



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



May 31, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,
...*THE VIEW* from PUC is a grab-bag of items about tasty treats for the tummy, heart, & soul @ PUC!!! It's all here in *THE VIEW* from PUC....REEEEEEAAD AAALL ABOUUTT IT!

Did I mention we're having a **RUMMAGE SALE** and YoUU can still bring your treasures in...or maybe find a few new things!!!

AND WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T MISS THE MAHALIA JACKSON TRIBUTE - FEATURING THE AMAZING LINDA AVAREZ - ON SATURDAY NIGHT @ PUC

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

From Your Board of Trustees

Servant Leadership

Our fiscal year fast approaches and the Board of Trustees has worked to present the Congregation with a balanced budget. This involved several very difficult decisions, including eliminating the Pastoral Care Director from staff and reducing the hours of the Director of Religious Education back to the original half-time position it once was. This will have an impact on them and lives that they touch every day.

When staff is reduced, the remaining staff and volunteers must work harder. Largely, we do this in the spirit of servant leadership,

seeking to serve first and using leadership skills only as a means of elevating our community and being humble stewards of PUC's resources.

We have so many energetic servant leaders here – serving in so many ways. Some serve our children, some serve our thinking, some serve the usefulness of our free time, and some serve our vision. When we are properly served by trusted friends in our community, we find the energy to serve it ourselves. We move forward confidently to not only face, but to create, many great days ahead.

This Sunday

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

9:15 AM Big Growth Plan Grp Mtg - V

10:30 AM Service
Grace Period
Rev. John Morehouse

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rhrl - CR1

12 PM Pastoral Care Team Mtg - V

12 PM Membership Development Team - L

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

7 PM Meditation Circle w/ Randy - CR1

Sunday's Flowers symbolize a prayer that the ethos & philosophy of our faith catches up

with the rest of humanity, so that we may all see the end of bigotry and live with the spirit of love and peaceful coexistence. —Shuja Oberoi

UUncle Sam Wants You
(to Bring Flowers)

A recent article on the plight of UU congregations in these recessionary times reminded us that "getting by" is not sustainable. Yes, we must be fiscally responsible, but we *must* continue to strive for the managed growth we know is imperative for our survival. Lead on...

—Your Board of Trustees

We Need YoUUr 2012-13 Stewardship Commitments

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

\$ PUC RUMMAGE SALE THIS WEEKEND: JUNE 1 & 2

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

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

Items Wanted:

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: 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

(No Bring Flowers)
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!

Paintings by DuWayne Higgins
ellucidate PUC's Art Wall
through
Sunday, June 24.

UU Joke of the Week:

Did you hear about the insomniac
dyslexic Unitarian?

She stayed awake all night
wondering if there really was a
Dog.



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](#)

6/27, Tasty FUUn(d)raiser for

JUN 27 PUC @ CPK Mark Your Calendar for **JUNE 27** for an easy, fun and yummy way to raise money for PUC

Just print a copy of [this downloadable flyer](#) and bring it with you to the **California Pizza Kitchen** (Rolling Hills Plaza/[25306 Crenshaw Blvd.](#)) on **Wednesday, June 27** for lunch and/or dinner between 11 AM -9 PM. PUC will

Contact: Laura MacMorran 310-658-6666 or 310-611-6666
gordon.macmorran@verizon.net



The Veil of Mahalia – Tribute to Mahalia Jackson

Linda Alvarez will perform a special Concert here @ PUC at 7 PM **THIS Saturday, June 2** 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 contact Patricia Hart / 310-658-1074 to reserve 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.

Occupy PV Is Here for YoUU

Feel like democracy is not fulfilling its promise? Want to make our nation a better place? **Occupy PV** may be the place to express your concerns.

Occupy PV is a group of concerned Peninsula residents who have a vision for a better America. They act in solidarity with Occupy Wall Street and many other Occupy groups around the country.

Occupy PV demonstrates **every Saturday** from 11 AM to 1 PM at the intersection of Hawthorne Blvd and Silver Spur Road in Rolling Hills Estates. You are invited to join us. Contact Hans Grellmann pvegrellmann@dslextreme.com or **Barbara Gleghorn** for more information.

Find Out More About PUC's Big Growth Plan @ de Benneville Pines Retreat

Curious about the Big Growth Plan? Want to learn more? Going to the Retreat at Camp de Benneville? A workshop will be held during the de Benneville retreat to share and discuss the details of the plan to help grow PUC – the Big Growth Plan. Please drop on by.

—John Einhorn



Un Close w/ New Member Val Richards!

receive 20% of your bill! Gift cards purchased at that CPK that day count too!

So please mark your calendar and share this flyer with your friends and family! And what a great opportunity to spend time with your new and old friends at PUC. Meet there and nourish your body AND spirit at the same time.

Questions? Check with Denise Shiozawa (310) 257-9127.

NOTE: Please do **NOT** pass out this flyer to strangers near the restaurant. This will void our fundraiser.

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!

Upcoming Services 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 robot



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 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."

—Vivien Hao

IT'S EASY TO BE GREEN @ PUC: RECYCLE HERE!!

Don't forget to bring your **used-up ink & toner cartridges** for recycling (and cash for PUC); your **used batteries, light bulbs, and small electronic devices** for safe disposal and recycling; and **old eyeglasses** for re-use in Latin America; to PUC's recycling center – located just outside the kitchen door. Please bring your **expired prescription & non-prescription meds** to the PUC Office for safe disposal.

—Craig Block

Around the District and Beyond...

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out how you can follow the UU General Assembly coverage from home.

The Week At a Glance

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

Thursday, May 31, 2012

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

Friday, June 01, 2012

9 AM PUC Rummage Sale – H

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - TBA

7:30 PM Temple Emet Services - H

Saturday, June 02, 2012

8 AM PUC Rummage Sale – H

9 AM Peninsula Harbor CROP Hunger Walk 2012 - O

7 PM Linda Alvarez in "the Veil of Mahalia!" – H

Sunday, June 03, 2012

9:15 AM Big Growth Plan Group Mtg. - V

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

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

revel.

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.

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 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

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1
12 PM Pastoral Care Team Mtg - V
12 PM Membership Development Team - L
6:30 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - No Meditation on 1st Sundays

Monday, June 04, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

Tuesday, June 05, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - Cancelled Today
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnt Grp - L
6:30 PM Stewardship - L
6:30 PM RE Committee - Panera Bread

Wednesday, June 06, 2012

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

Thursday, June 07, 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

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

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*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
GBLTQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L*

Saturdays

*French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat.,
10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty
Chevron*

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

Office Hours: Sun.: 9 am - 3 pm

Mon. - Thurs: 10 am - 4 pm

