



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



March 1, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

...*THE VIEW FROM PUC* is Truthy - in the NOT Steven Colberty way..more in the 4th UU Principley way: A Free and Responsible Search for Truth & Meaning. See what I mean as you absorb this week's dispatch...REEEEEAAD AAALL ABOOUUTT IT!

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Minister's Message

Truth Be Told

Our monthly spiritual theme for March is *Truth*. We like to say that each of us has our own truth. While true theologically (everyone should determine what is ultimate in their lives) individual truth is, at best, morally weak. It takes commonly held truths to bind a family, society or church together. While we do believe that any truth is open to new revision, we must still hold to fundamental truths. As a Church, our fundamental truths include the inherent potential worth of any individual, the interconnection of all life, and the saving grace of a community of caring people.

In order for those truths to be upheld and propagated there are practical truths we must confront. The first is that if we truly believe in our values than we have a moral obligation to share those values. One of the best ways to do that is to grow our church. As a mid-size congregation there is only so much we can do with our volunteers, staff, and money. Larger churches have the capacity to involve youth, create justice, and build community with more resources and energy. This is the direction we voted to go with our Strategic Plan in January. The practical goal of that plan is 400 adult members by

This Sunday

9:30 AM: 1st Sunday Forum:

A UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme: Truth

10:30 AM Service

Will the Truth Set Us Free?

Rev. John Morehouse

11:30 AM: 1st SUUnday PotlUUck BrUUunch

(Please bring a dish to share!)

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

Sunday's Flowers "are in memory of Lou and in honor of our son, Paul" —Olga Slavich

The Flower Calendar still has plenty of open dates for most of the rest of the year!

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

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



2014.

To that end, your leadership has begun laying the ground work for attracting and integrating these families. As the months unfold you will learn more of what they have in mind. In the meantime, it is my great pleasure to introduce **Sheri Lukas**, our new Membership Director who will be leading our effort to attract, involve and motivate our church towards our goal. Sheri comes with a significant background in marketing and development. She and our membership team will be implementing an accelerated process to grow our membership. The truth of the matter is, without this growth we are failing our mission. Attracting members to our Church broadens our message without compromising our values.

I invite you to introduce yourself to Sheri when you come to church. Please bring friends to church and introduce them as well. We have the promise and the power to change our world. Our truths are just too good to keep to ourselves.

See you in Church,
—Rev. John

Minister@pacificunitarian.org

Learn About Our Unitarian History!

Join **Rev. John** for the final Saturday session on Unitarian History. *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 this Saturday, **March 3**, from 10.30-12 noon. Child care available by registering through the [PUC Office](#).

Standing on the Side of Love Presents:

"The Celluloid Closet"

Narrated by Lily Tomlin, this acclaimed documentary examines the subtext of more than 100 Hollywood movies -- including *Spartacus*, *Rope*, and *Thelma and Louise* -- and chart the cinematic journey of lesbian and gay characters. Film clips are paired with director, producer, and actor interviews featuring, among others, Gore Vidal, Tom Hanks, Whoopi Goldberg, and Tony Curtis.

Please join us at 12:15 PM this **Sunday, March 4**, in the PUC Library for our next "Standing On the Side of Love Documentary." You'll probably find yourself looking at movies much differently than you have in the past.

The 14th Annual South Bay Community PsalmFest Is THIS Sunday -- *Come out & support our wonderful PUC Choir* as they join choirs from all over the South Bay/Harbor area at 7 PM, **Sunday, March 4** at the historic Warner Grand Theatre [478 W. 6th](#)

PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

It is with sorrow that we announce the death of **Ann Speed Booth**, a 45 year member of PUC. Ann died early Friday morning, February 24. Her family reports that she died peacefully in her sleep and that "her years at PUC provided a lot of meaning to her and was one of the things she cared about a lot." Plans for a possible Memorial Service are pending.



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

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 --

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

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

[Street, San Pedro CA 90731](#) **Admission is only \$10.**

Funds benefit the South Coast Interfaith Council and Harbor Interfaith Services. Please see a Choir member on the Patio **March 4** for tickets.

—*Patricia Hart*

Green Sanctuary Corner:

FARM TO FORK PRESENTATION with Joy Juena.

12 – 2 PM, **Sunday, March 11**, in Classroom 1.

Reforming our eating culture is critical to reforming healthcare. More than 60% of our healthcare dollars are used to treat chronic preventable or non-communicable diseases (NCD) such as diabetes type 11 and cardiovascular diseases. Neither current health reform nor voluntary food movements are enough to bend the cost curve. The major risk factor for these diseases is the typical American diet.

This presentation covers the evolution of our eating culture; current understanding of why people overeat; comparisons of the US to other countries Health Care indicators; and how profits have become more important than public health in the US. A model for change, based on the success in reducing tobacco smoking and its related diseases, will be offered for discussion.

SOUTH BAY LA TIME BANK POTLUCK with Green Sanctuary Project

6 -8 PM, **Saturday, March 10**, home of Carolyn Miller, [1716 9th St, Manhattan Beach, 90266](#).

So what is TIME BANKING? A Time Bank is a simple internet-based system that lists services members want to give & receive & keeps track of the hours exchanged. Bring your favorite dish to share, meet new friends, & learn about the new South Bay LA TIME BANK. RSVP to TransitionSouthBayLA@gmail.com or contact [Dorian Tippet](#).

On February 11, Dr. Bill Roley gave us an overview on Permaculture gardening. We are busy rewriting a proposal for the Facilities Committee to get permission to build a Permaculture Food Garden in front of the Nursery School (as you go down the stairs from Montemalaga Dr.). Our final next step is to go to the Stewardship Committee and figure-out how to finance the project. It will cost \$3,000. If you would like to be involved in building this garden, contact me.

We are looking for cloth napkins to contribute to the PUC kitchen. Give your used, clean napkins to me.

Also, remember to use the recycle bins on the Patio to keep your used batteries, light bulbs, ink & toner cartridges, eyeglasses, and small electronics out of the landfills. Take advantage of them!

—*Dorian Tippet*

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 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 which, 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? Concubine of Jesus? Stealth pagan goddess? Join us as we finish our theme of Truth with a look at one of the most

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

Rev. John will start an six 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.

Pick Up Your Auction Catalog THIS Sunday at Church!

A record number of silent and live auction items are in the catalog for the *Anniversary Party* on **March 17**.

Your catalog is available on Sunday in the Patio after Services. Please pick up your catalog so that it does not have to be mailed to you, thus saving us postage costs.

Barbara Paulsen reports that there is a greater variety and number of items, services, and events offered this year. Also some really outstanding raffle items will be available. The raffle event is a bargain.

Barbara and **Pam Harris** also are looking for volunteers to set up the Church for the event on the morning of Saturday, March 17. Attendees should also bring potluck finger food (nothing needing a utensil).

Finally, if you are unable to attend, Barbara will provide someone to bid for you - please contact her.

—Lori Geittmann

PUC RETREAT NEEDS YOUU ON THE LEADERSHIP TEAM TO GO FORWARD!

The annual PUC All Church Retreat, at our beautiful [Camp de Benneville Pines](#) is coming June 8, 9, & 10. We share this weekend with 2 smaller UU congregations, Anaheim and Palomar, which is a great way to meet other UUs in our district as well as our own Church family. PUC has experienced this fUUn weekend of rest, relaxation and renewal since 1991! People of all ages, old and new to our Church, enjoy 48 hours of bliss in the mountains.....they come back refreshed and invigorated...and if they haven't done so yet, many come back and join the Church as their new friendships have been sealed!!

We are now seeking a team to organize and lead this weekend. It's best when there are 2 camp Deans to share the load, and a support team, the Planning Committee. These are the people who get to create the event and shape what happens. You are the

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 PotlUUCK BrUUunch, 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

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.



Hiking Anyone?

connection to the camp itself and the representatives of the other 2 churches. If you are interested please let [Gary Hart](#), Program Council Convener, know ASAP. Program Council will be sure there is a group to take this on. **Renée Daley and Kathy Rickey**, past Deans, will be available to show you the ropes and timeline for preparing for this retreat.

Thank you, and lets start a great beginning for the *next* 20 years of de Benneville joy!

Around the District and Beyond...

Justice GA is Coming to Phoenix--Are YoUU? Registration Starts TODAY, March 1

There will be something for everyone at this GA, no matter where you may be in the spectrum of social justice work - whether you're just beginning and coming to learn, or whether you're a seasoned activist - there will be programming and opportunities for you to have meaningful involvement.

There will be an exhibit hall, the Justice GA Expo, for which we are still

accepting exhibitors. GA programming will be focused on justice issues, including topics such as the spiritual foundations of justice work, the theology of social justice, as well as a more tactical focus on organizing.

Registration, Housing Reservations and much more information about the upcoming Justice General Assembly is available at www.uua.org/ga.

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 - 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.

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. For reservations or to purchase a Business Card Size Ad for \$25.00, contact:southcoastinterfaith@gmail.org by March 8. 562-983-1665. Thanks Much!

[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.

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

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

Office Hours: Sun.: 9 am - 3 pm

Mon. - Thurs: 10 am - 4 pm

—Clay Bosler, SCIC liaison

The Weekend At a Glance

Thursday, March 1, 2012

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

Friday, March 2, 2012

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

Saturday, March 3, 2012

10:30 AM PUC Theology Academy: UU History w/ Rev. John - L
1 PM Free Quilting Class w/ Kellie - L

Sunday, March 4, 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 PotlUUCK BrUUunch - P
11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1
12:15 PM "Standing On the Side of Love" Documentary Series - L
6:30 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - H

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