



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



September 20, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

...and so is *THE VIEW* from PUC ... as in Rev. John's sermon topic for this Sunday, we all have flaws...just like diamonds - keep on shining!!! :-P Here you have it -- all the PUC news that fits in print...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

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September's Monthly Theme: **Dignity**

This Sunday

9:00 AM 4th Sunday Forum:
12 Months to a Compassionate Community: A Reflection on The 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life

10:30 AM Service

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.

Leadership Notes:

The Work Party that Isn't

When is a PUC Work Party not really a PUC Work Party? OK, trick question, because the answer is – it's always **MORE** than a Work Party. We just don't say that aloud very often.

A Work Party is one of the best ways to connect with our remarkable community. Come on, give it a try. You'll find that a few hours spent prepping a room for painting gives you the opportunity to get to know someone in a way that just chatting on the Patio won't.

You'll find sanding and oiling a teak bench with your kids teaches them about service and community in a fun way that one doesn't often find in our culture. You'll find satisfaction in beautifying the wedding day of couples choosing to wed at PUC when you help paint a gazebo. You'll find gathering to work on a space and listening to the music someone brought will lead to conversations about – well, you name it.

You might knock over a gallon of something and watch people jump in and help faster than you thought possible, AND you'll have a great story about "the work party when I...." Or, you'll think of a better way to do something and be the star of the hour. You may even find there is someone who drives you a little bonkers, but you'll definitely learn that all these relationships makes PUC feel even more like a

The Weekend At a Glance

Thursday, September 20, 2012

11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O

Friday, September 21, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
2 PM Social Justice Committee - L
7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service – H

Saturday, September 22, 2012

Autumnal Equinox
10 AM Strategic Planning - O
10 AM French Conversation Grp – V

Sunday, September 23, 2012

9 AM Forum: Reflection on '12 Steps to a Compassionate Life' - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
12:15 PM PUC Leadership Academy - CR1
12:30 PM Singles-Family Brunch - O
7 PM Meditation w/ Boudha - H

big family, a family that's special, in part, because you actually **chose** to join this one.

And THAT is why you'll find a [PUC Work Party](#) is never **just** a PUC Work Party. See you on **Saturday, September 29!**

With Gratitude for All Your Gifts,

—Lora Childers

Religious Education Matters

****PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THIS NEW YEAR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY****

Welcome to a new year of friendships, learning, and fun. There are many exciting things in store as we grow and learn together!!

This year our Kindergarten through 8th graders (Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers) will be exploring other faith traditions and how they relate to Unitarian Universalism. Our Young Religious Unitarian Universalist (YRUU) group will be living out (and leading others in) the social justice imperative of our faith, and our youngest group, the Pixies, will have fun building friendships in a nurturing environment.

Sunday, 9/23

First curricular Sunday! The Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers (Kindergarten through 8th grade) will begin their exploration of Islam with Lee Ann Hart, Maurice Chevalier, and Dee Masters; the YRUU group (High School) starts making decisions about their year ahead, and our Pixies (Preschool) have fun with songs and stories.

—Rev. Tamara

Please join **Kathy Rickey**, MA - Organizational Leadership, **this coming Sunday** for the Introduction to the *Leadership Academy: Harvest the Power Program*. This program is broken up into four Modules: Individual, Community, Context, and Vision. You can achieve a Certificate of Completion for each module.

This Sunday's class: *This workshop serves as an introduction to the Harvest the Power program, presenting key concepts and inviting participants to share their own leadership stories.* We will have a Leadership Academy class every fourth Sunday from 12:15 - 1:30 (childcare will be provided). Space is limited do please RSVP to ARE@pacificunitarian.org

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education



Pastoral Care

The Celebration of Life for Don Fridley will take place at 1:30 PM, Sunday, September 23 at PUC.



SOUTH BAY ANTI-VIOLENCE FORUM

Saturday, October 6, 2012, 9 AM - 2 PM @ PUC

DO YOU find yourself scared to say no to your partner? Isolate yourself from friends and family?

Often make excuses for your partner's behavior?

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE MYTHS, THE FACTS, AND LEARNING HOW TO BECOME A SURVIVOR:

Women, teens, LGBTQs, the elderly and disabled, and some men are all at high-risk for being victimized.

9 - 10 AM Seating, Light Refreshments and Documentary Film

10 AM - 1 PM Program

1 - 2 PM Small Group Discussion & International Art exercise

MEET NOTABLE SPEAKERS FROM

- LA's amazing PeaceOverViolence.org
- San Pedro's Rainbow Services
- The Center in Long Beach
- Redondo Beach Registered Dietician
- Employment Sexual Harassment
- Legal Advocate

[Anti-Violence Presenters \[pdf\]](#)

Training for PUC's Chain of Welcome

Newcomers to PUC have a number of direct contacts with us on their way to the Sunday morning Service. This can be thought of as *The Chain of Welcome*. The links of this chain are **the Greeters, the Welcome Table Hosts, and the Ushers**. If you attend the training you will walk through this chain for the full experience. Then you will be asked for your feedback – is it all it can be? All are welcome.

Current volunteers will be there, and it may especially interest anyone who has thought she or he might be interested in being a Greeter, Welcome Table Host, or an Usher. However, there is no need to commit to volunteering if you do come.

The training will be **Saturday September 29** at 2:00 PM and should not be over an hour. This is the day of the Work Party and some of us will just roll off that and attend the training in our work clothes - so having paint in your hair is no reason not to come!

—Lora Childers

"Can we Stop the Frack Attack?" Forum @ PUC September 29

The Environmental Priorities Network will present a very interesting public forum from 9:30 to 10 AM on **Saturday, September 29** at Pacific Unitarian Church. Coffee and snacks will be available, and visitors may visit tables with information on environmental organizations and activities.

Featured speakers include Betsy Butler, 53rd Assembly District, Paul Ferrazzi, Executive Director of Citizens for a Safe Community, and Dr. Clyde Williams, Oil and Gas Specialist and leader of the Sierra Club California Fracking Group.

To find out what can be done to protect public health and the environment, plan to attend the "Can We Stop the Frack Attack?" public forum. Admission is free but voluntary contributions are appreciated. Cosponsors of the event are the PUC Green Sanctuary Committee and the South Coast Interfaith Council. For more information contact Lillian Light at 310 - 545 1384 or at llight@verizon.net. Find out more at epn2001.blogspot.com

September 29 Sprucing-Up Party -- Your Chance to Make a Difference, & Make Some New Friends

Saturday, September 29, we'll be Sprucing Up from 9 am until we run out of things to do or we run out of energy. Any amount of time that you can donate during the day will have a demonstrable impact – an hour or two can make a difference. If you are planning on participating, please let **John Einhorn** know, including when you think you will be there. If there are specific areas of the campus or specific items that you believe need addressing during this Sprucing Party – please let John know – einchild1@verizon.net, or 310-937-3134. Thanks – and see you there!

ENTERTAINMENT and ART

Hear Spoken Word, See Acclaimed Art Displays, Join in the Music, and see Consciousness Raising at its best. Your questions are never too "stupid" to say, so come ask them.

For Questions and to Reserve Seating, call (310) 366-4996 or email mediadist@aol.com.
[Anti-Violence Forum Flyer \[pdf\]](#)

The Flower Calendar needs YOU!

The following Sundays are still open...

October 14, 21

November 18

December 2, 16, 30

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

Paintings by Julius Schwartz garnish PUC's Art Wall through September 23.

UU Joke of the Week:

"I go to the UU church.," Ann said.

Sally asked, "Where is that?"

"On Montemalaga Drive."

"Oh" replied Sally, "I thought that was the Toyota dealership. All I ever see parked there are Prius hybrids."

[CLICK HERE](#) for more hUUmor!

Upcoming Services

September's Monthly Theme:
Dignity

9/30: Of Giraffes and Standing Up to Life

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

What does it take to stand up to life, to speak up for what we believe is

Get to Know Others at Next Buddy Mixer: 9/29

Part of the Membership Committee, the **BUDDY PROGRAM** has a two-pronged approach to help our members and visitors become more acquainted with each other and PUC's Ministries. The first is 1:1 matches between long-established member Buddy volunteers* and new members and visitors who request a Buddy who will help introduce them to people and our programs. The 2nd prong is our bi-monthly mixers, a fun and informal way to meet others.

Our next Buddy Mixer will be a potluck dinner **Saturday, September 29**, at the Buttittas. Interested? Please sign up with denise@umeworks.com.

*Have you been a member for a while and would like to be or learn more about being a Buddy? Volunteer to be part of our Buddy pool. Match assignments are for 3 months. [Contact Denise Shiozawa](#) to volunteer or [sign up online](#).

PUC FUUNdraiser—Belly Dance Show at the Hermosa Beach Playhouse on September 30!

Dear PUCers --As many of you know, I've been studying and performing Middle Eastern Dance for 12 years—solo and with a local dance company, Babylon Mood. PUC has done a lot for us over the years (hall rentals, performances, and many of you came to see us at PUC!). Babylon Mood is producing an annual show at the Hermosa Beach Playhouse entitled "The Art of Belly Dance: Ancient to Modern" from 4 - 6 PM on **Sunday, September 30**.

This show brings together some of the L.A. area's best known belly dance artists performing traditional and edgy theatrical and fusion style belly dance. There will also be bonus a performance of traditional Aztec Dance with a Day of the Dead theme.

To thank PUC for its past support, we will be giving 30% of every ticket sold to a PUC member or friend back to the Church. Presale tickets are \$12, and \$3.60 for every ticket will go to PUC. Catch me on the Patio this **Sunday, September 9** after the Service, if you would like to buy/order tickets. Better yet, e-mail me at connieroy@earthlink.net or call me at 310.951.2149 and I'll come find YOU with the tickets—I'm glad to mail them too!

—*Connie Nitzschner*



The Fall 2012 issue of **The PSWD NetwUrk, The Pacific Southwest District Newsletter** may be viewed at: <http://www.pswduua.org/pages/newsletter.php>

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

Sundays

true and right? How can we live lives of meaning, courage, dignity, and hope? **Rev. Tamara** uses the life and teachings of a former Unitarian minister, Walton E. Cole, to provide some insight into these timeless questions.

October's Monthly Theme: Faith

10/7:

The Faith of Mahalia

Rev. John Morehouse & Linda Alvarez

Vocalist Linda Alvarez, Dr. Severin Behnen, and Rev. John join together for a soulful telling of the faith and life of Mahalia Jackson. This musical Worship Service will feature Linda as she tells the story of Ms. Jackson's life, and Rev. John reflects on that faith for us all. Don't miss this remarkable Service.

10/14: The "G" Word

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

10/21: When Elephants Weep and Dolphins Laugh: Blessing of the Animals

Rev. John Morehouse

10/28: Faith Expanding: UU-UNO

Rev. John Morehouse

Special Thanks To Last Sunday's Kitchen Helpers:

Fabulous Top Chef Andy Kissner; sous chefs: Val Richards & Jeanne Wilson. Lovely tables by Gilana & Jessica Goff. And Lois Lutkenhouse for those now famous Sunday morning cupcakes.

Mega Top Chef:

[Frances Morehouse](#)

If you would like to make a 1 & 1/2 hour commitment to help with Food

Sunday Morning Forum, 9:30 AM, L

1st Sunday: Faith like a River: Themes from our UU History

2nd Sunday: In Nature's Honor: Myths & Rituals Celebrating the Earth

3rd Sunday: UUA Statement of Conscience issues: This month: Immigration Justice--discussion of the [Christian Doctrine of Discovery](#) and its affect on immigration policy

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

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

Prep **OR** Patio Setup on a Sunday from 9 AM Sunday morning until Service begins @ 10:30, [Email Frances](#)

OR Ring her: 310 291 3399.

It's fun. Rewarding. And pain-free. Look forward to working with you!!

Fourth Sunday Hospitality

Ushers:

Dee Masters & OPEN POSITION

Welcome Table:

Virginia McCulloch/Ramos & Marian Jones

Greeters:

Jean McDaniel & Shuja Oberoi

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

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