



# Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

## The View



February 2, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi PUCer,

...*THE VIEW FROM PUC* is full of **LOVE** too Love for our beautiful Yamaha Grand Piano that loves us back every Sunday is celebrated every year at this time - Don't miss the **Black & White Party on Feb. 18!!!** That and much more **LOVE** stories in this week's missive...RREEAADD AAALL ABOOOOUUUTT IT!

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### Minister's Message

#### ***Our Soul Train's Leaving, Will You Be on Board?***

It's great to be back from my month long sabbatical in Chicago. I taught several courses, took a course, and served as the chaplain for Meadville Lombard Theological School ([www.meadville.edu](http://www.meadville.edu)). Their new location on South Michigan Ave. is beautiful, looking out over the Chicago skyline and Lake Michigan.

But more impressive than the smart classrooms and beautiful new space were the students themselves. They are bright, engaged, and hopeful about our saving message for the 21st century. I have had a glimpse into the future of ministry and we are about to be transformed. Two of those students are community studies interns working under me; our own **Marci Wayman**, who is working for a community organization in Long Beach, and Krista Weber, who has been working with Toberman Neighborhood Center in San Pedro. This fall, Krista will begin her duties as our new Intern Minister.

**What I bring back to you is hope.** The problems we face are immense but the solutions are right before us starting with ourselves and this Church. The overwhelming vote to continue to grow as a church community is the anthem to a new beginning here at PUC. I am ready to lead you to the promised land that this Church is becoming. We will grow large enough in the next few years to reach out to more of those in need, to bring our values of justice to those around us, and to improve our beautiful campus to be the center of our aspirations. This is the work I do best. I have led

### This Sunday

9:30 AM: **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Forum:**  
*UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme:*

This month's discussion will explore the theme of the January sermons - *Theology*. We will focus on the topic of Forgiveness. Our forum begins with a chant, a reading, and the lighting of the flame of our community. All are welcome.

Facilitator: Jennifer Hocutt

10:30 AM Service  
**The Economics of Love**  
Rev. John T. Morehouse,

11:30 AM: **Monthly PotlUUCK BrUUunch.** *Please bring a dish to share with your UU Family. Stay and visit old friends and make new ones!*

*Sunday's Flowers are given to "Welcome Back Reverend John Morehouse." —Jennifer Hocutt*

*The Flower Calendar is EMPTY for most of the rest of the year! Come on by or contact the [PUC Office](#) to pick YOUR Sunday(s).*

Photos by **Gary Hart** titivate  
PUC's Art Wall through

of our aspirations. This is the work you best. I have led congregations to transformation before and with your energy we will grow in new and exciting ways. **Our soul train is heading down the track, will you be on board?**

Throughout this month we will be celebrating the transformative power of love as a Church. Here is my **first challenge** to each and every one of you: **Bring someone you love (or at least care deeply about) to Church this month and introduce them to me. Invite them to be with us as we sing, celebrate, and learn together.**

We have the power to change the world starting with our own. Who is with me?

*With Grace and Grit*  
- Rev. John  
[Minister@pacifunitarian.org](mailto:Minister@pacifunitarian.org)

## UU History and The New U

Join **Rev. John** this Saturday and (almost) every Saturday morning from 10.30-12 noon as we explore our Unitarian History and learn about what it means to be a UU!

Included in the New U will be sessions dealing with responding to suffering, finding hope, and explaining to your family why you are. This an ideal class for those new to our Church and is the next in our Theological Academy Series -- Credit is available for those attending and writing the final paper.

Child care available by registering through the [PUC Office](#).

## 7 Principles/12 Steps Discussion Group Changes Mtg. Day & Time

The [ADDICTIONS & RECOVERY MINISTRY](#) wishes to remind our congregants that we welcome new members to our committee. Further, that there are among us some who have in some way been affected by the disease of addiction, whether by the illness itself, or by its effect on the family and the loved ones of the addict.

The Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in PUC's Shuder Library. This ministry is dedicated to promoting a safe and supportive environment in which people whose lives have been damaged by addiction can heal and grow spiritually. It periodically promotes educational programs.

Another contribution of the A&RM is the **7 Principles/12 Steps Discussion Group** that meets to investigate and promote the spiritual and healing benefits provided by the 7 UU Principles and 12 Suggested Steps of Recovery. It is open to all who wish to learn more about addiction and to develop one's spiritual growth. There is no need to divulge the reason for attending. Advice is not given. Participants share their strengths, hopes, and experiences. What is discussed is strictly confidential.

If you're interested, please join us at the *7/12 Group* from 11 AM to 12 PM on the **second and fourth Saturday of each month** in Classroom #1. (Note the change of time and day).

—Bob Bloomfield

Sunday, February 12.



### PASTORAL CARE NEWS:



The Celebration of Life for longtime PUC member **Jane Dietrich** takes place at 1 PM, Saturday, **February 4 @ PUC**.



The Celebration of Life for longtime PUC member **Barbara Michaels** has been set for 1 PM, Saturday, Feb. 11 @ PUC.



### **2/18, 7:30 PM Annual Black & White Concert,**

featuring some of PUC's many talented musicians and our Yamaha Concert Grand Piano, will be held **Saturday, February 18!** Tickets are on sale Sundays on the Patio. The suggested donation is \$20 for adults. Children are free.

### **3/17, 5 PM PUC's Anniversary Party and Annual Silent (and not so silent) Talent & Service Auction**

This lucrative (almost \$11,000 last year) fundraiser for our Church also provides ongoing social and service activities throughout the year. And the party is wonderfully fun!

We need offerings of parties, dinners, lunches, brunches (in your home or in a restaurant), excursions, lessons, services, gift certificates, or whatever you can think of.

**AND** we need volunteers at all stages -- before, during, & after the event on **March 17**. Contact Barbara Paulsen, [Pam Harris](#), or [Craig in the PUC Office](#) for your ideas, suggestions, more info, your offerings, and especially, your help!!

**3/31, 10:30 PM Human Rights Forum: Healthcare for All @ the**

**PUC AUCTION GATHERS STEAM: WHAT**

## CAN YOU ADD TO FUEL IT?

"Generous members and friends are presenting an international taste to our auction for our **March 17** Anniversary Party fundraiser.

\* Among the donations are a *Persian Dinner*, a *Swedish Pancake Breakfast*, and a *Champagne Brunch*.

\* If you want a *dinner delivered to your home* -- that too is on the list.

\* And, if you would like live music in your home, Manny, our Church Pianist, will give you a *Private Concert* for your pleasure.

\*How about theatre tickets; always a popular item?

\*While all are being bounteous in their auction items, we need more to meet the demand of those who love to bid on such donations.

**Special needs now are gift certificates for raffle items.**

**Barbara Paulsen** is keeper of the list of items. Anyone from Stewardship will be glad to help you out, including me."

—Lori Geittmann

[UU Church of Long Beach](#) -- Save the date for the annual Human Rights Forum, sponsored by the UUSC Southern California Unit. There will be excellent speakers and discussions on what we can do to make Healthcare for All a reality. More information will follow shortly at [www.uusca.org/unit.htm](http://www.uusca.org/unit.htm)

## Upcoming Services

**February's Monthly Theme:**  
**LOVE**

**2/5: The Economics of Love**  
**Rev. John** returns to PUC's free pulpit to explore how the recession has everything to do with love.

**2/12: Occupy Your Heart**  
**Rev. John** will share with us how social change is closer than you think.

**2/19: It Matters Most What We Love**

**Guest Speaker, Rev. Sean Parker Dennison**

"For many years, I resisted talking about love. It seemed like such a cliché to say that Unitarian Universalists believe in Love. But as my ministry continued, I became convinced that Love is and should be at the center of our faith tradition. Not some sappy, sentimental feeling, but a strong and demanding Love that calls us to be our best selves and commit ourselves to building a world of justice."

*Rev. Sean Parker Dennison is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry and was ordained in 2000. He began his ministry as an interim in Stockton, California, then served as settled minister of South Valley UU Society in Salt Lake City for 7 years. He has served the past 2 years as interim minister in San Luis Obispo, California.*

## Recurring Events

### Sundays

Sunday Morning Forums, 9:30 AM, L

(Forums are 1 week later in January)

## SILENT AUCTION/ANNIVERSARY PARTY FUNDRAISER 2012 BROCHURE ADVERTISING & MESSAGES

Would you like to send a Message of Appreciation to someone? Perhaps surprise or congratulate a family member or friend? Advertise your business or a service? You now have the option to purchase space in our event brochure which is mailed/distributed to all PUC members (over 300). This is a good way to get your "message" out either personally or professionally and contribute to our annual fundraiser!

There are 3 sizes available:

Full page (7 ½"h x 4"w) = \$100

Half page (3 ½"h x 4"w) = \$ 60

Business card (2"h x 4"w) = \$ 40

For best quality, advertising copy should be submitted in electronic format. We can also scan hard copy submissions.

For more information, or to submit your ad copy, email Kevin Gallagher [kevgallagher@yahoo.com](mailto:kevgallagher@yahoo.com) with "PUC Brochure" in the subject line.

For more information and to make payment, contact Pam Harris, 310-318-6024 or [pamha@roadrunner.com](mailto:pamha@roadrunner.com) Payment can also be dropped off to Craig Block in the [PUC Office](#).

—Pam Harris

## Imbolc Ritual Will NOT Take Place @ PUC

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the [Iseum of Isis Paedusis](#) will not be able to present an [Imbolc](#) ritual this year. We suggest that our participants attend the rituals given by the [Long Beach WomanSpirit](#) group, the [Goddess Temple of Orange County](#), or one of those by another local group.

We will make sure to notify you when our groundhog mascot, Palos Verdes Pancho, emerges to find out if he sees his shadow on Feb. 2. Groundhog Day is the vestige of pre-Christian European observances of Imbolc that has survived in the popular culture of the United States.



## Say 'HELLO' to New Members Peggy Nguyen & Daughter Chandra

### February Birthdays Leap Out at UU & U

Leap year is with us once again. February was named after the Latin term *februum*, which means *purification*, via the ritual [Februa](#) held Feb. 15 (full moon) in the old lunar [Roman calendar](#). January and February were the last two months added to the Roman calendar, since Romans originally considered winter a monthless period. Added about 713 BC., February was the last month of the calendar for a long time. Valentine's Day and Presidents' birthdays have joined today's observances.

UU's are in shorter supply this month, probably due to fewer days. Be sure to greet these members of your PUC extended family:

2/2--Charlotte MacMorran

2/6--Marty Gorman

2/8--Donald Dawson

2/11--Gary Fletcher

2/12--Roy Nitzschner

2/14--John Daley, Wally Pereira

2/16--Johanna Lytle

2/18--Denise Dumars, Kevin Gallagher

2/18--Ben Tyrrell

2/24--Pearl Phillips

2/27--Laura Ramsey

2/28--Marie Hoffman

--Tom Rische, Birthday Compiler



### Need A Room For The School Semester? (Thru June)

\*Great San Pedro location

\*Townhome with Ocean & Port views

\*\$750 including utilities

\*Perfect quiet space for a college student

\*Large, bright, comfy bedroom w/ private bath

\*Plenty of closet and storage space, washer/dryer

\*Quick freeway access & close to area colleges and hospitals

\*30 minutes from LAX -- 15 minute walk to beach

(Please, no smoking or pets, I have two nice cats!)

CALL Janet at 310-732-6856

[janet\\_steinberg@yahoo.com](mailto:janet_steinberg@yahoo.com)

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

Contact the PUC Office for Member Section login details

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: A UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday—Humanist Perspective

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—Spirituality and UU

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday—12 Months to a Compassionate Community: A reflection on The 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday—Choices in a Jar—Delightful Dilemmas (4/29, 7/29, 9/30 & 12/30)

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

Great Books Discussion Group, 2nd Sun., L

#### **Mondays**

Tai Chi (Pekich), Each Monday, 9:30 AM, H

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**

Occupy Torrance, Wed. 3-5 PM, O [21323](#)

[Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance](#)

[Note earlier time]

Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H

#### **Thursdays**

Tai Chi (Beck), Each Thurs., 10 AM, H

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

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

## Around the District and Beyond...

**You're Invited to 2012 UUA  
Justice General Assembly**  
[CLICK HERE](#) for an invitation to [Phoenix](#) for the **2012 Justice  
General Assembly, June 20-24.**

## ***The Week at a Glance***

### **Thursday, February 2, 2012**

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

### **Friday, February 3, 2012**

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

### **Saturday, February 4, 2012**

10:30 AM PUC Theology Academy:  
UU History w/ Rev. John - L  
1 PM Jane Dietrich Celebration of Life - H

### **Sunday, February 5, 2012**

9:30 AM Forum: UU Exploration of Monthly Church Theme - L  
9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H  
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:30 AM 1st SUunday PotlUUnck BrUUunch - P  
11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1  
6:30 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L  
8 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - H

### **Monday, February 06, 2012**

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

### **Tuesday, February 07, 2012**

8:30 AM Aerobics - H  
10 AM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - L  
2:30 PM Practicing UU Covenant Grp - L  
6:30 PM RE Committee - Panera Bread

### **Wednesday, February 08, 2012**

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

### **Thursday, February 09, 2012**

8:30 AM Aerobics - H  
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

There will be something for everyone at this Justice GA!

## **Can't get enough of Unitarian Universalism?**

The Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF), a unique congregation without walls, offers UU resources 24/7: [www.QuestForMeaning.org](http://www.QuestForMeaning.org). Come explore, read, and listen. You're just a click away!

### ***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

