



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, April 28, 2011

FRIDAY:



Kellie Rountree-Farajpour's Art Featured @ PUC:

Friday, April 29 @ 7:00 pm Artist's Reception in the Hall @ PUC: Wine and Snacks will be served. Original Oil Paintings will be shown for the first time ever. **April 22 - May 10 Kellie's Art will appear on the PUC Art Wall**

SATURDAY:



MAY DAY! MAY DAY!! Come Celebrate Bodacious Beltane... Wondrous Walpurgisnight...Fabulous Floralia April 30 @ PUC!

Join the Iseum of Isis Paedusis to celebrate the full flowering of spring at **7 pm on Saturday, April 30th**, at PUC. In Uppsala, Sweden, April 30th, Walpurgis Eve, is celebrated with champagne, strawberries, and bonfires. Join with us as we celebrate the gods and goddesses of spring—and of course strawberries, whipped cream, and champagne. Bring your favorite beverage and a flower for the altar. Now is the time of joy, romance, flowers, and fun, as well as divination! Bring your sweetie, invite a friend, or meet someone special at the celebration! Everyone welcome; wear your spring finery and put on your dancing shoes!

SUNDAY: SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:30 AM HUMANIST FORUM @ 9:30 AM

This Week - Sunday, May 1: YoUUth SUUnday Service – PUC's Sr. High YoUUth GroUp. PUC's annual YoUUth SUUnday Service promises to once again be an eye-opening multimedia experience for all in attendance. Our Sr. High YoUUth and Advisors will share experiences impressions from their recent study of and participation in Pagan, Buddhist, Jewish, Catholic and Islamic religious services over the past few months. *And you won't want to miss the Cookie Communion!!!!*

🧵 *Quilts & Art by Kellie Rountree warm PUC's Art Wall through Tuesday, May 10*

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

🌸 *On this Blessed Beltane, I dedicate the altar flowers to my mother, Anna Teressa Lockwood. Also more commonly known in her life as Terri Ramsey. May 1st marks the 12th Anniversary of her passing out of this reality. Not a day goes by that she is not loved or missed by her 3 children...Linda Marie Marsolino, Laura Lee Ramsey, and Sara Louise Ramsey. Momma you're missed.... -- Laura Ramsey*

🌸 *Would YOU like to bring the flowers for Sunday's Services? - Reserve your Sunday(s)*

NOW! Dates still available: May 15, 22, 29 June 12, 19

July 3, 10, 24, 31 August 7, 21, 28 Sept. 4, 25

And much 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, May 8: Letters to Mother – Rev. John Morehouse. Mother's day is a very rich holiday. First established through the efforts of Unitarian Julia Ward Howe as a "Mother's Day of Peace" and a protest to war, it has evolved into a celebration of mothers and motherhood. Yet, our relationships with our mothers are complex. While many of us honor our mothers for what they gave us, there are some who have painful relationships with our mothers. Complicating this further are mothers who have passed on, adopted

mothers, birth mothers and those who mothered us in place of our natural mothers. In this Service, Rev. John will explore the power of motherhood in our lives. You will be invited to write a short unsigned "note" to your mother and, if you would like, post that note on our "Motherboard" on the Patio after the Service.

MORE THIS SUNDAY @ PUC:

9:30 AM Spirituality Forum - L

9:30 AM Facilities / Hall Interior Task Force - V

9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:30 AM 1st SUunday PotlUUCK BrUUnch - P

12:00 PM Intern Minister Team - V

Benefit Concert for Japanese Tsunami Victims -- An Afternoon of Jazz-Pop-Standards @ The Strings Connection in Rolling Hills Estates

Sunday May 1st, 2011 * 3:00 - 4:30PM * Suggested donation: \$5.00

The Strings Connection, 716 Deep Valley Dr., Rolling Hills 90274 More info: 310-377-0803

ALMS: Animal Loving Musicians Support. Ensemble of fine musicians (including PUC's own Alan DiCenzo on piano) who use their instrumental and vocal talents to support legitimate animal rescue groups in the USA and beyond.

AROUND PUC:



Click on the link to see how PUC inspires Tracy Blender

<http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=1963541083176&oid=53450116361>



It's Time to Sign Up to Attend May Stewardship Pledge Drive Cottage Parties *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 are invited to sign up for one of the following 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 for 8-12 members. Each party lasts about two hours and refreshments will be served. Rev. John, our Intern Minister, Angela Henderson and Pledge Chair Ed Slizewski will visit each home to lead these conversations.

Signup at the Stewardship table on the Patio Sunday, or contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your spot.

-  **Friday Evening, May 6 @ 7 PM - Hosts: Gary & LeeAnn Hart - 3868 Newton St., Torrance 90505**
-  **Saturday Afternoon, May 7 @ 3 PM - Hosts: Deb & Randy Ripley - 2804 Green Lane, Redondo Beach 90278**
-  **Saturday Evening, May 7 @ 7 PM - Host: Ginnie & Dick Granoff - 2899 Bronco Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes 90275**
-  **Friday Evening, May 13 @ 7 PM - Hosts: Judy Shaffer - 633 S. Gertruda Ave., Redondo Beach 90277**
-  **Saturday Afternoon, May 14 @ 3 PM - Host: Tracy Blender - 2207 Gates Ave., Redondo Beach 90278**
-  **Saturday Evening, May 14 @ 5:30 PM - Host: Tracy Blender - 2207 Gates Ave., Redondo Beach 90278**
-  **Sunday Afternoon, May 15 @ 3 PM Hosts: Jane & Al Parmenter-1110 S. Esplanade Ave., #8 Redondo Bch 90277**
-  **Sunday Evening, May 15 @ 7 PM - Host: Pam Harris - 504 Harkness Ln., #1, Redondo Beach 90278**
-  **Friday Evening, May 27 @ 7 PM - Hosts: Chuck & Gerry Howey-29514 Baycrest Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes 90275**
-  **Saturday Afternoon May 28 @ 3 PM - Host: Denise Shiozawa - 2404 Faircross St., Torrance 90505**
-  **Saturday Evening, May 28 @ 7 PM - Hosts: Clay & Nuna Bosler - 126 South Irena, Unit A, Redondo Beach 90277**

In Case you missed last week's PUC video message:



View Rev. John's video invitation to PUC.

<https://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=1947093071986&oid=53450116361&comments>



THANK YOU!! from New Orleans!!

Partner Church Dedicates Their New Building

“Dear John,

It was truly a delight to have you and Frances join us for our Building Dedication event. One of the things we made sure we did was to produce a short video you are free to share with your congregation <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2VXEFKJ480>. Several of our members have asked for a copy of your text so we could put it in our archives. (Archives!!! And actually having a place for them!)

Best wishes, and with a firm hope that we can continue to stay in touch and work together in coming years.”

--Rev. Jim VanderWeele, Community Church Unitarian Universalist, New Orleans, LA



Spring Sprucing Thank You!

Thanks to all that were able to come by and participate in our Spring Sprucing on Saturday. We had just over 30 people drop by and were able to:

- Paint the Hall East wall
- Fix the piano bench
- Clean Library and Office carpets
- Clean the windows in the Library and Rev. John’s office, including the blinds in both
- Straighten up the Library books
- Paint the pergola
- Paint the women’s bathroom
- Paint the men’s bathroom
- Clean the Breezeway skylight
- Cleanout the Patio drainage gutters
- Clean the fountain wall
- Paint the Wedding Room
- Clean the windows in the Northern Hall doors
- Replace some outlet covers
- Paint the East wall end column
- Replace the two GFCIs in the women’s and men’s bathrooms
- Paint the walls below the preschool windows
- Paint the street stair handrail
- Repair the walkway below the street stairs
- Ate yummy salad, brownies, potatoes and pizza
- Even helped put up blackout curtains for the Hope Foye movie later that afternoon

We’ll be doing a similar fall cleanup to get to the things that we were unable to finish. Thanks to all!

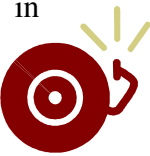
--John Einhorn, Facilities Committee Chair

UP & COMING:

Help Plan PUC’s 1st Community Health & Safety Fair May 2

In light of what has happened recently in Japan, and the potential disasters that we face here in Southern California, PUC will be hosting our first Community Health & Safety Fair in **September 2011**. A task force comprised of both PUCers and community members is forming.

If you are interested in participating on this task force, please contact Kat Meredith at (310) 357-0351 or by email at communityfair@pacificunitarian.org. Our first meeting will be held at PUC in the Hall on **Monday, May 2, 2011 at 6:30 pm**.



Norma Lindberg Celebration of Life at 1 pm Friday, May 6 @ PUC

A Memorial Service for PUC member **Norma Lindberg** will take place on **Friday, May 6 @ 1 pm** in PUC’s Henriksen Hall.



Bruce Barr Memorial Service Set for 11:30 am Monday, May 9 @ PUC

A Memorial Service for PUC member **Bruce Barr** will take place at PUC on **Monday, May 9 at 11:30 am**.



Camp de Benneville Pines Awaits You!

The annual PUC All Church Retreat at Camp deBenneville Pines is coming! We will once again gather in the mountains the weekend of June 10-12. This is a fabulous weekend of getting to know each other in a relaxed setting. It is a weekend for all ages...from the tiny baby to the wise elder! There is something for everyone. **Registration is OPEN!!!** Please come by the sign-up table during coffee hour to find out more about this wonderful annual tradition that we have been creating for more than 20 years! There will be a representative from the Planning Committee to answer your questions and give you all you need to become part of this annual tradition.

Ask Rachel Bruhnke & Erica Sweet if they have fUUn at the PUC Retreat!!!

What a fabulous way to get away from the city for a weekend and spend rich, quality time with your PUC family. See you at the registration table!!

—Your Planning Committee: Renée Daley and Kathy Rickey, Co-Deans, and Betsy Hardiman, Deb Ripley, George Yenoki, and Ingrid Slizewski

Women's Responding Bookclub Discovers *Refuge* & *The Plague of Doves* @ PUC



- ☛ Join us **Monday, May 16 at 11** in the Library to discuss *Refuge* by Terry Tempest Williams.
- ☛ We'll meet on **Monday, June 20th at 11** to discuss *The Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich.
- ☛ The group welcomes Peggy, Corine, and Dorian! -- Yours, Robin Arehart



Memorial for Bill Mueck to Take Place on June 11 @ the Mueck's

Mariann Mueck and family invite you to a memorial for Bill Mueck on Saturday, June 11th from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Mueck's home. We will share memories and story about Bill at about 3:00 pm. The address is [1823 Delasonde Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes](#). From P.V. drive North, turn right on Western Avenue, turn right on Delasonde Drive and we're on the corner. We will love to see you. RSVP 310-831-9189. Mariann Mueck and family



Have YoUU Been to a "DINNERS with UU's" Lately?

Caroline and Ray Waters will host our next potlUUCK Dinner w/ UU's on **Saturday, June 11**. A nice mix of current, new, and prospective members will make the evening complete. **Sign up for the June "Dinners with UU's" at the Welcome Table**. Any questions, just phone Betty Saunders (see your PUC Directory) or contact the [PUC Office](#).

AROUND THE DISTRICT & BEYOND:



2011 PSWD District Assembly & 50th 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.**

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2011 General Assembly & 50th Anniversary Celebration in Charlotte, NC

June 22, 2011 - June 26, 2011

Contact: General Assembly and Conference Services, generalassembly@uua.org

Registration is now open. Please go to: <http://www.uua.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.



Unitarian Universalist Service Committee of Southern California Presents: UUSC Human Rights Forum on Slavery & Trafficking

Saturday Jun. 4, 10 am – 3 pm

UU Church Long Beach, [5450 Atherton St., 90815](http://www.uua.org)

Keynote Speaker: Sherri Harris, O.C. Director, Network of Emergency Trafficking Services

Afternoon Panel

Moderator: Kimberly Agbonkpolor

Members from the LA Metro Task Force

Vanessa Lanza from CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking)

\$15 in advance, students with ID free

Send check made out to UUSC, 2000 E 4th St #120 Santa Ana, CA 92705

See registration form at www.uusca.org/unit.htm * Info: rshapin@gmail.com

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, April 28, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10:00 AM Tai Chi - Stephen Tang - H
7:00 PM Men's Ministry - V

Friday, April 29, 2011

10:00 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
7:00 PM Kellie Rountree Art Wall Reception - H

Saturday, April 30, 2011

7:00 PM Beltane/Walpurgisnight Ritual - H

Sunday, May 01, 2011

9:30 AM Spirituality Forum - L
9:30 AM Facilities / Hall Interior Task Force - V
9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:30 AM 1st SUUnday PotlUUck BrUUunch - P
12:00 PM Intern Minister Team - V

Monday, May 02, 2011

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
6:30 PM Community Health & Safety Fair Task Force Meeting - H
6:30 PM RE Committee - Panera Bread
7:15 PM Environmental Covenant Group - L

Tuesday, May 03, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
2:30 PM Practicing UU Covenant Group - L
6:30 PM Stewardship - L
7:30 PM Strategic Planning Cmte - V

Wednesday, May 04, 2011

8:30 AM Zumba Gold Exercise Class w/Suzie Bartes-H
2:00 PM Staff Meeting - L
3:30 PM Worship Team - L
7:00 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, May 05, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10:00 AM Tai Chi - Stephen Tang - H
7:00 PM Men's Ministry - V

Friday, May 06, 2011

10:00 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
6:00 PM OWL 7-9 Overnite #2 - V
7:30 PM Temple Emet Services- H
9:00 PM OWL 7-9 Overnite #2

Saturday, May 07, 2011

12:01 AM OWL 7-9 Overnite #2 - V
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8:00 AM Long Beach Meditation Retreat - H
9:00 AM R.E. Planning Retreat - L
6:30 PM Shaffer Dinner - O [TS]

Sunday, May 08, 2011

Mother's Day

9:00 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group - CR2
9:30 AM Humanist Forum - L
9:30 AM Facilities / Hall Interior Task Force - V
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary "Ethical Eating" Wkshp - L
7:00 PM Great Books Discussion Group - L