



# Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

## The View



March 22, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...*THE VIEW FROM PUC* is full of an even more valuable commodity: Love. With THAT, we're rich beyond our wildest imaginations! Find out more about what's happening here @ PUC...REEEEEEAAD AAALL ABOOUUTT IT!

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## Heart & Soul

### My Joy & Sorrow

I have a love-hate relationship with Joys and Sorrows. Our Sunday morning sharing of the highs and lows of our lives can be a rich and rewarding experience that strengthens the ties between us. Done well, they are evidence of a loving and reverent religious community. Done poorly, they embarrass me.

John Buehrens, a past president of the Unitarian Universalist Association says that, "The problem is that we have...little sense of how worship needs to have a shape and tone that is reverent rather than self-indulgent."

I couldn't agree more. I love our community sharing, but too often it is not reverent and seems more an exercise in "let me tell you about me" than a real religious exercise. This is a time for deep listening and deep sharing of our greatest joys (not something that made us happy during the week, but a deep, substantive joy) and profoundest sorrows (deep distress, sadness, or grief). In a sensitive, loving and reverent religious community, there is no place for announcements of any kind during Joys and Sorrows. It is terribly disrespectful of those who are sharing deeply.

If this sounds a bit scolding, it is not meant to. I would just love it if

### This Sunday

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

10:30 AM Service  
**Who Was Mary?**  
Rev. John Morehouse

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

12 PM Social Justice Committee - L

12 PM Coming of Age Affrmtn Mtg - V

12:30 PM Singles-Family Brunch - O  
[@ Souplantation/Hawthorne & Torrance Blvds.]

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

*Sunday's Flowers "celebrate the 96th birthday of my sister, Mary Bernatz, with honor & love." — Barbara Gleghorn*

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

*Is it Your Turn to Bring Flowers on Sunday Morning?!?! Plenty of dates are still available:*

April 1, 15, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27

we could tweak the Joys and Sorrows so that they truly embody the caring, sensitive, religious community that we already are.

Every good wish,

—Teri

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### **Attn: New Members!**

### **New UU Class 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 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

Please contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve yours!

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



**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](http://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 **Linn Jackson** for more infomation/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**

**3/25: Who Was Mary?**

Rev. John explores the truth about one of the most enigmatic characters in the Bible. Mother of God? Virgin Goddess? Concubine

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 **THIS SUNDAY, 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

### **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.

### **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](mailto:ARE@pacificunitarian.org).

—Kathy Rickey

### **Support the Social Justice Theme ~ Health Justice**

Join our Social Justice Committee on an outing to Long Beach on **Saturday, March 31**. We will be meeting at PUC to carpool to the UU Church of Long Beach for the UUSC Human Rights Forum presentation on *Healthcare as a Human Right*.

\* Meet at PUC @ 9:30 AM

\* Registration: 10 AM

\* Conference: 10:30 - 3:30 PM

\* \$20 Fee includes lunch

Contact [Lee Ann Hart](mailto:LeeAnnHart@pacificunitarian.org) for further information: 310-378-1763

[http://pacificunitarian.org/heal\\_the\\_world/social\\_justice.html](http://pacificunitarian.org/heal_the_world/social_justice.html)

### **Film Screening: FARMAGEDDON, THE UNSEEN WAR ON AMERICAN FAMILY FARMS**

Private screening for legislators and concerned persons at the home of Ray and Carolyn Waters, [615 24th Place, Hermosa Beach 90254](http://61524thPlaceHermosaBeach90254), at 2 PM, **Wednesday April 11**. The documentary features the 2010 raid on Rawesome Foods, a membership buying club in Venice; along with farmer Sharon Palmer of Healthy Family Farms in San Paula. There is no law in California governing 500 herd-share

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

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—[9 AM] 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 PotlUUCK BrUUunch, 1st Sun., P  
Singles-Family Brunch, 4th Sun., 12:30 PM, Offsite

Monthly Town Hall Mtg, 3rd Sun., H

Great Books Discussion Grp, 2nd Sun., L

##### **Mondays**

Tai Chi (Pekich), Mondays, 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](http://21323HawthorneBlvd.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

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



farms. There are questions of private property. Finally, can citizens choose the food we eat? Victoria Bloch, a co-defendant in the 2011 raid, and Los Angeles Chapter Leader of the Weston A. Price Foundation [[westonaprice.org](http://westonaprice.org)], will be with us to answer questions.

Limited seating, RSVP to **Carolyn Waters**, [cwaters42@gmail.com](mailto:cwaters42@gmail.com).

—Carolyn Waters

## Pot of Gold Filling Up At End of Anniversary Party Rainbow

The rip-roaring St. Paddy's Day Anniversary Party was an astounding success with \$12,000 raised so far and more to come. But if you missed it, there are still a few silent auction items that will be available for bid on the Patio after Services Sunday. So see **Barbara Paulsen** to sign up.

*Barbara also wants to remind those who have not picked up their auction winnings to do so Sunday.* Bring your checkbook or your credit card.

Among those we wished to thank for making this event such a success are:

The Stewardship Committee, the fifteen callers who solicited auction items, the party decorators and set up people, raffle ticket sellers, our special auctioneer, the helpers for the Live and Silent Auction and most of all **London & Kevin Gallagher** who did the auction booklet, the auction sheets, and the computer calculations for winning bids.

The food was tasty as everyone brought his/her favorite finger food. No one left hungry.

Special recognition goes to the superb skills of Barbara Paulsen, who organized the event. It would never have succeeded without her.

—Lori Geittmann

## PUC Women's Reading and Responding Bookclub Sets Spring/Summer Reading List

Looking forward to seeing you at 11 am, **Monday, April 16** in the PUC Library to discuss *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. New members are always welcome.

Here is a list of other upcoming books we voted in:

May: *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

June: *Cutting For Stone* by [Abraham Verghese](#)

July: *Jamaica Inn* by Daphne DuMaurier

August: *Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned* by Walter Mosley

—Robin Arehart

## 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

### Saturdays

*French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty Chevron*

*7 Principles/12 Steps Discussion Grp, 11 AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., CR #1.*

## **The Week At a Glance**

### 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

### Friday, March 23, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

1 PM Friday Afternoon SGM - L

### Saturday, March 24, 2012

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

10:30 AM NEW UU Class w/ Rev. John - L

11 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Grp - CR1

1 PM Free Quilting Class w/ Kellie - L

6:30 PM Buddy Mixer - O [@ Denise Shiozawa's Home]

### Sunday, March 25, 2012

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

9:15 AM Big Growth Plan Grp Mtg - V

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

12 PM Social Justice Committee - L

12 PM Coming of Age Affrmtn Mtg - V

12:30 PM Singles-Family Brunch - O

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - H

### Monday, March 26, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

10 AM Women's Circle - L

7 PM Leadership Academy - L

### Tuesday, March 27, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Meditation w/ Randy - L

7 PM Program Council - L

### Wednesday, March 28, 2012

1 PM Staff Meeting - L

7 PM Choir Practice - H

### Thursday, March 29, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

*Fourth Sunday Hospitality*

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](http://www.pswduua.org)

### *Around the District and Beyond...*

### **Justice GA is Coming to Phoenix June 20-24, 2012, Are You? – 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.

**Registration, Housing Reservations and much more information about the upcoming Justice General Assembly is available at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).**

### **MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

[Harvard Square Library](#) has a number of biographies of prominent Unitarian Universalist women whom we would like to highlight during this month:

[Abigail Adams](#) [Olympia Brown](#) [Clara Barton](#) [Elizabeth Cady Stanton](#) [Louise W. Carnegie](#) [Lydia Maria Child](#) [Sophia Lyon Fahs](#) And dozens more, as well as these important texts:

[Standing Before Us](#), Dorothy Emerson's collection of letters, essays, stories, poems and speeches by UU women reformers.

[Cakes for the Queen of Heaven](#), Shirley Ann Ranck's pioneering religious education curriculum about the history of women and religion.

### **Get Yer UU Gear from the [CLF Shop](#)**

It's that time of year when we start thanking church volunteers, celebrating the Coming of Agers, celebrating families, attending graduations, and spring! The [Church of the Larger Fellowship](#) offers a variety of UU pendants and lapel pins for all ages and genders at affordable prices. Visit the [CLF Shop](#).

### *Four Sunday Hospitality*

**Coffee Hour Host:** YRUU Teen Group

**Ushers:** YRUU Teen Group

**Welcome Table:** Virginia McCulloch/Ramos & Marian Jones

**Greeters:** YRUU Teen Group

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