville Pines website](#). For those who do not want to register on-line, you can print the registration form and mail it to the de Benneville registrar with your checks. Please be sure to share this information in your like-minded friends.

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS



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](#)

Third Sunday Hospitality

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

Contact Frances if you would like to help!

Ushers: Vivien Hao & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table: Joyce Block-Miller & Betty Saunders

Greeters: Bill Karg & Joani Thompson

The Week At a Glance

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

Thursday, July 12, 2012

7 PM Finance Committee - L

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

Friday, July 13, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

1 PM Friday Afternoon SGM - V

7 PM GLTBQ Movie Night - L

Saturday, July 14, 2012

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V [2nd & 4th Saturdays]

4 PM Bloomfield: High Tea & Film - O [TS]

5 PM Manny Arellano Farewell Concert - H

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

1st Sunday: A UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme

2nd Sunday: A Humanist Perspective

3rd Sunday: Spirituality and UU

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

5th 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 BrUUnch, 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

Men's Ministry, 7 PM, V

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

Tuesdays

Aerobics: 8:30 AM, H

Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H

Thursdays

Aerobics: 8:30 AM, H

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

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

Sunday, July 15, 2012

9:30 AM Forum: Spirituality & UU - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L
4 PM Kissner: BBQ Dinner - O [TS]
6:30 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - H

Monday, July 16, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club- L
7 PM Men's Group -V

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp - L
7 PM Board Meeting - L

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

1 PM Staff Meeting - L

Thursday, July 19, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L
7 PM Men's Ministry - V
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - L

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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