



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

Committed to the Free and Responsible Search for Truth, Meaning, and Service

The View

June 23, 2011

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

RRREEEAAAADDD AAAAAILL ABOUT IT!



Heart & Soul

Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant? -- Henry David Thoreau

We'll have a new crop of Lay Pastoral Associates (LPAs) very soon. These people have committed to increasing the spiritual well-being of the members, friends, and staff of the church.

Some of the issues/requests pastoral caregivers are trained to respond to include: Emotional/spiritual support for members/families/staff, Grief and loss issues - bereavement/funerals, Anticipated death, Death, Prayer/meditation, Ethical decision making, Traumas, Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, Staff support/retreats, Teaching (congregation, staff, community), Support Groups, Crisis intervention - "defusing", Advanced Directives, DNR, other end of life preparation, Negotiation of world views. (Not all of these things would be done by everyone - some would be done by LPAs, some by the Director of Pastoral Care or the Minister, and some only by the Minister - "do not try this at home").

I am so grateful to those who have opened their hearts, bringing their deepest selves to the service of our church.

Be kind to one another,

—Teri

Rev. Teri Masters, Pastoral Care Director

This Sunday

9:00 AM: 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group

9:30 AM: Humanist Forum

10:30 AM: Service
Chiaroscuro, the Light and Dark of Life

Rev. Teri Masters

11:30 AM: Coffee Hour

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Marvel Burke & Noel Hammond
animate PUC's Art Wall through July 10

Sunday's Flowers celebrate our daughter, **Amy Johns**, who turns 18 June 28 and recently graduated from South High with honors. She is heading to college soon, and we are all so proud of her for working so hard and following her dreams.

Congratulations Amy!

—Ralph & Tricia Johns



6/24 8:00pm Silent movie: The Kid

RE's Summer Program:

Love, Courage, Justice and fUUn!

Click [here](#) for details on the sUUper-hero Summer for the kids of PUC.

The Results Are In...

The voting results from Sunday's Congregational Meeting are in! The quorum was met with a total of 65 members voting in person or absentee. All By-Law changes & resolutions were approved and all Board and Committee candidates were elected to the offices for which they were nominated. The voting tallies were emailed to the Congregation this week and are available in the [PUC Office](#).

Rev. John's June 19 Sermon

To read Rev. John's sermon, including the Aramaic to English translation of the Lord's Prayer, click [here](#). To read or listen to other sermons from Rev. John, click [here](#).

JUNE 2011- TORTURE AWARENESS MONTH

June 26 is United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. Several years ago, religious and human rights organizations

 in the United States declared June to be Torture Awareness Month as a way to provide greater visibility to this issue and provide an opportunity to coordinate action across the country.

The National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) speaks of torture being a moral issue. Please do your part. Click on <http://www.nrcat.org> and scroll down to National Religious Campaign Against Torture - Sign the Statement. It's an easy way to show you care. Check out all the other links NRCAT provides.

—Sandy McNeil, Local UUSC Rep.

A Night at the (Not-So-Silent) Movies

THE KID

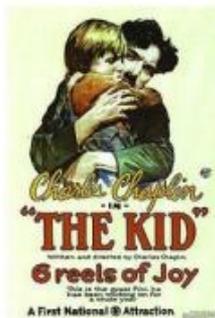
THIS Friday June 24

PotlUuck BBQ Starts @ 6:30 PM

Feature Starts @ 8:00

Join the PUC Family for a *fUUn*-Raising Night at the Movies

Severin Behnen and **Armond (Reggie) Neal** will perform live music



6/24, 8 pm: Silent movie *THE KID*, accompanied by Dr. Severin Behnen on piano. Potluck BBQ @ 6:30!!



6/26: [PUC 4th Sunday Singles-and-Friends BUUnch-for-BrUUnch](#)



7/16, 7 PM: Magic Show with our own Marty Gorman in Seal Beach.



7/18, 11 AM: Reading and Responding Women (bookclub) will discuss *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle.



7/23: [Buddy Mixer Potluck Dinner](#)
[RSVP to Membership](#)

11/18-20: UULMCA Justice Leader Training at Camp deBenneville Pines.

U p c o m i n g

6/26: *Chiaroscuro, the Light and Dark of Life* At winter solstice

Rev. Teri Masters often preaches on the hopefulness of knowing that the light is coming even as we are in shadow. It's now summer solstice. How can we maintain hope knowing there is darkness ahead?

7/3: *Our Costly Heitage* In recognition of our monthly theme of courage, Rev. John explores the power of our American ideal through the ages. Following the service Rev. John will lead a discussion on the virtue of courage.

7/10: *Crossing the Threshold* What does it take for someone to join our church community? Rev. John will talk about the courage and hope of being a member of PUC. This will be Bring a Friend

to Charlie Chaplin's 1921 classic silent film [The Kid](#). [Click here for more info.](#)

Babylon Mood Middle Eastern Dance Company Presents:

Dazzling Circular Veils Belly Dance

Workshop and Show

This Sunday, June 26 @ PUC

Babylon Mood returns to PUC to present their annual summer workshop and show!



- **1:30-2:45 PM: Dazzling Circular Veils--**
A workshop with master instructor and six-time belly dancer of the Universe Trophy Winner Regine.
- **3-5 PM: Babylon Mood and Guest Dancers present their annual Summer Show!**

Click [here](#) for all the details. *(PUC members and friends are invited to attend the workshop and/or show at a discount! Regular Admission for the workshop and show: \$25, special price for PUCers: \$15. Show only: \$10 regular price /\$5 for PUCers. To receive your discount, please bring a copy of The View to the door (can be a printout) or e-mail your name to babylonmood@earthlink.net before the show. Admission includes appetizers and desserts.)*

Facilities Committee Needs Your Help!

Now that the West wall project is moving along, there are other facilities matters needing attention around our congregational home. If you would like to help with the following facilities-related volunteer opportunities, please contact John Einhorn, Facilities Committee Chairman, at 310-937-3134 or einchild1@verizon.net.

Facilities Committee Members: The committee charter calls for a total of five members, and there are only two currently. If you would like to help determine and prioritize upgrades and repairs, reach out to the congregation for special projects, partner with the Strategic Planning Committee to ensure facilities-related plans are aligned with the Strategic Plan, or just help our home look better – please consider joining the Facilities Committee as a member.



Canyon Clearance Leader: After a decade of helping ensure that our canyon property was properly

Sunday. Invite someone you know to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our Church.

7/17: **An Arresting Development**

Guest Speaker Rev. Lee Marie Sanchez focuses on the idea that to be a social justice "activist" means many things, and it can alter one's life in very unexpected ways. One thing sure to be learned is that our choices must be unique to each of us. And in order to sustain our efforts we all need much in the way of self-care, the support of our communities, a good grounding in our spiritual practices, and much love for our individual & collective journeys. Together we can have the courage to make the world a better place. You will, just by being with us on this beautiful summer Sunday.

R e c u r r i n g

Sundays

Adult Forums, 9:30 AM, L

YRUU High School Group.

10:30 AM, L

All-Church Potluck Brunch, 1st

Sun., P

Singles-Family Brunch, 4th Sun.,

12:30 PM, offsite

Mondays

Women's Circle, 4th Monday,

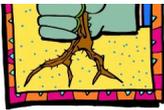
10 AM, L

Environmental Covenant Group,

1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Tuesdays

Addictions & Recovery Ministry



attended to, Fernando Penalosa is calling it quits. For more than ten years, he has volunteered to organize and perform fire prevention, erosion prevention, and eradication of unwanted plants on our canyon slope. What a great job he has done – thanks, Fernando! We need a new incumbent. There is no special training involved apart from a tour of the area by Fernando. You can either perform the tasks yourself from time to time if you enjoy a good weed pull, or you can organize a small work party now and then. Fernando can give you the specifics.

Glass-Cleaning Crew: Our new West Wall will have tinted/transparent glass when completed. While the transparency will help return the hall to its original vision by bringing the outside in, this will also require some additional exterior cleaning that the current art glass did not (insert favorite bird poop joke here). Although we could set up a regular professional cleaning service, we'd rather establish a rotating volunteer cleaning crew. The plan would be to purchase appropriate equipment to clean the glass while standing on the ground below, so no climbing or scaffolding are required.



Green Sanctuary News



**Upcoming
Documentary
Screening:**

Economics of Happiness,
THIS SUNDAY, June 26, 6-8 PM

Click [here](#) for more information.

4th Sunday Singles-and-Friends BrUUnch

Our **June 26** brunch will be at the Tasty Siam on Western and PV Drive North  (in the northeast corner) in Harbor City. The food is very good, the prices reasonable, and the surroundings pleasant and quiet so we can talk easily.

—*Joyce Block-Miller, Betty Saunders, Jan Avent and Jerry Parker*

R.E. COMMITTEE NEEDS NEW CHILDCARE ATTENDANT

The RE Committee is looking for a new lead childcare attendant for PUC. Our beloved Elyse and Ashley are leaving for college. They



will be missed and hard to replace!

We will be interviewing during the month of July. This

Mtg, 2nd Tues., 7 PM, L

Women's Fed, 2nd Tuesday, 11 AM, offsite

Wednesdays

Choir Practice, 7-9 PM, H

Thursdays

Seniors Pow Wow, 3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L

Environmental Priorities Meeting, 1st Thurs., 7 PM, L

Men's Ministry, 7 PM, V

Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee Clatch, 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM, Catalina Coffee Co.

Fridays

Watercolor Workshop, 10 AM - noon, H

Interweaving Movie (GBLTQ), 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L (No movie this month)

Saturdays

Dinners with UUs, 2nd Sat. of even-numbered months, 7 PM, offsite

French Conversation Group, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty Chevron for info.



NEW FEATURE! Read more on our [member-to-member web page](#), or [send in your submission](#).



For sale: [Wurlitzer Piano & leather bench seat](#).



person must be at least 18 years of age, and preferably with child care experience, and of course recommendations. If you know someone who may be interested in this position, please have them contact [me](#).

We will need someone to begin on August 7 or 14.

Thank you all,

--Renée Daley, DRE



Contact [Leadership Development Committee](#) to volunteer or find out

more.

Hospitality Coordinator: Ensure Hosts are scheduled for every Sunday Coffee Hour and monthly brunches; order fair trade coffee.

Coffee Hour Host: 4th Sundays of the month.

Ushers: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month.

Welcome Table Coordinator: Ensure Welcome Table Hosts scheduled for every Sunday.

Around the District and Beyond



Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

Click [here](#) to view UUSC's monthly newsletter.

Southland Interfaith News



ERASING HATE

on MSNBC this Sunday Night

Can someone who has known nothing but violence and bigotry, change his life when the evidence of his past is permanently etched on his face? Lawrence O'Donnell will host a new MSNBC documentary, *Erasing Hate*, on Sunday, June 26 at 9 PM ET. <http://thelastword.msnbc.msn.com/news/2011/06/17/6883159-lawrence-hosting-erasing-hate-doc>

The piece chronicles Bryon Widner, a former skinhead. whose racist tattoos were a constant reminder of his violent past and made it nearly impossible to support his family. *Erasing Hate* producers spent nearly two years chronicling Bryon's incredibly painful tattoo 20-month laser removal treatment — a penance of sorts for the hurt caused to so many others.



Wanted: [Loving home for wonderful dog.](#)



Wanted: [Spare furnishings](#)

H o s p i t a l i t y

Coffee Hour Host: OPEN

Ushers: Dee Master & Becky Dyer

Welcome Table: Virginia

McCulloch & Marian Jones

Greeters: Kathy Rickey & Nancy Hofland



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