



Community Connection

San Dimas Community Church - United Church of Christ

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Rev. Joyce Kirk-Moore, Pastor and Teacher

Plan now for "Tour of the Pacific Islands Luau"
(coordinated by the Samoan Islands Ministries Table) August 21,
the Queen Mary Event Park - Long Beach. In support of
the SoCal/Nevada Conference, UCC.

July 2010

Reflections from Pastor Joyce

The Rev. Felix Villanueva is a native of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. He was ordained in 1982 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He has been the Senior Minister at the United Church of Christ of La Mesa since 2005.

Felix spent 21 years as a U.S. Navy Chaplain. At the time of retirement in 2003, he held the rank of U.S. Navy Captain. His last assignment was as Division Chaplain, 1st Marine Division, at Camp Pendleton, California. His tours of duty cover a wide spectrum from sea duty to chapel programs worldwide. In March 2003, Felix was called to go into Iraq as American forces prepared for the war. He spent three months in Iraq where he led 28 chaplains representing 12 religious bodies in ministering to U.S. Forces as they moved from Kuwait City to Baghdad. Felix retired from military duty shortly after returning from Iraq.

After retirement from the U.S. Navy, Felix served as Chaplain for VITAS Innovative Hospice Care in San Diego. Felix has served as member of the Board of Directors of the UCC and Chair of the Southern Association Church and Ministry Committee of the Whole. He serves as Advisory Board Member of the Centro Romero for Border Ministries and member of the San Diego County Clinical Pastoral Education Advisory Board. Felix has also served as Board Member of the Ecumenical Council of San Diego County.

Felix has been also active in a wide variety of social justice issues such as LGBT rights, gender equality and immigration issues, to name a few. He has been invited in numerous occasions to speak before groups examining those issues. Felix has also been a guest lecturer at San Diego State University and the University of San Diego. He is currently the president of the Rancho San Diego Kiwanis Club. He has also acted as pro-bono consultant for the East County YMCA and other non-profit community organizations on strategic planning and organizational leadership. The UCC Southern California Nevada Conference has also benefited from his expertise in strategic planning through the various workshops he has offered at Annual Gatherings and Vitality Events.

Felix is married to his best friend and life-partner, Sherry. Between them they have four grown children, Carlos, Jeanyvette, Jean (Jon), and Denay. They also show a lot of pride in their four grandchildren: Cailin, Cole, Isaac, and Gabriel.



As our new candidate has been quoted to say, "I approach ministry from a perspective of community. I have a deep sense of call. I have prayerfully sought discernment over this decision, and I consider myself to be a person of deep faith and spirituality. We are called to embrace, respect and value each culture, as well as each other. God does not make exceptions, but rather, ours is a God of abundant love for all."

I was privileged to be Felix' teacher of UCC History and Polity. I have confidence he will work faithfully to lead us into our conference's future.

Blessings, Pastor Joyce

Ministry Meetings:

Mon., July 5th : **Worship, 7 p.m.**
Mon., July 12th : **Pastoral Relations, 4 p.m.**
Wed., July 14th : **Church Council, 6:30 p.m.**

Pastor Joyce asks us to pray ...

...for our youth attending Western Regional Youth Event in Montana for safe travels and an uplifting experience.

*And especially for Christina Held,
their faithful leader.*

TOUR OF THE Pacific Islands LUAU

In support of the ministries of
Southern California Nevada Conference
United Church of Christ
coordinated by The Samoan Ministries Table

Join us on the shores of Long Beach to experience a tour of the Pacific Islands Samoan style. Experience a Polynesian Luau with authentic food, Dazzling Dance performances representing each of the Pacific Islands and Musical performances Pacific Island Style. This will also be your opportunity to experience the Samoan Money Dances. You won't want to miss this.

This is a chance for UCC Congregations and friends to come together and enjoy the ocean breezes of Long Beach along side the historic Ship "The Queen Mary". Take advantage of the reduced room rate and stay aboard for the night.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010
(12:00 pm through 6:00 pm)

THE QUEEN MARY EVENT PARK

(located at the north end of the Queen Mary) 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach CA 90802

Price: Single tickets general seating not assigned: \$50.00 per ticket or you may reserve a VIP table for 10: \$750.00
Event Parking: \$8.00
Purchase tickets on-line at:
scnccucc.org/TourOfTheIslands

Mail in checks to:
The Southern California Nevada Conference UCC
2401 N. Lake Avenue, Altadena, CA 91001
Hotel Discount: Check in Friday, 8/20/10
for a one night stay at a reduced price of \$125.00 per room. (tax not included)



Fundraiser to support the ministries of the Southern California Nevada Conference United Church of Christ.

SDCCUCC Community Service Appreciated

Relay for Life has acknowledged all our great work organizing and participating in this most worth-while event: we were recognized as a "Rising Star"; AND for "Most Faces Painted!"

Congratulations to all who worked hard to make this event such a success.

Church World Service acknowledged our donations of hygiene kits bound for Haiti. It's wonderful to know we contributed to the CWS effort in providing more than 31,000 hygiene kits; 5,400 Baby Care Kits; and more than 4,000 blankets.

If you are interested in continuing participation in this ministry, contact:
www.churchworldservice.org

July Youth Calendar:

PARENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

On July 11, 18 and 25 we will be having a Vacation Bible School for all children entering kindergarten through those entering 6th grade in the Fall of 2010. Sign-up sheet is on the table to the left as you enter church; so we can plan for food.

As always, please call me if there is anything you need.

Christina - 909 618-6418



July Birthdays!!!

Verna Gaston	4 th
Regina Whitfield	4 th
John Olson	5 th
Leigh Beck	8 th
Luther Huff	9 th
Elizabeth McBride	21 st
Lauren Monell	22 nd
Jim Manley	23 rd
Elizabeth Johnson	25 th
Alice Cook	26 th
Christina Held	27 th
Ryan Cantor	27 th



July Anniversaries

Alice Cook and Bruce Jones	11 th
Agnes and Hal Jackson	18 th
Jean and Dave Manwarren	24 th
Heidi and Steve Arch	23 rd