



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



February 23, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...*THE VIEW FROM PUC* is warm too - not just 'cause of the beautiful weather we're having, but 'cause of the warmth that all of yoUU bring to our beautiful community that kindles the flame of truth & justice that burns brightly here at PUC. See what I mean as you peruse this week's epistle...REEAAD AAALL ABOOUUTT IT!

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Heart & Soul

Michel De Montaigne on Why You Should Come to Sunday's Workshop:

"Men come and they go and they trot and they dance, and never a word about death. All well and good. Yet when death does come—to them, their wives, their children, their friends—catching them unawares and unprepared, then what storms of passion overwhelm them, what cries, what fury, what despair! . . .

To begin depriving death of its greatest advantage over us, let us adopt a way clean contrary to that common one; let us deprive death of its strangeness... **To practice death is to practice freedom. A man who has learned how to die has unlearned how to be a slave."**

Rev. John and I do hope you will join us this **Sunday, February 26** at 12:30pm for information on

- Advance Medical Directives
- Palliative Care & Hospice - what they are and why you should know
- Communication of Wishes to Family and Ministers

This Sunday

9:00 AM: 4th Sunday Forum:
12 Months to a Compassionate Community: A reflection on *The 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life*

10:30 AM Service
Loving Choices
Rev. John Morehouse

11:30 AM: Coffee Hour

11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L

7 PM [Meditation Circle w/ Randy - H](#)

Sunday's Flowers are provided joyfully because, "We ♥ PUC!"
—**John, Lora (Childers) and Elizabeth Einhorn**

The Flower Calendar still has plenty of open dates for most of

the rest of the year!

Come on by or contact the [PUC Office](#) to pick YOUR Sunday(s).

Paintings by **Olga Slavich**
grace PUC's Art Wall through **Sundav. March 4.**

In addition there will be information from the Torrance-based non-profit H.E.L.P. ([Healthcare and Elder Law Programs Corporation](#)). H.E.L.P. is known for its practical legal education and counseling work helping older adults and families obtain the care and estate planning results they desire.

The presentation will be quite short—under an hour—and the snack table will be supplemented to appease your hunger. Come if you're 18, come if you're 118, but come. You don't want to miss the door prizes. No, really.

Every good wish,

—Teri

Rev. Teri Masters, Interfaith Minister, Director of Pastoral Care
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Learn About Our Unitarian History!

Join **Rev. John** for *two more* Saturday sessions on Unitarian History. *Learn about* our first martyr burned at the stake for professing reason and tolerance. *Learn about* the only Unitarian King who ever lived. *Did you know* the author of Frankenstein was a Unitarian and a woman? *That three of the first six U.S. Presidents* were Unitarians? *And where* Herman Melville went to church?

Journey with Rev. John Saturday, **Feb. 25** and **March 3**, from 10.30-12 noon. Come to any and all sessions.

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

Attn: New Members! New UU Clast Starts 3/17

Rev. John will start an eight week "NEW UU" orientation class starting on **March 17** (PUC's 55th Birthday!!) -- Saturdays 10.30 AM -12 noon. Child care provided with advance notice. This is a MUST for people new to the Congregation!

At the end of the class we will recognize our newest members during the Sunday Service and they will be invited to continue to meet as a group. In other words, this is a great way to learn about what we believe and then be a part of a small group ministry right away. Rev. John will lead most of the sessions.

Good News for all Meditators...You've said, "Eight o'clock on a Sunday night is too late for me?"

Well, we couldn't do without you so... Our meditation time on

Sunday night has moved to 7:00 PM! All Sunday nights will be from 7 to 8 PM in the Hall at PUC. Come join us and add your voice! Questions? Call me at 310-994-8355. In love,

—Randy Goff

The 14th Annual South Bay Community PsalmFest Is Right Around the Corner:

7 PM, **Sunday, March 4** at the historic Warner Grand Theatre

[478 W. 6th Street, San Pedro CA 90731](#)

Come out & support our wonderful PUC Choir - Admission is only \$10. Funds benefit the South Coast Interfaith Council and Harbor Interfaith Services.

Please see a Choir member on the Patio 2/26 & 3/4 for tickets.

—Patricia Hart



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

*From the daughter of former PUC member **Joyce Coutoumanos:***

"Well, all the cards, good vibes, prayers, visits, etc, have done the trick. Momma is going back home to the Gables tomorrow. She has been stressing about responding to all the lovely get well cards she has received, and I assured her no one expects a response right away. LOL!

I really do believe the cards and visits made the difference - now she is back to enjoying her life! Thanks to her PUC family!!!"

—Ginny



3/17, 5:30 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 volunteers at all stages -- before, during, & after the event

on **March 17**. Contact Barbara Paulsen, [Pam Harris](#), or [Craig in the PUC Office](#) for more info, and especially, your help!!

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

Upcoming Services

February's Monthly Theme: **LOVE**

2/26: Loving Choices

How do we make the right choice for a loved one when faced with conflicting feelings? Whether a child who needs special care or deciding when to move into assisted living, **Rev. John** offers a theological context for making the more difficult choices with loved ones. Then stay after the service for our "End of Life Planning" workshop with Revs John and Teri.

March's Monthly Theme: **TRUTH**

3/4: Will the Truth Set Us Free?

Rev. John begin our monthly spiritual inquiry into Truth with a look at the power and pitfalls of truth. Join us.

3/11: Pathways to Love Guest Speaker Julie Orlov

Every relationship has a developmental path—a life cycle all its own. Understanding how relationships grow and thrive helps you navigate yours with more ease and grace. Julie Orlov reveals how relationships grow from beginnings to true intimacy in four phases. She will not only empower you to create the relationship you want but will demonstrate how your relationships mirror what you need to see, thereby providing the perfect conditions to heal, grow, and transform.

For over 24 years, Julie Orlov, MAOL, MSW, LCSW has helped people transform their lives, as a psychotherapist, executive coach, speaker, trainer, author, and consultant. Julie will be signing her book after the Service and taking sign-ups for a workshop to be held at PUC (tentatively) on **Saturday, March 31**.

3/18: Wise Women, Wisdom Keepers

In this Service honoring the wise

The Catalog's Closing, But We're Still Accepting

Auction Items! Your auction items may not have made it into the catalog you will be receiving on **March 4** but if you have an event or an item to donate we can list it on an addendum. The items and events will be part of the Live and Silent Auction on our annual Anniversary Party at the Church at 5:30 PM on **Saturday, March 17**.

And auction items aren't the only things you can win. Lots of gift baskets will be offered in the raffle. Tickets for the raffle are inexpensive so you don't have to spend a lot of money for a chance to win.

And the finger food potluck is an exciting part of the celebration. (Nothing needing utensils, please - we won't be fork-giving!!!) So please, if you have a donation not yet reported, see **Barbara Paulsen**.

—Lori Geittmann

Women's Bookclub Breaks (open) *The Promise*

PUC Women's Reading and Responding Bookclub will meet next on **Monday, March 19** at 11 AM in the PUC Library to discuss *The Promise* by Chaim Potok.

Upcoming books we voted in:

April: *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery

May: *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

—Robin Arehart

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS

South Coast Interfaith Council Invites YoUU to 59th Annual Assembly 3/22

The South Coast Interfaith Council will be holding its 59th(!) Annual Assembly on **Thursday, March 22** at Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, from 6 to 9 PM. Please come join the council in celebrating the wonderful work and people who, coming from all manner of faith traditions, have chosen to join hands and work together at making the world a better place. Please see me, Clay Bosler (our SCIC liaison and SCIC Board Member), for more information.

Keynote Speaker: Rabbi Reuven Firestone, PhD, Professor of Medieval Judaism and Islam at Hebrew Union College and founder/co-director of the Center for Muslim-Jewish Engagement.

Your \$25 contribution supports the work of SCIC, and buys you a delightful evening and excellent dinner. If you can't attend in person, please consider taking out an ad in the Annual Report expressing your appreciation for the work of this council.

(southcoastinterfaith@gmail.org, 562-983-1665) Thanks Much!

—Clay Bosler, SCIC liaison

Sufism 101

Noor-Malika Chishti, an authorized Representative of Pir Zia

Inayat-Khan, President of Sufi Order International, and John Ishvaradas Abdallah, Founder of (the Sufi order) World Without Borders Interfaith Sufi Ashram based on his book, *A Sufi's Ruminations on One World Under God*, will help us to explore and understand the wonder of Sufism.

1:30 PM **Sunday, February 26**

St. John's Cathedral

[514 W. Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90007](#)

Reception immediately following the program

RSVP at www.TheGuibordCenter.org

You are cordially invited to attend the **Peninsula Interfaith Fellowship Luncheon**

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

12 noon – 1:30 p.m.

(Organ "prelude" 11:30 - 12:00 in the Sanctuary)

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Palos Verdes Peninsula

(Near intersection of PV Drive, No. and Via Campesina)

RSVP to Helen O'Loone: 310-375-7914 or cschurchpvp@juno.com

Topic: "**Spiritual Experience: Biblical and Beyond**"

Speaker: **Madelon Maupin**, BA in Religion and Bible Studies,

Masters in

Theological Studies from San Francisco Theological Seminary,
Certificate from the prestigious Balkan Institute, Thessalonica,
Greece

These monthly luncheons provide an opportune way to deepen friendships and to get a sense of what is happening in the wider community. Please join us.

Upcoming Programs

April 3 The Canterbury, May 8 Congregation Ner Tamid

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, February 23, 2012

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Friday, February 24, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

1 PM Friday Afternoon SGM - L

5 PM COA "Wizard of Oz" Overnite - H, L, V

Saturday, February 25, 2012

12 AM COA "Wizard of Oz" Overnite - H, L, V

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V [2nd & 4th Saturdays]

10:30 AM PUC Theology Academy: UU History w/ Rev. John - L

11 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Grp - CR1

3 PM PUC Un-Birthday Party - H

Sunday, February 26, 2012

9 AM Forum: Reflection on '12 Steps to a Compassionate Life' - L

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

11:45 AM Meditation Circle Sampler w/ Randy - MG

12 PM Coming of Age Affirmation Mtg - V

In this service honoring the wise women of our faith and church, **Rev. John** will hold up the lives of some of our greatest foremothers and the truth they spoke. We will also honor the Women's Federation, who after many decades of service to our Church and those in need, is retiring as an organization. John will share what we have learned from their light.

3/25: Who Was Mary?

Rev. John explores the truth about one of the most enigmatic characters in the Bible. Mother of God? Virgin Goddess? Cucubine of Jesus? Stealth pagan goddess? Join us as we finish our theme of Truth with a look at one of the most powerful women in human culture.

Recurring Events

Sundays

Sunday Morning Forums, 9:30 AM, L

1st Sunday: A UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme

2nd Sunday—Humanist Perspective

3rd Sunday—Spirituality and UU

4th Sunday—[9 AM] 12 Months to a Compassionate Community: A reflection on The 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life

5th 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

12 PM Coming of Age Affirmation Mtg - V
12 PM Social Justice Committee - L
12:30 PM End of Life Planning Workshop - H
12:30 PM Singles-Family Brunch - O
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - H

Monday, February 27, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
10 AM Women's Circle - L

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - L
7 PM Program Council - L

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

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

Thursday, March 01, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
7 PM Men's Ministry - V
7:30 PM Env. Priorities Network - L
7:30 PM Strategic Planning Cmte - O [Bosler]



It is only 6 days to Rare Disease Day, the last day of February. It's Feb. 29 this year, also especially rare. Please consider buying a shirt, or other item to wear to spread awareness of Rare Diseases / Orphan Diseases @ www.cafepress.com/rarediseases
Most rare diseases are genetic in origin and mostly affect children.
Another site for more information is: www.rarediseases.org.

—Maneesha Prakash

Hiking Anyone?

[Janet Steinberg](#) is coordinating hiking outings with any PUCers interested.

Next one is scheduled for after Potluck Brunch, **March 4**. Leaving PUC around 12:30 to trailhead near Del Cerro Park at Crenshaw's end.

Hike will be hilly. Wear sturdy shoes and clothing layers. Bring water.

[Click here](#) for a photo from the 2/19 hike and more info...

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

Contact the PUC Office for Member Section login details.

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
GBLTQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

Saturdays

French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty Chevron
7 Principles/12 Steps Discussion Grp, 11 AM, 2nd & 4th Sat., CR #1.

Fourth Sunday Hospitality

Coffee Hour Host: YRUU Teen Group

Ushers: YRUU Teen Group

Welcome Table: Virginia McCulloch/Ramos & Marian Jones

Greeters: YRUU Teen Group

