



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View

August 11, 2011

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer}.

In this *VIEW from PUC* you'll find out about our West Wall construction project, how we're building a vision of justice in our community, and much, much more - Reead Aaall Aboooooit it!



Minister's Message

We Are a Justice - Making People

I return from my summer sojourn this week renewed, refreshed, and resolved to lead us forward together as a hopeful people. With the riots in London, the fall in financial markets, unemployment, and a list of other woes, it would be tempting for us to retreat into the sanctuary of our warm and nurturing church community. Yet I believe that one of the reasons we are a warm congregation is because we care so deeply about others. Yes, we come to be refreshed spiritually, but we do so with a purpose: to help others find hope and peace as well.

Our spiritual theme for August is justice, and the timing couldn't be more important. We have and will continue to explore how we might bring hope to our corner of the world through planning and action. This coming Sunday I will explore the issue of classicism in our culture and churches. I am not about blame but the hope that our awareness can help make us better "justice makers," partners with others in need.



While on retreat off the coast of Maine, a fisherman asked me what I did for a living. When I told him I was a minister, I braced myself for the usual confessions about God and why

This Sunday

9:00 AM: 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group

9:30 AM: Humanist Forum (This week: non-facilitated, but come for discussion.)

10:30 AM Service
Dignity and Classism

Rev. John Morehouse

11:30 AM: Coffee Hour

12:15 PM: Green Sanctuary Meeting

12:30 PM: Tech Team Meeting

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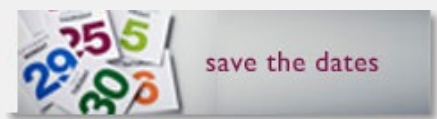
Sunday's Flowers

celebrate **Joyce Block-Miller's**

Aug. 15 birthday.

"Happy Birthday, Mom!!"

—**Craig Block**



they hadn't been in church, but instead, in a thick New England accent, he told me. "Well, that is a good thing at that. Someone needs to stand up for those who are being swept away by all this trouble." Wisdom from a man who himself was beset by the troubles of a teetering economy, a warming planet, and forces beyond his control.

What I realized is that by making justice, we build a community of hope, whether for those beyond our walls or those who find their way into our church in desperate need for the very first time. I look forward to being with you, my justice-making people, again. See you in church.

With Grace and Grit,
- Rev. John

R.E.'s sUUp-er-hero Summer Program

This Sunday:

We will explore what JUSTICE is from a UU point of view in a fun activity called, "What would UU do?" See you Sunday!

-Your R.E. Committee

...and check out the rest of RE's Summer Program...

Love, Courage, Justice and fUUn!

This summer we focus on Love, Courage, and Justice. But most of all we focus on fun! Come join us! [Click here](#) for details on the sUUp-er-hero Summer Program for the kids of PUC.

West Wall Update

Finally! The West wall construction will begin next week. Here is roughly what you can expect:

- On Saturday, **August 13**, fabric draping will be installed, hanging from the ceiling to help keep the hall clean and maintain a nicer appearance during the construction. The draping will hang approximately 10 feet away from the wall, so during the week, the North and South doors adjacent to the West wall will remain closed. During the weekend and non-work hours, it may be possible to pull the drapes aside to allow use of one of the double doors.
- On Monday, **August 15**, set-up by the contractor will begin. This will include placement of material and equipment, and

8/13 (Note CORRECTED



DATE): Dinners with UUs at the Granoffs' house. This event is full.

8/21-26: PSWIRL's "Summer



Camp for Grownups" @ Camp de Benneville Pines. [Click here.](#)



9/10: [Quilting/Sewing Class](#) resumes.



9/11: [Full Moon BBQ](#) at the home of Dave & Jean English. **Spots Still Open!**

U p c o m i n g

8/14: Dignity and Classism

Rev. John returns with an exploration of how our perception of class status impacts dignity.

8/21: Natural Rights

Do we have the right to have rights? Rev. John preaches on our first principle: The inherent worth and dignity of each person.

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-Chuch Potluck Brunch, 1st Sun., P
Singles-Family Brunch, 4th Sun., 12:30 PM, offsite

Mondays

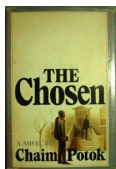
Women's Circle, 4th Monday, 10 AM, L
Environmental Covenant Group,

some electrical work. Cones will be placed in the parking lot along the North facing spots to reserve space for the contractor work. Please respect the placement of the cones.

- On Tuesday, **August 16**, a roll-off dumpster will be delivered to the parking lot. Demolition will start and construction will begin in earnest.
- The contractors are expected to work from about 7:30 AM -3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Construction will take on the order of eight weeks.
- We are monitoring progress with a rotating Clerk of the Works – a group of volunteers that will visit the worksite regularly and report to the Facilities Committee, Board Chairman, and Rev. John on a daily basis. Our volunteer Clerks are Gary Hart, John Hocutt, Andy Kissner, and Ingrid Slizewski (thanks in advance for your service!). If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact [Craig Block](#) at 310-378-9449; he can direct you to the right person to get your questions answered, or you can contact [John Einhorn](#), Facilities Committee Chairman.

Women's Reading and Responding Bookclub

Summer Reading



We'll meet on Monday, **August 15** at 11 AM to discuss Chaim Potok's *The Chosen*.

On **September 19**, we will discuss Alice Sebold's *The Lovely Bones*.

—**Robin Arehart**

[Rise Up and Call Her Name](#) , the next session in the [Cakes for the Queen of Heaven](#) series, starts **Thursday, August 18** at 7 PM in Classroom 1. We will have a quick review of the previous lessons and begin the first chapter of the new ones. For more information about this session, click [here](#). *Six sessions: 7 PM Thursday nights: August 18 – September 22.*

1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Tuesdays

Addictions & Recovery Ministry Mtg, 2nd Tues., 7 PM, L
Women's Fed, 3rd Tuesday, 11 AM, offsite

Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Summer hiatus until August 24.

Thursdays

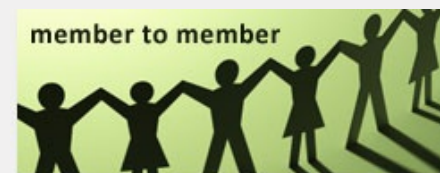
Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L
Environmental Priorities Meeting, 1st Thurs., 7 PM, L
Men's Ministry, 7 PM, V
Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee Clatch, 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM, Catalina Coffee Co.

Fridays

Watercolor Workshop, 10 AM - noon, H
Interweaving Movie (GBLTQ), 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

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.



 **Wanted:** [Marian Mone](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO SUPPORT TOBERMAN!

The annual Back-To-School Sale for Toberman Neighborhood Center is in two weeks, on **August 21!** Be sure to bring your cash or checkbook to "buy" some school supplies to donate to the children at Toberman. We've found some great buys and may have spent a little more than usual, so



please be sure to come and support our sale!

-Ingrid Slizewski
RE Committee



At the Movies with PUC's Own Hope Foye

The documentary *Red Hope? The Blacklisting of Hope Foye (Her Story, Her Songs)* will show at the

Culver City Senior Citizens Center at 1 PM on **August 21**.

Admission: \$2 for non-members. Hope will sing and there will be a birthday cake celebration for her 90th birthday. (Click [here](#) for a synopsis of the film).

New Members:

Mark Your Calendar for fUUn!



Have you joined PUC in the last six months?
Please mark your calendar for the New Member
Reception held in your honor: Saturday, **August 27**, 4-6 PM at PUC.
More info from membership@pacificunitarian.org.

Calling All Flower Lovers...

Is it Your Turn to Bring Flowers on Sunday Morning?!?!

The following 2011 dates are still available:

August 21, 28

September 18

October 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13

December 4, 11, 18



Please contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date!



Free Quilting/Sewing Class

Resumes September 10

Kellie Rountree's Free Quilting/Sewing Class resumes Saturday, **September 10** from 1-4 PM, and continues every other Saturday through November 19. The only cost is to buy your own materials (we'll help you figure out what you need). Sewing machine available to use. Drop-Ins are welcome. No experience necessary. Contact Kellie with any questions or to RSVP: 310-850-



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*R e a d m o r e n o w m d i e t
p o s t i n g r e q u e*

H o s p i t a l i t y

Coffee Hour Host: PUC Group

Ushers: Raychel Lydon & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table: Elyse Doerflinger & Chip Morgan

Greeters: Louise Allison & Jean Tordella

6429 (especially if you left Kellie a msg. last month when she was away... you know who you are, but Kellie doesn't ;-).

Come Join the Full Moon Barbeque

Dave & Jean English are adding to their auction offering for the Full Moon Barbeque on Sunday evening, **September 11**. Ten additional people will join us around



the fire pit and watch the full moon rise over the harbor while enjoying a yummy barbeque. \$20.00 each. Contact Barbara Paulsen or Craig in the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your spot.

Palos Verdes Great Books Discussion Group

Our next meeting will be on **September 11** at 7 PM in the Library.

The readings for the next year or so will be from selections of short stories in the books, "The Seven Deadly Sins" and "Even Deadlier."

The purpose of the Great Books from the Great Books Foundation that originated at the University of Chicago is to encourage shared



inquiry. The stories are short, thereby promoting lively discussions. They are well selected and the authors are renowned.

We welcome newcomers, PUC members and non-members alike. A leader facilitates our discussions, asks pertinent questions, and does not participate in the discussion until the end when open discussion occurs. Discussion is kept within the material of the reading. No outside references to the author's other works, other writings, or to one's personal experiences are permitted. Consequently, no one is at an advantage in spite of one's special interest in literature or of one's scholarly profession.

Contact Joyce or Bob Bloomfield: 310-373-1201.

MUSIC AND MORE TO BENEFIT ANIMALS



(Puc'er) Alan Di Cenzo and others perform on Sunday,

September 18 from 4:00-5:30 PM at The Strings

Connection, 707 Deep Valley Drive, RHE, to benefit

Diamonds in the Ruff, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) animal rescue organization.

It would be awesome to get a few more great musicians who can donate their time and talents to help out this worthy rescue group. It's quite fun, too! We hope to hear from you! Please forward to any of your musicians friends who may be interested! And we hope you can come to the concert on Sunday!



Women's Federation News

Women's Fed is planning a compelling tour of Homeboy Industries on **October 18**. This is a great opportunity to become acquainted with the organization created by Father Gregory Boyle in 1992 to change the hearts, minds, and lives of neighborhood gang members in Los Angeles. Homeboys provides jobs, job training, and encouragement to young men and women so they can work together and learn the mutual respect that comes from collaboration. We will have a 1-hour tour of the facility where their many services are offered, and afterward can choose to have lunch at Homegirls Cafe.

The cost of the bus ride & tour is a modest \$20, which will help pay tuition for our female Circulo de Amigas student in Nicaragua. The bus holds 47 and is about half full now. We're sure this event will be one of the most worthwhile we have sponsored. Flyers are available at the Welcome Table and from Betty Saunders. Checks should be made out to Pacific Unitarian Church, with "Women's Fed Homeboys Tour" written on the memo line. You do not need to be a member of Women's Fed (or a woman - all are welcome!) to take this tour with us. Come, and invite your friends!

Around the District and Beyond



SCIC Interfaith Cafe

Sunday, **August 21**, 2011, 2 - 5 PM

St. Margaret Mary Catholic, co-host: SGI Buddhist

[25511 Eshelman Ave, Lomita](#)

Interfaith Cafés are small group discussions for laity, youth (9th - 12th graders) and faith/community leaders about how faith both impacts their daily lives and allows them to relate to and appreciate those from other faith traditions.

This summer, the SCIC will continue playing the [WeBelieve2](#) interfaith board game as part of the café experience! Each session consists of the same format, but with different participants. You are welcome to attend any and/or all of them!

Bring your Friends! All are Welcome!



FellowshipNewsletter is available at
<http://sbuf.org/newsletters/2011/newsletter1108.htm>.



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