



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



October 27, 2011

Hi,

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC shows off PUC's eleemosynary nature in so many ways: We're partnering with Habitat for Humanity, AIDSWalk LA, Sweaters for Solstice (for the homeless), UUSC, UULM-CA, and Occupy Torrance to Give Life the Shape of Justice...All that and and much, much more are in this week's *VIEW* from PUC - RREEEAAADDD AAALL ABOOOOUUTT IT!



Heart & Soul

Celebrating the Memories of Our Departed

'Samhain, Halloween, Dia de los Muertos, All Souls Day — all are in recognition or celebration of the ongoing connections we have with those who have died before us. Making an altar in your home can help keep those connections fresh in your mind. It can be small. A pretty placemat can be the anchor for small photos or objects to place on the altar in memory of a deceased loved one. We say it every week: "...there is a unity that makes us one and binds us forever together in spite of time and **death** and the space between the stars." Let's celebrate that unity.

"Don't think of death as extinction; such uninspired speculations are simply much too prosaic to be true. Your dull imagination insults the very grandeur and staggering wonder of this universe. Rather than hiding from your death, or repressing your fear about death, embrace your death. It will serve you....Yes: death is terrifying. Do not belittle it. Do not try to reduce this. Do not project your puny ideas upon it. But

use death's awareness as you would a fuel or a lamp: as a secret guide who will lead you into the unknown and mysterious caverns of yourself so that you can bring forth what you truly are."
—Brian Swimme

Peace and grace,

—Teri

Rev. Teri Masterson, Interfaith Minister

This Sunday

10:30 AM Service

Finding the Hallowed in Halloween

Rev. John Morehouse

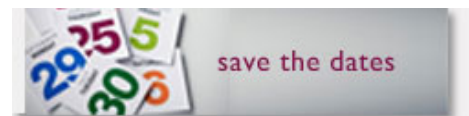
11:30 am Coffee Hour

Sunday's Flowers are..."In honor of Norway & Sparky, for all the pets who have made our lives better by sharing their unconditional love."

—**The Ripleys**

*Last Sunday's Flowers were given with love by **Lois Lutkenhouse** in celebration of the October birthdays of **Andy Kissner** and **Marina Kissner**.*

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



10/28: Silent Movie w/ Live Music by Severin & Reggie - Nosferatu - 8 pm



Don't miss it! Register now at [http://www.puc.org](#)

Rev. Teri Masters, Interfaith Minister
Director of Pastoral Care
pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org
(310) 634-7617

PUC Build Day w/ Habitat for Humanity TOMORROW - Friday, 10/28!



There's Still Time to Join Us on Our Own
Build Day in South Gate TOMORROW,
Friday, October 28 from 8 AM- 3:30 PM at:
[2707 Liberty Blvd., South Gate, 90280](http://2707LibertyBlvd.com)

Please let **Tracy Blender** know that you're coming – she'll send you the forms and other important information ([Or click HERE](#)).

—Tracy Blender

Fall Facilities FUUn Painting Party! Your Help Wanted THIS Saturday!!!

THIS SATURDAY's work party is primarily a painting party and is a TERRIFIC way to get to know your fellow congregation members. We start at 9:00 AM and will work until it's done or twilight. If you can come for even a few hours you will be a big help. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Please bring from home any drop cloths, favorite paint brushes, or roller frames you have. We also need step ladders tall enough to reach the tops of 9 foot walls and posts. It helps if you can label your items, but we'll have permanent markers to help with this. Please call (310) 937-3134 with any questions or to let us know if you will need childcare. Jennifer Hocutt has a ladder in Hermosa Beach, but needs someone with a truck to give it a lift. If you are able to help please give her a call at 310-543-0993.



—John Einhorn

FALL FUN @ PUC OCTOBER 30!



This 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

 **PotLUck BBQ starts @ 6:30 --**
Bring something to grill and a drink or side to share!

 **11/11: AIDS WALK LA Team**
YRUU Fundraising Deadline -
- [Donate HERE](#)

Upcoming Sermons

October's Monthly Theme:
Compassion

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.

11/20: Do What You Can

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



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

Joyce Bloomfield had a very short stay in the hospital last week. She is home now with blood pressure much improved.

Deborah Murphy had surgery at UCLA in preparation for starting

Occupy Torrance Movement Picks Up Steam

Two weeks ago we "closed" Bank of America on Hawthorne, and yesterday over 50 attended the rally! Keep making a presence at one of the top financial and military/industrial centers in the South Bay!

Occupy Torrance - Wells Fargo Bank Protest **4-6 PM Every Wednesday**
[21323 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, CA 90503 \(btwn Carson and Torrance Blvd\)](#)



More information: Chris 310 567 3332
or Rachel 310 833 9945
Make your voice heard. We are 99% of the
People.

—Rachel Bruhnke

The Iseum Of Isis Paedusis Hosts Samhain/Hallows/Day of the Dead Ritual @ 5 PM, 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**.



We are still collecting sweaters for the homeless if you wish to donate. (Drop them into the donation barrel in the Library anytime.)

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

EARN \$\$ FOR PUC BY SHOPPING!!

SPROUTS Market cards are HERE!!!

If you shop at Sprouts, Ralphs, Whole Foods, 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. Get the details [HERE](#).



ABOUT THE UUSC

Halloween is a scarily successful time for selling chocolate in the United States. With 42.5 percent of the market, Hershey — the maker of Hershey's Bars, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, and Hershey's Kisses — is a leader on sales but not on human rights. In the last 10 years, they have lagged behind their competitors in ensuring that child labor is not used and that the rights of workers and farmers are respected in the production process. [Tell Hershey today that child labor is unacceptable.](#)

Today, we ask you to join with over 50,000 consumers nationwide who have signed petitions asking Hershey to "raise the bar" and go fair trade. Through this campaign led by UUSC's collaborative partners Green America and Global Exchange, [send a message to Hershey](#) that it is time for the company to live up to its commitment.

dialysis. She is healing well and is grateful for her Church family.

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, [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
Interweaving Movie (GBLQ), 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

Saturdays

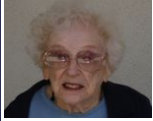
Dinners with UUs, 2nd Sat. of even-numbered months, 7 PM, offsite
French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, H



UUSC HOLIDAY CARDS are HERE!

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

—Sandy McNeil



"Thank you for my birthday card.

All of your warm wishes made my day. Hope to see you soon." —Kathryn Loseff



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.

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS



CELEBRATE WITH SCIC!

It is time for our 33rd Annual Interfaith Festival of Music Benefit Concert and 8th Annual Interfaith Unity Awards Dinner! We invite you to be a part of these events as we celebrate diversity and honor some of our faith communities, groups and dear friends for their outstanding contributions to social justice and interfaith unity.

The **33rd Annual Interfaith Festival of Music Benefit Concert** will be on **Sunday, November 6, from 3 - 5 PM** at Trinity Lutheran Church, [759 Linden Ave. in Long Beach](#). Everyone is welcome! There will be a free will offering and community reception.

The celebrations will continue on **Sunday, November 13** with our **8th Annual Interfaith Unity Awards Dinner & Silent Auction**. This event will be held from **5 - 7 PM** at St. James Catholic School, 4625 Garnet St. (at Anza) Torrance, 90503. [Father Greg Boyle](#), founder of [Homeboy Industries](#), will be the distinguished keynote speaker this year! Reservations for the dinner are \$60 per person and can be made now by contacting Patty Lance at 562-983-1665.

DAWN UNITY GROUP Presents INTERFAITH DISCOVERY SERIES XI

THE IMPORTANCE OF BREAD & WINE

7:30 PM- Tuesday, **November 8, 2011**
St. Francis Episcopal Church, [2200 Via Rosa, PVE](#)

Panel:

Rev. Sarah Phelps, St. Francis Episcopal Church
Rabbi Isaac Jeret, Congregation Ner Tamid

4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty Chevron

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, October 27, 2011

7:00 PM **Men's Ministry - V**
8:00 PM **Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch**

Friday, October 28, 2011

8:00 AM **PUC Habitat for Humanity Build Day - O**
10:00 AM **Watercolor Wkshp - H**
1:00 PM **Friday Aft. SGM - L**

Saturday, October 29, 2011

9:00 AM **Fall Facilities Fixit FUUn Party - H**
10:30 AM **Introduction to Liberal Theology Class - L**

Sunday, October 30, 2011

10:30 AM **Sunday Services-H**
11:45 AM **Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1**
12:00 PM **Half a Century Marrieds Group - Fu Yuan Low Restaurant**
6:00 PM **Samhain/Day of the Dead Celebration - H**

Monday, October 31, 2011

Halloween
9:30 AM **Tai Chi [Pekich] - H**
2 PM **Smart Recovery Mtg - L**

Tuesday, November 01, 2011

8:30 AM **Aerobics - H**
2:30 PM **Practicing UU Covenant Grp - L**
6:30 PM **RE Committee - Panera Bread**
6:30 PM **Stewardship - L**

Wednesday, November 02, 2011

1 PM **Staff Meeting - L**
3:30 PM **Worship Team - L**
7 PM **Choir Practice - H**

Thursday, November 03, 2011

8:30 AM **Aerobics - H**
10 AM **Tai Chi - Stephen Tang - H**
7 PM **Men's Ministry - V**
7:30 PM **Env. Priorities Ntwrk - L**
7:30 PM **Strategic Planning Committee - O [Bosler]**



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

Rev. Dr. Reinhard Krauss, St. Luke's Presbyterian Church
Fr. Tom Rausch S.J., Loyola Marymount University

The Mission of the DAWN UNITY GROUP is to bring together religious communities for the following purposes: to foster understanding of those religious values that unite us; to respect our neighbors and their different religious beliefs and traditions. We will accomplish this through cooperation in works of education and service.

Around the District and Beyond...



UULM-CA is thrilled to invite you and other members of your congregation to:

[Walking the Walk: UULMCA Justice Leader Training](#)

November 18-20, 2011 @ Camp de Benneville Pines

[use a car usup.](#)



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 following Community Events:](#)

[10 Great Ways to Experience Los Angeles Green Festival](#)

Saturday-Sunday October 29-30, 2011
at the LA Convention Center

Fourth Sunday Hospitality

Coffee Hour Host: *Volunteers Needed*

Ushers: Tom Rische & Linda Warrick

Welcome Table: Betty Saunders

Greeters: Marvel Burke & Noel Hammond

