

Sunday Services, July 2023



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July 2—Discussion Sunday: Weaponizing "Woke"

Join us in Friendship Hall (downstairs from the sanctuary) for our congregant-led First Sunday discussion series, followed by a potluck. This Sunday we talk about the word "woke," what it was supposed to mean and how it has been appropriated.

July 9—"Church Is the Place Where..."

There's a good chance that what "church" means to you means something different to your neighbor as it did to your ancestor. But for every person, church includes an element of belonging, and if we don't feel accepted at church, we leave. We repurpose Robert Frost's "Death of the Hired Man" to illuminate the ideas of community and grace in a congregation.

July 16—The Vault of the 7 Principles: A GA Wrap-Up

General Asembly 2023 saw the election of a new president (the brilliant Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt) and the further debate about how Unitarian Universalism's famous Seven Principles should be packaged. This will be an especially helpful service for new members to learn about the larger UU world.

July 23—Community Partner Spotlight: Making It Happen

We are joined by Making It Happen director Patty Colvin, who shares her own story about living on the streets of Los Angeles and the human services organization she created from that struggle.

July 30—Hello in There: The Kindness of John Prine

The late singer/songwriter John Prine drew from his own life experience to create deeply personal but also universal stories. Professor and musician Scott Memmer joins us to share some of Prine's music and insight, reminding us to reach out and say "Hello in There."

From the Board President

Hello everyone!

Welcome to the new church year for UUCVH. The church year starts July 1 and I am starting a new job: President of the UUCVH Board of Trustees. I don't think of UUCVH so much as a church as I think of it as a community of wonderful people. Certainly Sunday service is core to our church community, closely followed by weekly coffee hours, first Sunday potlucks, monthly Movie Nights and Third Friday Lunches. I love that our community reaches beyond the immediate church to support local food banks, homeless shelters, and voter engagement through our social justice activities, etc. We take advantage of the acoustics of our sanctuary by inviting music through the monthly Saturday night HUUT and many music recitals.

This past year we reached out further out into the community, opening our doors to the Urban Home Schoolers, Harvest Hosts camping, and Reiki classes, becoming a polling/voting place, and providing a meeting place for community groups such as No Canyon Hills.

Thank you Paula, Anne, Corey, Madeline, and Marty for serving as leaders last year as we have grown the UUCVH community in so many directions. You all started a great trajectory, including welcoming six new members!

It has been wonderful to see, hear, and feel the new energy that has been generated this past year, sharing our joy, kindness, and resources with an expanding community. I look forward to continuing to increase our community participation both literally and figuratively this next year. Happy New Year!

—Mary Madill

Social Justice

- 1.ASCENCIA: Cooking and Serving for Homeless Shelter: every 2nd Friday. We supply one dinner each month on 2nd Fridays. We need volunteers to cook or prepare a cold supper in our kitchen in the afternoon on July 14, and servers at Ascencia later, from 5 pm – 6 :30 pm. Contact Madeline (Howard will be riding the waves in Pittsburgh.)**
- 2. Food Bank Donations: We are still collecting and delivering nonperishables every month – Please place in rear of the sanctuary on the right**
- 3.. Please leave your bottles and cans in the rear of the sanctuary. On the left. Linda Hunt delivers them for cash, and profits go to Social Justice.**
- 4. Social Justice/ UUTHEVOTE**
We are still working on the campaign to support gun safety and we will discuss our next project for July We have currently completed 2,000 cards have over 20 writers and 22 donors. For a small congregation in a non- election year that is an impressive number. You are all congratulated on this accomplishment!**5.Next SJ/ UUThe Vote Meeting and discussion: Friday July 21 at 1:00 pm (after 3rd Friday Potluck Luncheon) Please RSVP: arpeggiata@yahoo.com**
- 5. CDC, STATE AND COUNTY GUIDELINES: For Covid and Other Health concerns. We have updated the guidelines to reflect lowered covid risk, and continued safe practices. Please note the guideline which are posted in the building.**

Respectfully submitted,
—Madeline Dow, SJ Chair



**REV. DR. SOFIA BETANCOURT,
THE UUA'S NEW PRESIDENT,
ADDRESSING A GATHERING AT
UU GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN
PITTSBURGH. ALSO: THE
ROBERTO CLEMENTE BRIDGE
OVER THE ALLEGHENY**



CATHY AND MADELINE AT FOOTHILLS PRIDE



ALAN, GARY, AND HOWARD DISCUSS FATHERHOOD AT OUR FATHER'S DAY SERVICE



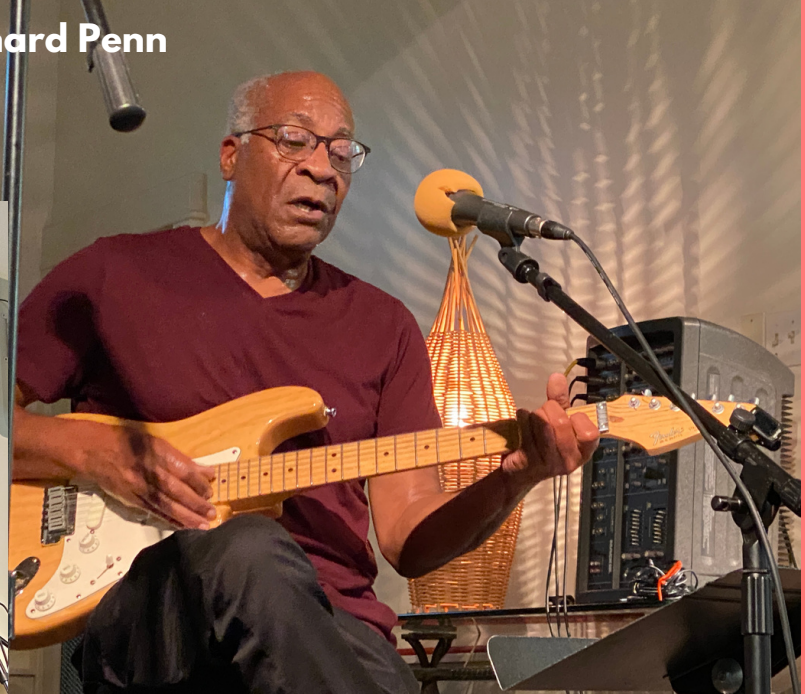
NO CANYON HILLS COMMUNITY MEETING

June HUUT—Tom Petty Tribute

The Raymond Ave. Refugees
Runnin' Down A Dream



Richard Penn



Mitchell Schaffer



Outreach & Sunday Services

MARTY BARRETT

Hi all,

I am so grateful to welcome the several new congregants who have joined in the past few months, all of whom arrived as a result of some program or other that UUVerdugo has extended to the community. I'm not going to mention your names, because some of you are shy and may be wanted by authorities but, to a person, your energy, kindness, intelligence, and thoughtfulness stand out and I am looking forward to seeing you around, to working with you, and to helping you in your endeavors to do collectively, through this community, what it is often difficult to do as an individual.

I've just returned from an enlightening and restorative trip to Pittsburgh for the UU General Assembly. It's like the College of Cardinals except with less smoke and fewer hats. I'll be talking about events in the greater UU world—and our place in it—during the July 16 service.

I'm more committed than ever to helping our community serve its existing members in addition to attracting new ones through a combination of engaging programs, hard work, good cheer, and the Oxford Comma. It's also really encouraging to see the work that our new Board President, Mary Madill, has already put in to communicate professionally (and with her own good cheer) with the various luminaries within our church community who make things happen.

I hope you'll join us for our first-ever Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce mixer on Thursday, July 13, at 6, with entertainment by Tom Bishel and catering by Robyn Johnson, Simone Williams, and Ann Kleinsasser. They shall be deploying weapons-grade Unitarian Universalist lemon bars to a community that is simply unprepared for how delicious they are.



JULY 2023

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|--|-----|--|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 FOOTHILLS PRIDE 12-4 |
| SUNDAY SERVICE— 10:30 FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 SUNDAY SERVICE— 10:30 | 10 | 11 | 12 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MIXER 6-8 | 13 | 14 ASCENCIA FOOD PREP 2-6 | 15 |
| 16 SUNDAY SERVICE— 10:30 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 THIRD FRIDAY POTLUCK-NOON SOCIAL JUSTICE-1 P.M. | 22 |
| 23 SUNDAY SERVICE— 10:30 | 24 MAKING IT HAPPEN MONDAY (FOOD/CLOTHING DONATIONS) BOARD MEETING—1 P.M. | 25 | 26 MOVIE NIGHT! FIELD OF DREAMS 6:00/\$5 DONATION | 27 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE | 28 | 29 |
| 30 SUNDAY SERVICE— 10:30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 UU-THE-VOTE 1-4 | 4 | 5 |

ZOOM SERVICE MEETING ROOM: 897 9181 4237 // PASSWORD: 935066

NOTE: PRIVATE RENTALS ARE NOT LISTED ON THIS CALENDAR.

A NIGHT OF WORLD PREMIERES

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