



Pacific Unitarian Church

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The View



April 5, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...THE VIEW FROM PUC is always just about the same size. Find out about all the seeds being planted around here @ PUC & what they're growing into below....REEEEEEAAD AAALL ABOUUTT IT!

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Minister's Message

Being Born Again

Yogi Berra, one of my favorite commentators on the duplicity of the English language, once said upon his Yankees winning yet another World Series. "Wow, its Déjà vu all over again!" In many ways what we do each Easter is Déjà vu all over again, and again, which in many ways is just what this holiday is all about. Being born over and over, again.

Being born again, is as good a declarative UU response as any to the evangelical idea that we can be born again with new ideas and new hopes. Reinvigorating with a broader spirit such words as "born again", and "grace" and "hope" and "salvation" are part of my larger project of re-capturing the language of reverence from the fundamentalists. So like Yogi Berra, we are here being born all over again. Not in just in celebration of the power of spring and the older meaning that Easter represents but in truly, each of us and together, being born yet again and all over.

Easter is a reminder that, like the seasons, all of us can be reborn. All of us have the power, deep in the human impulse, to overcome our winter and enter a new spring, a new life. And all these so called silly symbols of the season are just reminders of that human power to overcome and be reborn. The eggs represent new life, the bright clothes the promise of spring, the bunnies, well we all know what bunnies do.

The dance between life and death is a complicated one. There are

This Sunday

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

10:30 AM Service
Easter Interrupts
Rev. John Morehouse

9:15 AM Big Growth Plan Grp Mtg-V

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Perspective - L

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rhrl - CR1

12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - L

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

*Sunday's flowers are "To my daughters, Carolyn and Susan."
—Marvel Burke*

UUncle Sam Wants You
(to Bring Flowers...)
Is it Your Turn to Bring Flowers on Sunday Morning?!?! Plenty of dates are still available:

April 22

May 6, 13, 20, 27

June 3, 10, 17, 24

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

times when faced with serious illness we think all is lost and we prepare to die only to recover. And there are times when faced with the vibrancy of life we are overtaken by death suddenly, leaving our survivors to wonder where to go next. As long as life pulses through us though there is the opportunity to still live life with as much fullness as we can muster. Or perhaps even a little more.

Happy Easter,

—Rev. John

Minister@pacificunitarian.org

PUC de BENNEVILLE PINES RETREAT REGISTRATION STARTS THIS SUNDAY!!

The annual PUC All Church Retreat, at our beautiful [Camp de Benneville Pines](#) is coming **June 8, 9, & 10**. We share this weekend with the UU Church of Anaheim, 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!!

Registration for this wonderful weekend of fUUn begins **THIS SUNDAY** on the Patio.

April 13 GLBTQ/Silent Movie & PotlUUCK BBQ: Wings PotlUUCK BBQ @ 6:30 / Feature Starts @ 8 PM

The first feature film to win an Academy Award for Best Picture, *Wings* (1927) tells the story of two men (Buddy Rogers and Richard Arlen) in love with the same woman (Clara Bow). Their rivalry grows into a wary friendship once they become fellow fighter pilots in World War I. Director William A. Wellman had the full cooperation of the U.S. War Department, which allowed him to film spectacular aerial dogfight scenes. Gary Cooper appears as a veteran pilot.

Please join us in conjunction with the musical talents of Severin Behnen on **Friday, April 13** at for a *potlUUCK BBQ at 6:30 PM* on the Patio (*movie starts at 8:00 PM in the PUC Hall*) for an evening of fun,

friends, flight, and GREAT music.

—Maurice Chevalier, for Standing On the Side of Love

PUC Addictions & Recovery Ministry Presents: A Panel About the Role of Residential Treatment Centers in Recovery from Alcoholism and Drug Dependency "When Alcohol and Drugs Have Closed Every Other Door... These Centers Will Welcome Home the Lost..."

10:00 AM, **Saturday, April 28, 2012**

Pacific Unitarian Church – Henriksen Hall

All are welcome to attend ~ Admission is free

Please join us for a discussion of *Public Sector Residential Treatment* and *Sober Living Facilities* and the role they play in our society's safety net. Points to be addressed:

Watercolors by PUC's
Watercolor Workshop
invigorate PUC's Art Wall
through
Sunday, April 22.



4/11, 2 PM, Film Screening: Farmegeddon, The Unseen War on American Family

Family. Private screening for legislators and concerned persons at the home of Ray and Carolyn Waters, [615 24th Place, Hermosa Beach 90254](#), at

Limited seating, RSVP to **Carolyn Waters**, cwaters42@gmail.com.

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 information/to reserve tickets.

4/29, 6 PM, Celebrate Beltane @ PUC.

The Iseum of Isis Paedusis will hold its Beltane 2012 ritual at PUC at 6 PM, **Sunday, April 29.**

em hotep, em ma'at,

—The Iseum of Isis Paedusis

(310) 371-0274

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

- How services can be accessed
- Why a sense of belonging is important
- Why community service is taught to clients
- Why and how this precious resource is imperiled
- What you can do to help

Attn: New Members!

New UU Class Class Moved to Wednesday Nights - With a New Start Date: Wed. April 11

Rev. John will start an 3-week "NEW UU" orientation class starting on **April 11 -- Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM**. This is a MUST for people new to the Congregation -- newly joined or still considering. Class dates are: April 11, 18 & May 2. 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.

UUSC NEWS

UUSC and the UUA Announce Director for the New UU College of Social Justice

It is our pleasure to announce the appointment of Rev. Kathleen McTigue as the inaugural director of the UU College of Social Justice (CSJ). The mission of CSJ, a new formal collaboration of UUSC and the Unitarian Universalist Association, is to increase the capacity of Unitarian Universalists to catalyze justice. McTigue will lead CSJ's efforts to offer current leaders and future activists of any age a broad and effective portfolio of service-learning and justice-education experiences. [Read more about McTigue and this new undertaking.](#)

More UUSC news:

[UUSC at General Assembly: Innovation and Impact](#)

[Special Gifts for Coming-of-Age Youth](#)

[Running for Justice in the Boston Marathon](#)

[Nominations Open for UUSC's 2012 Social-Justice Awards](#)

Tuesday Meditation Circle Ends - Come On Sunday!

Good news! Since we have ended the offering on Tuesday morning, the 7 PM Sunday night meditation session is accepting new participants!

One experienced mediator just commented, "This is the most effective meditation I've ever attended." And he's attended a lot! (He's very old.)

But he's right because:

~ Chanting cleanses your energy system

~~The presence meditation offers immediate contact with the self as "divine witness" and

~~~Tonglen cultivates compassion ~ for yourself, for your loved ones, for everyone.

How often are you encouraged to cultivate compassion for yourself? Come and join our communion. See you **Sundays at 7!**

—Randy Goff

### April's Monthly Theme: **TENDING**

#### 4/8: **Easter Interrupts**

The story of Easter gives us a reason to look at our world again.

#### 4/15: **YRUU Sunday**

#### 4/22: **Tending the Garden: Earth Day**

#### 4/29: **Let Water Flow: Justice Sunday**

### 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: *A 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 BrUUnch, 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](#)

[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**

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUUnday BrUUunch Ends

For several years we have not had a Hospitality Coordinator despite efforts to find a volunteer to take on this important task. In addition there has been dwindling participation in bringing food for the potluck which results in someone from the Membership Team having to rush to the supermarket to purchase food, rather than meet and greet new PUC visitors.

Not only is this a strain on the individuals volunteering to setup and cleanup, it is also a strain on our budget. Rather than letting this be a catch as catch can event we thought it better to cancel the potluck and just continue with a coffee hour. Perhaps someone will step forward soon.... Please visit the signup sheet on the inside of the Kitchen if you'd like to help with Sunday snacks!

## Hiking This Sunday Anyone?

**Janet Steinberg** is coordinating hiking outings with any interested PUCers. The next hike is scheduled for after Church on **April 8**. We'll be leaving PUC for the trailhead at around 12:30 PM. (Trailheads are within 20 minutes drive of PUC.)

The hike will be hilly, 3-4 miles. Bring lunch and water. Wear sturdy shoes, hat, and clothing layers. Come prepared!

If you want to meet at the trailhead instead, please call Janet 310-922-7734 ahead of time to learn where to meet, and so that we will expect you.



## Get to Know New (Member)ship Director Sheri Lukas

**Sheri Lukas** recently joined PUC and was named Membership Director in February.

Helping newcomers feel welcomed and connected is Sheri's mission. She focuses on proactive outreach to young families and GLBTQ friends in our area, as well as helping visitors engage in the many wonderful activities offered on our campus and within Membership.

Having spent all of her life working in various facets of travel and tourism, Sheri has traveled to over 35 countries via hosteling and backpacking. This "low to the ground" type of family stays and volunteer programs has shaped her into the open-minded and curious person she is today. Having lived abroad and in various spots in the U.S, she is very excited to have recently relocated back to the South Bay.

Sheri enjoys cooking, gardening, ethnic festivals and barbeques. Look for her mingling on the Patio after Service along with her sons Berkeley and Brian.

Sheri is also reachable at the PUC Office Friday mornings or via email: [Membership@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:Membership@pacificunitarian.org)

## In Passing

### Helen Francis Stark Allen 1914-2012

Former PUC member Helen Frances Stark Allen passed away March 24, 2012. ...During the 1950s the Helen's family moved to the Palos Verdes Peninsula where Helen had the space to raise four children and keep horses. She became the director of the Palos

*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, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., CR #1.*

## **The Week At a Glance** [Get this month's PUC Calendar Here!](#)

### **Thursday, April 05, 2012**

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

### **Friday, April 06, 2012**

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp- H

### **Saturday, April 07, 2012**

1 PM Free Quilting Class w/ Kellie- L  
6 PM Medicine Wheel Overnight- V,  
L, H

### **Sunday, April 08, 2012**

#### **Easter**

12 AM Medicine Wheel Overnight- V,  
L, H  
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- CR1  
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg- L  
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff- H

### **Monday, April 09, 2012**

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H  
7 PM Leadership Academy - L

### **Tuesday, April 10, 2012**

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

### **Wednesday, April 11, 2012**

1 PM Staff Meeting - L  
3:30 PM Worship Team - V  
7 PM NEW UU Class w/ Rev. John - L  
7 PM Choir Practice - H

### **Thursday, April 12, 2012**

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

children and keep herself. She became the director of the Palos Verdes Coop Nursery School, was a founding member of the Peninsula Democratic Club and along with her husband, a founding member of the Pacific Unitarian Church.

Helen always had a keen interest in social justice issues. Immediately after the Watts Riots in 1965 she left the safe confines of "the Hill" to work with a number of progressive Watts organizations and then when the Fair Housing initiative came along in 1968, Helen stepped up to help the first black family purchase a home in the all-white Rolling Hills Estates. ....[Click Here for the entire obituary.](#)

### **April Birthdays for UU & U**

APRIL. . . A month of April flowers, a bunch of Christian and Jewish holidays: Easter, Passover, etc., plus our beloved Tax Day and Earth Day. And these UU birthdays are so important to the individuals as members of the UU family. Birthdays are for remembrance. Do it, please.

Thomas Carmona April 1  
Ralph Johns April 2  
Joyce Bloomfield, Betty Paieda April 4  
Bruce Lewis April 6  
Tom Rische April 7  
Donald Fridley April 8  
Renee Arehart, Erica Summers April 9  
Joani Thompson April 9  
Jane Parmenter April 14  
Rodney Oakes April 15  
Steve Rehaut, Zach Winter April 22  
Georgia Ferderber April 25  
Lydia Nitzschner April 26  
Olga Slavich April 27  
Happy April.

—Tom Rische, birthday compiler

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

The April 2012 South Bay Unitarian Fellowship newsletter is available at <http://sbuf.org/newsletters/2012/newsletter1204.htm>

### **District Assembly - "Beyond Borders" in Los Angeles**

Please visit the [PSWD website to register](#) for this year's District Assembly: "Beyond Borders", **April 27-28** at [First UU Church, Los Angeles](#).

Registration is \$75.00 for both days and \$60.00 for Saturday 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](http://www.pswduua.org).

### **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.

## **SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS**

### **Meditation & Contemplation as Seeds of Peace**

1-6:30 PM **Sunday, April 15** at  
Soka Gakkai International  
[525 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa  
Monica, CA 90403](#)

*What do Oprah, David Lynch and  
H.H. the Dalai Lama all have in  
common? They--and millions of*

*others around the globe--all  
meditate.*

*Some meditate to quiet the mind,  
some to commune with the Divine.  
In spite of the variety of methods  
employed, they all seem to be  
pointing in the same direction: TO  
GUIDE US TOWARD INNER AND  
OUTER PEACE.*

Click here to [find more information.](#)

### ***Second Sunday Hospitality***

#### **Coffee Hour Host:**

PUC's Leadership Development  
Team

**Ushers:** Raychel Lydon & Alana  
Garrigues

**Welcome Table:** Betty Hanner &  
Chip Morgan

**Greeters:** Jean Tordella & Peggy  
Tigerman

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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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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).

