



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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The View

August 18, 2011

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

YES! The West Wall rebuilding project is finally underway and that's not the only change in the Hall. See it all on Sunday! And in the meantime, there's a lot more going on @ PUC this week & beyond - RREEEAADD AALL ABOOOUUUT IT!!

Music Notes



*F r o m o u r M u s i c D i r e c t o r
(O n t h e R o a d E d i t i o n)*

It's been a very busy summer for me, playing music every day. Most of my time has been spent preparing, arranging, and performing music for shows at the big top tent at Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua in northern Wisconsin. Tonight is my last performance of the year. I'll be playing accordion and piano in a special one-time concert with Warren Nelson, the founder of the 25- year-old organization. We are expecting about 800 people.

The remainder of my time here will be dedicated to music directing and performing for a fun but depressing musical at a small but vibrant theater called Stage North. I say depressing because The Last Five, as it is called, uses a cast of two to tell the story of the pair's five-year relationship ending in the dissolution of their marriage. Yes, why? But the music is quite good – kind of post-Sondheim, and I guess a big hit on or off-Broadway – no one seems to know which.

So now I am beginning to anticipate my return to LA. It may seem impossible that, while sitting here looking out over Lake

This Sunday

9:30 AM: Spirituality Forum

10:30 AM: Service

Natural Rights

Rev. John Morehouse

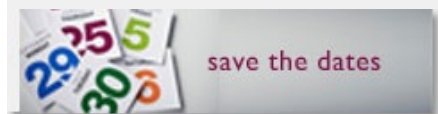
11:30 AM: Coffee Hour


11:45 AM: 3rd Sunday Town Hall
Mtg.

11:45 AM: Intro to UU & PUC

12:30 PM: Immigration Reform as a
Moral Issue

**Sunday's Flowers
celebrate our Hall's new
colors**



8/21: Back-to-School Sale
 to benefit Toberman ([see article](#)).

8/21: The documentary *Red*

Superior, I could miss the traffic, noise, and press of people in LA. But I'll be happy to once again set foot on solid concrete and take in a lung-full of whatever it is we call air. I can't wait to see you all and make beautiful music together.

As always I encourage you to try the choir. Also, you can live vicariously through your children by getting them involved. My dream is to get half of you singing to the other half. A truism for choir singing: the more the merrier. And again, you can make a short-term commitment or several commitments; you need not join for the rest of your life. I will see you on the last Sunday of August.

—**Dr. Severin Behnen**
Music Director

THIS SUNDAY: Back-to-School Sale for Toberman!

Toberman Neighborhood Center has made San Pedro home since 1937 and has served the Greater Los Angeles area since 1903 with a holistic social service approach. Our support goes directly to the Toberman Learning Center, an after-school program for more than 100 children. The Learning Center offers children a safe haven, a hot meal and recreation after school, and homework help, tutoring, computer instruction, and more to support their academic success.

Please bring your cash or your checkbook to PUC **this Sunday, August 21**, to show Toberman that PUC cares! Our RE Voyagers & Co. will be putting on a sale of school supplies that we will then donate to the Learning Center. We've done the shopping for you; all you have to do is come to Church and "buy" some supplies from the sale table during Coffee Hour!

Thanks for your support, and see you this Sunday!

—**Youth Religious Education Committee**

The Bruhnkes are Back!

Rachel and Alma Bruhnke are back from Cuba and their blockade-busting caravan with the *Pastors for Peace*!

They are doing a report-back by popular demand--on Sunday, **August 28** after Church in the Library with photos from their righteous political caravan!



Hope? The Blacklisting of Hope Foye (Her Story, Her Songs)



shows @ the Culver City Senior Citizens Center **this Sunday!** [Click here for info](#)



8/27: New Member Reception.

U p c o m i n g S

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.

8/28: *Freedom Calling*

Rev. John asks us to consider what really makes us free. Are you answering freedom's call?

9/4: *What Makes Us Happy*

As we begin our monthly theme of happiness, Rev. John will explore happiness as a spiritual practice. This will be our Homecoming Sunday. We will have our Water Communion so please bring a small amount of water from your summer journeys to place in our water bowl and tell us where you have been, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

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

- Come learn/ask about Cuba today
- Come learn about the work of Pastors for Peace
- Come learn how YOU can go to Cuba!
- **Sunday, August 28** Library after Church .

—Rachel Bruhnke

“Rise Up and Call Her Name”

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven , Part Two

Class begins **tonight, Thursday, August 18** promptly at 7 PM.

"Rise Up and Call Her Name" is a multicultural, empowering women's spirituality/women's history course for women and girls that



explores the feminine face of God through imagery, song, discussion, and ritual. Click [here](#) for more details.

Bring a notebook and pen for notes & journaling. This week's class will review the first *Cakes for the Queen of*

Heaven sessions briefly for those who have not yet had those classes, and this week's goddess discussion will center on Lilith, better known as "Adam's first wife." Come see what that's all about!

"Rise Up and Call Her Name" is taught by **Denise Dumars, M.A.**, a college instructor and Goddess scholar. Classes may be taken individually or as a series; the first of thirteen lessons are presented in this six-week course.

WHERE: PUC, Classroom 1

WHEN: Six Thursdays at 7 PM starting August 18

WHO: Women and older girls

COST: Donation only. No one turned away for lack of funds.

RSVP: Necessary! Please RSVP to Rev. Dumars at (310) 371-0274 or on Facebook or Isis_Paedusis@hotmail.com. If you would like to be notified of courses and other activities of the Iseum of Isis Paedusis, an earth-centered Isian group that meets at PUC, please send an email with the request to the email address included above.

R.E.'s sUper-hero Summer Program

This Sunday:

This week's Summer RE Program will find the older kids setting up and putting on the Back-to-School Sale for Toberman NeighborhoodCenter.

Our younger set will be learning

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

Love, Courage, Justice and fUUn!

This summer we focus on

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 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

more about social justice and just might put on their very own March for Justice!

—Your R.E. Committee

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

Announcing NEW SingleSomething Coordinator

I'm excited to let you know we have a new coordinator for mid-life focused singles group: PUC's SingleSomething. Janet Steinberg has enthusiastically agreed to coordinate activities.



In fact, she already sent out her first activity...it's for **tonight, August 18** for the free World Music Concert at Skirball Center at 8 PM. [More details](#)
[Sign in or sign up for our Yahoo Group](#)

Open to all ages and stages singles PUC Members and Friends.

—Denise Shiozawa
Membership Director

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.



HELP CHOOSE THE SOCIAL JUSTICE THEME FOR 2012

Join us in the Hall on **September 17** from 9-11 AM (breakfast served) for a workshop to select next year's Social Justice Proposals.



We will work in small groups to brainstorm ideas, come together to discuss possible alternatives, and select the best ideas for proposals.

—Gary Hart



Women's Federation News

At our last meeting the group decided:

Paulsen or Betty Chevron for info.



Wanted: [Marian Mone](#)

[Seeking Quiet Room.](#)



Wanted: [Casey Geist](#)

[Looking for a Job in Music Production.](#)



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

R e a d m o r e 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: Frances Morehouse

Ushers: Vivien Hao & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table: Joyce Block-Miller

Greeters: Bill Karg & Joani Thompson

1. There will be no Women's Fed meeting in August. Enjoy the Summer off, everybody.
2. Our usual 3rd Tuesday of the month meeting no longer works for me (Betsy) and one or two others. We discussed changing the date to the 3rd Wednesday. We will bring this to a vote again in September.
3. Please sign up for our **October 18** Bus Tour to Homeboy Industries...and ask a friend to go with us. The cost, only \$20.00, will help us keep our Nicaraguan student, Deysi, in school. Click [here](#) for flyer.

—**Betsy Walters**



Women's Reading and Responding Bookclub

September Selection

We'll meet on Monday, **September 19**, at 11 AM to discuss Alice Sebold's *The Lovely Bones*.

—**Robin Arehart**

Welcome New Members



Benjamin Harrison, 21, is new to PUC and to California. Born and raised in a Mormon family in Virginia, he says he always questioned his church's teachings but didn't "come out" as an atheist to his parents until age 19. Since then, his mother, still in Virginia, and his sister Rachel Young of Torrance, have also converted to Unitarian Universalism.

Benjamin moved to California at Rachel's urging, and now both have found a new faith home at PUC. The siblings live next door to each other and work in the same allergist's office in Torrance.

Benjamin says his real aspiration is to be a writer, and he has already completed one novel in a series of fantasy stories he plans to write. Having been home schooled, Benjamin's first exposure to diverse thinking occurred in community college, where he studied drafting. He is now investigating pagan beliefs and says he's looking forward to exploring other religious thought with his fellow PUCers.



Rachel Young, older sister of Benjamin, is a new mom and expecting a second child next spring. She moved to California from her native Virginia three years ago to be with her husband

Royce, who is a Gardena native and a Mormon. Although she was raised a Mormon, Rachel says she now has an interest in pagan beliefs and is attracted to PUC's respect for many faith traditions. She says when she took the "Belief-o-Matic" test, it identified her as a "neo-pagan."

In her spare time, she enjoys kayaking and other outdoor activities.

— *Vivien Hao*

Around the District and Beyond



SCIC Interfaith Cafe

This Sunday, August 21, 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.

Bring your Friends! All are Welcome!



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