



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

# The View



July 26, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and so is *THE VIEW* from PUC...Lots of potential delights, some ideas and opportunities to shed some light (and delight) on the rest of this big ol' world, and, sadly, news of the dimming of a two bright lights. So here's all the PUC news that's fit to print...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

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Please send all VIEW submissions to [Newsletter@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:Newsletter@pacificunitarian.org)  
Please send requests for a Sunday announcement to:  
Gary Hart [garyhart@gmail.com](mailto:garylhart@gmail.com)

## This Sunday

9:30 AM 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Forum:

**Choices in a Jar—  
Delightful Dilemmas**

10:30 AM Service

**Sowing the Seeds of Faith  
in the Field of Despair**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Rev. Lucas Hergert**

[Click here to read bio.](#)

7 PM Meditation Circle with Randy  
- Hall

**Where Have All the  
Flower(bringer)s Gone?  
Is it Your Turn to Bring Flowers  
on Sunday Morning?!?!  
Plenty of dates are still available:**

**August 5, 12**

**September 2, 9, 23, 30**

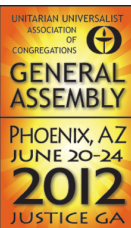
**October 14, 21, 28**

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

*Watercolors by Julius Schwartz  
invigorate PUC's Art Wall  
through Sunday, July 29.*

**UU Joke of the Week:**

Arguing with a Unitarian  
Universalist is like mud wrestling  
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## "What I Brought Home from Justice General Assembly..." Phoenix 2012 – "The Justice GA"

It was nearly twenty years since I visited downtown Phoenix. Familiar buildings and the extraordinary high temperatures made it seem as if my previous visit was just yesterday. I anticipated great changes due to advances in technology and by what we were doing in Southern California. The brutal sun would make it an ideal place for solar energy collectors and the marginal water supplies should encourage installation of the best of water saving plumbing appliances. Instead I was greeted by large numbers of probably homeless asking for change and read signs in McDonald's restaurants stating that "Sleeping bags and duffel bags are not permitted." I found later that the city does have energy and water conservation programs that appear to focus on residences.

I attend General Assembly primarily to recharge my own enthusiasm for personal activism efforts. The conference allows delegates with varied interests to share stories, ideas, and techniques to get the message heard. I have found no better forum, than the UUA GA to accomplish this.

This GA the delegates were presented with five proposals from which the 2012-2016 Congregational Study/Action item was selected. All of the proposals were praised by nearly all for their

adherence to our seven principles. Many proponents of particular proposals made claim that humanity may not exist without such action, and other proponents of competing ideas made the case that without population controls it was useless to worry about the environment on a planet that couldn't sustain the numbers of humans. The argument that the UUA on the whole would be most effective to counter the campaigns of conservative movements dictating reproductive rights for everyone finally received majority delegate support.

The discussion of the *United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People* started during the planning of the Justice GA, and ultimately led to the repudiation of the *Christian Doctrine of Discovery* by the UUA. The *Doctrine of Discovery* was the premise that early European Christian explorers "discovered" other lands inhabited by non-Christians. The explorers had the authority to claim those lands and subdue, even enslave, peoples who lived there simply because they were not Christian. Even within today's courts, legal determinations reference this doctrine as the basis for rulings. The United States was one of the countries in opposition to the UN declaration, but in 2010 President Obama at the White House Tribal Nations conference announced his administration's support of the UN declaration. I do not believe it would have been approved if it was necessary to receive Senate confirmation.

Over all I feel enthused and energized by attending Justice GA. I encourage all to attend next year's General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky.

—George Yenoki

View the General Assembly's [Ware Lecture by Maria Hinojosa](#): *Stories from the Frontlines of the New America: Detention, Deportation and the Power of Democratic Resistance*.



### Pastoral Care

A Celebration of Life for long-time PUC member **Dave English**, who passed away last week, has been set for **Saturday, August 4** at 2:30 PM at PUC. Please keep **Jean** and the rest of their family in the light during this difficult time.

You may view *Dave's obituary from the Daily Breeze* [HERE](#).

Please contact [Patricia Hart](#) if you'd like to help provide food for Dave's Celebration of Life.

Notes & cards can be sent to Jean's new address:

Jean English

Belmont Village

5701 Crestridge Rd., #308

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Her phone # has not changed and can be found in the PUC Directory.

**Sue Laman's** father, **Darwin G. McClintock**, passed away Saturday morning, July 14. He was 95. He and Sue's mother, **Vera**, were charter members of PUC. He and his current wife of 39 years, Doris, have been living in La Crosse, Wisconsin for the past few years. Please hold Sue and her family in the light.

While **Rev. John** is on vacation for July, you are also welcome to contact the Pastoral Care Team members for your immediate concerns: *Brad Shreve Betty Hanner Betty Faas Pat Marks Linnea*

Pretty soon you realize the pig likes it.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more hUUmor!



**9/29, All Day. PUC Fall Sprucing Party** - We'll be conducting a PUC campus-wide *Fall Sprucing Party* on **Saturday, September 29**. We'll spend the day cleaning up, touching up, and just plain polishing up our campus and facilities. It is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow PUCers while helping make our home look better. Details will be sent out once we get closer to the date.

Any amount of time that you can donate during the day will have a demonstrable impact. If there are specific areas of the campus or specific items that you believe need addressing during this Sprucing Party – contact John Einhorn: [einchild1@verizon.net](mailto:einchild1@verizon.net), or 310-937-3134.

### Upcoming Services

#### July's Monthly Theme: *Revolutions*

**7/29: Sowing the Seeds of Faith in the Field of Despair**  
Guest Speaker **Rev. Lucas**

#### Hergert

What happens when hoped-for change fails? How can you find good news in the midst of heartbreak and loss? This sermon will explore the revolutionary faith that can survive even the darkest times.

*The Rev. Lucas Hergert*, a lifelong Unitarian, is the Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore, California.

#### August's Monthly Theme: *Passions*

**8/5: Going Through The Storm**

Concerns: Brad Gilmore, Betty Hammer, Betty T. Lee, Pat Malone, Emma Eades, and Clint Patterson.

## ALL Church BUDDY MIXER @ Torrance Beach THIS

**Saturday, 7/28** Join us **Saturday, July 28 @ 4 PM** at Torrance Beach near Miramar Park. No space limitations at this one, so everyone welcome. Here's a fun way to get to know other PUCers. Bring a dish to share. Dress warmly, as the beach gets chilly after sundown.  
RSVP to [denise@umeworks.com](mailto:denise@umeworks.com)

## Come, Come Whoever You Are...Adult R.E. Summit 8/12

Please mark your calendars for 12–1:30 PM on **Sunday, Aug. 12** for the **Adult R.E. Summit**.

We're looking for people who are interested in brainstorming ideas, being part of a planning committee, and/or facilitating classes. If you fit any of those categories, please plan to attend this summit. Attending the summit does not commit you to anything—it only affords you the opportunity to be a part of our ongoing plan to improve and enhance the Adult Religious Education experience at PUC. Light refreshments will be served.

—Kathy Rickey, ARE Coordinator

## Iseum to Reap Celebration for Lammas @ PUC on 8/5

The Iseum of Isis Paedusis will hold their [Lammas](#) Ritual at PUC on **Sunday, August 5, 2012**.

## Get Some Books In Your Lives!

Do you love to read? Do you love PUC people? Then you should consider joining the PUC *Books in Our Lives Covenant Group*! We meet the **1st and 3rd Sundays** at 7 PM in the PUC Library. Our reading tastes are quite eclectic, running from our current book, *End This Depression Now*, to *Jamaica Inn*. Please contact **Clay Bosler** at 310-779-7540 for more information.

## Q. Can you really direct money to hunger relief simply by clicking a button on a web site?

A. [CLICK HERE](#) for the answer...

## Bike Ride to End Brain Disease - Saturday, August 4

All ages and levels of cyclists are welcome to participate in the 1st Annual Bike Ride to End Brain Disease - a family oriented charity bike ride that benefits the Canavan Research Foundation ([Official Canavan Website](#)), a non-profit that is spearheading the fight to cure Canavan Disease and other genetic brain diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.  
[Central Park](#), 275 S. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91105  
Link to Map of Route: <http://bikeroutetoaster...>

**Rev. John Morehouse** How do we find our way through loss and disappointment? **Rev. John** returns to the pulpit to promote an answer rooted in a passion for living and the promise of companionship. The first in a series on Spiritual Passion. Join us!

**8/12: Moved by the Spirit**  
**Rev. John Morehouse** How do we find a passion for living? **Rev. John** explores the answer in this continuing series.

**8/19: Stepping Boldly Through the Door**  
**Rev. John Morehouse**

**8/26: Dreaming Theology Together**  
**Rev. John Morehouse**

**Recurring Events**  
*Download the Latest AdUUlt Programs Flyer [HERE](#)*

### **Sundays**

*Sunday Morning Forums, 9:30 AM, L*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: A UU Exploration of Our Monthly Theme*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: A Humanist Perspective*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Spirituality and UU*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: [9 AM] 12 Months to a Compassionate Community: A reflection on The 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life*

*5<sup>th</sup> 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*

*Men's Ministry, 7 PM, V*

*Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L*

### **Tuesdays**

*Aerobics: 8:30 AM, H*

### **Wednesdays**

*Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H*

Cost: \$35 [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Even if you don't plan to ride, you can help out in a variety of ways. We will need course marshals, aid station helpers, sign in helpers, public address system techs, bike mechanics, a set up crew, and a cleanup crew.

The theme for our event is "Family Hope and Love." Recent advances in gene and stem cell therapy have been especially encouraging. Our objective is to speed up research through private funding so that these therapies may become available as quickly as possible.

6:30 AM Event/Route Set Up

9 AM Ride Start

11:30 AM Ride Finish

12 PM Speakers

2 PM Event Closed

Event Contact: **Bill Ungar** / Ride Director (310) 791-7146

[billungardesign@juno.com](mailto:billungardesign@juno.com)

## 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. 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 by demonstrating 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.

## Around the District and Beyond...



### Summer Camp for Grownups @ Camp de Benneville Pines NEXT Week!

Please remember that our wonderful *PSWIRL camp* (Summer Camp for Grownups) starts on **Sunday, August 12** this year (a little earlier than usual).

The theme of our keynote speaker, Rev Matthew Crary, is "What's Going On?" So let's go join in and do what we can to make the world the way we want it to be.

Find out more about the Pacific SouthWest Institute for Religious Liberals at [www.pswirl.org](http://www.pswirl.org). Registration can be done online at the [Camp de Benneville Pines website](#). For those who do not want to register on-line, you can print the registration form and mail it to the de Benneville registrar with your checks. Please be sure to share this information in your like-minded friends.

## Can't Make It to Church? – Check Out the CLF

The Church of the Larger Fellowship has an active Facebook page. For continued UU discussion during the week, find us on Facebook and join the conversation at <http://www.facebook.com/CLFUU>. Join the Spiritual Expedition at [www.QuestForMeaning.org](http://www.QuestForMeaning.org)

### Thursdays

Aerobics: 8:30 AM, H

**Women's Circle, 4th Thursdays, 10 AM, \*Note new day\***

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

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

## The Week At a Glance

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

### Thursday, July 26, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

8 PM Environmental Coffee ClatchH-

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### Friday, July 27, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

1 PM Friday Afternoon SGM - L

### Saturday, July 28, 2012

10 AM French Conversation Grp -

V[2nd & 4th Saturdays]

11 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Grp - CR1

5 PM Buddy Mixer - O

6:30 PM Blender: Persian Dinner - O

### Sunday, July 29, 2012

9:30 AM Forum: "Choices in a Jar --

Delightful Dilemmas" - L

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy Goff - H

### Monday, July 30, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

7:00 PM Men's Ministry -V

### Tuesday, July 31, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

### Wednesday, August 01, 2012

1:00 PM Staff Meeting - L

### Thursday, August 02, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10:00 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

7:30 PM Env. Priorities Network - L

7:30 PM Strategic Planning

## SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS



Summer SCLC Interfaith Cafe #4



Summer SCIC Interfaith Cafe #4

**Sunday, AUGUST 12, 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! Host: Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living, 500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach, 90740. Co-Host: Vedanta Society.

***Fifth Sunday Hospitality***

**Sunday Coffee Hour Coordinator:** [Frances Morehouse](#)

*[Contact Frances](#) if you would like to help!*

**Ushers:** George Yenoki & Tracy Blender

**Welcome Table:** Betty Saunders

**Greeters:** Nancy Hofland & Kathy Rickey

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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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