



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



April 19, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,
...*THE VIEW FROM PUC* has plenty of info about the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble concert here @ PUC this Sunday after the Service. See that and much more in this week's dispatch....REEEEEEAAD AAALL ABOUUTT IT!

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Please send all VIEW submissions to Newsletter@pacificunitarian.org



Music Notes

From the Music Department:

* Remember that **this Sunday** at 12 noon the *St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble* will perform their signature mix of Russian sacred and folk music at PUC.

* On **Saturday, May 19** at 3 PM the PUC Choir will be performing at the annual *district-wide ChoirFest* at Orange Coast UU Church in Costa Mesa. This all-Unitarian event will be filled with great music.

* *Reggie Neal and Severin* will again be performing music for a *PUC Silent Film & Potluck BBQ* on **Saturday, May 12**. There will be a potluck barbeque starting at 6:30 PM, with the movie beginning at 7:45.

* The PUC Children's Choir meets on Sundays immediately after each Service. Children are also welcome to come on Wednesday nights for the first portion of the Adult Choir rehearsal from 7 to 7:30 PM.

* **Saturday, June 2** at 7:30 is set for *Linda Alvarez's tribute to the music of Mahalia Jackson*. This is a PUC fundraiser. Tickets are \$15

in advance and \$20 at the door.
Keep Singing,

—Severin

Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director
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This Sunday

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

10:30 AM Service
Tending the Garden:
Earth Day
Rev. John Morehouse

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rhysl - CR1

12 PM St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble Concert - H

12 PM Coming of Age Affirmation Mtg - V

12:30 PM Singles-Family Brunch - **Postponed to 4/29!**

1 PM de Benneville Retreat Planning Mtg - V

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

Sunday's Flowers weren't signed up for...see below.
—Your Editor

UUncle Sam Wants You
(to Bring Flowers...)
Is it Your Turn to Brina Flowers on

2012-2013 Stewardship Contribution Campaign

Begins THIS Sunday, April 22

What do you enjoy most at PUC? The inspiring worship services? The dedicated staff? The insightful Adult and/or Youth Education? The amazing music program? You can show your appreciation by giving generously to this year's Stewardship Contribution Campaign.

This Sunday, the 2012-13 Stewardship Contribution Campaign will kick-off, and runs through Sunday, **May 13**. Pledges, which represent 65% of PUC's annual operation budget, have been the yearly written commitments made each Spring for the next Church year, which begins in July.

This year, the Stewardship Committee is changing our primary giving approach from an Annual Pledge Drive to a rolling Monthly Contribution Campaign. This change is being instituted because we feel regular monthly contributions will be easier for most of us to manage in these troubled economic times and will provide the Church with a more consistent cash flow.

On Sunday, further information and Contribution Cards will be available. Or, you can [CLICK HERE](#) to set your contribution online. In addition, personalized information will be sent to each member's home in the next two weeks. Please speak with anyone from the Stewardship Committee if you have questions.

—Pam Harris

The Russians Are Coming to PUC...Again!

Be sure to reserve your tickets NOW for the fabulous *St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble's* 1st concert of their 2012 California Tour **THIS Sunday, April 22** at noon in PUC's Henriksen Hall.

The group's repertoire encompasses various epochs and styles, from ancient Russian chants and chorals of Western Europe to modern music. Since one of the tasks of the ensemble is the popularization of preeminently Russian music, their program introduces to the audience Russian folk songs and secular and ecclesiastic compositions, as well as modern compositions and transpositions of popular melodies.

Tickets are: \$20 in advance; \$30 at the door; \$5 for children. Contact **Linn Jackson** (See your PUC Directory) for more information / to reserve tickets. [Click HERE to find out more about these talented ambassadors of the arts.](#)

PUC Launches Our New Facebook Page!

www.Facebook.com/pacificunitarianchurch

Come visit & "like" our new public Facebook page and share it with your friends.

You'll find that our Facebook Page is similar to the PUC Website, with postings of upcoming events and Community news for the world to view.

Please send us photos or videos from PUC activities you would like to share; OR information about an upcoming event that you would like posted on the page, to Facebook@pacificunitarian.org.

Please keep in mind this is how the curious Facebook community will view us and we hope to keep it simple, to the point, positive, and interactive!

Don't forget we also have our PUC Facebook GROUP, which is a private discussion forum for PUC Members & Friends to share

Sunday Morning?!?! Plenty of dates are still available:

May 6, 13, 20

June 3, 17, 24

July 1, 15, 22, 29

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

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



4/28, 10 AM: 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...

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:

- * 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
- Admission is free ~ All are welcome

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

information and ideas. [Ask us to join the PUC Facebook Group.](#)

AAUW Readers Theater Presents: "Athletes in Skirts"

This new original play by AAUW/PVP member Jacky Mason features four famous, or not so famous, female athletes who made a real difference for women in sports. Featured athletes are Annie Oakley, Gertrude Ederle, Baby Didrickson, and Billie Jean King.

The performance is a major fundraiser for AAUW projects and a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, the legislation guaranteeing equal opportunity to girls and women in sports.

1 PM, **Saturday, April 21, 2012 @ PUC.**

Tickets: \$25 @ the door (\$15 is tax-deductible)

Happy Spring from the RE Committee!

PUCers of All Ages Invited to Coming of Age Gender Circle Evening

Reminder! Don't forget to sign up for the **Gender Circle** evening on **Saturday, May 5**, at 7 PM. We invite women and men of **ALL** ages to join the 7 youth participating in this years' program. Come and share your own wisdoms and life experiences. We will begin the evening together in a short social hour, and then the genders will separate into different areas to spend some quality time together. We all have stories to tell.

Easter Egg Hunt Finds Gold for Our Partners

Thank you all for helping make our annual Easter Egg Hunt fun and successful! The kids had a great time and the eggs raised \$300.00. It's amazing how much a few coins and bills can add up to. This will be split 3 ways between Toberman Learning Center, Harbor Interfaith Services and Rainbow Women's Shelter.

INSIDE UUSC

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE.....*This is a special Thank You from Unitarian Universalist Service Committee for PUC's generous contribution of \$936.62 to Guest at Your Table event at the end of last year. Our contribution helps continue UUSC's work promoting human rights and social justice. Our support will make a difference in the lives of people in the United States and around the world.*

JUSTICE SUNDAY is April 29.

Did you know 1.1 billion people live without clean drinking water? 888 million people do not have access to safe water?

Please join us on **Sunday, April 29** to affirm the basic human right to sufficient, safe, acceptable, accessible, and affordable water for personal and domestic use. RE will give you their take on the water crisis. There will also be a split plate offering after Rev. John's sermon to show our participation in helping to solve this global problem.

—Sandy McNeill, UUSC Local Rep.

HOME 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...](#)

6/8-10, PUC de BENNEVILLE PINES RETREAT SIGN-UPS CONTINUE THIS SUNDAY!!

The annual PUC All Church Retreat, at our beautiful [Camp de Benneville Pines](#) is coming up! 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.

People of all ages, old and new to our Church, enjoy 48 hours of bliss in the mountains.....they come back refreshed and invigorated.

Registration for this wonderful weekend of fUUn continues THIS SUNDAY on the Patio. Contact Andy Kissner for more information.

Upcoming Services April's Monthly Theme: **TENDING**

4/22: Tending the Garden: Earth Day This Earth Day **Rev. John** will draw the connection between environmental justice and a theology of caring. In preparation for our new Permacultural Garden, we will celebrate the Earth and our connection to it.

4/29: Let Water Flow: Justice Sunday Water is vital to living. Access to clean water is often denied to many even here in California. In this service **Rev. John** will highlight the joint work of our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and our California Legislative Ministry to guarantee water for all. Join us for this important message.

May's Monthly Theme:

PUC April Town Hall Meeting Moved to April 29

Did you miss having a Town Hall meeting this past Sunday after the Service? Take heart!! Please join us in the Hall for after the Service on **Sunday, April 29** for our April Town Hall meeting.

—The PUC Board of Trustees

Help Prevent Violence - April 25 is Denim Day 2012

Every year since 1999 Peace Over Violence has organized Denim Day in LA & USA It is a rape prevention education campaign, where we ask community members, elected officials, businesses, and students to make a social statement with their fashion statement and on this day wear jeans as a visible means of protest against misconceptions that surround sexual assault. [Click here to find out more.](#)

PUCer Rod Oakes 75th Birthday Scholarship Benefit Concert at Harbor College on May 4

The Los Angeles Harbor College Foundation today announced that the Foundation will host *Rod Oakes 75th Birthday Scholarship Benefit Concert* on **Friday, May 4, 2012** at 8 PM (Reception @ 6:30) in the Music Recital Hall, Los Angeles Harbor College. The concert will include a mixture of music for trombone and jazz.

Rod will present his original music for MIDI trombone and a number of his original jazz works. As a composer and performer, Oakes has pioneered the use of the trombone combined with electronics. For this event, he will present a sample of these works, including the premiere of his *Serenade for MIDI P-Bone*. The P-Bone is a plastic instrument developed for trombonist Jiggs Whigham.

As with his tenor trombone, Oakes will use the P-Bone as a controller for software synthesizers. Oakes will also perform *Greco-Roman Songs* with Krystyna Oakes reciting these ancient poems while Oakes accompanies utilizing both the trombone and electronics. Performing with Oakes will be George McMullen, also on trombone, David Hughes on baritone saxophone, **Severin Behnen** on piano, Peggy Jeans on bass, Carter Aristei on drums, vocalist Robin Fellows, and narration by **Krystyna Oakes**.

Cost is \$50 for the general public and \$35 for students. Proceeds will go towards student scholarships for the PACE (Project for Accelerated Education) program.

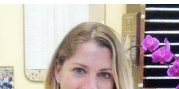
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5/6: Stepping as an Expression of Faith

Guest Speaker Rev. Jean Elyse Adams: "Martin Luther King, Jr. said, 'Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.' We cannot see the staircase of the future. Yet, we are called to step forward in life in full and imaginative ways. In the spirit of exploration *Rev. Jeanelyse* will invite us to step forward with joy and playfulness into the future of religious exploration and faith formation for all ages."

5/13: Mother Used to Say **Rev. John Morehouse**

5/20: Coming of Age Celebration Meet the fUUtUUre of our faith!

This special intergenerational Service celebrates a rite of passage for our 8th & 9th grade "Coming of Agers" with word & song. Join us!

5/27: Faith in the Post Idea Age **Rev. John Morehouse**

Recurring Events

Sundays

Sunday Morning Forums, 9:30 AM, L

1st Sunday: A UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme

2nd Sunday: A 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)

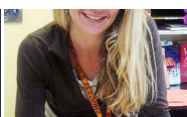
*YRUU High School Group, 10:30 AM, L
All-Church PotlUUCK BrUUunch, 1st Sun., P
Singles-Family Brunch, 4th Sun., 12:30 PM,
Offsite*

*Monthly Town Hall Mtg, 3rd Sun., H
Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd
Sun., L*

*Meditation Circle w/ Randy Goff, 7 PM, All
but 1st Sun*

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*



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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.

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

The Weekend At a Glance

[Get this month's PUC Calendar Here!](#)

Thursday, April 19, 2012

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

Friday, April 20, 2012

LGBT National Day of Silence

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
 2 PM Social Justice Committee - L
 7:30 PM Temple Emet Services - H

Saturday, April 21, 2012

9 AM Strategic Planning Committee - O [Bosler]
 9 AM COA / Sophie's Garden Service Project - Parking Lot
 1 PM Maddern: Communication Group Mtg. - L [TS]
 1 PM Free Quilting Class w/ Kellie - CR1

Sunday, April 22, 2012

EARTH DAY

9 AM Forum: Reflection on '12 Steps to a Compassionate Life' - L
 10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
 11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1
 12 PM St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble Concert - H
 12 PM Coming of Age Affirmation Mtg - V
 12:30 PM Singles-Family Brunch - O
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 7 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - H

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Tuesdays

Addictions & Recovery Ministry Mtg, 2nd Tues., 7 PM, L

Wednesdays

Occupy Torrance, Wed. 3-5 PM, O [21323 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance](#)
 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.

Fourth Sunday Hospitality

Coffee Hour Host:YRUU Teen Group

Ushers:YRUU Teen Group

Welcome Table:Virgina McCulloch/Ramos & Marian Jones

Greeters: YRUU Teen Group

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

Office Hours: Sun.: 9 am - 3 pm
Mon. - Thurs: 10 am - 4 pm

