



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



July 20, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi PUCer,

Lots of folks are enjoying their summer travels, including your editor, who's currently attending the PSWD Sr. High Summer Camp at Camp de Benneville Pines. But thanks to a little help from a friend, here's all the PUC news that's fit to print...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

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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

It's freezing inside the Convention Center in Phoenix. They aim to keep you cool once inside, no doubt about it. Every couple of hours my numb fingers would grab the door leading my shivering body to the 108 degrees outside. 30 seconds later at best I'd be stripping off my sweater, looking for something to quench my thirst. You know how sometimes you don't know what you're looking for until you find it? I thought I was looking for water, but what I found was Ginger.

There she sat on a bench, hot, lonely, frustrated and confessing it all to her husband on the phone back home in Mass. She was young, lovely, passionate about Unitarian Universalism.... clearly, I wasn't the only one who thought this. She'd been a UU for a little over one year, and her congregation revered her enough to collect money on her behalf and get her to GA. She was already on her share of committees, and, to her dismay, had been most recently asked to teach sex ed. to the youth. She HAD to meet Craig! We had to go to workshops together, meet at Plenary together, GET A BEER

This Sunday

9:00 AM 4th Sunday Forum:
**12 Steps to a
Compassionate Life**

10:30 AM Service
I Don't Have A Suit
Guest Speaker, Michael Eselun
[Click here to read bio.](#)

12:30 PM Mature Singles Brunch
Offsite - Check with Welcome Table

7 PM Meditation Circle with Randy
Hall

Sunday's Flowers are provided as a joy to celebrate the first anniversary of John Hocutt's survival of a heart attack.

—Jennifer Hocutt

**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 29
August 5, 12
September 2, 9, 23, 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28
Please contact the **PUC Office** to reserve yours!

Watercolors by Iulius Schwartz

TOGETHER. She was the perfect person to join our PUC GA party of 10! I told her all of us would drink her up... and drink her up we did.

At lunch, she shared her story with us. How she'd had a tough childhood, living with a mother who abused her. How she ended up for a year in the Midwest with a father she had never known during her teens and that he'd proven no better than her mother. How the relatives that had finally taken her in had her leave as she expressed herself through anger, tattoos and drugs. I would have thought it was her best-friend/husband and beautiful 3 year-old son who she'd attribute with changing her life. But it was finding Unitarian Universalism and her UU church, she told us. THAT'S what has changed her life.

Finally, an aspect of "privileged glass" I proudly embrace: I am privileged to live a life where I take UU principles for granted because they are ever present in my life. I often lose sight of how empowering they are. I'm bringing back from Justice GA that a life realized by, and a community rallied around UU principles is transformational. This is the word people deserve us to spread.

— Tracy Blender

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*.



TOP CHEF WANTED!

Francis Morehouse NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.

I am looking for 5 people to be TOP CHEF. ... ONE SUNDAY only.

Requirements are: Plan a simple menu. Shop & show up on Sunday @ 9 AM.

You will be working with 3 sous chefs (Francis lines them up) to prepare trays of food for Coffee Hour hospitality. Mike, our superhuman Custodian, will set the food out & clean up.

You have a budget of \$75 which is reimbursed immediately on the Sunday you host &, of course, you'll receive the admiration of all those you feed.

[Email me](#) or ring me at 310 291-3399 if you are willing to take this on FOR ONE SUNDAY (only) between now and when I return in August. Pick one: 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29 or 8/5. Don't be AFRAID. I will contact you immediately upon hearing of your interest. Thank you and be well.

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 by demonstrating 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@dslextrême.com or **Barbara Gleghorn** for more information.

invigorate PUC's Art Wall
through Sunday, July 29.



7/28 4 PM ALL Church BUDDY MIXER at Torrance Beach

No space limitations at this one, so everyone welcome. 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 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 – contact John Einhorn: einchild1@verizon.net, or 310-937-3134.

Upcoming Services

July's Monthly Theme: **Revolutions**

This Sunday's Speaker Bio

Michael Eselun is the chaplain for the Simms/Mann-UCLA Center for Integrative Oncology. He works primarily with acute oncology but also adult psychiatric patients at the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA. 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. A co-founder of a non-profit, volunteer anti-homophobia speakers bureau called **GLUE** (Gays and Lesbians Initiative

information.

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.



Pastoral Care

Long-time member **Dave English** passed away Thursday morning after a series of health problems. Plans for a celebration of his life are pending. Please keep Jean and the rest of their family in the

light.

Services for **Manon Washburn** will be at 2PM on Saturday, July 21st at Throop Memorial UU Church in Pasadena. The address is 300 S Los Robles, on the corner of Los Robles and Del Mar.

While Rev. John is on vacation for July, you are also welcome to contact the Pastoral Care Team members for your immediate concerns: *Brad Shreve, Betty Hanner, Betty Faas, Pat Marks, Linnea Eades, and Clint Patterson*.

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 - Saturday, 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.

GLIDE (Gays and Lesbians Initiating Dialogue for Equality), he's has spoken about homophobia, and has led workshops on integrating spirituality into an LGBT identity.

He shares his life with Scott, his partner of 32 years. He is a member of the UU Community Church of Santa Monica.

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

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

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



Summer *SCIC* Interfaith Cafe #4

Sunday, AUGUST 12, 2-5 PM

Interfaith Cafés are small group discussions for members of the interfaith community, including youth (9th-12th graders) and faith leaders about how faith both impacts our daily lives and allows us to relate to, and appreciate, those from other faith traditions. Each session consists of the same format, but with different participants. You are invited to attend one or all of the Cafés! Host: Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living, 500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach, 90740. Co-Host: Vedanta Society.

Third Sunday Hospitality

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

Contact Frances if you would like to help!

Ushers: TBA

Welcome Table: Virginia McCulloch & Marian Jones

Greeters: Jean McDaniel & Shuja Oberoi

PM, L

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
GBLTQ 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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The Week At a Glance

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

Friday, July 20, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
2 PM Social Justice Committee - L

Saturday, July 21, 2012

5 PM Tippet: French Dinner & Jazz - O [TS]

Sunday, July 22, 2012

9:00 AM Forum: Reflection on 12 Steps to Compassionate Life - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
12:30 PM Mature Singles Brunch - O
2:00 PM PV Democratic Club - H
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - H

Monday, July 23, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
7 PM Men's Group -V

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
7 PM Program Council - L

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

1 PM Staff Meeting - L

Thursday, July 26, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
7 PM Men's Ministry - V
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - O

