



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



March 8, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...*THE VIEW FROM PUC* is FREE, with lots of info about our St. Paddy's-themed Anniversary Party & Auction on **March 17** where there will be lots of services, outings, meals, and more up for Silent & Live Auction and in the Raffle. To find out more about what's happening here @ PUC...REEEEEAAD AAALL ABOOUUTT IT!

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REnews

At the beginning of every service we light our UU flame, our flame of truth and understanding. It gives us a special focus to look at during the Service. Each of us has our own truth and understanding that seeing this flame makes us think of. I love this flame, as I love all candle flames. Burning flames are beautiful as they move and flow. Like us, flames need oxygen to live, it is the source of our lives. If the oxygen is used up the flame goes out, and we die. These flames also have a lot to teach us. Inside each of us there is a light, or a flame, that is wanting to burn. Some people call it a "Divine Spark" and we all are born with it. The great teacher Jesus said, "You are the light of the world; let your light shine." (Matthew 5:14)

But if we try to cover up the flame by taking away its life source, or that light within us, what will happen? The flame won't burn, and our light won't shine. Sometimes people may think the flame within us has gone out, they might not be able to see our light shine and we seem dark, or sad, or lonely. But the difference between people and candles is that the "Divine Spark" is always in us, and never completely goes out. It is up to us to uncover the light within us and let it shine. Let your light out to shine on the people in your life. We will all see and feel better.

This Sunday

9:30 AM: 2nd Sunday Forum:
A Humanist Perspective

10:30 AM Service
Pathways to Love
Guest Speaker, Julie Orlov

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - L

12 PM Green Sanctuary: [Farm to Fork Program w/ Joy Juena](#) - CR1

12 PM Coming of Age Affirmation
Mtg - V

3 PM SB Chamber Music Society -
H [[Joshua Ranz Ensemble](#)]

7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp-
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7 PM [Meditation Circle w/ Randy](#) -
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Sunday's flowers are "a gift to the Church and in honor of March

Madness." —Shuja Oberoi

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).

—Renée Daley,
Director, Religious Education

Daylight Saving Time Starts: It's Time to SPRING Forward -- Don't Be Late for Church on Sunday!!

Adjust your clocks, watches, cars, & sundials **1 hour AHEAD** before you go to bed this Saturday night so you're not the one who arrives for Sunday's Service just as it's ending.

Daylight Saving Time in the United States will begin at 2 AM on March 11, the second Sunday in March, and end on November 4, the first Sunday in November. (Not all places in the U.S. observe daylight time. In particular, Hawaii and most of Arizona do not use it.)

Sure & Begorrah!! Follow the Rainbow to The PUC Anniversary Party & Auction NEXT Saturday 3/17

Come dance a jig at our **Saturday, March 17**, Anniversary Party. Famous Irish (for a day) musicians Severin and Reggie are going to be playing Irish jigs and other St. Paddy's songs as part of the entertainment.

But that is just some of the fun. **Rev. John** will be reprising his role as auctioneer to offer some great donations, including the topic for a sermon.

Our silent auction items vary from a taste of Asia to an English tea as well as two Italian cuisine events.

Babysitting, gardening, and SAT coaching are services that will be up for bid.

Ever want your own web page? That too is one of the donations.

Come and bring some finger food for the potluck meal. Wine, soft drinks, and beer will be available. And if you have a little one, childcare will be provided. Need a ride? That will be provided if you call the PUC Office by Friday, March 17.

To help make party a success, we need volunteers to help set up the morning of the event and others to help during the party. Call **Barbara Paulsen** and **Pam Harris** or see them on the Patio after Sunday's Service.

If you haven't gotten your catalog of auction items, see Barbara after the Service or [download it](#).

Finally, if you still have an item to offer, please see Barbara to get your item in the addendum that will be available the night of the party.

If you are unable to attend, Barbara will arrange for someone to bid for you.

Don't miss the Church's most fantastic party of the year!!

—Lori Geittmann

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 -- newly joined or still considering.

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

Photographs by
Thom Kilpatrick distinguish
PUC's Art Wall through
Sunday, March 25.



3/17, 5 PM: PUC's Anniversary Party and 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!!

3/22: South Coast Interfaith Council 59th Annual Assembly

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.

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: 562-983-1665 / southcoastinterfaith@gmail.org.

—Clay Bosler, SCIC liaison

3/31, 10:30 AM: 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

what we believe and then be a part of a small group ministry right away. **Rev. John** will lead most of the sessions.

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 Type 2 Diabetes 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.

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

PUC de BENNEVILLE PINES RETREAT NEEDS YOU ON THE LEADERSHIP TEAM SO PUC RETREAT CAN 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 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!

Choir Notes:

*The PUC Choir's March 4 PsalmFest ticket sales raised \$455 for

March's Monthly Theme: TRUTH

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 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 powerful women in human culture.

Recurring Events

Sundays

Sunday Morning Forums, 9:30 AM, L

Harbor Interraith Services & the South Coast Interraith Council.

* PUC's talented Pianist Manuel Arrelano performs his Senior Recital at 2 PM, **Saturday, May 5** at [Cal State Long Beach's Daniel Recital Hall](#).

March Birthdays of UU & U

All of March, the third month, contains days of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, and will end on April 8, Easter Sunday. That started in 325 AD after Catholics decided to put it on the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox. Spring occurs this month, as does St. Patrick's Day.

So do the birthdays of these Unitarians, some of whom have our church members as families. Others have large natural families. So remember these good people:

Caitlin Masters, Deborah Murphy, Debbie Reynolds - March 1

Marvel Burke - March 2

Sandy Buttitta, Dean Curliss - March 7

Ginnie Granoff - March 9

Chip Morgan - March 14

Duwayne Higgins - March 17

Mike Buttitta - March 18

Rio Monroe - March 20

Godfrey Pernel - March 21

Ron Keyes, Shirley Mokren - March 26

Ben Cowan, Bill Karg - March 29

Remember the old saying, "March sometimes comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" -- or visa versa? Which was it this year?

—Tom Rische, Birthday Compiler

Around the District and Beyond...

The South Bay Unitarian Fellowship March Newsletter is available at <http://sbuf.org/newsletters/2012/newsletter1203.htm>

Justice GA is Coming to Phoenix--Are YoUU?

Registration Is Underway!

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.

PNWD Offering Webinars for Congregational

Leaders [Check out this link](#) to see if you are interested in any of

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

GBLQ 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.



Free TV Looking for a Good Home

PLIC member Casey Geist is

the upcoming topics presented by the Pacific Northwest District of the UUA.

Each webinar is \$15. [Click here to register online](#). Questions? Contact Lori Ragona, 206-299-4747, training@pnwd.org.

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS

Dawn Unity Group Presents "Religion and Patriotism in the USA."

The Dawn Unity Group is sponsoring a special lecture by Jack Miles, a Pulitzer Prize winner for his classic book *God, A Biography*. He will speak on "Religion and Patriotism in the USA" which is very timely in this election year and will give us an historical background to help understand today's debate relative to the ongoing one which began in our colonial period.

The lecture is free, so join us and bring your friends to Rolling Hills United Methodist Church, [26438 Crenshaw Blvd., RHE](#) at 7:30 PM, **Tuesday March 20.**

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, March 08, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
7 PM Men's Ministry - V
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Friday, March 09, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
7 PM GLTBQ Movie Night - L

Saturday, March 10, 2012

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V [2nd & 4th Saturdays]
11 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Grp - CR1
1 PM Free Quilting Class w/ Kellie - L

Sunday, March 11, 2012

Daylight Saving Time Begins
9:15 AM Big Growth Plan Grp Mtg - V
9:30 AM Forum: Humanist Perspective - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - L
12 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - CR1
12 PM Coming of Age Affirmation Mtg - V
3 PM SB Chamber Music Society - H [[Joshua Ranz Ensemble](#)]
7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp - L
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - H

Monday, March 12, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Meditation w/ Randy - L

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

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

Thursday, March 15, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - L

PUC member **Cassy** is moving and he's looking for a home for "a really nice 27" JVC iArt (silver tube TV) that has barely been used. I would gladly give to one of our members. I'd really just like it to have a nice home. It's a great TV; was top of the line when I bought it."

PUCer Speaks About Victorian Occultists

Tune in to Voices of the Sacred Feminine on Thursday to hear Diana Paxson discuss her new book and then hear **Rev. Dion-Isis (aka, PUCer Denise Dumars)** talk about Victorian occultists! 3/8 - 6 PM Diana Paxson discusses her newest book, *The Way of the Oracle* **Denise Dumars** - author, scholar, professor Denise Dumars discusses the occult movements of the 19th century and the women who made them rock in "Steampunk Mage: Eminent Victorian Occultists" [Tune In Here!](#) Catch the show LIVE at 6 PM Pacific, or podcast it later from the archives via iTunes.

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

Contact the PUC Office for Member Section login details.

Second Sunday Hospitality

Coffee Hour Host:

PUC's Board of Trustees

Ushers: Raychel Lydon & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table: Betty Hanner & Chip Morgan

Greeters: Jean Tordella & Peggy Tigerman

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7 PM Finance Committee - CR1
7 PM Men's Ministry - V

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

Office Hours: Sun.: 9 am - 3 pm

Mon. - Thurs: 10 am - 4 pm

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