



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



October 20, 2011

This Sunday

9 am 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group

9:30 am Humanist Forum

10:30 am Service
Giving Up
Rev. John Morehouse


11:30 am Coffee Hour


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 23



 **10/24: Leadership Academy -- Leadership 101 begins * 7-9 PM**

 **10/28: Silent Movie w/ Live Music by Severin & Reggie - Nosferatu - 8 pm**
PotlUUCK BBQ starts @ 6:30

 **11/11: AIDS WALK LA Team**

Music Notes

From the Music Department:

Thanks to our friends at Temple Emet for the Sukkot celebration (Feast of the Tabernacle) they shared with us at PUC last Wednesday, Oct. 12. We combined choirs, worked on perfecting our Hebrew, and ate some great food!

Coming up here at PUC on **Friday, October 28** (the last Friday of this month) Reggie Neal and I will start off the Halloween weekend by performing music for the first film adaptation of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, the 1921 classic silent film [Nosferatu](#).

Beginning with Bela Lugosi, it became commonplace to portray vampires as urbane, charismatic individuals whose sexual magnetism is simply irresistible. It's hard to imagine someone as openly hideous as Count Orlock seducing a woman - and that's precisely one reason why *Nosferatu* is so unsettling. Also, missing from this telling of the vampire story are religious icons (the cross, holy water, etc.) "The conflict presented here is not one of good against evil; instead, it's an externalization of the struggle between the opposing halves of human nature."

Be there - and be scared! As we did in September, we'll start with a potluck barbeque at 6:30 pm, then a short film at 7:45, with the feature at 8:00.

In November, we look forward to Gospel singer Linda Alvarez gracing us with her beautiful voice and spirit for a Service.

Thanks to parents of children, especially **Robin Arehart**, for help with the PUC Children's Choir.

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!

—Dr. Severin Behnen Music Director



PUC Build Day w/ Habitat for Humanity

NEXT Friday, 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 let **Tracy Blender** know that you'd like to participate – she'll send you the forms, location, and other important information. We are limited to 15-25 volunteers so please let us know soon.

—*Tracy Blender*

Fall Facilities FUUn Painting Party!

Come and join us on Saturday, **October 29** from 9 am until dusk (or we run out of energy) to help paint the PUC campus. We're going to build upon the recent Hall renewal and attempt to paint the rest of the buildings. You don't have to be an artist or professional painter to join in the fun. If you can pick up a paint brush or roller – you are qualified. Also, you don't have to spend the full day with us to make it worth the effort – a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon will certainly help. If you own drop cloths, a favorite paint brush or roller frames, and are willing, please label them (a lesson learned from our Spring Sprucing) and bring them with you.

Lunch, and childcare (if requested in advance), will be provided. If you think that you may be able to join, please drop a note to John Einhorn at einchild1@verizon.net, or 310-937-3134.



—*John Einhorn*

FALL FUN @ PUC OCTOBER 30!



On Sunday, **October 30**, we will be celebrating Autumn, Halloween, and Dia de los Muertos in our RE classes during the Service. We will have a room dedicated to Halloween fun, another with an activity about Dia de los Muertos, and outside we'll have some

Autumn-themed games.

As our teachers have this day off, we need some parent volunteers to help staff the activities. If you can help on this day, please let Ingrid Slizewski know by emailing zingyss@aol.com or calling 310-891-0188.

We encourage all of you to **come to Church in costume** on this fun day, where the fun might even spill out into Coffee Hour!

—*Your Youth RE Committee*

What's Happened to Interweave?



I Stand on the Side of Love WILL YOU?

For several decades **Interweave** has educated about, supported, and fought for the rights of LGBT people. **Interweave** has been the conscience of PUC to ensure we remained a Welcoming Congregation. This will not change.

What has changed is we are joining the UUA and UU churches across the country by planning

Upcoming Sermons

October's Monthly Theme:
Compassion

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.

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 UU seven principles are, which makes us effective at the UN in ways that we find difficult to duplicate elsewhere.

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.

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

into a movement that harnesses love's power to challenge exclusion, oppression and violence based not only on sexual orientation and gender identity, but also immigration status, race, religion, or any other identity.

The *Standing on The Side of Love* organization was inspired by the 2008 shooting at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, which was targeted because they are welcoming to LGBT people and have a liberal stance on many issues. By joining this campaign, Interweave will now be known as "*Standing On The Side of Love*."

We're very excited about this important move forward. If you would like additional information you can access the *Standing On The Side of Love* website: www.standingonthesideoflove.org or stop by our table on the Patio before or after Service.

PUC Women's Reading and Responding Bookclub

We will meet on Monday, **November 21** to discuss Anita Diamant's *The Red Tent*.

We will not meet in December.

We will be reading *Pearl of China* by Anchee Min for our **January 9** meeting (one week early due to the MLK holiday). Please join us!

—Robin Arehart

The October 16 Congregational Meeting Results Are In: *The Ayes have it!*

A big "Thank you!" for the members who participated in last Sunday's congregational vote. We reached the necessary quorum to uphold the voting results.

The amended 2011-2012 budget overwhelmingly passed.

We thank all the participants responsible for shining a light on four very compelling options for our Social Justice cause. *The voting was tight, with Health Justice coming out on top.* We are very proud of our adoption of this important issue. The SJ Team will direct us towards our next steps in our activist role in Health Justice.

Given the significant popularity of the Immigrant Rights proposal, we encourage those interested in this issue to participate in the UUA's National movement, including joining other PUC members as we attend the UU "Justice" General Assembly, **June 20-24**, in Phoenix, Arizona <http://www.uua.org/ga/>. [Learn more here.](#)

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The *Health Justice* theme that was voted in as our Congregation's focus for social justice work next year will have a large variety of activities touching on helping people prevent chronic disease by understanding the connection between our food, food policies, food access, and the epidemic of chronic disease in our country. It deals with questions like, "How can we make healthy food more accessible and affordable for people? How can we help them make food choices that promote health, reduce health care costs, and provide greater health independence?"

More info will be coming soon but if you have not read the proposal yet (which has lots of great ideas for projects to support

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 Wednesday, 11 AM, offsite
Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H

Thursdays

Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L
Environmental Priorities Mtg, 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 (GBLQ), 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 Week At a Glance

Thursday, October 20, 2011

11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L
7 PM Men's Ministry - V
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - L

Friday, October 21, 2011

9:30 AM Chalice Oak Foundation - L
10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
7:30 PM Temple Emet Services - H

Saturday, October 22, 2011

[8 AM Long Beach Meditation Retreat - H](#)
[10 AM Introduction to Liberal Theology Class - L](#) (w/ Rev. John)
10 AM French Conversation Grp - V [2nd & 4th Saturdays]

this theme), you can do so at: <http://tinyurl.com/health-justice>.
How will you get involved?

—Diane Bassett

The Iseum Of Isis Paedusis Hosts Samhain/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**.



Come dressed in your dark finery, calavera makeup, or in costume. Bring a picture(s) &/or mementos of your dearly departed, seasonal foliage, flowers or decorations for the ofrenda, and a favorite food &/or drink of your dearly departed or ancestors to share.

We are still collecting sweaters for the homeless if you wish to donate.

A themed potluck will follow. RSVP to isis_paedusis@hotmail.com for more details!

EARN \$\$ FOR PUC BY SHOPPING!!

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

If you shop at Ralphps, Whole Foods Market, Vons, or shop online, you can earn money for PUC. Ralphps, and Vons (eScrip program) send quarterly contribution checks to PUC based on member purchases. Get the details [HERE](#).

Contact Ann Bailey, annbailey1@mac.com (310) 462-3663 or Pam Harris, pamha@roadrunner.com (310) 318-6024 for more details.

ABOUT THE UUSC

 **UUSC HOLIDAY CARDS are HERE!**
There is a great selection this year.

THANKSGIVING is around the corner!!!!

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](#).



Welcome Our Newest Member:



Ofelia Lachtman

Come say 'Hi' to Ofelia, who comes to us from the UU Community Church of Santa Monica!

1 PM Free Quilting Class - On Hiatus 'til Jan

Sunday, October 23, 2011

9 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Grp - CR2
9:30 AM Humanist Forum - L
10:30 AM Sunday Service - H
11:30 AM Social Justice Cmte - MG
11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1
12:30 PM Singles-Family Brunch - O
3 PM [SB Chamber Music Society](#) - H [Piano Trio with Robert Thies and Andrew Shulman]

Monday, October 24, 2011

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
10 AM Women's Circle - L
2 PM Smart Recovery Mtg - L
[7 PM Leadership Academy-L](#)

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
7 PM Program Council - L

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

1 PM Staff Meeting - L
7 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, October 27, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi - Stephen Tang - H



 **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 90th 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 if you know of anything.

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

Community Events

[Click here to view info on the](#)



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.



UUncle Sam Wants You (to Bring Flowers...)

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!

Food for Thought...

The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, answered "Man. Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived."



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

10/27: Stop the Violence - "Sin by Silence" film & discussion about domestic violence @ [Walteria United Methodist Church](#)
Sponsored by Cal-Pac MFSA

Fourth Sunday Hospitality

Coffee Hour Host: YRUU Teen Group

Ushers: YRUU Teen Group

Welcome Table: Virginia McCulloch/Ramos & Marian Jones

Greeters: YRUU Teen Group

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

[First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles](#)
[2936 West 8th St, 90005](#) (213) 389-1356

(Just E of Vermont, N of Olympic)

For more information call 714.567.0188 - Register by email to tshapin@yahoo.com

[Click HERE for the registration form and more information.](#)

