



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



March 15, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...**THE VIEW FROM PUC** is GREEN too, with all eyes on 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. Happy 55th, PUC!!!! To find out more about what's happening here @ PUC...REEEEEAAD AAALL ABOUUTT IT!

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Music Notes

From the Music Department:

The PUC Choir had a great time participating in 14th Annual Psalmfest at the Warner Grand Theater on March 6. We were one of six groups performing that night. The highlight of the evening was when all the choirs combined on stage to sing as one mass choir for the 2-song finale. We raised \$455 for both the Harbor Interfaith Shelter and South Coast Interfaith Council.

Coming up in May, Linda Alvarez will be coming back to PUC to share her new tribute to Mahalia Jackson in song and story. More details coming.

Come sing with the choir anytime. If you can carry a tune, we would love to have you.

—Severin

Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director
Music@pacificunitarian.org



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

This Sunday

9:30 AM: 3rd Sunday Forum: Spirituality and UU

10:30 AM Service
Wise Women, Wisdom Keepers
Rev. John Morehouse

11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

11:45 AM Monthly Town Hall Mtg - H

6:30 PM Books In Our Lives
Covenant Group - L

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

Sunday's Flowers say, "Happy Birthday, PUC!!!"

UUncle Sam Wants You (to Bring Flowers...)



**Is it Your Turn to Bring Flowers on Sunday Morning?!?!
Plenty of dates are still available:
March 26
April 1 15 22 29**

Come one, come all to our Anniversary Party & Auction **THIS Saturday, March 17**, and dance a jig to the Irish airs played by Severin and Reggie. *Bid on some fabulous offerings from our members and friends. Doors open at 5:30 PM.*

And this is your last chance to call Barbara Paulson to arrange for someone to bid for you if you can't make it.

Bring your favorite finger food (no forks, or spoons needed) for our dinner potluck. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available.

This is our once-a-year birthday party and if you haven't seen **Reverend John** turn into an auctioneer, you have missed a big treat. Besides the live auction, there are plenty of wonderful silent auction and raffle items to please everyone.

And I am willing to bet Craig Block will come up with an [in]appropriate outfit for this St. Paddy's Day event.

—Lori Geittmann

Attn: New Members!

New UU Class Postponed: Class Moved to Wednesday Nights - Starts Wed. April 4

Rev. John will start an six-week "NEW UU" orientation class starting on **April 4 -- Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM**. This is a MUST for people new to the Congregation -- newly joined or still considering. Class dates are: April 4, 11, 18; May 2, 9, 16. Child care provided with advance notice.

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.

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

I WANT YOU... April 1, 10, 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20, 27
Please contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve yours!

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



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

4/22, 12 noon: The Russians Are Coming...Back! Reserve your tickets NOW for the fabulous St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble's 1st concert of their California Tour, Sunday, April 22 in PUC's Henriksen Hall.

Tickets are: \$20 in advance; \$30 at the door; \$5 for children. Contact

Thank you, and let's start a great beginning for the next 25 years of de Benneville joy!

It's Time to Fill Up the Ea\$ter Egg\$ to Benefit Our 3 Social Service Partners!!

Easter is fast approaching and you know what that means! A special Guest will come to PUC and help the RE kids with their festivities. What *YOU* can do to help in these festivities ahead of time is to fill the plastic Easter eggs you will see at the RE Information table starting on **March 25**. Each year we ask the Congregation to put any spare change or dollar bills (of any denomination) into the eggs. We save them and the kids collect them during the Egg Hunt Easter Sunday. The children turn in their bags in exchange for a goodie bag, the Voyagers count the money, and we divide it up between the 3 Social Service Providers that PUC sponsors in San Pedro...*Toberman Learning Center, Rainbow Women's Shelter and Harbor Interfaith Services.*

It's a win-win!! You don't need to bring any eggs....we provide them. So see you at the table **Sunday March 25 and April 1**.

Thank you in advance,

—The RE Committee

ARE Presents: *Pathways to Love Workshop*: 12-2 PM, Saturday, March 31

Julie Orlov, MSW, MAOL will be following up her April 11 sermon with a workshop on the four stages of relationships. The workshop is \$15/person and 50% will go to the PUC General Fund. Purchase of the book or workbook is not required to attend the workshop. Please sign up in the PUC Office or at ARE@pacificunitarian.org.

—Kathy Rickey

Leadership Academy: Monday March 26: Vision Module: Turning Points and Moments of Grace

This workshop introduces the idea of turning points, or moments of grace—times when events or circumstances lead one's life in a new direction. After identifying personal turning points, participants consider conditions that can lead a congregation to a turning point. 7 PM, **Monday, March 26** in the PUC Library

District Assembly Comes to Los Angeles – Your Chance to See What All the HUUpla Is All About

Please visit the PSWD website to register for this year's District Assembly "Beyond Borders" **April 27-28** at First UU Church, Los Angeles, just west of Downtown.

Registration is \$75.00 for both days and \$60.00 for Saturday-only if paid before **April 6**. There are over 20 workshops to choose from and the Keynote Speaker is author, musician, artist and NPR commentator Ruben Martinez. Please let **Kathy Rickey** know if you would like to be a delegate. www.pswduua.org

and door, \$5 for children. Contact **Linn Jackson** for more information/to reserve tickets.

5/12, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM: 2012 PV/SOUTH BAY SOLAR HOMES TOUR

The Environmental Priorities Network is sponsoring its seventh annual Solar Homes Tour in the Palos Verdes/ South Bay area on **Saturday, May 12, 2012**. Attending this tour or any home included in it will open up a new world of technologies to help you to participate in a sustainable energy economy. [Read More...](#)

Upcoming Services

March's Monthly Theme: **TRUTH**

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.

April's Monthly Theme: **TENDING**

4/1: Setting the Hero Free

Recurring Events

Sundays

Sunday Morning Forums, 9:30 AM, L

1st Sunday: A UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme

2nd Sunday—Humanist Perspective

PUC women Can Join UU women's Fed Continental & Remain OR Become Part of the Movement.

Inheritor of a proud tradition, UUWF was formed in 1963 through consolidation of the Association of Universalist Women (founded in 1869 and believed to be the first organization of lay church women in the United States) and the Alliance of Unitarian Women (1890). *Women's Fed* is a circle of liberal religious women and men working to advance justice for women and girls and promote their spiritual growth.

It's UUWF's policy to keep group members on the membership rolls for a year after they cease paying dues. So current members can continue to receive the UUWF newsletter through 2012 and current or new members can still join as individuals - there's information about that at www.uuwf.org.



Welcome Our Newest Member (& New Membership Director to Boot)

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Around the District and Beyond...

Justice GA is Coming to Phoenix June 20-24, 2012, 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.

Volunteer at UU Justice General Assembly and Your Registration Fee Is Waived!

Now is the time to put in your General Assembly volunteer application if you have not done so. The application is posted [here](#). We are looking for a good mix of veterans and freshman volunteers, with an emphasis on volunteers from PSWD. The UUA goal is to notify accepted volunteers (and those we won't be able to use) of their roles as soon as possible after the March 31 application deadline.

Remember, don't register for GA while your application is pending. But you should go ahead and make housing reservations or arrangements - rooming reservations can be cancelled if need be.

You will be notified of your acceptance (or not) by the General Assembly Office generalassembly@uua.org in early April.

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 BrUUnch, 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.*



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

Contact the PUC Office for Member Section login details

If you are accepted as a volunteer, your registration will be paid in full by the General Assembly Planning Committee. Hope to see you at GA!

—Carolyn Saunders, District Coordinator, GA 2012

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, March 15, 2012

7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - L
7 PM Men's Ministry - V

Friday, March 16, 2012

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

Saturday, March 17, 2012

9 AM Strategic Planning Committee - O [Bosler]
10:30 AM "NEW UU" Class w/ Rev. John - L
1 PM Free Quilting Class w/ Kellie - L
5:30 PM Anniversary Party and Talent & Service Auction - H

Sunday, March 18, 2012

9:30 AM Forum: Spirituality & UU - L
9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L
11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1
11:45 AM Monthly Town Hall Mtg - H
6:30 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - H

Monday, March 19, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club- L

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Spring Equinox
8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - L
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnt Grp - L
7 PM Board Meeting - L

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

1 PM Staff Meeting - L
3:30 PM Temple Emet RE Classes- V
5:30 PM Temple Emet R.E. - CR1
6 PM LPA Meeting - O
7 PM Choir Practice - H
7:30 PM Temple Emet Board Meeting - CR1

Thursday, March 22, 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

Section 10911 details.

Third Sunday Hospitality

Coffee Hour Host: Frances Morehouse

Ushers: Vivien Hao & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table: Joyce Block-Miller & Betty Saunders

Greeters: Bill Karg &

Joani Thompson

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