



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



November 17, 2011

Hi,

...and check out *THE VIEW* from PUC -- you'll be *OVER THE MOON* with all the upcoming classes, events, films and everything else...RREEEEAAADDD AAALL ABOOOOUUTT IT!

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We will have our normally scheduled Town Hall meeting after the Worship Service, this **Sunday Nov. 20** in the Hall. Included on the agenda will be a Board-led discussion of the process surrounding the dismissal of our sexton. This would be the proper forum to discuss this matter.

Music Notes

From the Music Department:

Gospel singer Linda Alvarez will be a featured guest in two upcoming Services. This coming **Sunday, November 20**, she will join the PUC Choir in a couple of Gospel standards plus a Carol King tune. Ms. Alvarez will be returning on **Thursday, December 15** for the *Blues Christmas Service*. I know you will love her beautiful voice and spirit.

This coming **Tuesday, November 22**, it's our turn to host Temple Beth El for our annual joint Interfaith Thanksgiving celebration. We hope you'll join us for this joyous night of song & story.



Save the Date: PUC's Annual Black & White Concert, featuring some of PUC's many talented musicians and our Yamaha Concert Grand Piano will be held at 7:30 PM, **Saturday, February 18!** Stay tuned to *The View* for more info.

As always I encourage you to try the Choir. It will make you very happy. And again, you can make a short-term commitment or several commitments; you need not join for the rest of your life. See you Sunday morning!

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


11:45 AM Monthly Town Hall Meeting


*Sunday's Flowers "are dedicated to **Marge Hill**, a kind and gracious lady." —**Marvel Burke***

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



11/24, 1 pm Thanksgiving Get Together @ Sandy

 *McNeil's home. Bring a favorite holiday side dish. Please RSVP to Sandy.*

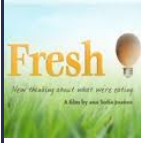
 **12/3, 4-8 PM Holiday Party & West Wall Windows Celebration (see more below)** (just in time to view a gorgeous sunset at 4:44)

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—Severin
Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director
Music@pacifunitarian.org

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.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration THIS Tuesday, 11/22 @ PUC. You Are Invited!



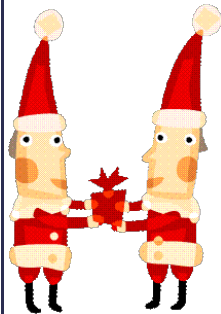
Our annual shared **Thanksgiving Service with Temple Beth El** (San Pedro) will be at 7 pm this **Tuesday, November 22** at PUC. Come for an evening of song, music, and words as we give thanks for our interfaith friendship and the gifts of our lives. We have been celebrating this Service with our Jewish friends for over ten years in recognition of our shared commitment to religious freedom. Please join us and bring some interfaith cookies to share!

VISITORS INVITED TO NEXT ORIENTATION CLASS Sunday, 11/20 11:45 AM

Our next Introduction to UU & PUC class will be held after Service this coming **Sunday, November 20**, 11:45 AM - 1 PM in PUC's Shuder Library. If you are a visitor and would like to learn more about us, please join us. It's a great time to ask you questions, and if you are considering membership, this class is a prerequisite to joining our community. Childcare is available; please just let membership@pacifunitarian.org know.

Santa's Workshop is Coming!


Get ready for some holiday cheer! On **Sunday, Dec. 4** during Coffee Hour our RE Voyagers and other youth will put on our



annual **Santa's Workshop Sale to benefit Rainbow Services, Harbor Interfaith Services, and Toberman Neighborhood Center**. Come "shop" the sale for new toys and clothing, then immediately donate them back, and we'll deliver them to these deserving organizations. We've done the shopping for you! All you have to bring is your checkbook and generous spirit!

—Your RE Committee

at 4:44)

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Upcoming Sermons
November's Monthly Theme:
Temperance

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.

November's Monthly Theme:
Hope

12/4: Something More
Rev. John will be in the pulpit.

12/11: TBA
Rev. Teri will preach.

 **PASTORAL CARE NEWS:**

Long time PUC member Marge Hill died in the early morning hours of Sunday, Nov. 6. There will be a memorial service for her at PUC on **Saturday, November 26** at 2 PM.

Margaret Ellis is home on hospice service and would very much like to have visitors from PUC. Don't be shy--Margaret is just herself (albeit in a hospital bed in the living room). She would love to see you.

**If you are looking to deepen your service to others in our community, please call me at (310) 634-7617.

Please keep in mind the people in our community who are holding sorrow in their hearts.

—Rev. Teri

Monday, Nov. 28 @

7:00pm

This workshop is entitled: *Facing Danger*. It is the first in the *Path* module— 'How will we lead' and the third in the *Leadership and the Individual* module. It will highlight the dangers or pitfalls that leaders may face.

Participants will explore and articulate some of the risks and dangers that come with leading a congregation or organization through adaptive change. Through the ancient, familiar story of Moses, participants consider the challenges leaders face and identify strengths and strategies that can help. Participants express creatively their identity as congregational leaders and share resources and understandings that help them when they face danger in a leadership role. This workshop will be led by **Kathy Rickey**

*The Leadership Academy is a drop-in, interactive workshop style learning experience. There are no pre-requisite courses. Sign up in the PUC Office or email ARE@pacifcunitarian.org.

—Kathy Rickey

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, 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

Festival of Lights Preparations Are Warming Up



Sign ups for the annual multi-generational **Festival of Lights** service will continue this **Sunday, Nov. 20**, during the Coffee Hour at the RE Information table, or you can call or email me directly. 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.

Please remember 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. 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

UUSC HOLIDAY CARDS are HERE!



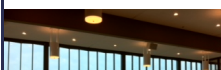
There is a great selection this year! See Sandy McNeil on the Patio on Sundays.

—Sandy McNeil, UUSC Local Rep.

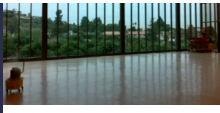
Blankets. Sleeping Bags. Blankets. Can You Help?

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!!

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)



Holiday Party & West Wall Celebration

Imagine your favorite Holiday Song. Now imagine how good it's going to sound with Dr. Severin

Behnen at the piano and lots of your friends singing along. We will have lyric books for the traditional songs, and please bring a copy of music and/or words if you have a newer song that you especially enjoy this time of year.

Bring a **potluck item**, help decorate our tree and Sanctuary, join Severin at the piano for great music.

\$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.

Laurie Soriano Book Signing THIS Saturday in San Pedro

On **Saturday, November 19** from 2 to 4 p.m., **Laurie Soriano** will be doing a reading/book signing for her newly published book of poetry, *Catalina*, at Williams' Bookstore, 443 West 6th Street in San Pedro. More details on Laurie's website, lauriesoriano.com.

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)

Your Old Towels Can Help Animals in Need

I'm collecting old towels for the Castaic Animal shelter. The shelter is in dire need and I said I would help. Even 1 item will add up to 2 and then 2 will become 4; you know the drill. I'm reaching out to my friends because you know my concerns for critters. I'm concerned about you too, but I'll rather give you a hug not an old towel. Please contact me if you can help!

—Mariann Mueck



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.

Paulsen or Betty Chevron

The Weekend At a Glance

Thursday, November 17, 2011

7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - L

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

Friday, November 18, 2011

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

7:30 PM Temple Emet Services - H

Saturday, November 19, 2011

8 AM Long Beach Meditation Retreat - H

9 AM Strategic Planning Committee - O [Bosler]

9 AM PV Land Conservancy Nursery Work Party - O [You MUST RSVP to Nancy Hofland]

10:30 AM Introduction to Liberal Theology Class - L

1 PM Free Quilting Class - On

Hiatus Until January, 2012

6:30 PM Fresh: The Movie Film Screening - L

www.freshthemovie.com

Sunday, November 20, 2011

9:30 AM Spirituality Forum - L

9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L

11:45 AM Monthly Town Hall Meeting - H

3 PM SB Chamber Music Society - H [Bach Circle Ensemble]

6:30 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L



Wanted: Patricia Hart needs a used car asap.

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



UUncle Sam Wants You (to Bring

Community Events



Flowers...)

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

One more 2011 date is still available:

December 18

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

The 2012 Flower Calendar will be up soon...

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

Third Sunday Hospitality

Coffee Hour Host: Frances Morehouse

Ushers: Vivien Hao & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table: Joyce Block-Miller

Greeters: Bill Karg & Joani Thompson

