



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



September 22, 2011

This Sunday

9:00 AM: 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group

9:30 AM: Humanist Forum: This week's topic: "Is religion necessary?"

10:30 AM Service
Whose Are We?
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 loving memory of my dear wife, **Marilyn**, who closed her circle of life 1 year and 10 days ago after 61 precious years of marriage."
—**Lou Sutherland**

Yes! The new glass for the West Wall is here and ready to start going in!!! And there's lots more happening here @ PUC. REEEAAADD AAAALL AAABBOOOUUUT IT!!!



Heart & Soul

Peace and Beauty.

I just returned from a conference held at a beautiful Catholic retreat center. The conference was very good and the company of pastoral care colleagues a wonderful experience, but my favorite part was after everyone left to go home. The beautiful and serene grounds were quiet and I walked the paths taking in the beauty. I am so grateful to those who bring beauty into my life. Including you.

All beauty warms the heart, is a sign of health, prosperity and the favor of God. Everything lasting and fit for men the Divine Power has marked with this stamp. What delights, what emancipates, not what scars and pains us, is wise and good in speech and in the arts. For, truly, the heart at the centre of the universe with every throb hurls the flood of happiness into every artery, vein and veinlet, so that the whole system is inundated with the tides of joy.



—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Blessings of beauty to you,

—Teri

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Religious Education Is Off and Running!!!



10/16: AIDS WALK LA with YRUUs -- Join Our Team or Donate HERE!

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

11/6: Interfaith Festival of Music Benefit Concert

11/13: Interfaith Unity Awards Dinner & Silent Auction.

This will be our 3rd week into our new RE year. If you and your children have been coming, now is the time to register your kids!

All parents, if you have not done so, please come to the RE Information Table on the patio and register your children in RE...even if you did it last year, we need all updated information from everybody. This helps with our class lists, but just as important, it gets you on the RE Family email list so you will be kept informed of all we are doing, or going to do!

See you at church and at the RE Table!

Thank you.

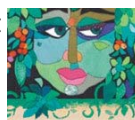
—The Youth RE Committee

Rise Up and Call Her Name: Classes 5 & 6

Thursdays, Sept. 22 & 29, 7 PM at PUC

We have two more weeks of our first segment of the Rise Up and Call Her Name curriculum.

Tonight, Thursday, 9/22: Social justice is an important part of our consciousness raising, so this class is particularly suitable for those involved. We continue our discussion of the African goddess and African-American woman's spirituality, and work those medicine bundles—please remember to bring yours! Expect chanting, dancing, and improvisational crafts!



Thursday, 9/29: We end our first six classes with the Goddess in India. We will look at Shakti, the feminine side of the divine, and at Kali, back where we began, with the dark goddess as liberator. Learn about mandalas, yantras, and the sacred image, and see the three faces of Goddess through Hindu eyes. Film, fire, fun!

RSVP required: Isis_Paedusis@hotmail.com. Carpooling may be available: please call at least 48 hours in advance: (310) 371-0274.

Autumnal Equinox Celebration This Friday

Bring your musical instruments, "found" decorations for the altar, and a seasonal snack or drink as we celebrate the Autumnal



Equinox, aka Mabon, **this Friday, September 23** at 6:30 PM at PUC (all ages welcome). Mabon is the second harvest, known as the "Wiccan Thanksgiving." We will celebrate the bounty of the harvest as well as our friendship and the turn of the season. If

you would like to bless any statues or sacred objects on the altar, bring those as well. Anyone have a telescope? If so, let's gaze at the stars!

Sponsored by the Iseum of Isis Paedusis. RSVP requested. Carpooling is available; please contact Dion-Isis for details: (310) 371-0274.



Help with Ralph's Community Rewards Program

The Stewardship Committee will have a table on the Patio **this Sunday, September 25**, to help you renew your Ralph's Community Rewards Card donations for the new year term. Or you can do it yourself at: www.Ralphs.com (Edit "Community Rewards" in "My Account")



PUC Member's New Book of Poetry

Available This Sunday

Our own **Laurie Soriano** is offering her new book

Upcoming Sermons

Monthly Theme: *Happiness*

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!

10/2: *Joining the Yellow Revolution*

On this *Association Sunday*, **Rev. John** explains what we are all about as UUs. This will be *Bring-a-Friend Sunday*.

10/9: *Living With Dying*

Guest Speaker **Rev. Stefanie Etzbach-Dale** - The seasonal changes we notice this time of year draw attention to the often much-less-visible, deeply personal experiences of change, death, loss and grief uniting us throughout time and space. All ages welcome for this thoughtful celebration of Life as it is, was, and can be.

10/16: *The Challenge of Compassion*

Rev. John explores the worldwide "Charter for Compassion" and what it means for each of 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

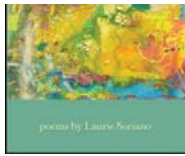
Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Tuesdays

Addictions & Recovery Ministry Mtg, 2nd Tues., 7 PM, L

Wednesdays

Women's Fed, 3rd Wednesday,



of poems, *Catalina*, for sale after service **this Sunday, September 25** for \$15 (\$5 from every book sale will be donated to PUC). Published by Lummo Press.

With cover art by PUC member **Margaret Lazzari!!**

Click [here](#) for more information.

Social Justice Proposals are due on October 2

- Should we work on immigration reform?
- Should we work on ethical eating?
- Should we work on helping poor kids?
- How about CUBA?
- How about working on Sarah Palin's campaign???



Don't be left out... get your idea in quickly...
If you have any questions, let any member of the social justice team know.

Songs of the Vagabond

*Poems of Robert Louis Stevenson,
Composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams
Performed by Robin Paterson and Phil Kliever*

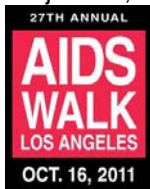


October 9 from 12:00 -12:30 PM at PUC

This cycle of nine songs celebrates the bliss, adventure, and lament of the vagabond on the moorlands and byways of the the British countryside. Robin and Phil invite you to join them for half an hour of this poetry and music. Click [here](#) for more info.

PUC YRUU'ers Go AIDSWalking Again – JOIN US!

On Sunday, **October 16**, PUC Teens, advisors, family and friends will join 25,000 other walkers in the 27th annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles to raise funds to help prevent the spread of HIV and provide life-saving services for those living with and affected by HIV and AIDS in the Los Angeles area. You're all invited to join our PUC Team on the 10 Kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk through the streets of West Hollywood and L.A.'s Fairfax District.



[Click here to JOIN OUR TEAM or DONATE NOW!](#) If

you have problems with the link, you can go to: www.AIDSWalk.net/losangeles and find our team (Pacific Unitarian Church Teen Group - 3372) or find us on the Patio before or after Services on Sunday.

Hope you can join us!!

—Craig Block & the PUC Teens



Women's Fed - Homeboy Industries Tour

We still have a few seats left on the bus to visit HomeBoy Industries and to eat at HomeGirl Cafe. If you hurry you can help Women's Fed support our student in Nicaragua while discovering the wonders of Father Greg Boyle's loving work with our own troubled kids in East LA. You can read about this in his book *Tattoos on the*

11 AM, offsite
Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H

Thursdays
Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 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 9/29
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

Community Events

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

9/22: Friends of the PV Library Annual Cookout for Books



[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: Recommended by the Bloomfields.](#)

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

Heart. We will leave on the bus from Wilson Park at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, **October 18**. Get your \$20.00 reservation to Jan Avent, ASAP.

Note: Effective November 16, Women's Fed will hold our regular meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

—*Betsy Walters*

Welcome New Members

Sue Crossen

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Hospitality Fourth Sundays

Coffee Hour Host: YRUU

Ushers: Dee Masters & Becky Dyer

Welcome Table: Virginia McCulloch/Ramos & Marian Jones

Greeters: Kathy Rickey & Nancy Hofland

Around the District and Beyond



News from South Coast Interfaith Council

SCIC Build Day with Habitat for Humanity 9/24!

WE NEED YOU!

Join the interfaith community on our 3rd SCIC Build Day of 2011! **This Saturday, September 24**, 8 AM - 3:30 PM.

Build Site will be in Long Beach, Lynwood, or South Gate.

Please put the date on your calendar and let us know if you would like to participate.

(562) 983-1665 or southcoastinterfaith@gmail.com

Click [here](#) for more information about PUC's role.



The **Church of the Larger Fellowship**, a unique UU congregation without walls, is offering online courses for all. Some courses are free, some courses have a \$40 fee. For information about all online courses, click [here](#).

