



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 3, 2010

SATURDAY:



You're Invited to a Reception for Rev. Dr. Lee Barker 7-9pm March 5th

Everyone is invited to a reception to meet *Dr. Lee C. Barker, President of Meadville Lombard Theological School*, our Unitarian Universalist seminary in Chicago and my alma mater. We will gather at the home of **Drs. Rocco Lardiere and Cindy Nast, 5603 Scotwood Dr. in Rancho Palos Verdes at 7 pm, March 5th.**

Please RSVP by emailing Rev. John minister@pacificunitarian.org.

ALL DAY MEDITATION RETREAT

THIS Saturday, March 5, 9 am–5:30 pm

Long Beach Meditation provides an opportunity for a deep, intensive meditation experience at their All-Day Saturday retreat @ PUC led by [Victor Byrd](#).

Alternate sitting and walking meditation and eat lunch in silence. There is an afternoon dharma talk, followed by a gentle yoga session with emphasis on mindfulness to the body and movement. Conclude with the chant of lovingkindness

and close in a talking circle for those who wish to stay.

Can't make it this time? Next Retreat: **Saturday, May 7, 2011**

Register or get more information at: (562) 804-5570

http://www.longbeachmeditation.com/index.php/retreats/all_day_saturday_retreat

SUNDAY:



Have You Tried Soulful Sundown Sundays @ PUC?

*We will NOT be meeting for Soulful Sundown THIS Sunday, March 6. Many of us will be singing in Psalmfest. We encourage you to attend Psalmfest at 6:30 p.m. at the Warner Grand Theater in San Pedro. Tickets are \$10 for Psalmfest and all proceeds go to Harbor Interfaith and the South Coast Interfaith Council. ** We hope to see you there.***

Soulful Sundown will resume NEXT Sunday evening, March 13 @ a new time: 7pm -- through May 29.

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. 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 6: A Most Unlikely Theologian – Rev. Dr. Lee Barker. “A theological perspective from a surprising source tells me everything I need to know about how to live religiously and spiritually. On Sunday, I will ‘reveal my sources’ and the wisdom that is offered.” Lee Barker is President and Professor of Ministry at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. Prior to assuming his position in 2003, he served as Senior Minister of Neighborhood UU Church in Pasadena. Rev. John will co-lead the Service.

📦 *Watercolors by Joani Thompson & others Watercolor Workshop participants swathe PUC's Art Wall through Sunday, March 6.*

📦 *Contact Ginnie Granoff if you'd like to share YOUR artwork with us on the Art Wall!*

🌸 *Sunday's flowers are "in honor of my dear friend Harold Self's 90th birthday."
-- Lisa Edmondson*

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

March 6, 20 April 24 May 15, 22, 29 June 12, 19

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!

Next Week – Sunday, March 13: *Tolerance Begins at Home* – Rev. Teri Masters, Interfaith Minister.
How can we practice in our church community what we would like to see practiced in the world at large?

MORE THIS SUNDAY @ PUC:

9:30 AM Spirituality Forum - L

9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:30 AM 1st SUunday PotlUUCK BrUUnch - P



Our 1st SUunday PotlUUCK BrUUnch takes place this Sunday, February 6, after the Service.

Please plan to bring a dish to share and enjoy the food & fellowship. Rev. John's 1st Sunday Buddhism Class follows the brunch at 12:30 pm. Childcare is available to allow you to attend all of our Sunday after-Church classes. Please check in with Elyse or Ashley in Classroom 3 (nearest the street) after the Service to let them know you'll be dropping off your child before class.

12 PM Intern Minister Team - V

12:30 PM Buddhism Class w/ Rev. John - H

6 PM Soulful SUUndown Service – CANCELLED TODAY – GO TO PSALMFEST INSTEAD!!! (See below)

Soulful SUUndown resumes NEXT Sunday, March 13 at a new time: 7 PM – through May 29

7 PM Psalfest - O [Warner Grand Theater]

PSALMFEST IS @ 7 pm, March 6!!



Come see & hear choirs from around the South Bay/Harbor area (*including our own PUC Choir!*) at the 13th Annual Psalmfest @ the [Historic Warner Grand Theatre](#) in San Pedro, **Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 7pm.** Each year choirs from churches and synagogues throughout the South Bay/Harbor area join together to raise their voices in song and raise money for two very deserving local charities. Each choir performs pieces of their choosing, based on the themes of Psalms and Peace, leading up to the grand finale, when all the singers join together in song.

Tickets will again be **just \$10** each, and all profits will go to South Coast Interfaith Council and Harbor Interfaith Services, to assist in their important work. Look for tickets going on sale on the PUC Patio soon.

AROUND PUC:



Boots on the Ground

Get on Board with Social Justice - The O₂ Rescue Tour Leaves from the PUC Parking Lot March 12 @ 9 am!

🌍 **Did you know that our neighbors in the Wilmington Area are subjected to the worst air pollution in the Los Angeles Area?**

🌍 **Did you know that the Wilmington Area has the worst air in the whole state of California? THE WORST!**

🌍 **How can we at PUC possibly help? Well, first we need to become informed on this huge problem!** The O₂ Rescue Tour expert will tell us about the problem and its impact on those who live there, especially the young and the frail.

Tickets for the O₂ Rescue Tour and the picnic lunch afterward are only \$10.

- Meet at 8:40 am in the parking lot.
- Tour from 9-12.
- Return to the parking lot and drive to the Botanic Gardens for the picnic.

This is a driving tour, not a walking tour. You will be riding on an air-conditioned bus with a restroom.

Pre-Test Questions & Answers

1. Can you name three sources of air pollution? **Refineries, metal plating, idling trucks**
2. How many refineries are located in the Wilmington/Carson area? **Five!!**
3. What percentage of VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) emissions in Los Angeles comes from the Wilmington area? **30%**



Where Have All the Flower(bringer)s Gone? Still a few more Winter & Spring dates available

Open Dates include: **March 20 April 24 May 15, 22, 29 June 12, 19**

And most of the rest of the year

Not only do you (and all of us) get the enjoyment of brightening up our Sunday Service with the gift of flowers, but we announce your special reason/occasion in that week's *eView* AND on the back of that day's Order of Service. *It's first come, first served, so get those calls & emails in!!*

You may sign up for flowers in person (the Flower Calendar lives on the inside of the PUC Office door), or call 310-378-9449 or email Craig in the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date.



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:



March 11 GLBTQ Movie Is "Outing Riley"

Bobby Riley (writer-director Pete Jones) is finally ready to come out to his conservative Catholic family and stop pretending that his best lesbian pal is his girlfriend. But it turns out he's not the only one harboring a secret. When Bobby announces to his three disbelieving brothers that he's actually in love with a man, that revelation turns out to be just a sample of the smorgasbord of surprises members of the clan have long been hiding.

Please join us on **Friday, March 11th at 7:00 PM** in the PUC Library for our next GLBTQ Movie.



PUC MARDI GRAS ANNIVERSARY PARTY & SILENT

AUCTION - 5:30 pm Saturday Evening, 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 - Saturday, March 19

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: Reverend John Morehouse**

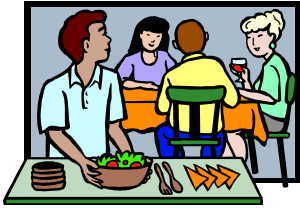
7:45pm - 9:00pm: Live Entertainment -- **Severin's Modern Times Dixieland Jazz Band**

8:30pm: Begin Auction Winner Wrap Up

Please note that Item # 505 SEVERIN BEHNEN CONCERT will not be offered.

However, **Severin's** considerable talents will be showcased (and biddable) -- along with those of **Teri & Caitlin Masters**, **Manny Arellano** and other special guests -- in item # 207 "THE GOLDEN YEARS" CONCERT.

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



DINNERS with UU's

Our February Pot Luck *Dinner with UU's* at Dave and Jean English's home was smaller than expected.

What a beautiful setting with a view of San Pedro harbor. Another evening of good food and new friends!

Our next pot luck *Dinner w/ UU's* will be **April 9th**, 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](#).



Women's Reading & Responding Bookclub News

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

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

Please join us! Open to new members. -- Thanks, Robin Arehart, ararehart@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATE!! PARTY!!! PARTY!!!

...PUC SPRING WORK PARTY THAT IS!

Join us on Saturday, April 23rd 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 Breezeway, painting the entry pergola, fixing switches, cleaning the scale off the wall around our fountain, painting both bathrooms, doing some repair and 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, and 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 23rd**. 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 or 310-937-3134.

AROUND THE DISTRICT & BEYOND:



Demonstration for Reform of 3 Strikes Law in Hollywood on Monday, March 7

Dear fellow UU's - We, at First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles, are concerned about the consequences of the continuation of a failed policy: The Three Strikes Law. It has been in force for 17 years and has led to the expenditure of millions of dollars which could have been allocated to fund education and other critical programs.

On **March 7, 2011, at 2 pm** there will be a demonstration at [Wilcox and Fountain in Hollywood](#) to demand reform. I hope you can join many of us there. For more information call FACTS (Families to Amend California's Three Strikes) at 213 746-4844 or visit the web page at www.facts1.net.



National UU Action Needed as Libya Erupts in Violence

Over the past few weeks, I (and probably many of you as well) have been reading about the escalating situation in Libya with mounting concern. Every day, reports of more fights, victims, and refugees flood in. We have now reached the point where armed forces are using machine guns and fighter jets against pro-democracy protesters. **Hundreds of Libyans have been killed and, without immediate international action, the situation could spiral into a national bloodbath.**

The EU and UN are holding emergency sessions to decide on what actions to take. A forceful international response is necessary. Let's flood UN delegations, EU Foreign Ministers and the High Representative for the EU with messages urging them to impose targeted sanctions, asset freezes and a no fly zone that could stop the crackdown.

Click below to send a message: http://www.avaaz.org/en/libya_stop_the_crackdown/96.php

Thank you for your support and action on this vital issue.

Sincerely, Bruce Knotts, Executive Director, [Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office](#)

*****The founding of the UU-United Nations Office can be traced to April of 1962. Adlai Stevenson, US Ambassador to the United Nations and a Unitarian, wrote to UUA President Dana McLean Greeley suggesting that each UU congregation nominate an envoy. Go to <http://www.uu-uno.org/about/history/> to find out more about Unitarian Universalist involvement with the U.N., and the League of Nations before that!!**

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS:



Dawn Unity Interfaith Panel Discussion March 8, 7:30pm

Topic: "Evolution and God"

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church

[26438 Crenshaw Blvd., RHE](#) (Crenshaw Blvd. & PV Drive North)

Bob Rothman is the moderator. Panelists:

- The Rev. Jonathan Chute**, Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
- Monsignor David Sork**, St. John Fisher Catholic Church
- Rabbi Charles Briskin**, Temple Beth El, San Pedro
- President Maurice Lam**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The mission of the Dawn Unity Group is to bring together religious communities to foster understanding of those religious values that unite us; to respect our neighbors and their different religious beliefs and traditions.



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.

To make your reservations today, please contact Patty Lance at 562-983-1665.

Seeking Nominations for Spotlight Awards to be presented during the 58th SCIC

Annual Assembly

Each year the SCIC recognizes extraordinary individuals in SCIC's member faith communities for their excellence in interfaith work. SCIC is currently seeking nominations for: **Outstanding Clergy/Religious Leader, Layman, Laywoman, Senior Citizen & Youth**

Deadline for Nominations: February 24, 2011

Please complete this [Nomination Form](#) and return via email at scic@charterinternet.com or mail to: SCIC, 759 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90813, www.SCInterfaith.org

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 03, 2011

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

Friday, March 04, 2011

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

7:30 PM Temple Emet Services- H

Saturday, March 05, 2011

10 AM French Conversation Grp -- [Note Scheduling Change -- Group now only meets on 2nd & 4th Saturdays]
7 PM Reception for Rev. Lee Barker/Meadville-Lombard Theological School - O [Lardiere]

Sunday, March 06, 2011

9:30 AM Spirituality Forum - L

9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:30 AM 1st SUUnday PotlUUCK BrUUunch - P

12 PM Intern Minister Team - V

12:30 PM Buddhism Class w/ Rev. John - H

6 PM Soulful SUUndown Service – NO SERVICE THIS WEEK – NEXT WEEK START TIME MOVES TO 7 pm THROUGH MAY 29

Monday, March 07, 2011

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

6:30 PM RE Committee - Panera Bread

7:15 PM Environmental Covenant Group - L

Tuesday, March 08, 2011

7 AM Municipal Elections - L

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

7 PM Addictions & Recovery Ministry - V

Wednesday, March 09, 2011

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

2 PM Staff Meeting - L

7 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, March 10, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi - Stephen Tang - H

7 PM Finance Committee - L

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

Friday, March 11, 2011

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

2 PM Social Justice Committee - L

Saturday, March 12, 2011

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V

12 PM Interweave Meeting - L]

4 PM Buddy Mixer - O

Sunday, March 13, 2011

Daylight Saving Time Begins

9 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group - CR2

9:30 AM Humanist Forum - L

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

12:15 PM Green Sanctuary "Ethical Eating" Wkshp - L

12:30 PM OWL 7-9 - V

7 PM Soulful SUUndown Service - H

7 PM Great Books Discussion Group - L