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Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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*The View*



October 12, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,  
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC... and the View OF PUC is full of FAITH TOO! Lots of opportunities to wear your faith on your sleeve in this week's missive. Here you have it -- all the PUC news that fits in print...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

**October's Monthly Theme:**  
*Faith*

This Sunday

**9:15 AM** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Forum:  
**In Nature's Honor: Myths, Rituals, & Holidays Celebrating the Earth**

10:30 AM Service  
**The "G" Word**

**Rev. Tamara Casnova**

...explores the varied ways we approach the mystery of life, and how we might communicate effectively and find common ground despite our different conclusions.

### Religious Education Matters

#### **October brings fun for all ages in our Religious Education ministry!**

- Our Kindergarten through 8th graders (Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers) end their time exploring Islam on October 7. Many thanks to our Activity Guides Maurice Chevalier, Lee Ann Hart, and Dee Masters for a wonderful and enlightening journey!! October 14 brings us to our unit on Christianity during which we'll be learning about the varied Christian faiths, the teachings of Jesus, and the celebration of Las Posadas with our Activity Guides Vivien Hao, Bruce Lewis, and Tracy Lewis.
- Our YRUU teens (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) need you to pledge your support for them on the 10K AIDS Walk LA on October 14. Look for them on October 21 after the Church Service or [CLICK HERE](#) to make an online donation - the donation deadline isn't 'til November.
- Children and youth (Hobbits and above, with Pixies and Nursery children welcome as families wish) will participate in our blessing of the Animals Service on October 21. Our Youth Choir will be singing as part of this service also!
- Our annual Fall Festival takes place on October 28. Stay tuned for more information!

### ***The Weekend At a Glance***

**Thursday, October 11, 2012**

**National Coming Out Day**

7 PM Finance Committee - L  
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch -  
Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

**Friday, October 12, 2012**

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H  
7 PM GLBTQ Movie Night - L

**Saturday, October 13, 2012**

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V[2nd & 4th Saturdays]  
10 AM Temple Emet Saturday Service -

- ALL PARENTS: If you have not registered your child/youth for this year, please stop by the Religious Education table before of after Service.

—Rev. Tamara

### SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

\*9:15 AM: In Nature's Honor: Myths, Rituals, and Holidays Celebrating the Earth - Library

12:15 PM: The Transition Companion: Making your Community More Resilient in Uncertain Times (w/ Green Sanctuary) - Library

[\\* CLICK HERE for your Month-at-a-Glance reference \\*](#)

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

### GLBTQ Movie for October 12: *Sordid Lives*

Sometimes it takes a death to bring a family together. Bonnie Bedelia, Beau Bridges, & Delta Burke put a comedic twist on a story of unconditional love, acceptance and "coming out" in a Texas family.

Please join us **THIS Friday, October 12** at 7 PM in the PUC Library for an evening of fun, friends, and [Sordid Lives](#).

You don't want to miss this year's *UU Service Committee Southern CA Unit's Latin American Encuentro*

10 AM - 4 PM, **THIS Saturday, October 13**

Throop Memorial Church

[300 S Los Robles Ave](#)  
[Pasadena](#)

Sandy McNeill, our UUSC Rep. is driving please contact Sandy if you're interested in a ride.

\$20 now, \$25 @ the door! [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer/registration.

**The South Bay Chamber Music Society Presents:**

**David Speltz "Family and Friends"**

**3 PM, Sunday, October 14, 2012 @ PUC**

[CLICK HERE for program info](#)

### INSIDE UUSC...2nd Visit to Adelanto Detention Center

Angela and I got an early start and arrived at 8:30 am, 2 hours earlier than our first trip. Once again, about 30 people, young, old, newborns, standing in line for their one hug and 20 minute visit with a loved one. Angela's outside wait, again, to see her grandson, Byron, was over 2 hours. Once again, it was triple digit heat under a concrete overhang. Inside, there is another long wait to actually be with her grandson.

Byron's girlfriend came with Angela to share visiting time. It's probably the last time they will see him before he is deported. This means Angela's time with her grandson is now cut to 10 minutes. Only one visitor at a time may sit at the table with the prisoner.

Their visit was disturbing. Byron is afraid of another inmate that he knew in Temple City. The 2 are housed in the same prison dorm.

Byron told his grandmother that he knows this guy has a knife. He can't tell anyone for fear of retaliation, he gets very little sleep at night worrying about what this fellow is up to. Angela is fearful for Byron's safety. Deportation is looking like a better choice: even grandpa

H

7 PM Dinners with UU's - O [@ Kathy Rickey's]

### **Sunday, October 14, 2012**

9:30 AM Forum - In Nature's Honor: Myths & Rituals Celebrating the Earth - L

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR3

12:15 PM Meet Your Leaders-- CR1

12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - L

3 PM SB Chamber Music Society Concert - H

7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp - L

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - H

### **Monday, October 15, 2012**

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club- L

7 PM Men's Ministry -V

### **Tuesday, October 16, 2012**

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

12 PM Pastoral Care Associates Mtg - L

2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvntt Grp - L

7 PM Board Meeting - L

### **Wednesday, October 17, 2012**

11 AM Staff Meeting - L

7 PM Choir Practice - H

7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O

### **Thursday, October 18, 2012**

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L

1 PM Ordination Food Prep - K



### **10/18, ANGELA HENDERSON'S ORDINATION @ PUC**

A very important event will take place on **October 28**--the Ordination of our former Intern, Angela Henderson. Can you assist in making this an elegant event? If you are able to help out, please phone, e-mail me, or see me on the

safety. Deportation is looking like a better choice, even grandma agrees.

When Byron first arrived at Adelanto there were 40 others sharing his dorm - now there are 80. The dorms can hold 150 prisoners. Angela and I both realized it makes no difference how early you come for a visit, the numbers of prisoners will continue to increase.

Remember, after all, Adelanto Detention Center is a FOR PROFIT prison contracted out to a private company in Florida. The Federal Government gives this company \$99 dollars for each prisoner housed there. That was the first year.....how much higher will our tax dollars go for this? On top of this, there are not enough attorneys specializing in detention and deportation to meet the growth of this prison population.

I told Angela to call me at a moments notice if she needs to get to Adelanto to see her grandson.. Something tells me Byron will be gone before she can give him one more hug.

By the way, if you are of dark skin, especially Hispanic, have your papers if you go through Temple City after 9 PM, and whatever you do, don't walk down one of their streets at night. You will be stopped and asked for your papers.

Go online and Google...Adelanto Detention Center. It's a sad eye opener

—Sandy McNeil. UUSC/Social Justice Ministry

**The PUC Books In Our Lives Covenant Group** will be reading the first half of Charles Bukowski's *Ham on Rye*, and discussing it **Oct. 21 at 7-9 PM** in the PUC Library. An autobiographical novel said to be the best of Bukowski, the book is described as a "crude, brutal, and savagely funny portrait of an outcast's coming-of-age during the desperate days of the Great Depression" set in Los Angeles.

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

### **Social Justice Committee endorses Yes on Prop 37 campaign**

Did you know that as part of our 2012 Health Justice initiative, PUC's

Social Justice Committee has endorsed the Yes on Prop 37 campaign, which requires that food manufacturers label products containing genetically modified (GMO) ingredients? There is no required safety testing of those foods, and there is growing evidence that they have a negative health impact. We believe you have a right to know what you are eating, and labeling those foods would give you that knowledge. Here is a quick article about France's reaction to a recent study there, showing that rats developed dramatic cancerous tumors when fed GMO corn (and in our country, unless it is certified organic, all of the corn is now a Monsanto GMO product). [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more.

By the way, almost 50 other countries already require labeling of GMO products. Prop 37 is important because if such labeling is required in CA, manufacturers are likely to just go ahead and label their foods for the whole country. This kind of initiative has tried 18 times to get on the ballot in other states, but each time the large agribusiness firms pony up millions of dollars to defeat it. And they're trying that again this time (with even more force)

phone, or text me, or see me on the Patio after this Sunday's Service.

We're looking for help preparing food a week or so before the event; in the kitchen after the Sunday Service on the 28th; and people to set up, serve, and clean up after the Ordination.

And, financial aid to help defray the cost of food is always gratefully accepted. Thanks for your help to make this a REALLY WONDERFUL Ordination for Angela and her guests.

—Betty Paieda,  
[vbjpaieda@aol.com](mailto:vbjpaieda@aol.com)

**The Flower Calendar needs YOUU!**

**The following Sundays are still open...**

**December 2, 16, 30**

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

*Paintings by Sue Cutler titivate PUC's Art Wall through **October 28**.*

### *Upcoming Services*

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**10/14: *The "G" Word***  
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**10/21: *When Elephants Weep and Dolphins Laugh***  
**Rev. John Morehouse**

You are invited to bring your pet for *The Blessing of the Animals*. The sermon will focus on the emotional life of our pets for them and us.

**10/28: *A Faith For All***  
**Rev. John Morehouse**

Honoring both our GLBT compatriots from around the world and the struggle they feel, **Rev. John** will speak about the work being done and still needing to be done.

And then return at **4 PM** for The

trying that again and and (with even more force).

Learn more about Prop 37 and why the Social Justice committee is supporting it [BY CLICKING HERE](#).

**VALUES IN ACTION.....FAIR TRADE YOUR HALLOWEEN** More than zombies and goblins, the really scary thing about Halloween is all the mainstream chocolate that comes from plantations where child labor has been documented. Take that kind of scary out of this spooky holiday and offer your trick-or-treaters **FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATES** this year. You can find them at Whole Foods or Sprouts, or you can purchase from [EQUAL EXCHANGE](#), an online UUSC collaborator.

*[Around the District and Beyond...](#)*

**Yesterday was the 25th annual National Coming Out Day!**

At the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), we are committed to the work of supporting LGBTQ individuals and families and dedicated to protecting their civil and legal rights. We take this opportunity every year to celebrate the courage of people who publically proclaim their marginalized sexual orientations and gender identities.

For more information about National Coming Out Day and how we can "come out" as diverse, inclusive communities, check out this [Standing on the Side of Love](#) [blogpost!](#)

**SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS**



We have three dates on the calendar to join with Habitat for Humanity. More information is forthcoming, but save these dates on your calendar, and, more importantly, let me know ASAP if you'd like to volunteer - Space is limited!

\* **Thurs, 10/25** in conjunction with the South Coast

Interfaith Council

\* **Thurs, 11/15** in conjunction with Unity Build Day - 1 space is available

\* **Sat, 11/17** in conjunction with Unity Build Day - 3 spaces are available

Saturday build days are rare, and are great opportunities for teens (16+) to get involved! Best to you all,

—Tracy Blender

***Recurring Events***

*Download the Latest*

[AdUUlt Programs Flyer HERE](#)

**Sundays**

***Sunday Adult Religious Education Offerings***

**1st Sunday**

- 9:15 PM: Faith Like a River: Themes From Our UU History
- 12:15 PM: Theological Academy—The Buddhist Path to Recovery
- 12:15 PM —Standing on the Side of Love Documentary Series (1st Sunday of every odd-numbered month )

**2nd Sunday**

- 9:15 AM: In Nature's Honor: Myths, Rituals, & Holidays Celebrating the Earth
- 12:15 PM: The Transition Companion: Making your Community More Resilient in Uncertain Times

Ordination of **Angela Henderson** to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry. Last June the Congregation voted to ordain Angela to our ministry. Angela was our intern two years ago and is currently serving in Northern California. This Service will be attended by UU and area clergy from across our area. This once-in-a-generation event is not to be missed. A reception will follow.

**Special Thanks To Last Sunday's Kitchen Helpers:**

Top Chefs: **Andy Kissner & Francis Morehouse**, and Sous Chefs

**Corine Rutledge, Peggy Tigerman, Doris Peñalosa, Marvel Burke, Kim Go, and Penny Trunnel**

Wanted. 30 empty CLEAN wine bottles.

**Mega Top Chef:**

[Frances Morehouse](#)

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

***Second Sunday Hospitality***

**Ushers:**

Raychel Lydon & Alana Garrigues

**Welcome Table:**

Betty Hanner & Chip Morgan

**Greeters:**

Peggy Tigerman & Jean Tordella

**PUC's Board of Trustees**

- Gary Hart, President
- Clay Bosler, Secretary
- Pam Harris, Vice-President
- Andy Kissner
- Elaine Nicol

Resident in Uncertain Times

3rd Sunday

9:15 AM: Statements of Conscience: Congregational Study Issues--  
The Doctrine of Discovery and Immigration Justice

12:15 PM: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

4th Sunday

9 AM: 12 Months to a Compassionate Community – A reflection on  
the reading of the book by Karen Armstrong, 12 Steps to a  
Compassionate Life

12:15 – 1:30 PM: Leadership Academy—*Leadership and the  
Individual Module*

5th Sunday (9/30/12 & 12/30/12, 3/31/13, 6/30/13)

9:15 AM: 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, December 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

Women's Reading & Responding Grp, 3rd Mon., 11 AM

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

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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**Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM**

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