



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



October 13, 2011

This Sunday

9:30 a.m. Spirituality Forum

10:30 a.m. Service
The Challenge of Compassion
Rev. John Morehouse

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:45 am Monthly Town Hall Meeting
(Voting on Revised Budget, Strategic Planning Discussion)

11:45 am Intro to UU & PUC

Becky Dyer brought Sunday's Flowers to wish "a Happy autumn to all."

Paintings by PUC Watercolor Workshop participants edify PUC's Art Wall through October

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...and miles and miles,...etc. While THE VIEW from PUC is more focused on the here & near, we have a *Strategic Planning Team that's working on a plan to look far into the future - find out more about that, vote on this year's revised budget AND proposals for this year's Social Justice project at this Sunday's Congregational Meeting.* Information on all that and and much, much more are in this week's *VIEW from PUC - RREEEEAAADDD AAALL ABOOOOUUUTT IT!*

REnews

A Few Reflections for Parents

"Do I have to go to church this morning? It's boring!" As parents we've all heard this from our children as we're trying to rush them out the door. Sometimes I heard this from my own children when they were young, and I was the DRE! My basic response was "This is what we do as a family on Sunday morning. What do you want to do this afternoon?" Sometimes this worked, and sometimes we had to strategize further.

Have you considered how important regular attendance is? If children are in RE most weeks, they will get to know the other children, get the flow of the curriculum, rituals, and songs, and get to know the adults at church. As they get more familiar, everyone, not just children, gets more involved and takes more interest in what's happening.

Many adults make it a routine to go out to lunch with their friends after church. Our family started going bowling on Sunday afternoons, a game my grown children still partake in now.

Children at PUC come together for one hour on Sunday and can come from many different towns in the area. Many do not know other UU kids in their schools or on their streets. Some organization on your part (such as taking your children and their church friends on a picnic, having them overnight on Saturday and then bringing them to church the next day with you, etc.) may begin a new friendship with another child. A child who wants to see his/her friend at church is more willing to come.

Get involved in RE (if you're not already), RE is one of the few



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



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

places where your child can have you as a leader in their group. Many children love to help their parents get organized, or to be leaders in the lesson plan activities.

Discuss with your child why s/he doesn't want to come. Once you determine what actually makes going to church a dreaded thing, we can try to work on that together. Perhaps a child doesn't like to do crafts...maybe we could find something else s/he could do while crafts are being done. Maybe s/he finds the space too confining...maybe s/he could come out and be with me for some of the time as I do various jobs, or help/play with Elyse and Jessica in child care for a few minutes. Maybe there's a particular child s/he has difficulty with...we can make sure those children don't sit near each other.

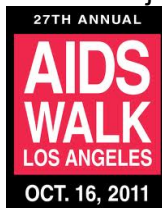
If you are able to figure out exactly what your child's concern is, let's work together to find a solution. Also let the RE Committee know if you have a suggestion to make our program better for your child and others. We are all part of this Family Ministry together, and we all want to feel comfortable at Church.

I am here for you and your children! See you at Church,

—Renée Daley,
Director, Religious Education

PUC YRUU'ers Go AIDS Walking Again – THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN US!

THIS 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. *The fundraising deadline is November 11, so you still have plenty of time to hit up your friends & family even if you sign up today!*

We'll meet @ PUC @ 8 AM on Sunday morning and carpool to West Hollywood for the event.

Hope you can join us!! Contact Craig Block with any questions.

—Craig Block & the PUC Teens

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

Upcoming Sermons

Monthly Theme: *Compassion*

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.

11/6: *A Faith to Change the World*

Guest Speaker Bruce Knotts, Director, UUA United Nations Office, speaks about our faith, how it motivates our work and gives us an advantage at the United Nations; and how closely aligned the UN Charter Preamble and our UU seven principles are, which makes us effective at the UN in ways that we find difficult to duplicate elsewhere.

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***

Tuesdays

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

earn 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.)
- 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).

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

The Next week At a Glance

Thursday, October 13, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi - Stephen Tang - H
7 PM Finance Committee - L
7 PM Men's Ministry - V
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Friday, October 14, 2011

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
1 PM Friday Afternoon SGM - V
2 PM Social Justice Committee - L
7 PM Interweaving (GLBTQ) Movie Night-L

Saturday, October 15, 2011

9 AM Strategic Planning Committee - O [Bosler]
10 AM Introduction to Liberal Theology Class - L

Sunday, October 16, 2011

8 AM AIDSWALK LOS ANGELES - O
9:30 AM Spirituality Forum - L
9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Monthly Town Hall Mtng - H
11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1
11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L
6:30 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

Monday, October 17, 2011

Town Hall/Congregational Meeting October 16, 2011



11:45 a.m. in Henriksen Hall

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Proposed Revised FY12 Budget

2. Social Justice Project Selection

- Immigration Rights in the U.S.
- Health Justice Goals
- The Gentle Jesus Party
- Access: Benefiting Disadvantaged Children

Visit the Social Justice page for more information...

3. Strategic Planning

Presentation and discussion on **Our Aspirations. What do you want PUC to become?**

Check for [Facebook](#) discussions coming soon.

Visit the Strategic Planning page for more information...

ABSENTEE BALLOT

If you are a Pacific Unitarian Church member and are unable to attend the meeting, please complete the **absentee ballot**, insert into envelope, sign your name on the back of the envelope and turn into the PUC Office by 11:45 am 10/16.

[Download ballot here.](#)

PUC Leadership Academy Starts Oct. 24

The Adult DE Committee, in conjunction with the Leadership

The Adult RE Committee, in conjunction with the Leadership Development Committee, proudly announces the launch of a new way to develop or hone your leadership skills.



The Leadership Academy launches this month--

Leadership 101 begins the program on Monday **October 24** from 7-9. The Leadership Academy allows members and friends to explore many different facets of leadership through a variety of courses and modules. This Fall 2011 and Winter 2012 will Focus on the individual and community modules. You can take one class or the entire program and get a Certificate of Competency for completing any of the modules that strike your fancy. For module and course descriptions, please visit the [Adult Lifespan Development page](#) on the PUC website. Sign up in the PUC Office or by emailing ARE@pacificunitarin.org.

Class size is limited so sign up today!

—Kathy Rickey

The Iseum Of Isis Paedusis to Host a Hallows/Day of the Dead Ritual @ 5pm, Sunday, October 30 @ PUC!

Please join us in remembering and honoring our blessed dead as

we celebrate Samhain, Hallowe'en & Dia de los Muertos. This will be a participatory event with an Ofrenda altar to decorate, stories of our departed loved ones to share, love letters to the dead, and divination for the new year. Part of the evening's event will be a Croning Ceremony for Iseum and PUC member, **Penny Trunell**. A themed potluck will follow. RSVP to Isis_Paedusis@hotmail.com for more details!



ABOUT THE UUSC



The UU Service Committee *promotes* economic rights, *advances* environmental justice, *defends* civil liberties, and *preserves the rights of people in times of* humanitarian crisis.

THE FLAMING CHALICE was first seen in April 1941 in the refugee camps in France as the symbol of the Unitarian Service Committee. It was designed by a Jewish refugee, Hans Deutsch, and commissioned by Rev. Charles Joy, who believed the refugees we served in the midst of the Nazi and Vichy informers needed a symbol to know that they were in safe hands. Go to www.uusc.org to discover the many opportunities to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

—Sandy McNeil UUSC Local Rep

UUSC HOLIDAY CARDS are on their way.

There is a great selection this year.

THANKSGIVING is around the corner!!!!

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club - L
2 PM Smart Recovery Mtg - L

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
11 AM Women's Fed - O
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnt Grp - L
7 PM Board Meeting - L

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

1 PM Audit Committee and Endowment/PIF Mtg - V
1 PM Staff Meeting - L
6 PM LPA Meeting - O
7 PM Choir Practice - H



 **Wanted: Patricia Hart needs a used car asap.**

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

Third Sunday Hospitality

Coffee Hour Host: Frances Morehouse

Ushers: Vivien Hao & Carrie Pobre

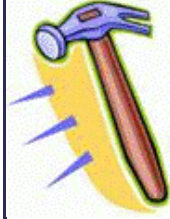
Welcome Table: Joyce Block-Miller

Greeters: Bill Karg & Joani Thompson

If you haven't plans for the day, come join a fun group of PUC'ers for turkey dinner and lively talk. All you need to bring is a favorite holiday side dish, and a warm smile. The turkey, dressing, and gravy will already be there. The get together will be at **Sandy McNeil's** home. Dinner will begin at 1 pm. Please RSVP to Sandy. Contact information is in the [PUC Directory](#).



PUC Build Day w/ Habitat for Humanity on 10/28!



Join Us on Our Own Build Day at a site in Long Beach on Friday, **October 28** from 8 am - 3:30 pm

Please put the date on your calendar and let **Tracy Blender** (see PUC Directory) know that you'd like to participate – she'll send you the forms and other important information. We are limited to 15-25 volunteers so please let us know soon.

Not up to a day of physical labor? Come on down and help us provide lunch for our hungry workers.

—Tracy Blender



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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SERVICE COMMITTEE -
Southern California Unit Presents:

28th Latin American Encuentro
The Immigration Crisis: Humane Responses

10 AM to 4 PM Saturday, October 22, 2011

10 AM TO 7 PM, Saturday, October 22, 2011

First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles
2936 West 8th St. 90005 (213) 389-1356
(Just E of Vermont, N of Olympic)

Topics

- * "Immigration Situation Unchanged: Stop Deportations Now!"=
Caitlin Williams, Esperanza Immigrant Program Director
 - * Current Legislation=Dan Stracka, UURISE
 - * First Church L.A. Outreach Program Panel Discussion=Rev. Rick
Hoyt, Paul Kratzer, Rochelle McAdam, & Community Members
 - * General Assembly 2012, (Justice GA in Phoenix)=Emrys Staton,
Organizer
 - * MIA in Guatemala=Lucia Muñoz: Mujeres Iniciando en las Américas
- Visit to the Francis Avenue Garden and conversation with our
neighbors
For more information call 714.567.0188 - Register by email to
tshapin@yahoo.com
English to Spanish translation will be available.
[Click HERE for the registration form and more information.](#)

