



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



April 26, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,
...THE VIEW FROM PUC is armed & ready to go. Read about ARM's Residential Treatment Forum and much more, all in this week's transmission....REEEEEAAD AAALL ABOOUUTT IT!

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Heart & Soul

Pastoral Care at Pacific Unitarian Church

What is Pastoral Care?

The Pastoral Care Ministry provides a caring presence, careful listening, and spiritual and emotional support to PUC members who are facing life's challenges and/or who are alone. The Minister and the Pastoral Care Ministry Team work together to create an atmosphere of hope for those in the PUC community who are experiencing times of crisis, challenge, or significant loss or change, so that no one need face these times alone.

How Can Pastoral Care Be of Help?

Our pastoral caregivers will call and/or visit those in need whether at home, in the hospital, or in another care situation. They will carefully listen to needs and concerns and provide a caring presence. They will offer spiritual and emotional support and can, if appropriate, refer to other sources of help.

Ask for Pastoral Care Support When You Are Experiencing:

- * Major life changes, such as the death of a family member, loss of employment, divorce, or retirement;
- * Illness, injury, or hospitalization of yourself or a loved one;
- * Isolation because of age or mobility problems, or for other reasons;
- * The need for help or support when making decisions at the death or dying of a loved one;
- * Other personal challenges, transitions, or crises.

Please do call when you need to.

This Sunday

9:30 AM 5th Sunday Forum:

Choices in a Jar—Delightful Dilemmas

(4/29, 7/29, 9/30 & 12/30)

10:30 AM Service

Let Water Flow:

Justice Sunday

Rev. John Morehouse

12:30 PM Singles-Family Brunch -
The Elephant Bar - Torrance

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM April Town Hall Meeting

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rhrl - CR1

6 PM [Pagan Beltane Celebration](#) - H

7 PM Meditation Circle w/ Randy -
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Sunday's Flowers are from

Cheryl Maddern,

"Just because..."

UUncle Sam Wants You

(to Bring Flowers...)

Is it Your Turn to Bring Flowers on Sunday Morning?!?! Plenty of

dates are still available:

May 6, 13, 20

June 3, 17, 24

Every good wish,

—Teri
Rev. Teri Masters, Interfaith Minister
Director of Pastoral Care
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2012-2013 Stewardship Contribution Campaign Is Underway

At Church last Sunday, Board VP **Gary Hart** asked us to consider "What can \$40,000 buy?" He shared that it can buy a Volvo car, 4 Rolex watches, or 3,200 AMC movie tickets... all material goods. \$40,000 can also buy one month's operating expenses for PUC ... an invaluable good.

As you fill in your Contribution Card, please pause for a moment to think about the value of our church community to you. How many times have you been inspired by Reverend John's sermons and Severin's music program; assisted by our caring, helpful staff; or educated in our youth or adult RE programs? Your monthly contribution goes directly toward those invaluable goods that make PUC such a special place.

To contribute, please [CLICK HERE](#) to set your contribution online; pick up a Contribution Card on Sunday, or turn in the Contribution Card that will be sent to your home. Remember that there are many Volvos, watches, and movie tickets, but only one PUC.

—Janet Kissner, for the Stewardship Committee

THIS Saturday, April 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

PUC April Town Hall Meeting THIS Sunday

Consider staying after service this Sunday for April's Town Hall meeting. Bring your questions and insights, along with your passion and respect for our enduring community this Sunday, April 29th, after the Service.

—The PUC Board of Trustees

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

Arts of Two Sisters – Jane Parmenter & Marvel Burke
animate PUC's Art Wall
through
Sunday, May 20.

UU Joke of the Week:

"Unitarian Universalists prefer buffet to catered," a UU was saying over coffee hour.

"What's wrong with catered food?" interrupted another UU, catching only the last part of the conversation.

Explained the first, "I was referring to theology."



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

4/29: 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

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

We hope you have your calendars marked for our Coming of Age *Gender Circles*—a Multigenerational evening—at 7 PM **Sat., May 5.**

In tribal cultures, the elders play an important role in helping youth “come of age.” They are the keepers of the tribe's memories and the holders of wisdom. As such, the elders are honored and respected members of the tribe. Their maturity and experience allows for a larger perspective of life, and we can learn a lot from talking to our elders. We are inviting women and men of ALL ages to join our COA youth and mentors and engage in this important ritual.

We will begin the evening briefly all together, and then the genders will separate into different areas to spend some quality time together.

The Women's Circle will be led by **Rev. Teri Masters** and the Men's Circle will be led by **Jeff Ordway** and **Dale Osborne.**

Please let [Renée Daley](#) or [Kathy Rickey](#) know if you will be attending so we can be sure to have enough of the supplies needed for each group.

Visit PUC's New Facebook Page!

www.Facebook.com/pacificunitarianchurch

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

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.

Don't forget we also have our PUC Facebook GROUP, which is a private discussion forum for PUC Members & Friends to share information and ideas. [Ask us to join the PUC Facebook Group](#).

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.

New 5th Sunday Forum Starts THIS Sunday

“Choices in a Jar—Delightful Dilemmas” -- Patricia Hart will be facilitating the 1st session of this forum **THIS Sunday, April 29**, at 9:30 AM. “Choices in a Jar” takes place every 5th Sunday.

We choose a question at random that has a philosophical or moral debate. Please come check it out. See you at the PUC Library at 9:30 AM

water for all. Join us for this important message.

May's Monthly Theme: *Vision*

5/6: **Stepping as an Expression of Faith**

Guest Speaker Rev. Jeanelyse 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: **My Mama Used to Say...**

Rev. Teri Masters, Interfaith Minister

Rev. Teri invites us to celebrate the wisdom of those who have mothered us. We will come together to celebrate Mother's Day as a day for thanksgiving, renewal and rededication.

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*

Celebrate Beltane THIS Sunday @ PUC

Our Beltane Ritual is **Sunday, April 29**, at 6 PM. Wear red, yellow, green, or other spring colors and comfortable shoes; and bring a noisemaker or musical instrument. All of our celebrations are potlucks, so bring a healthy snack to share.

Beltane, and its counterpart Samhain, divide the year into its two primary seasons, winter (dark) and summer (light). Whereas Samhain is about honoring the dead, Beltane is about honoring Life, Light, and Love! It is the time when the sun is fully released from the darkness of winter and rules over summer again. As Beltane is all about love, bring a loved one, romantic or otherwise; if you are looking for love, however, attending a Beltane service can help! Also, as with Samhain, Beltane is a time when the veil between the worlds is thin, and so divination is highly appropriate and there will be opportunities to do so. A King and Queen of the May will be crowned during the ceremony. Will YOU be King or Queen of the May?

Priestesses Denise Dumars and Connie Jones-Steward, **Honored Crone Penny Trunnell**, and **Patricia Hart** will preside! See you then! em hotep, em Ma'at,

—Dion-Isis and the Iseum of Isis Paedusis

Welcome Our Newest Member: Darcy Carroll



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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.

If you haven't registered for GA yet, don't forget that the cost will increase on **May 1** from \$320 to \$365 for an adult full time registration.

Youth and reduced rates will also increase. And don't forget that you can

apply for PSWD scholarships until **May 15**.

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

Can't Get to Church? Try The Church of the Larger Fellowship

The Church of the Larger Fellowship offers weekly [online worship](#). Have you ever had to work on a Sunday morning, been sick or housebound? For times when you can't get to church, now church

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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



Primeval Soundscapes: Making Clay Flutes III Taught By PUCer Susan Rawcliffe

April 28, 2012, 1-5 PM; \$65
includes clay and fring.

Angel's Gate Cultural Center, [3601
So. Gaffey, San Pedro, 90733](#)

Develop your clay skills while making flutes. Possible projects for this bimonthly workshop include flutes, pipes, ocarinas, whistles, & trumpets; didjeridus, whiffles, harmonic flutes, polyglobular flutes & space flutes; plus sound sculptures.

I have never yet had a student who did not make at least two simple flutes

will come to you. Join the spiritual expedition! Sundays at 7 PM and Mondays at 1:30 PM (Eastern Time). QuestForMeaning.org

The Weekend At a Glance

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

Thursday, April 26, 2012

8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Friday, April 27, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

1 PM Friday Afternoon SGM - L

5 PM District Assembly - 1st UU Church Los Angeles

Saturday, April 28, 2012

8 AM District Assembly - 1st UU Church Los Angeles

9 AM A.R.M Panel Discussion - Sober Living Homes - H

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

12 PM Granoff: Dim Sum Luncheon - O [TS]

1 PM Free Quilting Class w/ Kellie - L

6 PM Slizewski: Asian Dinner - O [TS]

Sunday, April 29, 2012

UUSC Justice Sunday - H

9:15 AM Big Growth Plan Grp Mtg - V

9:30 AM Forum: "Choices in a Jar -- Delightful Dilemmas" - L

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM April Town Hall Meeting

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

6 PM Pagan Beltane Celebration - H

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - L

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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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notes.

Techniques may include extruding tubes, making slabs, coiling & pinch forms; and combining the resulting forms to make instruments and sculptures.

We test & play them before firing; this makes white clay whiskers around our lips. Soon, we

all have clay whiskers, & the room sounds like a flock of birds.

All works will be dried & then bisque fired for later pick up.

Maximum 8 students.

Directions: 110 So. L on Gaffey about 3 miles, R into Angel's Gate

at 36th; R up the hill; straight back to the 8' chain link fence. Look left for plants on the building. Follow the sounds of exotic flutes and didjeridus to Susan's studio.

RSVP & questions: 310-427-2737

Soundwork@gmail.com

www.artawakening.com/soundworks

Fifth Sunday Hospitality

Coffee Hour Host: Janet Steinberg

Ushers: Tom Rische & Linda Warrick

Welcome Table: Betty Saunders

Greeters: Marvel Burke & Noel Hammond