



# The eView from PUC

PACIFIC UNITARIAN CHURCH, A Unitarian Universalist Community  
Committed to the Free and Responsible Search for Truth, Meaning, and Service

Deadline: Wednesday, Noon

Thursday, March 17, 2010



## PUC MARDI GRAS ANNIVERSARY PARTY & SILENT AUCTION - 5:30 pm THIS Saturday, March 19

Have you perused your Silent Auction Catalog?

- Dress in your favorite Mardi Gras outfits and enjoy the pot luck "finger foods", Silent Auction, and Raffle Drawing. There will also be Rev. John's Live Auction and Live Music
- Acupuncture, Bike Repair, Gardening (yours truly will clear, weed, trim, plant, design, or whatever!)
  - Lessons & Classes: Dog Training, Drawing, Pilates, Sailing, Golf, Piano, Baby Sign Language
  - Tutoring: Math, Writing, or ANY SUBJECT; Dog Walking; De-cluttering; Babysitting; Concierge Services for "Mommy & Kiddie" AND "Golden Years".
  - Opera, Dance, Musical, Theatre, Movie, Museum, Golf & Sailing Outings
  - Raffle Drawings for a myriad of Gift Baskets and Restaurant & Movie Gift Certificates
  - A veritable United Nations of Brunch, Lunch & Dinner Parties



The Party (POTLUCK Finger Food Please) & Silent Auction Start at 5:30 PM

### Your Festivity Schedule

5:30pm: Welcome! Pot Luck is served

5:30pm - 7:00pm: Silent Auction

6:30pm: Raffle Drawings Begin

7:15pm - 7:45pm: Live Auction:

Your Live Auctioneer: Rev. John Morehouse

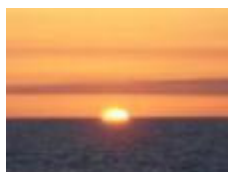
7:45pm - 9:00pm: Live

Entertainment:

Severin's Modern Times Dixieland Jazz Band

8:30pm: Begin Auction Winner Wrap Up

Laissez les bidding (& bon temps) rouler!!!!



## Have You Tried Soulful Sundown Sundays @ PUC?

**New Time: 7pm -- through May29.**

Last month I attended our first *Soulful Sundown* Worship Service and I was amazed. Our Intern Minister, Angela Henderson, along with the sweet chants of our own Rev. Teri Masters, led the group in 45 minutes of meditation, quiet sharing, and singing. Angela designed this Service along the lines of a monastic Taize service, full of candles and soothing quiet. It was fulfilling and restorative. I urge you to give this new Service a try. It is not meant to replace our Sunday morning Worship Service, but to heal and restore us before the week begins. - Rev. John **Please come and join us this, and every Sunday evening.**

## SUNDAY: SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:30 AM SPIRITUALITY FORUM @ 9:30 AM

This Week - Sunday, March 20: *Tolerance Begins at Home* - Angela Henderson, Intern Minister. PUC's Intern Minister, Angela Henderson, explores the effects of addiction and alcoholism and how the path to reclaiming a life - much like our spiritual journey - is not "one size fits all." *Intrigued by the topic? PUC's Addictions & Recovery Ministry presents Pathways to Recovery (see below) next Saturday, March 26.*

- 🖼 Paintings by Ed Vincent DO NOT embellish PUC's Art Wall due to illness. Stay tuned!
- 🖼 Oil Paintings by Margaret Lazzari garnish PUC's Art Wall from March 27 - April 17
- 🖼 Contact Ginnie Granoff if you'd like to share YOUR artwork with us on the Art Wall!
- 🖼 Today's flowers flowers are "to wish my sister, Audrey Mann, a speedy recovery"

from successful surgery she had on Monday” -- Joyce Block-Miller

☉ Would **YOU** like to bring the flowers for Sunday's Services? - *The 2011 Flower Calendar is here!!! - Reserve your Sunday(s) NOW! Dates still available:*

April 24      May 15, 22, 29      June 12, 19      July 3, 10, 24, 31  
August 7, 21, 28      Sept. 4, 25

And most of the rest of the year ... Visit the Flower Calendar on the inside of the PUC Office door - or contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date!

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Next Week – Sunday, March 27: *Holes Everywhere* – Rev. John Morehouse. Rev. John returns with an intriguing question: How does what's missing in our lives help to make us whole?

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## MORE THIS SUNDAY @ PUC:

### Spring Equinox

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9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

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## AROUND PUC:



## Stewardship Pledge Drive Set for May 2011

*Our Annual Stewardship Pledge Drive for the next Church year (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) begins in May.* Every member and friend is encouraged and expected to make a financial contribution, preferably by making a pledge to the Church for the total of what they hope to give through the next Church year. *All members and friends will be invited to one of 16 cottage parties to hear about our plans for the coming year, to voice your dreams and concerns, and to make a stewardship pledge.* These parties are hosted by leaders of the Congregation in

their homes with refreshments. The Stewardship Team will invite a group of 8-12 people for you. Each party lasts about two hours. Rev. John, our Intern Minister, Angela Henderson and Pledge Chair Ed Slizewski will visit each home to lead these conversations.

*We are looking for people to host.* If you can open your home for several hours, provide coffee, tea, perhaps wine, soft drinks and light appetizers please email Rev. John directly [minister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:minister@pacificunitarian.org)

### Dates and Times Still Open:

Friday May 6th evening, Saturday May 7th in the mid-afternoon, Saturday May 7th in the evening, Sunday May 8th in the mid afternoon, Sunday May 8th in the evening, Friday May 13th in the evening, Saturday May 14th in the afternoon, Saturday May 14th in the evening, Sunday May 15th in the mid afternoon, Sunday May 15th in the evening, Saturday May 21st in the evening, Saturday May 22nd in the afternoon, Friday May 27th in the evening, Saturday May 28th in the afternoon, Saturday May 28th in the evening, Sunday May 29 in the mid afternoon, Sunday May 29th in the evening and Monday, Memorial Day, May 30th in the afternoon.

This is a great way to give back to the Church we all love.

## Rev. John Offers New Minister's Class:

### **\*\*Necessary Virtues\*\* Starts Thursdays in April**



Rev. John will offer the first three of an eight part series of workshops entitled "Necessary Virtues" from 7-9 pm in the PUC Library on April 7, 14, & 21. Each session will begin with a viewing of Galen Guengerich's workshop on Virtues from the UU General Assembly last year. John will then lead a discussion based on his own insights. Space is limited so please contact the

[Church Office](#) to register. Further sessions will be scheduled in the fall.



**Birds Do It, Bees Do It, Even Ministers Like Rev. John Do It....**  
**Come Read It, Come Read His Blog: <http://facing-grace.blogspot.com>**

## UP & COMING:



**PUC's Addictions & Recovery Ministry presents**

## Pathways to Recovery

**Saturday, March 26, 2011 • 9:30 AM – 12 noon • Henriksen Hall**

Come hear a panel of addiction experts from four separate and unique paths to alcoholism recovery: **Alcoholics Anonymous, Buddhist, Christian, and SMART Recovery.** Facilitated by Rev. John Morehouse and coordinated by Angela Henderson, PUC's Intern Minister, this presentation is open to friends, family, alcoholics, and all who are interested in learning how people, whatever their circumstances and beliefs, can reclaim their lives from the grasp of addiction.

**All are welcome to attend.** Reservations are not required, but are appreciated for planning. For reservations or for more information, please contact **Angela Henderson** at (310) 373-5471 or email **John Daley** or **Betsy Hardiman** at [addictions@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:addictions@pacificunitarian.org).



## Attention RE Families! Field Trip NEXT Sunday, March 27 Is Going to Be a Whale of a Good Time!!

*The RE Committee has planned our first, and only, Field Trip of the year.* We will be visiting the Point Vicente Interpretative Center on **Sunday, March 27.** We will have a tour through the museum by a docent, and then explore the surrounding area, time-permitting. There may be whale watchers around, and if lucky we may spot a whale or 2! This is a great setting for anyone who would like to stay and picnic afterwards as well.

For your information: The Interpretive Center is next to Point Vicente Lighthouse, and this natural history museum is an ideal whale-watching spot. It was first opened in 1984. It was greatly expanded and reopened on July 15, 2006 as an almost 10,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility. Exhibits highlight the Peninsula's geology, flora and fauna. From December to May, American Cetacean Society volunteers gather daily at the Center to conduct a census of whales passing through the Catalina Channel. The friendly American Cetacean Society volunteers are happy to talk about whales, their numbers, invite visitors to observe the Pacific Ocean, share stories and answer questions.

🌸 We invite all parents to join us for this fun event. You might want to consider bringing a picnic for your family and stay afterwards. It is a beautiful place to spend an afternoon!

🌸 This Field Trip is planned for the Hobbits age on up. ( we can't accomodate car seats for the Pixie age group in carpools) There will be regular class for Pixies that day, but we highly encourage Pixie parents to join us and bring your family too!

🌸 We are looking for people who can chaperone and drive. Please let me know ASAP and how many people you can take in your car.

🌸 Cars will leave promptly at **10:30 am** so please be a bit early that day. It's an easy drive from Church, or you can simply meet the group at the Center. If your child goes without you, they'll be returned to Church around noon.

🌸 We hope you take advantage of this event! It is always fUUN to get out there and explore!!

Let me know if you have any questions.

-- Thank you, Renée Daley

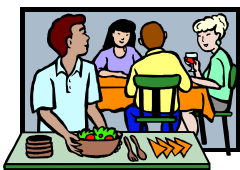


## Women's Reading & Responding Bookclub News

On **March 21<sup>st</sup>** at **11 am**, we will be discussing *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.

On **April 19<sup>th</sup>**, we will be discussing *How to Be Good* by Nick Hornby.

Please join us! Open to new members. -- Thanks, Robin Arehart, [ararehart@yahoo.com](mailto:ararehart@yahoo.com)



## Have YouUU Been to a “*DINNERS with UU's*” Lately?

Our next pot luck *Dinner w/ UU's* will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced soon. We need current, new, and prospective members to make the evening complete. Sign up at the Welcome Table. Any questions, just phone Betty Saunders (see your PUC Directory) or contact the [PUC Office](#).



## *IT'S COMING UP!! PARTY!!! PARTY!!!* **...PUC SPRING WORK PARTY THAT IS!**

Join us on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> for a great time with your PUC friends and neighbors sprucing up our very own PUC campus at our *Spring Sprucing Work Party*. The date is quite a few weeks out there, but we wanted to make sure you marked the calendar so that you wouldn't fill it up with some other activity that wouldn't be nearly as much fun! We'll be doing

things like:

- 🔧 Painting the walls outside the Library and Office
- 🔧 Cleaning the skylight glass in that Breezewa
- 🔧 Painting the entry pergola
- 🔧 Fixing switches
- 🔧 Cleaning the scale off the wall around our fountain
- 🔧 Painting both bathrooms
- 🔧 Doing some repair & clean up of the street stair railing
- 🔧 Cleaning the Library carpet
- 🔧 Some small-scale Parking Lot repairs
- 🔧 Maybe even paint the lower portion of the East Hall wall
- 🔧 General sprucing up.

There are sure to be other fUUn items added to the list.

We'll be starting the party at 9am and go until we run out of daylight, energy, food (yes...we will feed you) or patience. You don't need to be a professional painter or handyman to make a contribution. You just need a positive attitude and some free time on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Did we mention that there would be food? If you think that you will be able to join the party, or if you have a suggestion for our *Spring Sprucing Work Party* – please contact John Einhorn at [einchild1@verizon.net](mailto:einchild1@verizon.net) or 310-937-3134.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT & BEYOND:



## 2011 PSWD District Assembly & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Pasadena, CA May 20-21, 2011

[Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church](#), 301 North Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91103

This year the PSWD and Camp de Benneville Pines also celebrate our 50th Anniversary, which makes this year's District Assembly especially exciting.

- ✚ Our Keynote Speaker will be none other than our esteemed *UUA President: Peter Morales*. But the best part?
- ✚ This year's District Assembly is right here in beautiful Pasadena. That give you little or no excuse not to attend!
- ✚ Please register and download an agenda at: <http://www.pswduua.org/pages/da-registration-2011.php>
- ✚ Registration \$80.00 before April 29th--\$105.00 after April 29th.
- ✚ If you are interested in being a PUC delegate to this year's DA or GA, please contact [Kathy Rickey](#)-ADR for more information.



## 2011 General Assembly & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Charlotte, NC June 22, 2011 - June 26, 2011

Charlotte Convention Center, 501 South College Street, Charlotte, NC

Contact: General Assembly and Conference Services, [generalassembly@uaa.org](mailto:generalassembly@uaa.org)

Registration is now open. Please go to: <http://www.uaa.org/ga/registration/index.shtml>

Early Registration is \$315.00 before May 2nd--\$360.00 after May 2nd. Rooms are also booking very quickly so make your hotel reservation soon.

## SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS:



# 58TH ANNUAL SCIC ASSEMBLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011

Time: 6 pm - 9 pm

Location: The Neighborhood UMC, [507 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802](#)  
\$25 Tickets include dinner, Spotlight Awards, and business meeting.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

**Please contact Patty Lance at 562-983-1665 to make your reservations TODAY!**

## Congratulations to the Spotlight Award Winners!

### Layman of the Year

Dr. Robert Kalayjian, *First Congregational Church*

### Laywomen of the Year

Nancy Richardson, *Wayfarers Chapel*

Stephanie Bussi, *Temple Israel*

### Religious Leader of the Year

Rev. Duane Moret, *Holy Spirit Fellowship*

### Youth of the Year

Brenda Novela, *SGI Buddhist Community*

### Senior Citizen of the Year

Bobbie Smith, *Bixby Knolls Christian Church*



The Guibord Center Religion Inside Out

## Lecture: The Jewish Jesus

Sunday March 27th, 2011 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine is University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies, and Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and



College of Arts and Sciences. Her recent books include *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* (HarperOne), the edited collection, *The Historical Jesus in Context* (Princeton) as well as the fourteen-volume series, *Feminist Companions to the New Testament and Early Christian Writings* (Continuum).

St. John's Cathedral, [514 West Adams, Los Angeles, CA 90007](#) Reception to follow.

To RSVP go to: <http://theguibordcenter.org/?rsvpmaker=program-the-jewish-jesus>

Your RSVP will help us with planning for this event.

*All events and programs offered by The Guibord Center are open to the public and are free of charge.*



*You are cordially invited to attend the*

## Peninsula Interfaith Fellowship Luncheon

12 noon – 1:30 PM on Tuesday, April 5, 2011

**Topic: "UPDATE ON SPIRITUAL ASSESSMENT: Grief and Loss, Death and Dying, Insight and Rebirth"**

**Presenter: Chaplain, Dr. James Kim** Studies indicate that clergy can benefit from clinical pastoral continuing education (CPE). In a study, the 1 in 4 who had taken similar course work was much less isolated and was with greater confidence as a spiritual counselor in the parish. Chaplain, Dr. Kim is sharing one of his assistant chaplain training/nursing staff education sessions with us. Please join us on April 5 at:

### Torrance Memorial Medical Center

3330 Lomita Blvd. Torrance, CA 90505 -- Main Auditorium on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the West Tower

You may enter the West Parking structure, just behind the West Tower, and park in the designated Visitor Lot, floors from 1 through 3. *Please make your reservation today, if possible.*

RSVP to [james.kim@tmmc.com](mailto:james.kim@tmmc.com), or phone 310-891-6694. Please advise if you require a vegetarian meal when you RSVP.

### Remaining Luncheon in the 2010 - 2011 Season

☉ May 3 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Ms. Joan Behrens

## Here's What Else is Happening @ PUC:

A= All-Church    CR = Classroom    H = Henrksen Hall    L = Library    MG = Meditation Garden  
O = Offsite Meeting or Event    P = Patio    V = Voyagers Room

### Thursday, March 17, 2011

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

### Friday, March 18, 2011

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

7:30 PM Temple Emet Services - H

### Saturday, March 19, 2011

10 AM Green Sanctuary Film: *The Healing Power of Local Foods* - O

1 PM Quilting Workshop - L

5 PM Anniversary Dinner & Silent Auction - H

5:30 PM Anniversary Party & Auction - L

### Sunday, March 20, 2011

Spring Equinox

9:30 AM Spirituality Forum - L

9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

11:45 AM Monthly Town Hall Mtg - H

11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L

12 PM LPA Meeting - Rev's Office

12 PM PUC de Benneville Retreat Meeting - V

1 PM Immigration As a Moral Issue Wkshp - L

Exchange Student - H]

7 PM Soulful SUUndown Service - H

### Monday, March 21, 2011

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Grp - L

### Tuesday, March 22, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

7 PM Program Council - L

### Wednesday, March 23, 2011

8:30 AM Zumba Gold Exercise Class w/Suzie Bartes-H

2 PM Staff Meeting - L

7 PM Choir Practice - H

### Thursday, March 24, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi - Stephen Tang - H

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

### Friday, March 25, 2011

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

### Saturday, March 26, 2011

9:30 AM Pathways to Recovery / Breakfast - H

10 AM Pathways to Recovery - ARM Program - H

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

Saturdays Only]

6 PM Green Sanctuary Environmental Film Night - L

7 PM Ron Keyes Brithday Celebration - H

### Sunday, March 27, 2011

9 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group - CR2

9:30 AM Humanist Forum - L [What is consciousness?  
Is it produced by the soul or the body or both?]

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

12 PM [Manny Arellano Recital Warmup - H]

12 PM New UU Class - L

12:30 PM OWL 7-9 - V

12:30 PM Singles-Family Brunch-O

7 PM Soulful SUUndown Service-H