



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



May 3, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,
...*THE VIEW* from PUC is full of info about Sunday's R.E. Visioning event and lots of other items you'll want to VIEW and reVIEW in this week's.....*VIEW* from PUC....REEEEEEAAD AAALL ABOOUUTT IT!

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Newsletter@pacificunitarian.org



Minister's Message

The View from Here

I am quite fond of the double entendre; words and phrases that have two or more meanings. Like metaphors, they hint at what an idea is and is not at the same time. My father thought I should have gone into advertising. (In a way I did. I just don't sell anything.) So I have always loved the name of our newsletter, *The View*; speaking both to where our beautiful church is located and the many views that make us a free church.

Our spiritual theme for May is "VISION". What is the vision of our church as we face a new future? I suppose it depends on your point of "view." But we do agree that we want to be a liberal beacon of hope for the South Bay. We do agree that we should be teaching and growing and working towards a new world. Several years ago we decided that our vision was this:

"We envision Pacific Unitarian Church as a shining beacon of music, laughter, and liberal religion in the South Bay. Guided by our principles we endeavor to achieve this by expanding our religious education to all, continuing to promote social and environmental justice in the world, growing our outreach to our diverse communities, and having fun." It's a vision with remarkable resiliency. It's a vision that is no different than the progressive vision that brought such folks as Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden to our pulpit. It's the same vision that has inspired us to teach, preach, and reach with love to those who are wandering and in need of justice.

This Sunday

9:30 AM 1st Sunday Forum:
A UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme

10:30 AM Service
Stepping as an Expression of Faith
Guest Speaker:
Rev. Jeanelyse Adams

9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rhrl - CR1

12 PM Lifespan R.E. Visioning Evnt-H

12 PM Coming of Age Affirmation
Mtg - V

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

7 PM Meditation Circle w/ Randy - L

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

This month we will be exploring what that vision means. This Sunday I urge everyone to attend our Worship Service where the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Jeanelyse Adams of the UUA. Jeanelyse is here to help us decide on our vision of what a Lifespan Religious Education Ministry looks like here at PUC. It will be an inspiring morning and, following a catered lunch, a short afternoon of discussion and direction-setting for how we all want to educate for the future. This will affect every person, no matter how old, in our church. Please join us!

And don't miss the following Sundays as well. Rev. Teri will talk about those visions of motherhood we all carry and our own young people will share their visions of faith in our fabulous Coming of Age Service on **May 20**.

Now is our time. Now is the time to hear from you. What is *your* view of here?

With Grace and Grit,
—Rev. John
Minister@pacificunitarian.org

2012-2013 Stewardship Contribution Campaign Continues Through May 13

The 2012-2013 Stewardship Contribution Campaign is underway. As announced in Church the past few Sundays, there are a few changes this year. The main change is that PUC is moving to a monthly contribution commitment as regular monthly contributions are easier to manage for many people and provide the Church with a more consistent cash flow.

Another change is the addition of envelopes for cash contributions during the Offertory. The envelopes serve two purposes: 1) to remind us to give regularly and 2) to ensure we are provided credit for our cash contributions at tax time. When you give a contribution to the basket, remember: 1) for checks, write "pledge" in the memo line and place in the basket; checks do not need to go in an envelope since your name is on the check; 2) cash put in an envelope ensures you receive credit for your giving (quarterly and year-end statements will be sent); and 3) "loose" cash benefits PUC -- you just won't receive credit.

After church this Sunday, pick up your letter that includes a *Message From Your Board of Trustees* and a *Contribution Card* for the 2012-2013 year. The campaign runs through **Sunday, May 13**.

To submit your contribution: 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.

—Janet Kissner, for the Stewardship Committee

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

There is still time for you to join 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

July 15, 22, 29

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:

Did you hear about the dyslexic, insomniac, & agnostic Unitarian Universalist?

He stayed awake all night wondering if there really was a dog...



6/8-10, ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT FOR PUC de Benneville Pines Retreat -- Signups Continue THIS Sunday on the Patio!!

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 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

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 call the PUC Office [310-378-9449] to let us know if you will be attending so we can be sure to have enough of the supplies needed for each group. But if you decide to come at the last minute.....please do!!

A Message to All Church Members Who Are interested in the Future of PUC!!

Please join us in growing and shaping our Lifespan Religious Education for the future by attending the **All-Church Visioning Event** with Reverend Jeanelyse Adams, to be held at PUC THIS **Sunday, May 6** after the Service, from noon to 2:30 PM. Brunch will be available in the Hall for those attending this event so you will be well fortified!

Rev. Jeanelyse will be coming to PUC on **May 6** for a very special day of visioning for the future of our Church. She will be giving the sermon and then, after the Service, will lead us in the spirit of exploration by inviting us to step forward with joy and playfulness into the future of religious exploration and faith formation for all ages.

Religious exploration and faith formation is a natural part of the human experience. Expanding and making UU religious exploration and faith formation for all ages more intentional provides opportunities for personal transformation. Please try to attend this special day to help us plan for the future here at PUC!

Thank you, as always, for lending us your heart, mind and helping hands.

—The RE Committee, Renee Daley, DRE, and Rev. John

Join our next Buddy Mixer May 12

This potluck dinner is especially for our visitors, new members and Buddy volunteers to get to know others at PUC. One of our newest members, **Noelle Portland**, and her daughter Amara are hosting this Mixer. Interested? Contact Buddy Coordinator **Denise Shiozawa** at denise@umeworks.com.

2012 PV/SOUTH BAY SOLAR HOMES TOUR

The Environmental Priorities Network is sponsoring its 7th annual Solar Homes Tour in the Palos Verdes/South Bay area from 9 AM to 4:30 PM 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...](#)

Reducing energy use will help to save our planet from catastrophic climate change, and will save you money as well. The listed homes have many other environmental features like solar hot water heating, double pane windows, low voltage lighting, off-peak timed appliances, and native and drought-tolerant plantings. This is a great opportunity to find out more about conservation, renewable energy, and energy efficiency.

[Download the flyer](#) that lists the addresses and the directions to

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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 future 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 Potluck Brunch, 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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H

seven tour homes or contact the EPNers listed below to receive it. You are requested to present the flyer to the host or hostess of each home that you visit.

Co-Sponsors of this event are the Pacific Unitarian Church Social Justice Committee and the South Coast Interfaith Council. To obtain the Solar Homes Tour flyer or for more information about the Tour on **May 12** please contact Diane Wallace at 310 -266 1241 dmbarkwall@gmail.com or Lillian Light at 310 - 545 1384, or lklight@verizon.net.

All Day Meditation Retreat Saturday, May 19, 9 am–

5:30 pm @ PUC Long Beach Meditation provides an opportunity for a deep, intensive meditation experience at their All-Day Saturday, May 19, retreat @ PUC led by [Victor Byrd](#).

Alternate sitting and walking meditation and eat lunch in silence. There is an afternoon dharma talk, followed by a gentle yoga session with emphasis on mindfulness to the body and movement. Conclude with the chant of lovingkindness and close in a talking circle for those who wish to stay.

[Click here to register](#) or get information at: (562) 804-5570

Coastal California Permaculture Tool Box for Sustainable Living Weekend Workshop: May 26, 27 & 28 @ PUC *If you're a gardener, this is the workshop for you.*

You'll learn about: Land Planning; Irrigation; Soil fertility management – composting and vermiculture composting; Mulching - permaculture lasagna; Annual and Perennial herbs, vegetables, fruit and nut trees; and much more...**AND help install PUC's Permaculture Garden at the same time!** [Click here for the flyer.](#)

Sponsored by PUC's Green Sanctuary. Contact:

transitionsouthbayla@gmail.com to RSVP

Email doridemombynstippet@cox.net or phone Nancy Hofland: 310-320-6084 for more information.

Tastiest FUUn(d) Raiser of the Year! Sunday on May 27 Scrumptious Memorial Day Weekend BBQ on the Patio after Church on **Sunday, May 27**

* \$7 suggested donation for a veggie, meat, or cheese burger, plus sides.

* Larger donations accepted with a SMILE – it's all for PUC's General Fund!

* Come for any reason you like, but consider fortifying yourself for an edifying afternoon of putting in PUC's new Permaculture Garden.

Proudly brought to you by the **Cottage Party Animals ELF Group**

Personal Safety Workshop for College-Bound Girls

May 29 @ PUC Join us **Tuesday, May 29** from 7:00-8:30 PM for a free, frank discussion of what you need to know to be prepared for and protected in your new life at college.

You'll learn about:

* *How to avoid being a target Intuition*

* *Survival signals*

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



PUC Sunday Hike – Join us Sunday, May 20!

Ready for Another Sunday Hike?

Gather in the PUC Parking Lot- 12:15 PM start-time.

Join us for a moderately paced hike on hilly terrain, covering about 3 miles on dirt trails.

You will need: Lunch and water, wear sturdy shoes, a hat, and light layers of clothing.

All trailheads are within 20 minutes of Church. If you want to meet at the trailhead, call Janet for the meeting place, and so that we will expect you.

Janet Steinberg 310-922-7734 (cell)

The Week At a Glance

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

Thursday, May 3, 2012

8 AM Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Day - O

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

7:30 PM Env. Priorities Network - L

7:30 PM Strategic Planning Committee - O [Beck]

- * *Boundary setting*
- * *Your physical strengths*
- * *Asking for help when needed*

Open to girls and women of all ages. Taught by **Danielle Weinstock** of IMPACT Personal Safety. This event is free, but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED @ dlwein4998@gmail.com
See the flyer: <http://pacificunitarian.org/pdfs/personalsafetyflyer.pdf>

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.

Young Adults Show that They're Worth Their SALT (UU Spiritual Activist Leadership Training)

Be sure to check out the [9 minute SALT Fellows video](#) by young adult UU film maker and current SALT Fellow [*and friend of your editor*], Michael Grohsman - you can see the influences of Michael Moore and Bill Moyers!

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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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Committee - U [Bosier]

Friday, May 4, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

7:30 PM Temple Emet Services - H

Saturday, May 5, 2012

8 AM Library Prep - L

1 PM Free Quilting Class w/ Kellie - L

Sunday, May 6, 2012

9:30 AM Forum: UU Exploration of Monthly Church Theme - L

9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

12 PM Lifespan R.E. Visioning Evnt-H

12 PM Coming of Age Affirmation Mtg - V

6:30 PM R.E. Visioning Conversations w/ RE Cmte - V

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

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - No Meditation on 1st Sundays

Monday, May 07, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

Tuesday, May 08, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

6:30 PM RE Committee - Panera Bread

Wednesday, May 09, 2012

1 PM Staff Meeting - L

7 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, May 10, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

7 PM Finance Committee - L

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

First Sunday Hospitality

Sunday Coffee Hour

Coordinator: [Frances](#)

[Morehouse](#)

Contact Frances if you would like to help!

Ushers: George Yenoki & Tracy Blender

Welcome Table: Marty Gorman

Greeters: Nancy Hofland & Kathy Rickey

