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The View



August 23, 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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August's Monthly Theme: **Passions**

This Sunday

9:30 AM 4th Sunday Forum:

12 Months to a Compassionate Community: A Reflection on "The 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life"

10:30 AM Service

Dreaming Theology Together

Rev. John Morehouse & Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
Rev. John and Rev. Tamara share the pulpit in a sermonic dialogue on what their ministry together this year might be.

12:30 PM Singles-Family Brunch -
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Bombay Tandoori in South Torrance [4111 PCH just East of Anza](#)

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - H



Minister's Message

From Your Lead Minister

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the **Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki** as our Acting Associate Minister. Rev. Tamara will focus primarily on the our Religious Education Ministry. She will also be working closely with me in designing and leading Worship. On average, Rev. Tamara will be in our pulpit once a month as our preacher and worship leader. We will also be leading a total of five multigenerational Services throughout the year. Our goal is to nurture a shared ministry between all ages. When possible I will be with our kids in Religious Education while she is preaching. We have already been collaborating on some very exciting new ideas all summer long. Please be with us this Sunday as Rev. Tamara and I preach a joint sermon on dreams and theology.

It is important to understand that Rev. Tamara is not a Director of Religious Education. Although she has experience in that role, she is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister in fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association. She holds two Masters degrees including a Master of Divinity degree *summa cum laude* from Claremont School of Theology. She did her ministerial internship at the Monte Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Montclair,

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, August 23, 2012

10 AM Women's Circle - L

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

Friday, August 24, 2012

CA. In addition to a background in religious education, Rev. Tamara has a background in social justice, diversity advocacy, and campus ministry. While she will focus on leading and improving our religious education ministry, she will be bringing a great wealth of experience to our Congregation as we move forward with our vision.

Please join me in welcoming Rev. Tamara and her family to our Church and Ministry. We are very fortunate to have her join us.

*With Grace and Grit,
—Rev. John*

Minister@pacificunitarian.org



Pastoral Care

Betty Saunders's son, Chris Saunders, passed away on Sunday morning, August 19, after a long illness. Please keep Betty and their family in the light.

Rev. John Illuminates "Buddhist Path to Recovery" This Fall

Rev. John will be giving a series of lectures after Worship Services entitled "The Buddhist Path to Recovery: Part I" This series will explain the basic teachings of the Buddha and explore how those teachings can move us towards greater awareness and healing. This class is open to all and there will be time for questions and discussion. Lunch and Childcare provided. 12.15-1.30 **Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2.** Open to all.

Note: **Rev. John's** Wednesday evening *Sacred Economics* class has been cancelled.

Book & Movie Drive for Camp de Benneville Pines Library This Sunday, August 26, @ PUC

Nico Unverzagt, a local Girl Scout, will be conducting a book & movie drive at PUC starting **THIS Sunday, August 26..** She is currently working on her Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts. Her project is to re-vamp the Library building up at Camp de Benneville, and part of the project is to expand and organize their collection of books and movies.

When you come to Church this Sunday, bring your favorite book or DVD that you would like to share with campers at de Benneville Pines! Nico will have a table set up to collect the books and answer any questions you may have about the project.

Standing On the Side of Love presents The Academy

Friday, August 24, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

Saturday, August 25, 2012

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

11 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Grp - CR1

7 PM Dinners w/ UU's - O [@ Clay & Nuna Bosler's]

Sunday, August 26, 2012

9 AM Forum: Reflection on '12 Steps to a Compassionate Life' - L

10:30 AM Sunday Services - H

12:30 PM Singles-Family Brunch-O Bombay Tandoori in South Torrance

4111 PCH just East of Anza

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - H

Monday, August 27, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

7 PM Program Council - L

Wednesday, August 29, 2012

1 PM Staff Meeting - L

7 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, August 30, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

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 16, 23

October 14, 21

November 18

December 2, 9, 16, 30

Please contact the **PUC Office** to reserve your date!

Watercolors by Julius Schwartz invigorate PUC's Art Wall through Sunday, August 26.

UU Joke of the Week:

Henry David Thoreau was questioned about his beliefs during the last hours of his life.

A concerned neighbor at his bedside asked, "Have you made peace with your maker?" Thoreau replied, "I never quarreled with my maker."

[CLICK HERE](#) for more hUUmor!

Award-winning film, [The Times of Harvey Milk](#)

After the **September 2** Wordhip Service, come see this devastatingly skillful and emotionally compelling documentary which charts the political rise of Harvey Milk from a neighborhood activist to a symbol of gay political achievement who became the first openly gay member of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors. But his life, along with that of Mayor George Moscone's, was cut short by a brutal assassination in 1978.

Please join us for this Academy Award-winner for Best Documentary Feature (and winner of the Special Jury Prize at the first Sundance Film Festival) next **Sunday, September 2 @ 12:15 PM** in the PUC Library

Watercolor Workshop Takes a Break

PUC's Friday Watercolor Workshop WILL NOT meet on **September 7** or **14**. The free weekly Watercolor Workshop will resume on **September 21**.

To Have Bees, Or Not to Have Bees: That Is the ???...

PUC's Green Sanctuary and Transition South Bay Los Angeles, will screen *Vanishing of the Bees* on **Sunday, September 9**, at 12 Noon, in PUC's Shuder Library. Learn about this important phenomenon known as Colony Collapse Disorder.

Honeybees have been mysteriously disappearing across the planet, literally vanishing from their hives. This phenomenon has brought beekeepers to crisis in an industry responsible for producing hundred of fruits and vegetables. Commercial honeybee operations pollinate crops that make up one out of every three bites of food on our tables.

Vanishing of the Bees follows commercial beekeepers as they strive to keep their bees healthy and fulfill pollination contracts across the U.S. This documentary examines the alarming disappearance of honeybees and the greater meaning it holds about the relationship between mankind and mother earth. As scientists puzzle over the cause, organic beekeepers indicate alternative reasons for this tragic loss.

View the trailer/read more about the film at

www.vanishingbees.com

Questions? Contact [Nancy Hofland](#) at (310) 320-6084

Sue Cutler's New Mexico Sunlight in Art Center Show

Longtime PUC member **Sue Cutler** will have a painting on display at the Palos Verdes Art Center. This "All-Media Exhibition" will be on display from **August 31-October 7**. The Art Center is currently in the

Upcoming Services

September's Monthly Theme: **Dignity**

9/2: **Called to the Good Work** **Rev. John Morehouse**

On this Labor Day Sunday, Rev. John proposes a vision of what our work as a religious community might look like as we work for dignity and justice.

9/9: **Dignity for All**

Rev. John Morehouse **Homecoming Sunday**

This will be our *Homecoming Sunday*. Rev. John explores the nuances of dignity for ourselves and others as we gather the full strength of our community together again. We will have our **Water Communion** where you will be invited to pour the water from your summer's journeys into our Communion bowl as the Congregation sings. We will also invest our leaders and teachers and begin our Religious Education Ministry program for our children this Sunday.

9/16: **Closer to Fine**

Rev. John Morehouse

All of us are flawed in some way. Rev. John explores embracing our imperfections as a means to living a dignified life.

9/24: **Crossing Borders**

Rev. John Morehouse

We live near all kinds of borders; geographic, cultural, economic, educational, and vocational. We grow by crossing the borders and returning home again. Rev. John suggests some ways to cross the borders of our lives and reach

old Borders Books location just beneath the Regal Theaters at the Promenade of the Peninsula. She hopes you will be able to drop by to see her "New Mexico Sunlight." An opening reception is scheduled for **Friday, August. 31**, 5-7 PM.

Please Pardon Our Mess While Sunday Forums Get Revamped

The **Adult RE Program** is under renovation and will be unveiling some new and exciting programs in the early fall. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday discussion forums are currently under construction and will have a different look in the coming months with some new, as well as continuing, offerings. The Summit held last Sunday provided the team with lots of great ideas and feedback. We will be looking at lots of different ways to engage the congregation in learning, growing, and deepening our ties.

THIS **Sunday--8/26**: *The 12 Steps to Compassion Group* will continue through December 2012

Your feedback and ideas are welcome and encouraged. If you have a suggestion or if you would like to be part of the team, please call **Kathy Rickey** or email ARE@pacificunitarian.org

Special Thanks Go Out To a "Gaggle" of

Kitchen Helpers Starring: Echo Davis, Betty Hanner, Sandy McNeill, and Joyce Noon. Thanks to Jean Tordella for the birthday cake & to the Kissners for the great cupcakes. Sunday's Top Chef wants to offer fresh organic local fruit & vegetable smoothies, **but we NEED... A blender donated or loaned w/no strings (but a cord) attached.**

Yoko & David Kane are organizing a cook-out / grill-off fUUn(d)-raiser lunch on **Sunday, September 9**, after the Homecoming Service...Sounds like another "GOLDEN SPORK AWARD" winning feast!!

Contact Mega Top Chef [Frances Morehouse](#) if you'd like to help with the September 9 Cookout!

Around the District and Beyond...

Justice Leadership Training November 16-18 Near Santa Cruz

I am planning to attend the UU Legislative Ministry's Second Annual Walking the Walk: UU Justice Leadership Training **November 16-18, 2012**, at the Presentation Center in the Santa Cruz Mountains. They are taking reservations right now. Let me know if anybody is interested in carpooling.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information & registration, or contact George Yenoki ADR@pacificunitarian.org.

—George Yenoki, PUC's Association & District Representative

out to others.

Recurring Events

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

Sundays

Sunday Morning Forums, 9:30 AM, L

1st Sunday: TBA

2nd Sunday: TBA

3rd Sunday: TBA

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 - Next Date: **Sunday,**

September 30

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

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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Fourth Sunday Hospitality

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

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

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TBA

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