



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



September 8, 2011

Hi PUC'er,

And this View from PUC is Happier too!!! Lots of fUUn for yoUU and yoUUrS!! REEEAAADDD ALL AAAAABOUT IT!

REnews

Thank You for All You Do!

Happiness is our theme for September...and it is truly what can be felt at Church these days in our Religious Education program. Last Sunday we held our Homecoming Water Communion in the Service, and the children celebrated our last sUUpEr Hero Summer Sunday. I am happy for, and grateful to, the dedicated RE Youth Committee, dutifully led by Ingrid Slizewski, for creating a wonderful program all summer long as I was busy getting ready for the fall start-up of the 2011-12 year. Thank you for all you do!



August was filled with teacher team meetings with all the fabulous people who have volunteered to lead the children and youth this year. Teams are ready to begin **this Sunday, September 11**. You will be introduced to these fine people during the Service....Thank you for all you do!

The Pixie class (3 & 4 year olds) have many new ideas this year thanks to Lora Childers and Alan Garrigues. Thank you for all YOU do!

Pixies will be ending each day at their own snack table, complete with their self-decorated table cloth, on the patio...come and visit them if you can. We also will be inviting members of the Congregation to visit the Pixies class this year. Please let either teacher, or me, know if you would be willing to visit these special little ones...thank you for all you do!

We invite all RE families to come for our opening day of classes this Sunday! The children and youth will meet all their teachers and advisors for the year, any new and old friends, and hear about their class. Parents will be asked to fill out the annual RE Registration forms so we are updated on pertinent information and get you all on

This Sunday

9:00 AM: 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group

9:30 AM: Humanist Forum:
"What's the best way to remember the events of 9/11/01, now called Patriot Day?"


10:30 AM: Service
Lean In
Rev. John Morehouse


11:30 AM: Coffee Hour


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

Sunday's Flowers are in memory of two vital women, Joyce and Linda, who lived life to the fullest.
—Marty & Bill Knipps



 **9/10: Quilting/Sewing Class.**
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 Englishes.)

the mailing lists to keep you informed throughout the year. We are so glad to have you and your families here...thank you for all you do!

So we begin again...we are blessed here at PUC to be able to offer such a wonderful Family Ministry thanks to the support of each member and friend...thank you for all you do....It fills this sacred place with Happiness!

—**Renée Daley**, Director of Religious Education

“Rise Up and Call Her Name”

Class #3—*Isis, Isis, Ra Ra Ra!*

If you can only make ONE of our class meetings, make it this one! We'll begin our tour of Africa with EGYPT, and the all-important goddess ISIS and other Egyptian goddesses. We'll see a film, discuss experiences from last week's guided meditation, begin our medicine bundles, and best of all, learn about Isis from her Priestesses! Meet us in Classroom 1 at PUC **TONIGHT, Thursday, September 8**



@ 7 PM. We promise a transformative experience. Suggested donation: \$5 or what you can afford. “Rise Up and Call Her Name” is taught by Denise Dumars, M.A., a college instructor and Goddess scholar.

WHERE: PUC, Classroom 1. Carpooling is available; please inquire 48 hours in advance. **WHO:** Women, teen/tween girls.

RSVP: Necessary! Please RSVP to Rev. Dumars at (310) 371-0274 or on Facebook or Isis_Paedusis@hotmail.com at least 48 hours in advance.

Interweaving Movies Presents:

Victor/Victoria

7 pm, **THIS FRIDAY, September 9**, in the PUC Library

Victoria Grant is a struggling soprano who, with help from a fellow performer, finds success by posing as a male/female impersonator. But what will happen when a nightclub owner finds himself attracted to Victoria's cross-dressing male persona and begins to suspect "Victor" is really a woman? This gender-bending musical comedy received seven Oscar nominations and won for Best Score. Starring Julie Andrews, Robert Preston, and James Garner.



“THE GOLDEN YEARS” CONCERT

Music of the 40s and 50s

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

Teri & Caitlin Masters, Severin Behnen, and Manny Arellano perform songs made famous by George Gershwin, Peggy Lee, Rosemary Clooney, Leonard Bernstein, Sarah Vaughan, Irving Berlin, Edith Piaf and more! Dessert follows. When tongues are wagging on Sunday you'll be sorry you missed it!

Suggested donation: \$20; kids 12 and under 1/2 price. Tickets available at the door. (This is an auction item. Please support PUC by having a great night out.)

Looking for important OWL teachers!

Most of you are aware of our Religious Education OWL (Our Whole Lives) Sexuality Education Program. We are able to offer this to two



9/11: Palos Verdes Great Books Discussion Group, 7 PM, L. [Click here.](#)



10/18: Women's Fed Tour of Homeboy Industries.

Upcoming Sermons

Monthly Theme: Happiness

9/11: **Lean In**

What have we learned since the tragedy of 9/11? Rev. John proposes that happiness is often found in the face of adversity and a changed world. In this sermon he explores how we find that happiness again.

9/18: **Butterfly Kisses for Buddha**

There is a special power in living life simply. Rev. John considers how we might do just that.

9/25: **Whose Are We?**

To whom or to what do our better selves belong? Rev. John suggests that beyond the obvious answers are deeper longings of the spirit. Join us!

Recurring Events

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 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,



age groups here at PUC every other year. This is an off-year for the classes, but we are looking for an adult to be trained for the Elementary Age group, K-1st and 4th-6th grades are taught together. To teach the class all leaders must go through a 15-hour training led by UUA facilitator trainers. The next training in our district will be the weekend of **September 16-18** in Chandler, AZ. We pay for your training (which includes food) & can help with airfare. The local UU church provides home hospitality.

Please let me know if you are interested in being part of this fabulous program ASAP so we can get you registered and travel arrangements made. We will be offering this class here at PUC again in January of 2013, but the trainings only come around every so often.

I can answer any questions you may have about the time commitment, etc. We already have some wonderful trained leaders here at PUC so we are looking to add to that pool.

Hope to hear from YOU!

Thanks,
—Renée

HELP CHOOSE THE SOCIAL JUSTICE THEME FOR 2012

Are you concerned about injustice in our world? Are you worried that some people don't have fresh water? Do you cringe when you hear that the middle class is disappearing?



Then join us in the Hall on **September 17** from 9-11 AM (breakfast served) for a workshop to select next year's Social Justice theme. We will work in small groups to brainstorm ideas, come together to discuss possible alternatives, and select the best ideas for proposals.

—Gary Hart

South Bay Chamber Music Society, Inc.

Presents
Lyris String Quartet

September 16 - Los Angeles Harbor College - 8 PM

September 18 - Pacific Unitarian Church - 3 PM

Alyssa Park, violin; **Shalini Vijayan**, violin; **Luke Maurer**, viola; **Timothy Loo**, cello

Langsamer Satz in E Flat Major Anton Webern
String Quartet No. 3 in F major, Op. 73..... Dmitri Shostakovich
String Quartet No. 2, Op. 26..... Alberto Ginastera

Program Notes are available [here](#).

As is our custom, South Bay Chamber Music Society concerts are presented entirely free of charge, but donations are gratefully accepted.

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



3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L
Environmental Priorities Mg, 1st Thurs., 7 PM, L
Men's Ministry, 7 PM, V
Rise Up and Call Her Name, 7 PM, CR1, Ends 9/22
Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee Clatch, 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM, Catalina Coffee Co.

Fridays
Watercolor Workshop, 10 AM - noon, H
Interweaving Movie (GBLTV), 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

Community Events

[Click here to view info on the following Community Events:](#)

9/17: "Dreams in a Changing World" Conference
9/18: South Bay LGBT Center Annual Fundraising Picnic
9/22: Annual Cookout for Books

PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

Longtime and beloved PUC member **Ed Hummel** died peacefully on August 31. There will be a Memorial Service here at PUC on Sunday October 16, immediately following our Town Hall meeting. Please keep Ed's wife, Jo, and their children in your thoughts and prayers.

Lou Sutherland is at home recovering from a fall. Feel better soon, Lou.

-Teri



West Wall Update

As you may have noticed, construction on the West wall started the week of August 15, and then seemed to stop. Actually, it did all but stop. Our general contractor ran into an issue procuring the tempered glass that we selected. The vendor that they were going to use was purchased by another company and they no longer supply our chosen tempered glass in the large sizes that our design requires. Since then, our contractor has found another vendor and they are on a path to restart construction on Monday September 12. They do plan to work some overtime to try to recapture some of the schedule slip, and we are looking for weekend opportunities for them to work. The good news is that through the efforts of generous (& brave) volunteers, we have salvaged more glass than we had anticipated. The Design Task Force of the facilities committee is looking into repurposing options for the glass. If you have any specific questions or concerns about the West wall construction, please call Craig Block – he can direct you to the right person to get your questions answered, or you contact [John Einhorn](#), Facilities Committee Chairman.

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.

RALPHS COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Are you a Ralphs shopper? By signing up as part of their Community Contribution Program and entering Pacific Unitarian Church as your designated organization, PUC receives 1% of your monthly expenditures. September 1 was the beginning of Ralphs' new program year – All current AND new PUC



Participants are required to register for the new term - this is an excellent time for new members to register!

. For step-by-step online registration instructions, go to www.ralphs.com, click on "Services," then "Community Contributions," and then "For participant questions, click here."

If you're not comfortable going online to register, we can provide you with a scanbar letter to use at the register when checking out of Ralphs in order to sync your Ralphs Card with PUC.

If you have any questions, click [here](#) to email Pam Harris, or call her at 310-318-6024.

Around the District and Beyond




Inside UUSC


Every year at this time I attempt to refresh our memories and give new members an idea of what UUSC is all about. The next few articles, including this one, will be taken directly from UUSC website, www.uusc.org. Log on any time to get a real insight into what UU's are all about. Click [this link](#) to find out more at: http://www.uusc.org/about_UUSC

—Sandy McNeil, Local UUSC Rep.



Wanted: [Casey Geist](#)
[Looking for a Job in Music Production.](#)

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

 **Wanted:** [Patricia Hart needs a used car asap.](#)

Excellent house cleaner:
[MARTHA ALMANZA](#) is available to clean your unit on a Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. 310-987-5219 Recommended by the Bloomfields.

[Read more details or submit your posting request.](#)

[Hospitality Second Sundays](#)

Coffee Hour Host: PUC Group

Ushers: Raychel Lydon & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table: Chip Morgan

Greeters: Louise Allison & Jean Tordella

