



# Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

## The View



November 10, 2011

Hi,

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is CLEARLY full of inspiration and awesome opportunities to get involved in the life of our Church, including a Holiday PARTY to celebrate said West Wall!!!  
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## REnews

### Welcoming a Guest at Your Table



Each year at this time, friends and families in our congregation participate in *Guest at Your Table* — a UU tradition for decades. By bringing home a beautiful *Guest at Your Table* box and a *Stories of Hope* booklet, families and individuals learn about how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) puts our shared values into action in the United States and around the world. Through a potent combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots human-rights leaders, UUSC promotes economic rights, advances environmental justice, defends civil liberties, and preserves the rights of people in times of humanitarian crisis.

Through the *Stories of Hope* booklet, we connect with people throughout the world who have shared their personal struggles and are working hard for human rights in partnership with UUSC. In each household, the *Guest at Your Table* box is placed in a prominent spot, often at the family dinner table. When family and friends gather to enjoy their blessings, they can reflect on the contributions of their "guests" to the movement for universal human rights — and share generously by adding coins and/or dollars to the box. Each week, we can choose a different story to read, bringing our *Guests* to life and helping celebrate our own rights.

Sharing our blessings through *Guest at Your Table* ensures that UUSC's human-rights work continues. Since UUSC is an independent organization that receives no funding from government or the UUA, your support and membership are vitally important

### This Sunday

9:00 AM: 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group

9:30 AM: Humanist Forum


10:30 AM Service  
**Need What You Have**  
Rev. John Morehouse


11:30 AM: Coffee Hour

*Today's flowers are to honor the memory of my son, **Scott Kirkwood Appel**, who was born on this date in 1949 and died April 2, 1977. He is greatly missed by his family and all who knew him. —Joyce Coutoumanos*

Oil Paintings by **Sue Cutler** and Helge Nielsen elucidate PUC's Art Wall through Sunday, December 4



 **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**

of the UCA, your support and membership are vitally important. We will open our *Guest at Your Table* program with a multi-generational celebration on **Sunday, November 20, 2011**. If you can't be here that day, boxes will be available for pick up in the PUC Office. We will collect your *Guest* boxes back in an Ingathering during the Service on **Sunday, December 11**. Please feed your *Guests* well!! Thank you in advance,

—Renée Daley,

Director, Religious Education; *Guest at Your Table* Coordinator

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



It's that time of year again.....witches, goblins, and a ghoul 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:

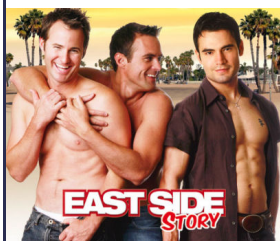
It's called the **POOLED INCOME FUND**. Every dollar you give to PUC is invested in securities, managed by professionals, and every cent earned is returned to you... and you receive a substantial Federal and State tax deduction. You must make a donation by December 31 in order to take a deduction this 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@puc.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 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 THIS Friday, **November 9** at 7 PM in the PUC Library for our next GBLTQ Movie.

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

### **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:Teri@puc.org) for more info.

—D. Masters

favorite holiday side dish. Please RSVP to Sandy.



**12/3, 4-8 PM** (just in time to view a gorgeous sunset at 4:44) **Holiday Party & West Wall Windows Celebration** ([see more below](#))

### **Upcoming Sermons**

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

#### **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***

**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:**

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of longtime PUC member Marge Hill in the early morning hours of Sunday, Nov. 6. Marge's Celebration of Life will take place at 2 PM, Saturday, November 26 @ PUC.

### **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*

## Leadership Academy #2 Monday, Nov. 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.

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

*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, V*

*GBLQ 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 Weekend At a Glance**

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

8:30 AM Aerobics - H  
10 AM Tai Chi - Stephen Tang - H  
7 PM Men's Ministry - V  
7 PM Finance Committee - L  
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch  
- Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo  
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#### **Friday, November 11, 2011**

Veteran's Day (PUC Office Closed)  
10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H  
1 PM Friday Afternoon SGM - V  
2 PM Social Justice Committee - L  
7 PM Interweaving (GLBTQ) Movie  
Night - L

## WOMEN'S FEDERATION CHANGES DAY & LOCATION

We voted to meet on the **third Wednesday** of each month at 11 AM in a restaurant of our choice. We also voted to have our meeting first and eat later. The meeting in November will be at [Hoff's Hut on Crenshaw Blvd.](#) (Btwn Sepulveda & Lomita Blvds.)

Agenda includes reports on the money we raised for our Circulo de Amigas student, Daysi Torres; reports on Daysi's school progress; check ins from each of us on what matters most to us right now.

## 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

## INSIDE UUSC



Membership in UU Service Committee means becoming part of a global network of human-rights activists and increases the strength of its program initiatives. UUSC recognizes congregations that have achieved high levels of individual membership in the organization.

PUC received the CREATING JUSTICE BANNER (for Congregations with 25-49 percent UUSC membership), thanks to those of you who joined or renewed your UUSC membership this last year. The banner is hanging in the PUC Office.

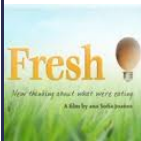
GUEST AT YOUR TABLE will be coming soon ([Sunday, Nov. 20](#)). A minimum of \$20 will get a single UUSC membership, \$40 for two people. Let's keep up the great work. Thank you.

## UUSC HOLIDAY CARDS are **HERE!**

*There is a great selection this year! See Sandy McNeil on the Patio on Sundays.*

—Sandy McNeil, UUSC Local Rep.

## FRESH: The Movie Screens @ PUC



PUC's Green Sanctuary & Transition South Bay invite you to a screening of **FRESH: The Movie**: 6-8 PM **Saturday, November 19** in the PUC Library. Learn how to live a more sustainable lifestyle. A community discussion will follow the film.

## 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!!

## REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE @ PUC



Don't forget to bring in your used up *ink & toner cartridges* for recycling (and cash for PUC); your *used batteries, light bulbs, and small electronic devices* for safe recycling and disposal; and old eyeglasses for re-use in Latin America; to **PUC's Recycling Center** – located just outside the Kitchen door. Please bring your expired prescription & non-prescription meds to the PUC Office for safe disposal.

## Join Us for a West Wal(Ho)liday Party on 12/3



4-8 PM, Saturday, December 3 (just in time to view the gorgeous sunset at 4:44)

The night before our West Wall Dedication, come share a **potluck item**, help decorate our holiday tree and Sanctuary, join Severin Behnen at the piano for Christmas Carolling, and have a little nosh and drink. **Celebrate our new West Wall, & the upcoming holidays @ PUC!**

\$5 suggested donation at the door.

Please contact Patricia Hart at 310-658-1074 or [via email](#) if you are able to help with decorations and/or clean-up.

## **Saturday, November 12, 2011**

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V [2nd & 4th Saturdays]  
10 AM Temple Emet Saturday Srvc - H  
10:30 AM Introduction to Liberal Theology Class - L  
7 PM Buddy Mixer - O [Bassett/Murray]

## **Sunday, November 13, 2011**

9 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Grp - CR2  
9:30 AM Humanist Forum - L  
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:30 AM C.L.U.E. Presentation on Harbor Trucking - L  
11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1  
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg -L  
4 PM Poetry Night @ PUC - H  
7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp -L



**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.

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

## *Community Events*

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

## *Second Sunday Hospitality*

**Coffee Hour Host:**

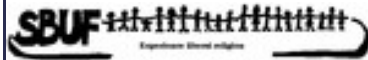
## It's SHOWTIME (Poof!)

Free Magic Show with PUC's own **MartyG**, Magician, among others  
@ 7PM, **Saturday, November 19**  
Farmers & Merchant's Bank Community Room  
[12535 Seal Beach Bl](#)  
[Seal Beach CA](#)

Thanks to those who've lent their support! Be there or be square!

—MartyG, Magician (aka marty Gorman)

## *Around the District and Beyond...*



The most recent South Bay Unitarian  
Fellowship Newsletter at:

<http://sbuf.org/newsletters/2011/newsletter1111.htm>



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PUC's Social Justice Team

**Ushers:** Raychel Lydon & Alana  
Garrigues

**Welcome Table:** Chip Morgan

**Greeters:** Louise Allison & Jean  
Tordella