



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



June 7, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,
...but *THE VIEW* from PUC won't stand down!!! It's all here in *THE VIEW* from PUC...REEEEEEAAD AAALL ABOOUUTT IT!

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Minister's Message

Grace Period

I believe in **Grace**; the unexpected gifts of life that beckon us on to give back to the world in daring rectitude. I think religious liberals too often belittle Grace by assuming that only we have control over events. After all we are a religion of deeds not creeds. We end our Service with the words "now the service truly begins." But doing good in the world does not negate grace. Grace happens. You need a solution, the phone rings and someone has an idea. You don't know how you are going to pay the bills and you receive a bonus, or even a job offer. You have learned you are dying of cancer but your family heals and comes together because of it. Grace happens all the time. Some will call it chance, or serendipity, but I like Grace better.

Sometimes grace even comes through suffering. Many years ago I was invited to lead a Service for "Families of Murdered Children." The Service was outdoors in a park. During the service we would plant a tree. During the Service I noticed a lone man standing at the edge of the park. The Service, very moving, ended, and everyone left except for this young family. I knew their story: They had lost their three year-old son to a drunk driver. This was their first Service of this kind and it was very hard for them. As they stood and turned the mother gasped, staring at the man across the park, her husband's fists clenched, this was the man who had killed their son. Slowly the lone man walked towards them, I was trying to play through what I would do if this turned violent. He stopped about ten feet away. Tears were streaming down his face. He whispered with as much

This Sunday

9:30 AM 2nd Sunday Forum:
A Humanist Perspective

10:30 AM Service
Finding Grace in Unexpected Places
Guest Speaker, Lara Helfer
(This Sunday there will be childcare only for children 6 years old or younger. All others will remain with their parents in the Service.)

10:30 AM Service in the Woods @ the PUC All-Church Retreat @ Camp de Benneville Pines - O

11:45 AM Kids' Choir RhrsI - CR1

12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - L

7 PM Great Books Dscssn Grp - L

7 PM Meditation Circle w/ Randy - CR1

*Sunday's Flowers wish a "Happy birthday to my stellar son, fabulous friend, computer consultant, & ebullient escort to elegant events, **Craig Block**"*
—Joyce Block-Miller

Where Have All the

voice as he could manage, "I'm sorry." The silence which followed could have birthed triplets. The husband put his arm around his wife and nodded and the man turned and left. The mother broke down. The whole exchange lasted less than two minutes but changed me forever. Here I understood what Newton meant when he said, "I once was lost but now am found." Not that the killer or the family or anyone was saved, just found. Found their humanity again. Found life. Grace given and received just like that. Grace. Period.

As the Dutch theologian Henri Nouwen observed "Who amongst us doesn't want to come home? Who amongst us does want to be forgiven?" Forgiveness is what helps grace along most of all. John Newton's father never forgave his son for squandering his future. God and perhaps even Newton forgave himself for the evil he had done. More importantly, Grace was made real as Newton worked to undo what he had done. The homeless man made real his grace by helping those fallen beside him. Sometimes grace lies just inside a new day. One of my favorite poets, W.H. Auden, wrote of Grace "In the deserts of the heart, let the healing fountain start, in the prison of his day, teach the free man how to praise." Amazing and mysterious and as old as time, grace comes unbidden to each and every one of us. "When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise, Then when we'd first begun."

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

We Still Need You! 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

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

Occupy PV Is Here for You

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.

*Where have all the
Flower(bringer)s Gone?
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

September 2, 9, 23, 30

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

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

UU Joke of the Week:

The White Bear Lake, MN UU congregation used to sell a bumper sticker that read:

"It's easier to be born again than it is to grow up!"



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](#)

6/20, 4 PM, Helen Frances Starke Allen Memorial set for June 20

A celebration of the life of PUC Charter Member Helen Frances Starke Allen will be held at 4 PM on **Wednesday, June 20**, at The Loft Gallery / 401 S. Mesa Street, 3rd floor / San Pedro

RSVP by June 15 to Linda Grimes

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](mailto:pvegrellmann@dslextreme.com) or **Barbara Gleghorn** for more information.

PASTORAL CARE NEWS:



Georgianne Declercq continues her recovery from a broken ankle at home. Calls, cards, & visits are all welcome!

Dave English, who several weeks ago had part of one leg amputated due to complications from diabetes, has had to have more of the same leg taken. As of this writing he is out of the hospital and in Heritage Rehabilitation Center in Torrance. He and Jean are moving to The Belmont in Rancho Palos Verdes in very short order. They have been in their house for over 40 years and this move is very difficult. Please keep both Dave and Jean in your thoughts and prayers.

Tom Rische is having serious ongoing health problems. Please hold him close in love. And you could call or send a card, too!

Rummage Sale \$ucce\$\$

The Rummage Sale was a fun success! Thank you for your donations!

A Donation Receipt from the Church is below. Please let [Laura MacMorran](#) know if you need a signed copy.

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5621 Montemalaga Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 –	
Donation Receipt	
Thank you for your donation to Pacific Unitarian Church, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (TAX ID# 95-2250196).	
Pacific Unitarian Church provided no goods or services in consideration for your donation.	
Please accept this as acknowledgement of your donation. PUC makes no determination of the value of the donation. Please consult your tax advisor/accountant. Please complete the information below and keep this for your tax purposes.	
Thank you for your support.	
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Date	Value

RSVP by June 15 to Linda Grimes and Fred Allen 310.732.0010 lgrimes@gspo.com



Mark your calendar for an easy, fun and yummy way to raise money for PUC. Just bring a copy of [this flyer](#) to **California Pizza Kitchen** in Rolling Hills Plaza on **Wednesday, June 27** and PUC will receive 20% of your bill! Gift cards purchased at that CPK that day count too!

6/30, 7:30 PM, 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!

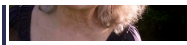
Upcoming Services
June's Monthly Theme:
Grace

6/10: 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.

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.



Up Close w/ New Member Darcy Carroll!
Darcy Carroll is an erstwhile Catholic who has

 found a new faith home at PUC. The new member lives in Hawthorne with her 88-year old mother, for whom she is the sole caregiver.

Darcy, a psychotherapist, is employed by an El Segundo insurance company. She is a graduate of Antioch University and worked for some years as therapist in private practice in Hollywood. She is a member of the PUC Choir and enjoys all kinds of music, especially bluegrass. She says she was especially attracted to PUC because of our wonderful Music Ministry and Music Director Severin Behnen.

A California native, Darcy says she decided to join the Church after she asked Rev. Teri why she should become a member rather than simply visiting on a regular basis. "She said, 'It's the difference between living together and getting married,'" recalls Darcy. "I decided that I wanted to make the commitment to PUC."

Look for Darcy in the Choir and in the Patio during Coffee Hour and say hello.

—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...or wherever you are!

Coming Soon: [The General Assembly \(GA\) Mobile app](#)

THE WARE LECTURE SERIES

Founded in 1920 by a generous gift from Harriet E. Ware of Milton, Massachusetts, the Ware Lecture Series originally took place during the American Unitarian Association's May Meetings. Following consolidation in 1961, the lecture series moved to become a part of the Unitarian Universalist Association's June General Assemblies.

[This retrospective of Ware Lectures from 1931-2007 contains brief biographies of most of the speakers featured during these years.](#)

This year's Ware Lecture, featuring [Maria Hinojosa](#) takes place on **Saturday, June 23 @ 5:15 - 6:15 PM.**



The June South Bay Unitarian Fellowship newsletter is available at

<http://sbuf.org/newsletters/2012/newsletter1206.htm>

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS

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

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



Summer SCIC Interfaith Café #2 on June 17!

Sunday, June 17, 2 - 5 PM

Interfaith Cafés are small group discussions for members of the interfaith community, including youth (9th-12th graders) and faith leaders about how faith both impacts our daily lives and allows us to relate to, and appreciate, those from other faith traditions. Each session consists of the same format, but with different participants. You are invited to attend one or all of the Cafés!

Sunday, June 17, 2 - 5 p.m. Host: Masjid Al-Shareef, [2104 Orange Avenue, Long Beach, 90806](#). Co-Host: Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living & Barbereno Chumash Council (Native American Spirituality).

The Week At a Glance

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

Thursday, June 07, 2012

7 PM Men's Ministry - V
7:30 PM Strategic Planning Committee - O
7:30 PM Env. Priorities Network - L

Friday, June 08, 2012

PUC All-Church Retreat @ Camp de Benneville Pines - O
10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
1 PM Friday Afternoon SGM - V
7 PM GLTBQ Movie Night - Cancelled This Month

Saturday, June 09, 2012

PUC All-Church Retreat @ Camp de Benneville Pines - O
10 AM French Conversation Grp - V [2nd & 4th Saturdays]
7 PM Dinners with UU's - O [On Hiatus]

Sunday, June 10, 2012

PUC All-Church Retreat @ Camp de Benneville Pines - O
9:30 AM Forum: Humanist Perspective-L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - L
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - H
7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp - L

Monday, June 11, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

1 PM Staff Meeting - L
7 PM Infinity in Your Hands Group - L

Thursday, June 14, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

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Fridays

Watercolor Workshop, 10 AM - noon, H
Friday Afternoon SGM, 2nd & 4th Fri., 1-3 PM, V
GLTBQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

Saturdays

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

First Sunday Hospitality **Sunday Coffee Hour**

Coordinator: [Frances Morehouse](#)

Contact Frances if you would like to help!

Ushers: Raychel Lydon & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table: Betty Hanner & Chip Morgan

Greeters: Jean Tordella & Peggy Tigerman

Search for Truth, Meaning, and Service

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