



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



May 24, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi PUCer,

...*THE VIEW* from PUC is full of info about our new Sustainable Permaculture Garden, and all the other Fabu-culture that we're in store for in the upcoming weeks @ PUC!!! It's all here in *THE VIEW* from PUC....REEEEEAAD AAALL ABOOUUTT IT!

If you're having trouble reading the View in your email, [click here to download the PDF version](#)

Please send all VIEW submissions to Newsletter@pacificunitarian.org



Heart & Soul

Every once in a while I feel the need to clarify my personal vision statement. Recently I've been doing so considering my relationship to the Church. Consider this an invitation to dream with me, to dream big for the future of your Church. I'm not talking about PUC's vision statement. I'm talking about yours, each individual's vision of how you want to be in this world. The Church is an extension of your collective personal visions, a place to gather to articulate our dreams and help one another to achieve them.

But you have to have a dream before you can realize it. What is the most amazing vision you can conjure for Pacific Unitarian Church? I dare you to make a phone call or post to Facebook and share your dream. I will. Dream on!

You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.

-Woodrow Wilson

With every good wish,

-Teri

Rev. Teri Masters, Interfaith Minister
Director of Pastoral Care
pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org

This Sunday

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

9:15 AM Big Growth Plan Grp Mtg-
V

10:30 AM Service
Faith in the Post-Idea Age
Rev. John Morehouse

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FUUn(d)raiser - P

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Tile Dedication - MG

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O [Bristol Cafe 837 Silver Spur
Rd.]

12:30 PM Permaculture Gardening
Project - A

7 PM Meditation Circle w/ Randy -
CR1

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

2012-13 Stewardship Commitments Are Rolling In A Big Thank You to All Who Have Turned in Your Commitments So Far. Please be sure to make your 2013 Stewardship Commitment SOON! You can go to online to the PUC home page, click on "[Fuel The Flame](#)" and enter your contribution information for the 2012-2013 Stewardship Contribution Campaign.

A FAQs sheet and Contribution form has been mailed out to those who have not yet turned in their contribution information for 2012-13. Completed forms can be turned into Craig Block in the PUC Office or you can [complete your form online](#).

Help support all our wonderful staff and programs at PUC!

—Pam Harris, Stewardship Chair

Interested in Joining Our Pastoral Care Team?

Rev. John and Rev. Teri are looking for compassionate and caring individuals to join this important ministry. You will be trained to visit those in need of TLC and will receive follow-up support. On average this is a six-hour per month commitment. Please see Revs. John or Teri if interested. Training will be in June.

THIS WEEKEND @ PUC

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 or [CLICK HERE REGISTER ONLINE.](#)

Email doridemombynestippet@cox.net or phone Nancy Hofland:

310-320-6084 for more information.

Ann Booth Memorial Service

A Celebration of Life for longtime PUC member **Ann Booth** will take place at 11 AM, **Saturday, May 26 @ PUC** .

2012 MEMORIAL TILE DEDICATION - SUNDAY, MAY 27

Our annual dedication ceremony will take place in the Memorial Garden *immediately* after the Service on **Sunday, May 27**, at approximately 11:45 AM.

All are welcome to attend a brief Service in remembrance of those who passed away since last year's dedication and have tiles on the Memorial Wall. We will be honoring 5 of our longtime members: Ann Booth, Jane Dietrich, Marge Hill, Ed Hummel, and Barbara Michaels.

There will be a few chairs for family and those who need them. We hope to see you there.

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

July 15, 22, 29

August 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Arts of Two Sisters – Jane Parmenter & Marvel Burke
animate PUC's Art Wall
through
Sunday, May 27.

UU Joke of the Week:

What do you get when you cross a Unitarian Universalist with a Jehovah's Witness?
Someone who knocks on your door and ASKS you what YOU believe.



6/30, SUMMER MADNESS ARRIVES @ PUC SATURDAY, JUNE 30

Looking forward to summer? Musicians, singers, dancers, and improv comedy will put you in a summery mood in this evening of music and comedy. It's for PUCer's of all ages and the proceeds go to a good cause – our PUC! Mark your calendars for Saturday night, June 30 and stay tuned for more!

6/10, 3 PM, Harbor Interfaith Services Holds June 10 Grand Opening Celebration for New Family Resource Center

Construction crews are putting the finishing touches on Harbor Interfaith Services' new three-story, 15,000-square-foot Family Resource Center, which will give the agency room to serve approximately 17,000 homeless and working-poor clients each year.

An invitation-only Grand Opening Celebration will be held at 3 PM **Sunday, June 10** on the site of the new building, [670 W. Ninth Street in San Pedro](#) [Read More](#)

—Mariann Mueck, Memorial Committee Chair

Missing Man/POW/MIA Table on Patio this Memorial Weekend Sunday

This Sunday, a "Missing Man/POW/MIA" memorial table will be set up. There will be a place setting honoring those we've lost who have served (in the military, as a police officer, or a firefighter, for example). There will be room on the table to place photos or the names of those we have loved and lost. Please bring a photo(s) to share or write the name(s) on provided paper and place it on the table.

Tastiest FUUn(d) Raiser of the Year! Sunday, 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**

May 27 Mature Singles Brunch is @ BRISTOL CAFE

837 Silver Spur Rd., RHE

12:15 pm, **Sunday, May 27**

Go up Silver Spur, past the library, to Bristol Farms Market on your right.

The Cafe is at the far right of the BF Market.

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*

* *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>

NEXT WEEKEND @ PUC

\$ PUC RUMMAGE SALE June 1 & 2 \$

9am- 1pm, FRIDAY, JUNE 1 and 8am -12 noon, SATURDAY, JUNE 2

* *Bring Fabulous Cast-offs to the Voyagers Room Starting Sunday, May 13*

* *Volunteers are needed to work on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday*

Items Wanted:

Jewelry, Beach Items, Stain-free Clothing, Tools, Purse, Sports

[More Info](#) [Read More](#)

Upcoming Services May's Monthly Theme: **Vision**

5/27: Faith in the Post-Idea Age

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John explores the shortcomings of the so-called post-modern information age, and why simple service is engaging and meaningful. We will remember those who have passed from our midst on our Memorial Wall in the Meditation Garden immediately after the Worship Service.

June's Monthly Theme: **Grace**

6/3: Grace Period

Rev. John Morehouse

As we explore the theme of Grace in June, **Rev. John**, author of "Facing Grace" (www.facing-grace.blogspot.com), will turn to the the power of acceptance as a spiritual practice. We will be celebrating our collective

determination to Stand on the Side of Love with our choir and the men's vocal group "Boyfriend" performing. We will also recognize our teachers for their graceful work in the faith formation of our children.

6/10: Finding Grace in Unexpected Places

Guest Speaker, Lara Helfer

Come join us and explore our shared Unitarian Universalist history....but through an unexpected lens: the eyes of the rebel.

Sometimes the grace of the moment is that we mark our own path, and change the world in unanticipated and beautiful ways. Today we consider the Prophetic Women of the Unitarian and Unitarian movements of the 1880s, who changed our faith in ways that continue to influence our faith tradition.

Jewelry - Beach Items - Stain-free Clothing - Tools - Purses - Sports Equipment - Toys - Lamps - Kitchen & Bath Items - Books - Plants & Pots - Small Furniture - Bikes - Decorative Items - Other Treasures

Do NOT Bring:

Paint Broken Stuff Old Computers TVs
Single Drinking Glasses &/or Glasses w/Logos

Needed: People who like wheeling, dealing and smiling

Set up: 9-12, Thursday morning and 6:30 -9:30 PM Thursday night

Sale: Friday and Saturday 8-10 volunteers per day

You can sign-up to volunteer online using

<http://www.signupgenius.com/> .

by typing in this email address: res8izoo@verizon.net. Please pass the word.

*1 Sign Maker—Paint 10 street signs.

*Four people to work two 2.5-hour shifts per day to sell doughnuts, coffee, chips, apples, sodas and hot dogs.

*Boxes, bags and newspaper

*Contact: **Laura MacMorran** – 310-540-0369 or 310- 944-8858

gordon.macmorran@verizon.net.

The Veil of Mahalia - Tribute to Mahalia Jackson

Linda Alvarez will perform a special Concert here @ PUC entitled, *The Veil of Mahalia – A Tribute to Mahalia Jackson*. Linda, a familiar

voice in our Sunday Services - plus 3 guest singers, *Severin Behnen* on Piano, and *Armand "Reggie" Neal* on Flute and Saxophone – will celebrate Mahalia with music and narration, telling the life and history of this legendary woman. Tickets are \$15 in advance, and \$20 at the door.

Proceeds from this concert go to PUC's Operating Fund.

Please see **Patricia Hart** on the Patio after Sunday's Service to get your tickets to this musical extravaganza.

Won't You Come Walk with Us to Fight World Hunger?

The Social Justice Team wants to thank Everyone for the great response to the Split Plate Collection for the upcoming Peninsula-Harbor Hunger Walk.

Rev. John will be joining 16 other PUC Walkers on **June 2** to raise funds for the families across the planet that go to bed without food and water. You Have One More Opportunity this Sunday to sponsor a walker, or join in yourself. See a Social Justice Team Member on the Patio. Or contact **Lee Ann Hart** at 310-378-1763 or lahart5@gmail.com.

When Val Richards first heard her daughter, Kim Crawford, was attending a Unitarian Universalist Church, she was concerned. "I was not familiar with the teachings of the church, so I came to find out what it's all about." Now, a year after relocating to San Pedro from upstate New York, Val says she has found a religious home for herself at PUC and enjoys attending services with Kim, now congregational president, each Sunday.

In New York, Val worked as a real estate broker for 22 years, after shifting careers from social work and counseling. She is a graduate of Holy Names Academy in Rome, NY and Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs. She was raised a Roman Catholic but had not affiliated with a church home for many years.

Now retired, she volunteers twice weekly at Little Company of Mary Hospital in San Pedro and at church. She has another daughter, Meloney

Lara Helfer is a Unitarian Universalist Candidate for Ministry. She recently received her M.Div. from Claremont School of Theology and will shortly conclude an internship with the Universalist Unitarian Church of Riverside.

6/17: Lessons in Parenthood

Rev. John Morehouse

As we celebrate Father's Day, **Rev. John** will preach on the struggles and joys of parenting in all its many forms. When do we know if we have done enough? How do we forgive our mistakes? This was the sermon purchased by the **Einhorn-Childers** family at the Auction.

6/24: Saving Grace

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John returns from the UU General Assembly in Phoenix to explore the power of helping those in need to simply live.

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 BrUUnch, 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

Thursdays

Crawford, who lives in Portland, Oregon. "I feel at home at PUC and love Rev. John's wisdom, humor and inspiration. Every Sunday, I feel better after attending the service than before I came," she says. "Being a part of this community is a valued part of my life."

The Weekend At a Glance

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

Thursday, May 24, 2012

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

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

Friday, May 25, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

1 PM Friday Afternoon SGM - L

Saturday, May 26, 2012

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

11 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Grp - CR1

3 PM Introduction to Permaculture Gardening- H

Sunday, May 27, 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

11:30 AM E.L.F. BBQ Brunch FUUn(d)raiser - P

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Fourth Sunday Hospitality

Coffee Hour Host:YRUU Teen Group

Ushers:YRUU Teen Group

Welcome Table:Virginia McCulloch/Ramos & Marian Jones

Greeters: YRUU Teen Group

Inursoays

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

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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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