



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View

August 9, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

...and so is *THE VIEW* from PUC ...Lots of ways to get inspired - and plenty of things to fuel...or inspire...your PASSIONS. Here's all the PUC news that fits in print...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

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Minister's Message

Through the Storms

This summer we drove through Yellowstone National Park. Driving along the lake, I was seized with a sudden urge to go swimming. "Pull the car over," I asked Frances. "Where?" she asked. "Anywhere... by the shore. I... I need to go swimming." So we pulled off, I got down to my skivvies and jumped in the icy cold water. I thought my heart would stop. I came crashing to the surface and when my breath came back I yelled as loud as I could, "YES!" God that water was cold! I climbed out, grabbed my clothes, dressed, and we were on our way again. "Odd decision," my lovely wife said to me. "Yes," I agreed, "odd."

About an hour later as we neared the end of the lake, my cell phone buzzed - we had been out of range. It was a message from my brother: "Call me now." We pulled over along the shore. I had just enough of a signal to get through. "Dad had a heart attack about an hour ago. While swimming in the pond. He's in a coma. I need you here. Now." I told him I was on my way. I would find an airport and fly to home. I was on the phone for the next hour as we came out of Yellowstone and down the Eastern side of the Rockies into the rolling prairies of Wyoming, finally finding a flight out of Billings, MT, two

This Sunday

9:30 AM 2nd Sunday Forum:

A Humanist Perspective

10:30 AM Service

Moved by the Spirit

Rev. John Morehouse

12 PM Adult RE Summit -

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7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - H

7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp
- No August Mtg

***Where Have All the
Flower(bringer)s Gone?
Is it Your Turn to Bring Flowers
on Sunday Morning?!?!***

***Plenty of dates are still
available:***

September 2, 9, 23, 30

October 14, 21, 28

November 18, 25

Please contact the **PUC Office** to
reserve yours!

*Watercolors by Julius Schwartz
invigorate PUC's Art Wall
through Sunday, August 12.*

!!! Love of the Week!

hours to the north, that would connect me to the Twin Cities and onto New England. As we raced through the open prairie, my thoughts raced through a thousand memories, many of them having to do with water. My father and I share a great love for water, he for the ponds and rivers of New England, me for the mighty oceans we spend our lives near.

Just then, as we were driving, a storm came upon us. Not one of those placid storms but a real drencher. A gully washer as they say. It rained buckets. Lighting and thunder. "Should we pull over?" asked Frances. "No", I said, "we have to go through it." Through the storm, with determination and passion. I was so glad she and Madeline were with me, and with such calm, as the storm in my heart raged as much as the skies around us.

I caught my plane in Billings, and in Minneapolis, and then to Hartford. As I turned on my phone as we taxied to the gate, there was a message from my brother. My dad died while I was in the air, above the storm clouds. He simply slipped away. Later I realized what had happened. I dove into that glacial lake in Yellowstone at the moment that he had a heart attack swimming in pond in Mass. Our hearts had passed through the storm. His heart was all done now after 83 rich years. Mine still beating through the many more storms before me.

My Dad died June 30, 2012. But he died the way he wanted to live. Swimming. Doing. Being the quietly passionate man he was. Life is a series of storms we must all pass through. Life was never meant to be always Sunny. Even here. Each of us must face the thunder of change, the flash of betrayal, the dousing of hopes and dreams. As Thoreau once observed, there is only one way beyond our struggles and that is through them. The point is that we don't have to go through them alone. This is the reason for our Church. I look forward to see all of you in the coming weeks. It is good to be home.

*With Grace and Grit,
—Rev. John*

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TOBERMAN BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE THIS SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH

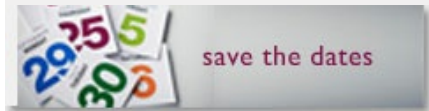
THIS **Sunday, August 12**, the Voyagers (the Middle School-aged kids) will be holding their annual Toberman back-to-school sale immediately after church! Please support this great service tradition; come prepared with cash to attend the RE store immediately after the service.

Your contribution will pay for the school items that the kids will have purchased for Toberman families. This is a great annual event - our kids find out which supplies are needed, scour the Sunday paper for the best sales, help their parents with the shopping, and then set

OO JOKE OF THE WEEK:
Q: What do you call a dead Unitarian Universalist?

A: All dressed up with no place to go.

[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/310-937-3134.

Upcoming Services

**August's Monthly Theme:
Passions**

8/12: Moved by the Spirit

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John explores what it takes to be moved with spiritual passion towards a better place in our lives.

8/19: Stepping Boldly Through the Door

Rev. John Morehouse

Our journey into a deeper spiritual life is both a coming in and a going out. **Rev. John** considers the tidal

up shop from pricing to publicity to sales! Afterwards, they pack it up into backpacks and deliver the school supplies to some very grateful families. What a great lesson crossing business acumen with social responsibility!

Love,

—Your PUC RE Committee



GLBTQ Movie for August 2012:

Imagine Me & You

Please join us THIS **Friday, August 10** at 7 PM in the PUC Library for our next GLBTQ Movie, **Imagine Me & You**.

Rachel, a new bride, after catching a glimpse of the florist at her wedding, finds she's tempted to leave her husband under circumstances she never anticipated in this romantic comedy-drama, which stars Piper Perabo, Matthew Goode, Lena Headey, Darren Boyd. Hope you can join us!

Around the District and Beyond...

Here's a great way to Stand On the Side of Love

From Rochelle McAdam, President First UU Church Los Angeles:

"Hello, all. We need your support to help immigrants in detention. If you followed the news from General Assembly in Phoenix, you might be pleased to take this moment to help a young man who has been caught in the grip of arbitrary and ill-considered laws that are threatening to deport him and break up his family.

Narciso is married to a U.S. citizen and has 3 U.S. citizen children. He was picked up for driving with an expired license. He has no other legal problems and only needs \$750 to be released until his immigration hearing. His family has already raised the other \$750 towards a bond of \$1,500.

We have only until **Sunday, August 12** when his bond hearing is scheduled. If he can't raise that money he will most likely be deported. It is not a lot of money and I hope that we can come up with the funds. As soon as he is freed from Mira Loma Detention Center he will apply to regularize his immigration status. And, he will come and testify on his experiences if asked."

Make any check payable to First Unitarian Church with Bond Fund on the bottom of the check. Send to First Unitarian Church, L.A., 2936 W. 8th St., L.A., CA 90005.

Come, Come Whoever You Are...

To the Adult R.E. Summit THIS SUNDAY, 8/12

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

nature of our religious life.

8/26: Dreaming Theology Together

Rev. John Morehouse & Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Rev. John and Rev. Tamara share the pulpit in a sermon dialogue on what their ministry together this year might be.

Recurring Events

[Download the Latest AdUUit Programs Flyer HERE](#)

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

Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th

Sun., 12 noon, Fu Yuan Low

Restaurant

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

Books in Our Lives Covenant Group,

1st & 3rd Sun., 7 PM, 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

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

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. Contact [Kathy Rickey](#) for more information/to RSVP.

—Kathy Rickey, ARE Coordinator

A New Minister's Class: SACRED ECONOMICS - New Small Group Forming

1st & 3rd Wednesdays - Starts Sept 5.

"Sacred Economics" will explore the relationship between money and spirituality. **Rev. John** will lead this group with a discussion of the book by the same name. The book is available on line for free <http://sacred-economics.com>. Some copies will also be available for \$15 the first session.

Space is limited to 15. Please register through the [PUC Office](#).

Special Thanks Go Out To Top Chefs Jen Hocutt & Harrison Paddock

for hosting last Sunday's Coffee Hour.

And to their 'sous chefs', **Betty Paieda**, et al, who helped put out the feast!

Get Some Books in YoUUr Lives - Sundays @ 7 PM

The PUC *Books In Our Lives* covenant group will be reading the first 150 pages of Barbara Kingsolver's *The Lacuna*, and discussing it **August 19** at 7-9 PM in the PUC Library. The book is a historical novel that includes Diego Rivera, Frieda Kahlo, and Trotsky as characters.

New members are most welcome; we meet the **first and third Sundays** of every month and should finish this book in three sessions. Join us for a relaxed, enjoyable discussion of a fascinating book. Please contact **Gary Fletcher** at 310-518-6011 for more information.

The PV Great Books Discussion Group Wants YoUU

The P.V. Great Books Discussion Group ended its monthly discussions for the first half of this calendar year on June 10 at the home of the Bloomfields. It was preceded by a potluck dinner. No discussions were held in July and August.

We'll meet again on **Sunday, September 9** at 7 PM in the Shuder

*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 Weekend At a Glance

Thursday, August 9, 2012

*10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
7 PM Finance Committee - L
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch -
Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch*

Friday, August 10, 2012

*10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
1:30 PM Friday Afternoon SGM - L
7 PM GLTBQ Movie Night - L*

Saturday, August 11, 2012

*10 AM French Conversation Grp - V
[2nd & 4th Saturdays]
7 PM Dinners with UU's - O*

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10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
12 PM Adult RESummit - L
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - L
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - H
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August Mtg*

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

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Library, a site the Church has generously permitted the group to use.

About half of those who enjoy the readings and discussions are not PUC congregants. The group originated in the early 1950's, and meetings were held in members' homes. Shuder Library is an ideal meeting place because of its easy access, especially in the dark winter months.

We welcome new members. Please contact **Bob Bloomfield** at 310-373-1201 if you are interested in joining our discussions. We hope you are!

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS



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.

Second 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

Carolyn Waters



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