



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View

August 25, 2011

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

JUST like *THE VIEW FROM PUC!!* REEAAD AAAALL AAAAABBOOUT opportunities to further JUSTICE and all the other AMAZING things to do and think about in this week's *VIEW!*



Heart & Soul

Caring Goes Both

Caring goes both ways. Or at least it should. Below is a reminder of what pastoral care is and why you might want to ask for this kind of support. But here's the rub--we are not mind readers and it's much easier for us to help if you reach out for support. Although I do have spies.

What is Pastoral Care?

The Pastoral Care Ministry provides a caring presence, careful listening, and spiritual and emotional support to Pacific Unitarian Church members who are experiencing times of challenge, transition, or crisis.

Ask for Pastoral Care Support When You Are Experiencing:

- Major life changes, such as the death of a family member, loss of employment, divorce, or retirement;
- Illness, injury, or hospitalization of yourself or a loved one;
- Isolation because of age or mobility problems, or for other reasons;
- The need for help or support when making decisions at the death or dying of a loved one;
- Other personal challenges, transitions, or crises.

This Sunday

9:00 AM: 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group

9:30 AM: Humanist Forum

W a Topic: How has religion or philosophy affected your life?

10:30 AM: Service

Freedom Calling

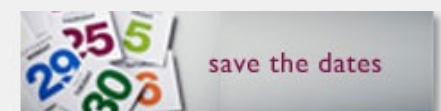
Rev. John Morehouse

11:30 AM: Coffee Hour

11:50 AM: PUC Town Hall Meeting

Art Wall: Mockups of the West Wall Project inform PUC's East (Art) Wall.

Sunday's Flowers celebrate the August 30th 1st wedding anniversary of Fiona Knox & Richard Leuba, who are visiting us this weekend.



9/10: Quilting/Sewing Class

Contact me, Rev. John, or leave a message in the PUC Office if you need support. We're here for you.

All blessings,

—Teri

Rev. Teri Masters, Interfaith Minister, Director of Pastoral Care
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THIS SATURDAY: New Members Reception

Have you joined PUC in the last six months? Please come to the New Member Reception to be held in your honor: **this Saturday, August 27**, 4-6 PM at PUC. For more information, go to membership@pacificunitarian.org.

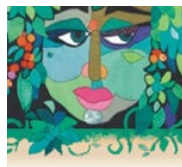
PUC TOWN HALL MEETING THIS SUNDAY!

This month's town hall meeting after Sunday Service will put you IN THE KNOW for an hour you do not want to miss! We will hear from our Strategic Planning Team. You will get the info you need and the answers to your questions as we learn more about we we're at and we we want to be at our beloved PUC. We will also hear news from the Green Sanctuary Committee and the great impact they are making on in our community. ([Rachel and Alma Bruhnke's brief info-sharing about their trip to Cuba with Pastors for Peace will take place immediately before this meeting.](#))

Goin' Down to the Crossroads with Hekate:

"Rise Up and Call Her Name" Class #2

This week we'll be going to Greece (I wish!) to learn about the Greek Goddess Hekate and her relationship to the crossroads. This class begins some hearty hands-on work. We begin promptly at 7 PM. We promise a Greek snack!



Always bring a journal or notebook (available at the 99 Cent Store or at Albertsons for a dollar) and pen. This week we begin our "medicine bundles," so bring a handkerchief, scarf, or spare piece of cloth. Some major consciousness-raising is going on this week, so if you have never attended a goddess history or women's history class, now is the time to start!

Click [here](#) for more information about the full course.

WHERE: PUC, Classroom 1. *Carpooling is available; if you request it at least 48*



For details, contact Teri.

RSVP: 310-850-6429. Click [here](#) for details.



9/10: Golden Years Concert

9/11: Full Moon BBQ at the



home of Dave & Jean

English. (Spots still available.

Call the English's.)

9/11: Palos Verdes Great



Books Discussion Group, 7

PM, L. Click [here](#).



10/18: Women's Fed Tour of

Homeboy Industries.

U p c o m i n g

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 Sun., P

Singles-Family Brunch, 4th Sun.,

12:30 PM, offsite

hours in advance.

WHEN: Tonight, Thursday, **August 25**, at 7 PM **WHO:** Women and older girls

COST: Small donation requested but no one is ever turned away for lack of funds.

RSVP: Required at least 48 hours in advance so that materials can be made for all participants. Please RSVP to Rev. Dumars at 310-371-0274 on Facebook or at Isis_Paedusis@hotmail.com.



RE Kids Help PUC Support Toberman!

Congratulations to our Voyagers group and to all of PUC for making this year's Back-To-School Sale for Toberman Learning Center a huge success! Thanks to our kids' hard work and your generous support, we will be able to give more than \$700 in school supplies and extra cash donations from PUC! What a difference that is going to make for so many Toberman kids! Thank you!

—Your RE Committee

R.E.'s sUper-hero Summer Program

This Sunday:

We will have special sUper-hero visitors, the Super Puppets, coming to visit as we continue to learn about courage and justice.

Don't miss it!

—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 sUper-hero Summer Program for the kids of PUC.

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: Wed., 7 PM, H

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 (GBLQ), 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.

THIS SUNDAY: PUC 4th Sunday Singles-and-Friends

BUUnch-for-BrUUnch



Our next brunch will be **this Sunday, August 28**, at 12 noon at [Fu Yuan Lo](#). It's a half block south of Hawthorne Blvd. on Indian Peak Road, the street right behind Pavilion's market in the Peninsula Center shopping center. This restaurant is one of our old standbys, with good food, reasonable pricing, quiet space, and it's nicely laid out for conversation. We'll see you there at noon at the round table. If you're not sure of the location, call any of us or speak

with Betty on Sunday morning at PUC.

-Janet Avent, Betty Saunders, Joyce Block-Miller, and Jerry Parker

New Small (Covenant) Group Forming

We will start meeting (and building commUUnity) in September on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. Please contact the group facilitator, Patricia Hart, at 310-658-1074 to join or for questions.



“THE GOLDEN YEARS” CONCERT

7:00 PM Saturday, **September 10**

Teri & Caitlin Masters, Severin Behnen, and Manny Arellano present your favorite songs from the 40's & 50's. This music is classic, touching, funny, and beautiful. Don't miss this chance to hear some of your favorite music performed by our wonderful in-house musicians. Dessert follows!

\$20, kids 12 and under 1/2 price. *(This is an auction item. Please support PUC by having a great night out.)*

HELP CHOOSE THE SOCIAL JUSTICE THEME FOR 2012

Join us in the Hall **Saturday, 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 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**

Calling All Flower Lovers...

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

The following 2011 dates are still available:



Wanted: Casey Geist



Looking for a Job in Music Production.



Wanted: Loving home for wonderful dog.



Wanted: Patricia Hart needs a used car asap.

R e a d m o o r u o 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: OPEN

Ushers: Dee Masters & Becky Dyer

Welcome Table: Virginia McCulloch/Ramos & Marian Jones

Greeters: Kathy Rickey & Nancy Hofland

October 9, 16, 23, 30
November 13, December 11, 18



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

Welcome New Members

Elizabeth and Brian Drake



Brian & Elizabeth Drake
20135 Talisman Street
Torrance CA 90503

*Welcome, Brian, who recently signed the Membership Book
(Elizabeth signed the book last December)*

Around the District and Beyond



The August-September **South Bay Unitarian Fellowship**
Newsletter is available if you click [here](#).

Peninsula Interfaith Fellowship Luncheon

Dealing with Alcoholism - How Clergy Can Help

Presenter: Herbert Kaighan

You are cordially invited to attend the
Peninsula Interfaith Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday, **September 6**

12 noon – 1:30 PM

Walteria United Methodist Church

Social Hall

3646 Newton Street, Torrance

There is plenty of parking behind the church. Enter the driveway to the East of the church, go down the driveway and park in back.

RSVP to walteriaumc@aol.com, or 310-8375-0622. Please advise if you require a vegetarian meal when you RSVP.

Many of us are aware of people in our congregations who struggle with alcohol, but we may feel as though there is not much we can do to help. Yet an important part of recovery is spiritual.

Herb Kaighan spent seven years in seminary, has a graduate

education in psychology, and a 40-year career in human resources consulting. Sober since 1984, Herb has carried the message of hope to others as a 12 step sponsor, retreat leader, and author. His new book is "Twelve Steps To Spiritual Awakening, Enlightenment For Everyone." Herb is the Outreach Coordinator at the Thelma McMillan Center associated with Torrance Memorial Hospital.

These monthly luncheons provide an opportune way to deepen friendships and to get a sense of what is happening in the wider community. Please join us.



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