



# Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

## The View



November 4, 2011

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This Sunday

9:30 AM: Spirituality Forum

10:30 AM Service

**A Faith to Change the World**

Guest Speaker Bruce Knotts,  
Director, UUA United Nations  
Office

11:30 AM: 1st SUunday PotlUUnch  
BrUUnch

*(Please bring a dish to share!)*

*"Sunday's Flowers are in honor of  
my three great grandchildren" —  
Virginia McCulloch/Ramos*

Photos of their recent travels by  
**Noel Hammond & Marvel Burke**  
enrich PUC's Art Wall through  
Sunday, November 6



Minister's Message

### **The Sustainability of Happiness**

For the last month we have been gathering on Hawthorne Avenue in Torrance every Wednesday afternoon as part of the larger Occupy Together movement sweeping our country. Our church has been a major organizer of this event drawing together a broad coalition of activists. We have received notice by passing cars and recently a write up in Tuesday's [Daily Breeze](#).


Quite a few have asked us what we are standing for. My initial response is that we are standing against corporate greed and the economic injustice that is being felt by growing segments of our population. Our principles as Unitarian Universalists compel us to take a stand in the name of equity, compassion, and justice. Recently, I have begun to focus my own reasons for being a part of this Occupy movement and asking you to join us: *We are standing for the happiness of those being victimized by a system that is broken, and, we are standing for the survival of the generations that follow.*


An economic system that is predicted on ever increasing growth and consumption cannot continue. What we are facing with this ever increasing concentration of wealth in the hands of a few is only the symptom of a diminishing return on our planet's capability to support human life. Last week somewhere in India, the seventh billion

human being was born. Most demographers believe that Earth's human population will top out around nine billion. That growth, coupled with catastrophic climate change, will result in struggle for the remaining resources of our planet. The concentration of wealth occurring in this country under the current system will only exacerbate this condition for not only our poor but the poor around the world. We are standing on that corner in Torrance for much more than it seems.

Our worship theme for the month of November is *Temperance*



 **11/18-20 Walking the Walk:  
UULMCA Justice Leader  
Training @ Camp de Benneville  
Pines**

 **11/24, 1 pm Thanksgiving  
Get Together @ Sandy  
McNeil's home. Bring a  
favorite holiday side dish. Please  
RSVP to Sandy.**

Our worship theme for the month of November is *Temperance*. Temperance is old fashioned word that means living in balance with our bodies, the planet and each other. It is more than stopping at one and half glasses of wine or forgoing the extra helping of turkey and mash potatoes. Temperance is about living our own lives with others in mind; living a balanced and happy life so that others now and in the future will be able to sustain their happiness.

In keeping with this theme we will hear from Bruce Knotts, our UU representative to the UN, and I will be preaching a series of sermons on living the balanced life. We will also be hearing more about our new Social Justice initiative, *Health Justice*, including a look at how we can support ethical eating and sustainable, local farming. See you in Church,

*With Grace and Grit,*  
—Rev. John  
[Minister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:Minister@pacificunitarian.org)

## Fall Back Saturday Night! -- Be On

**Time Sunday** Daylight Time in the United States will end @ 2 AM **THIS Sunday, Nov. 6.**

Please remember to set your watches, clocks (don't forget your ovens, cars, microwaves, etc.), and all your other non automatically adjusting timepieces ONE HOUR BACK before you go to bed this Saturday night (or at the official time of 2 AM Sunday if you're still up). Your sundials should be rotated 30° clockwise :-)

—Craig Block

## PUC's Pooled Income Fund Makes Dollars & Sense



It's that time of year again.....witches, goblins, and a ghouls or two. Before you know it... Thanksgiving, with Christmas right behind. And then, taxes! Here's your chance to give to your Church and get some back! Here's how it works:

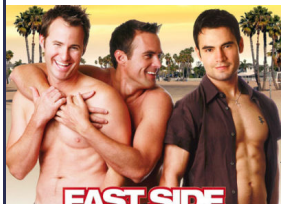
It's called the **POOLED INCOME FUND**. Every dollar you give to PUC is invested in securities, managed by professionals, and every cent earned is returned to you... and you receive a substantial Federal and State tax deduction. You must make a donation by December 31 in order to take a deduction this year.

Since its inception in 1989, the Fund has paid back to donors with an investment yield of 4.9% to 10.1% per year. As of this year, over \$168,000 has been donated by 25 members who have received back over \$85,400.....more than half of the total donation. Not too shabby!

If you are interested in signing up, or just want to ask questions, please contact [Lou Sutherland](mailto:Lou.Sutherland@pacificunitarian.org) 310-541-1655.

—Bill Main for the Endowment Committee

## November's GBLTQ Movie: *East Side Story* - 11/9 @ 7 PM



It has been a while, but we are not gone. And we're scouring the archives for a Yule Tide film for December!

Dutiful grandson Diego Campos (René Alvarado) helps run the family restaurant, hides his gay relationships from his traditional Latino

## Upcoming Sermons

### November's Monthly Theme: *Temperance*

#### 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 seven UU principles are, which makes us effective at the UN in ways that we find difficult to duplicate elsewhere. *Bruce will be available for a talkback session in the Hall after you've gotten something to eat from the PotlUUCK BrUUnch.*

#### 11/13: **Need What You Have**

In this first of a three part series, **Rev. John** explores the truth and struggle in accepting this proposition.

#### 11/20: **Do What You Can/em>**

**Rev. John** asks us to consider what we can do to change our world.

#### 11/27: **Be Who You Are**

*Ultimately, we need to align who we are with what we do in order to live a meaningful life. Rev. John suggests how we might do just that.*



### PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

Our condolences to **Dick Granoff** on the death of his father.

**Margaret Ellis** is home on hospice service and her family is with her. Please call first if you'd like to visit. Cards are very welcome.

**Marge Hill** was in the hospital briefly to have a pacemaker implanted. It's hoped that she will feel much better now. Please send your love and prayers to her. Please keep in mind the people in

**STORY** family, and faces cultural changes to his ethnic enclave in this film festival favorite set in East Los Angeles. Diego finds himself navigating uncharted territory when his amorous aunt (Gladys Jimenez) puts the moves on his boyfriend (David Berón), and an influx of gay white men moves into the neighborhood.

Please join us on Friday, **November 9** at 7 PM in the PUC Library for our next GBLTQ Movie.

—Maurice Chevalier for *Standing On the Side of Love*

## **Occupy Torrance Movement Grows**

Three weeks ago we "closed" Bank of America on Hawthorne, and last week over 50 attended the rally! Keep making a presence at one of the South Bay's top financial & military/industrial centers!

### **Occupy Torrance - Wells Fargo Bank Protest**

**4-6 PM Every Wednesday**

[21323 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, CA 90503 \(btwn Carson and Torrance Blvd\)](#)



Read what Rev. John & several PUCers had to say to the Daily Breeze's JOHN BOGERT: [Occupiers of Hawthorne Boulevard in Torrance State Their Cases](#)

Contact: Chris 310 567 3332 or Rachel 310 833 9945

Make your voice heard. We are 99% of the People.

—Rachel Bruhnke

## **Leadership Academy #2 11/14**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> course in the [Leadership Academy Program](#) will be led by **Tracy Blender**, Leadership Development Team Chair, on **Monday, Nov. 14 @ 7 PM.**

The first course in "Harvest the Power's" *Purpose* module, and the second in the *Leadership and the Individual* module, this workshop guides the congregational leader to ask, "What ends do we serve?" Activities invite participants to consider the explicit values, judgments and personal preferences that underlie even the simplest decisions. The workshop builds participants' capacity to choose well as they navigate the challenges of leadership.

This workshop will:

- Highlight the Unitarian Universalist theological understanding that we each have the freedom and the responsibility to make choices about what we trust, what we believe and how we will act
- Deepen understanding of the connection between a leader's faith and the choices they make in leading a congregation
- Invite leaders to be intentional in bringing their faith to their leadership
- Provide meditative and creative time for participants to internalize and deepen their embrace of the freedom and responsibility of choosing.

our community who are holding their sorrows in their hearts. Be kind to one another,

—Teri

## **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

### **Wednesdays**

Women's Fed, 3rd Wed., 11 AM, offsite  
**Occupy Torrance, Wed. 4-6 PM, O [21323 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance](#)**  
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  
Friday Afternoon SGM, 2nd & 4th Fri., 1-3 PM, L  
GBLTQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

### **Saturdays**

Dinners with UUs, 2nd Sat. of even-numbered months, 7 PM, offsite  
French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty Chevron

## **The Week At a Glance**

### **Thursday, November 3, 2011**

7 PM Men's Ministry - V  
7:30 PM Env. Priorities Ntwrk - L  
7:30 PM Strategic Planning Committee - O [Bosler]

### **Friday, November 4, 2011**

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H  
7:30 PM Temple Emet Services-H

Workshops can be taken individually or in sequence to complete a module. Sign-ups are appreciated so we can plan for workshop materials. Sign-up in the PUC Office or by emailing [ARE@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:ARE@pacificunitarian.org)

—Kathy Rickey

## PUC Poetry Afternoon

We are having a Poetry Afternoon on **Sunday, November 13** here at PUC. There will be an open mic at 4 PM, and our featured poet and PUC member, Lori Soriano, will read from her newly published book. Come -- enjoy a flavored coffee or a glass of wine and surrender to the muse. Contact [Rev. Teri](mailto:Rev.Teri) for more info.

—D. Masters

## Festival of Lights Preparations Are Warming Up

It may only be the beginning of November but we have already started planning for the annual multi-generational **Festival of Lights** service. The service will be on **Sunday, December 18** and we hope you will be here.....in attendance, but more so as a participant in this wonderfully special event. We are looking for 31 people of any and all ages! There are speaking and non-speaking parts, backstage helpers, as well as helpers with the simple costumes and props. Signups will begin at the Coffee Hour on **Sunday, November 13 and 20** at the RE Info table...or you can call or email me directly.

This is not an RE event, but an All-Church event, so come on and join us. It is always one of the favorite Services of the year, and it is so much fun to be part of it. Both the Adult and Children's Choirs will be featured as well!  
See you at the sign up table!!

—Renée Daley, Festival of Lights Director

## Blankets. Sleeping Bags. Blankets. Can You Help?

Frances Morehouse & Dora Radford of Shady Grove Baptist Church in LA, who meet at the San Pedro YMCA most mornings, are collecting blankets for the homeless. Please leave your offerings in the Reverend's Office. Collecting in November only!!

 **UUSC HOLIDAY CARDS are HERE!**  
*There is a great selection this year! See Sandy McNeil on the Patio on Sundays.*

## Birthdays of UU & U



Happy Birthday!

November, 11<sup>th</sup> month, literally meant 9<sup>th</sup> month on the old Roman calendar. We note it as the month of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, a fall-back on our clocks, our Minister's birthday, and a decreasing number of shopping days before Christmas.

### Member birthdays include:

11/4- Natalie Hardiman, Drew MacMorran  
11/7-Lacey Gallagher, Chris Nocerino, Penny Trunnell  
11/8- Dave Blitz  
11/9- Debra St. Pierre  
11/10- Bill Keenan

### **Saturday, November 5, 2011**

1 PM Long Beach Meditation Benefit Concert Setup - H  
1 PM Free Quilting Class - On Hiatus Until January, 2012

### **Sunday, November 6, 2011**

Daylight Saving Time Ends  
9:30 AM Spirituality Forum - L  
9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H  
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:30 AM 1st SUUnday PotIUUck BrUUUnch - P  
11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1  
12:15 PM Parent/Youth Coming of Age Meeting - L  
6:30 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

### **Monday, November 7, 2011**

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H  
2 PM Smart Recovery Mtg - L  
7:15 PM Environmental Covenant Grp - L

### **Tuesday, November 8, 2011**

8:30 AM Aerobics - Cancelled Today for Election  
7 PM Addictions & Recovery Ministry-L

### **Wed., November 9, 2011**

1 PM Staff Meeting - L  
4 PM *Occupy Torrance, Wed. 4-6 PM, O*  
[\[21323 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance\]](#)  
7 PM Choir Practice - H

### **Thursday, November 10, 2011**

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



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



We will have several relatives and friends from out of town coming to help Al Henriksen celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on **January 21, 2012**. Does anyone have or know of a house/condo/apartment that we could rent for a week from January 18 - 24? Call Georgianne Declercq or email: [georgianne.declercq@gmail.com](mailto:georgianne.declercq@gmail.com) if you know of anything.

11/12- Bill Knipps  
11/14- Tyler Farajpour, Tracy Lewis, Dee Masters, Marci Wayman  
11/16- Sayo Barr, Dave English  
11/17- Sue Cutler  
11/20- Pam Harris  
11/23- John Morehouse  
11/25- Fiona Knox, Mariann Mueck  
11/27- J. Brooks Chadwick, Kirk Edmondson  
11/28- Sue Crossen  
11/30- Richard Talley, Twyla Wayman

Remember to wish these people a Happy Birthday. For some, the Church is their family.

—Tom Rische, Birthday Compiler

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

### ***First Sunday Hospitality***

#### **Potluck Brunch**

##### **Coordinators:**

*Lee Ann Hart, Becky Dyer, Dean Curliss, Debbie Reynolds, & Danny Wynne*

**All: Please bring a dish to share!**

**Ushers:** George Yenoki &

*Tracy Blender*

**Welcome Table:** Marty Gorman

**Greeters:** Nancy Hofland & Kathy Rickey

