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Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

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

The View



October 18, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC has information ([CLICK HERE](#)) about **THIS Saturday's Assessment Workshop** chance for all PUC'ers to do their part to shape the LONG-RANGE View from PUC. That, and much more -- all the PUC news that barely fits in print...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!



Minister's Message

Blessings

It is such a blessing to serve this Church! Our worship and music has been outstanding. Severin, the choir and our guest musicians have had us on our feet every Sunday. And if you haven't enjoyed the food and fellowship on the Patio after the Service you have been missing out. Frances and her team have been creating what the sociologist Ray Oldenberg calls a "Third Place"; a place between home and work where we can meet others, enjoy good food, and slow down. After lunch we have had an offering of classes on a variety of subjects. PUC is the place to be on Sunday!

This Sunday we will be having our "Blessing of the Animals" Service. Please bring your well behaved pet to church for the blessing. You may also bring a photo of your pet, past or present, to be blessed as well. The choir will sing and I will have a short sermon on the spiritual lives of animals. **Next Sunday, October 28th**, is a two-for-one deal. Come to church in the morning and then return at 4 pm to ordain our former Intern Minister, Angela Henderson to the UU ministry. This will be a pageant not to miss. Ministers from across the region will come in their full regalia to participate in this once-in-a-generation ritual. Ordination is performed by the Congregation so

October's Monthly Theme: **Faith**

This Sunday

9:15 AM 3rd Sunday Forum:

UUA Statements of Conscience:
Congregational Study Issues--The
[Christian Doctrine of Discovery](#)
and Immigration Justice

10:30 AM Service

When Elephants Weep and Dolphins Laugh

Rev. John Morehouse

You are invited to bring your pet (or a photo of one living or past) for *The Blessing of the Animals*.

The homily will focus on the emotional life of our pets for them and us.

The Weekend At a Glance

Thursday, October 18, 2012

1 PM Ordination Food Prep - K

Friday, October 19, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

2 PM Social Justice Committee - L

4 PM Mins. & RE Meet with Dave Rickard - L

5 PM Facilities Mtg. w/Dave Rickard- L

7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Srvc-H

please make plans to attend. There will be a reception after the Service. Children are welcome!

See you in church!

*With Grace and Grit,
—Rev. John*

Minister@pacificunitarian.org

Assessment Workshop, THIS Saturday, October 20

UUA Consultant Dave Rickard, on behalf of the UUA Congregational Stewardship Services, will be conducting an *Assessment Workshop* from 9 – 11:30 AM to ready PUC for the next steps of our Strategic Plan, Renaissance Roadmap for growth, and the capital campaign to support the efforts.

All are encouraged to attend and give input as we determine how to meet our growing needs. Dave will meet with the Board on Friday to gain an understanding of where PUC is today and where we want to be in the future.

Please join us from 9 – 11:30 AM, THIS Saturday, for this important meeting and help us take this next step on our road to fulfilling our strategic plan.

Food will be provided.

—Gary Hart, President, PUC Board of Trustees

Religious Education Matters

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

- Last week, our Kindergarten through 8th graders (Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers) began their unit (three lessons) on Christianity during which they'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**. Next curricular lesson is on **November 4**.
- On **October 21** children and youth (Hobbits and above, with Pixies and Nursery children welcome as families wish) will participate in our blessing of the Animals Service. Our youth choir will be joining the adult choir for some of the songs! Childcare is available for children age five and below who do not wish to stay in service.
- Our annual Fall Festival will take place on **October 28**. EVERYONE is invited to wear Halloween costumes to church for our parade as the children and youth leave service for the Fall Festival. Our Festival features games, activities, and surprises celebrating Dia de los Muertos, the harvest season, and Halloween. *We still need a few volunteers to lend a helping*

Saturday, October 20, 2012

8:30 AM Strategic Planning – L
9 AM UUA Assessment Workshop w/ Dave Rickard – All Members & Friends Invited
12:30 PM Paulsen: Indian Brunch - O [TS]

Sunday, October 21, 2012

9:15 AM Forum: UUA Statement of Conscience Issues - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR3
12 PM Town Hall - Meet the New Board - H
2 PM PV Democratic Club Mtg. - H
7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy – H

Monday, October 22, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
7 PM Men's Ministry –V

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

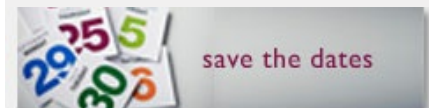
8:30 AM Aerobics - H
7 PM Program Council – L

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

1 PM Staff Meeting - L
7 PM Infinity in Your Hands Grp - L
7 PM Choir Practice – H

Thursday, October 25, 2012

8 AM SCIC Habitat for Humanity Build Day - O
8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
10 AM Women's Circle - L
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch



11/10, Our Next PUC Buddy Mixer

WANT TO MEET MORE PUCers? Please come to our next Buddy Mixer on **Saturday, November 10** – a fun and informal way to get to know others at PUC, Especially for our visitors, new members, and Buddy volunteers, this one will be a potluck dinner at Judy Shaffer's at 6:30 PM. Sorry – this one is for adults only. So, mark your calendar, keep your eyes peeled for more details, and RSVP with [Buddy Coordinator, Denise](#)

hand with the Festival. If you can help and want to have some fun, please contact **Rev. Tamara** at AssocMinister@PacificUnitarian.org.

—Rev. Tamara

3rd SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

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

*12:15 PM: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

[Shiozawa](#).

Want to learn more about the Buddy Program (mixers and matches)? Please visit our [web page](#).

Sunday's flowers are..." *in memory of Carol Bassett, (my wife) Diane Basset's mother, who passed away on September 22, 2012.*"

—Dennis Murray

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

October's Monthly Theme: **Faith**

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 Ordination of **Angela Henderson** to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry.* 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:



The Phantom of the Opera: Silent Movie & Potluck BBQ @ PUC - Friday, Oct. 26.....BOO!

Next Friday, Oct. 26, Our own multi-talented Dr. Severin Behnen and "Professor" Reggie Neal will celebrate an early Halloween with live musical accompaniment to the great silent film classic *The Phantom of the Opera*. The film stars [Lon Chaney](#) as the deformed Phantom who haunts the [Paris Opera House](#), causing murder and mayhem in an attempt to force the management to make the woman he loves a star.

The *potlUUCK BBQ* begins at 6:30 PM on the Patio with your's truly on the grills (Bring something to grill for yourself, & a side dish or beverages to share) - I'll have the marks to prove it!

The film starts at 7:45. *Be there and be scared!* BOOO!!

—Craig Block

Angela Henderson's Ordination @ PUC Takes Place on Sunday, Oct. 28 - You're ALL Invited!!!

A very important event will take place on **October 28** -- the Ordination of our former Intern Minister, *Angela Henderson*.

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.

Can you assist in making this an elegant event? We're still looking for help in the kitchen after the Sunday Service on the 28th; and people to set up, serve, and clean up after the Ordination. If you are able to help out, please phone, e-mail me, or see me on the Patio after this Sunday's Service.

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

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.

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...](#)

PSWD Adult Faith Development Facilitator Training

Saturday, November 3, 2012, 10 AM – 4 PM

UU Community Church of Santa Monica, CA

[1260 18th Street, Santa Monica, CA](#)

Adult religious education classes are one of the best ways we have of deepening the faith and UU identity of our members. If you are looking for ways to enhance the skills of adult religious education leaders, we have a day-long program that will help.

Trainer: Stephanie Ludwig, MDiv, PhD.

Cost is just **\$35/congregation**, so as many people as possible can benefit--bring 'em all!

Pacific Western Region Presents Webinars

Our Pacific Western Region of the UUA is offering many interesting webinars on a variety of topics. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

They cost just \$15 each!

Top Chef: Vivian Hao, assisted by
Sous Chefs: Donna Jean Ryan, Gilana Goff, Dorian Tippet, Nancy Hofland, David & Max Kane, Trent Lane, & Linda Shahian!

. Thank you for your commitment of time, helping to nurture community with a bit of sustenance.

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!!

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,

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

—Tracy Blender

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

3rd Sunday

9:15 AM: UUA 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, H
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., 7:30 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

**Third Sunday
Hospitality**

Ushers:

Britany Manning & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller & Betty Saunders

Greeters:

Bill Karg & *OPEN POSITION*

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty Chevron

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