



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



October 6, 2011

Hi Louise,

But the only thing here @ PUC that's Blue is all that new glass...must be time for a new masthead photo, eh? A West Wall update and much, much more in this week's *VIEW from PUC* - RREEEAAADDD AAALL ABOOOOUUTT IT!



Minister's Message

The Challenge of Compassion

Last week I invited all of you to join the Yellow Revolution to show love and compassion to those marginalized by our society. Since then the Occupy Wall Street Movement seems to gathering momentum across the country. This might very well be a revolution rising in our midst. I plan to be at the ready to join with those marginalized by the powerful in solidarity and I hope you will join me.

Our spiritual theme this month is *compassion*. Compassion, from the Latin *compati*, means to suffer with. It also has at its root the passion to live as deeply as we can. Showing compassion comes in many forms from being with the grieving to standing with those in need. We are called to live life with the deep compassion as liberal religious people. In the coming weeks and months I invite you to walk with those in need, rising to the challenge of compassion.

Ours is a faith with a long and distinguished commitment to helping others. Rooted in the Radical Reformation and later in the Social Gospel Movement of the last century, Unitarian Universalists believe in a more inclusive theology. Starting **Oct. 15**, and just about every Saturday morning until Christmas, I will be leading a course on Liberal Theology, from its early history to current practice. I invite you to join us. If you would like to take this course for "credit", you

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group

9:30 a.m. Humanist Forum
Do UUs search for truth or comforting and meaningful beliefs?

10:30 am Service
Living With Dying
Rev. Stefanie Etzbach-Dale

11:30 am Coffee Hour

Olga Slavich brings Sunday's Flowers "In memory of Lou Slavich"



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



10/16: Ed Hummel Memorial Service - 2 PM @ PUC

Upcoming Sermons

will be on your way towards certification as a lay theologian. Visit the PUC website for more information on the course and the PUC

Theological Academy :

<http://www.pacificunitarian.org/ald/adultlifespandev.html>

See you in church,

With Grace and Grit,

—Rev. John

Minister@pacificunitarian.org

See *The Power of Community @ PUC 10/8*

Join the Green Sanctuary from 6-8pm on Saturday, **October 8** for a screening of ***The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil*** in the PUC Library. This film is about how Cuba was forced to feed itself when the Soviet Union fell, without oil, without money, and without aid. One of the producers of the film will be on-hand to answer questions during discussion. Any questions: phone **Dorian Tippet** or **Nancy Hofland**. Light snacks served.

Come Hear *Songs of the Vagabond*

After Church THIS Sunday

Robin Paterson and Phil Kliewer Perform *Poems of Robert Louis Stevenson, composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams on Sunday, 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.

Temple Emet Invites PUC to Join Together for Sukkot Celebration on Wed, October 12



Sukkot is a time of gathering, it is the "Feast of Booths" where we construct a Sukkah with three sides, a roof of leaves, and an opening for all to come and dwell to share food, connect to the Divine, remember that physical structures are temporary, and the home we build within our own soul is the permanence we carry with us everywhere.

On Wednesday **October 12** at 5pm our two faith communities will come together to share this time of abundance and thanksgiving. Temple Emet is hosting. Our choirs will be singing together. Our clergy will be leading us in spirituality and warmth!

Sukkah decorating will begin at 5:00pm, there will be a short Service at 6:30 pm followed by dinner and dessert. Wonderful time for the entire family. Temple Emet looks forward to seeing you there!

PUC YRUU'ers Go AIDS Walking Again –

Monthly Theme: *Compassion*

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.

10/23: Giving Up

Rev. John explores the freeing power of not resisting the winds of change.

10/30: Finding the Hallowed in Halloween

Rev. John searches for the spiritual underpinnings of this often misunderstood holiday. Honor and compassion are the real treats. There will be a costume parade during the Service for the kids.

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

Monthly Town Hall Mtg, 3rd Sun., H

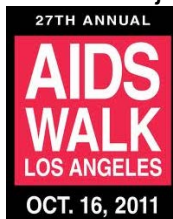
Mondays

Women's Circle, 4th Monday, 10 AM, L

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

JOIN US!

Next 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**

West Wall Update

If you haven't visited the PUC Hall in the past few days, you might not know that the West wall framing and glass installation is complete. What remains is installing a fair number of trim pieces along the floor/ceiling and aluminum cladding on the large wooden columns.



The contractor performing the work on the wall starts a new job this Saturday that will take the whole company out of state. While they are gone, their aluminum subcontractor and painter will prep the remaining material and it will be ready to install when the company returns to California. The remaining work will be completed by Friday, **November 11**.

—**John Einhorn**, Facilities Chair

EARN \$\$ FOR PUC BY SHOPPING!!

SPROUTS Market cards are being added and will be available soon!

If you shop at Ralphs, Whole Foods Market, Vons, or shop on-line, you can earn money for PUC. Ralphs, and Vons (eScrip program) send quarterly contribution checks to PUC based on member purchases.

- Ralphs – log in to www.ralphs.com and, if new, “Create an Account”. Once completed, go back to this site, and click on “edit my community contribution” to link your card to Pacific Unitarian Church.
- If you prefer, we can give you a scan bar letter which you give to the checker along with your rewards card, and they will link your card to PUC. (Scan bar letters available after Church Services on the Patio and in the PUC Office.)

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

Wednesdays
Women's Fed, 3rd Wednesday,
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
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
Quilting w/ Kellie Rountree is on
hiatus until January, 2012
French Conversation Grp, 2nd &
4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank
Paulsen or Betty Chevron



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

Our condolences to **Debbie Reynolds** on the death of her beloved stepfather.

Barbara Love, who has been ill with mononucleosis for months, had a rally in July but is once again laid low. Please keep Barbara in your thoughts and prayers. Cards and calls are welcome.

- Whole Foods - \$50 Whole Foods cards available for purchase on the patio or in the office. 5% goes to PUC.
- Sprouts Market - \$25 and \$50 gift cards will be on sale. 5% goes to PUC.
- Vons – Vons is part of “eScrip”. Go online to the PUC home page, click on “Support PUC” (on the left and bottom) and scroll down to the “eScrip” logo, where you can sign up, link your Vons card and other credit and debit/cards online to PUC. Once you are signed up, using any of these cards at participating merchants generates money for PUC.

The “eScrip” program includes “dining out” and shopping online through the eScrip online shopping mall. Using your “linked cards” earns contributions for PUC! Go online to view participating merchants and restaurants!

Any questions, contact Ann Bailey, annbailey1@mac.com (310)462-3663 or Pam Harris, pamha@roadrunner.com (310)318-6024).

Q: What will be PUC’s next social justice project?

A: The one that all of YOUU choose by vote October 16!

Terrific suggestions were generated by an awesome group of PUCers who gave a Saturday morning to the Social Justice Workshop on September 17 (see photo). We had a wonderful assortment of people of all ages who were thoughtful, enthusiastic, and energetic.



Those gathered broke into three groups. Each person at the table was asked to make a list of ways that we Unitarians could help others. Then people at each table first shared their ideas and then the whole group discussed each plan and had a vote to identify the most popular suggestions generated at the table.

These suggestions were shared with the whole group and after discussion and a vote, three ideas emerged as favorites. New groups began to coalesce to draft proposals. These ideas will be presented to you on **October 17** at the Monthly Town Hall meeting after the Service.

**DON'T BE SQUARE!!
BE THERE!**

CHANGES in Adult RE!

Please check out for the new Adult Lifespan Development brochure and webpage. We are planning some great new classes and events over the coming months. Our Program, *Pathways to Meaning*, will be divided into three paths:



Wanted: Patricia Hart needs a used car asap.

Read more details or submit your posting request.

Second Sunday Hospitality

Hospitality Second Sundays

Coffee Hour Host: PUC Group
June: none

Ushers: Raychel Lydon & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table: Betty Hanner (filling in for Chip Morgan)

Greeters: Louise Allison & Jean Tordella



- *Gather the Spirit: Spiritual Development*
- *Harvest the Power: Personal Development*
- *Our Separate Fires: Social and Recreational Enrichment*

We will also be introducing a new Theological Academy run by **Rev. John** where you can take classes and get a *Certification in Theology*; AND, we are also launching a *Leadership Academy* as a joint endeavor of Adult RE and the Leadership Development Committee. We will begin taking sign-ups for the new Leadership Academy this week. The classes will be team taught by **Kathy Rickey** and **Tracy Blender**. The first session of *Leadership 101: Leadership Journey* will be **Monday Oct. 24** at 7pm. Classes will run about 1.5-2 hours every other Monday. Classes can be taken individually or you can build a personal Leadership Program by working in modules.

Leadership 101: Leadership Journey

This workshop serves as an introduction to the program, presenting key concepts and inviting participants to share their own leadership stories.

Sign up in the [PUC Office](#) or by emailing ARE@pacificunitarian.org. Class limited to 15 persons.

—Kathy Rickey



Women's Fed - Homeboy Industries Tour

We have 2 FREE tickets left on the bus to visit HomeBoy Industries and to eat at HomeGirl Cafe. If you hurry you can join Women's Fed as we support our student in Nicaragua AND discover 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 Heart*. We will leave on the bus from Wilson Park at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, **October 18**. Contact **Jan Avent** or **Betty Saunders**, ASAP.

—Betsy Walters



**Volunteer
Opportunities**

Contact [Leadership Development Committee](#) to volunteer/find out more.

Hospitality Coordinator: *Ensure Hosts are scheduled for every Sunday Coffee Hour and monthly brunches; order fair trade coffee.*

Welcome Table Coordinator: *Ensure Welcome Table Hosts*

scheduled for each Sunday.

Stewardship Committee: Stewardship is the visionary component of our financial leadership, including fundraising (Pledge Campaign, split plate collections, Special Events), and volunteer recognition.



Calling All Flower Lovers...

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

The following 2011 dates are still available:

November 13 * December 11, 18

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

Around the District and Beyond

World Festival of Sacred Music Runs Thru October 16 All Over Los Angeles

<http://www.festivalofsacredmusic.org/>

“When the Bush Stops Burning: Courage to Act for Justice” - Saturday, October 8, 2011, 8:30AM-4PM

“God called to Moses out of the burning bush, ‘Moses, Moses’ and Moses said, ‘Here I am.’” (Exodus 3:4a)

On Saturday, **October 8**, 2011, from 8:30-4PM, a justice-themed event will take place at St. Cross Episcopal Church, [1818 Monterey,](#)



[Hermosa Beach](#). Other related events will take place on **October 7 and 9** in Thousand Oaks and Orange County. Each will offer an opportunity to reflect on our call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. [Click HERE for more information at the event website.](#)

The theme for the events, **“When the Bush Stops Burning”**, is a reference to Moses’ call to lead God’s people out of slavery in Egypt. What did Moses do when the bush stopped burning? He told God, “Here I am!” So how did Moses respond to the task that God put to him? How will we respond? How will we sustain ourselves in the work for justice? Those who can attend one or more of the events will hopefully find answers to these questions.

DAWN UNITY GROUP

Presents **INTERFAITH DISCOVERY SERIES XI:**

THE IMPORTANCE OF BREAD AND WINE

7:30 pm - Tuesday, **November 8**

St. Francis Episcopal Church, [2200 Via Rosa, PVE](#)

Rev. Sarah Phelps, St. Francis Episcopal Church

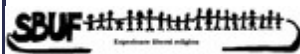
Rabbi Isaac Jeret, Congregation Ner Tamid

Rev. Dr. Reinhard Krauss, St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church

Fr. Tom Rausch S.J., Loyola Marymount University

The Mission of the DAWN UNITY GROUP is to bring together religious communities for the

following purposes: to foster understanding of those religious values that unite us; to respect our neighbors and their different religious beliefs and traditions. We will accomplish this through cooperation in works of education and service.



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