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# The View



November 1, 2012  
Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PUCer},  
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is almost always WORTH looking at -- I hope. Here 'tis, all the PUC news that barely fit in print...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

***Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 2 AM THIS SUNDAY, NOV. 3 - Don't forget to set your timepieces BACK 1 Hour before you go to bed on Saturday Night or you'll be here early to help Frances Prep for Sunday A.M. Hospitality!!!***



## From Rev. Tamara's Desk

*Become a possibilitarian. No matter how dark things seem to be or actually are, raise your sights and see the possibilities....always see them, for they are always there.—Norman Vincent Peale*

This week, as we hear reports of the rebuilding of devastated buildings and lives on the East Coast in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, and as we head to the polls on Tuesday, the theme of optimism is foremost in my thoughts.

There will always be events in our lives beyond our control, and ones we let go of knowing we have done all that we can to affect the outcome. Knowing this, it is important to remember that what we do have control over is our attitudes, our perception of events and how we respond in word and deed. I try to hold to a sense of realistic optimism in moving through life.

It is said that when pessimists think they're taking a chance, optimists feel they're grasping a great opportunity. This different perception of the same reality creates challenges in communication

## **Upcoming Services: November's Monthly Theme: WORTH**

This Sunday

9:15 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Forum:  
Faith Like a River: Themes From  
Our UU History

10:30 AM Service

***In Search of Our Better Selves***  
**Rev. John Morehouse**

**Rev. John** begins an exploration of worth by exploring the how the pursuit of integrity is vital to a better spiritual life for each of us individually and for our country.

## **The Week At a Glance**

Thursday, November 1, 2012  
7 PM PUC <--> Temple Emet Mtg - L  
7:30 PM Env. Priorities Network - CR1

Friday, November 2, 2012  
10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H  
4 PM Endowment Committee - L  
6:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service - H

Saturday, November 3, 2012  
5 PM [Long Beach Meditation Benefit Concert](#) - H

in our society, in our families and in our church itself. As we move forward through Election Day 2012, to our Congregational Meeting on **November 11** and beyond, let's hold to a sense of optimism, be aware of our words and deeds, and become "possibilitarians" in our lives.

Blessings,  
—Rev. Tamara

[AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org)

## Religious Education Matters

- Thanks to all for a great time at the Fall Festival on October 28!! The games and activities were all fun (and some were even educational) as we celebrated the harvest season, Dia de los Muertos, and Halloween!
- This coming **Sunday, November 4**, our YRUU group (high schoolers) will have a "brunch" during class time as they hang out, check-in, and begin planning the upcoming Faith in Action Day.
- On **November 4 and 11**, Kindergarten through 8th graders (Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers) continue their exploration of Christianity including 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*.
- **November 18** is our first Faith in Action Day! This is an onsite, multiage day of learning and service for our children and youth. More information to come!

—Rev. Tamara

### 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

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)

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

## Reminder - Congregational Meeting on November 11

During this meeting, we will have a thoughtful dialogue on the implementation of the PUC Strategic Plan. This will include the first of several votes on proposed capital improvements that support the Strategic Plan implementation. By now, you should have received a meeting notice along with read-ahead materials. [[CLICK HERE](#) for those materials.] This Sunday, there will be a Big Growth Plan table on the Patio prior to and after the Service for you to ask questions and obtain more information on the plan.

Sunday, November 4, 2012

**Daylight Saving Time Ends: Turn Your Clocks Back Before Bed**

9:30 AM Forum - Faith like a River:

Themes from our UU History - L

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR3

12:15 PM Buddhist Path to Recovery w/  
Rev. John - H

12:15 PM Standing On the Side of Love'  
Documentary Series - L

6 PM Pagan Samhain/Day of the Dead  
Celebration - H

7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - H

7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group  
- L

Monday, November 5, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

1 PM Setup for Elections - H

7 PM Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

**Election Day: GO VOTE!**

8:30 AM Aerobics -

Cancelled Today for Elections

2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp -L

6:30 PM Stewardship - L

7 PM Board Exec. Mtg. - L

7 PM Standing On the Side of Love Mtg. - V

7:30 PM Board Mtg. - L

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

1 PM L.A. Area Minister Gathering - L

11 AM Staff Meeting - L

7 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, November 8, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

7 PM Finance Committee - L

8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch -

Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

## Save the Dates!

### 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 Shiozawa](#).

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

Additionally, Board of Trustees members will be circulating after the service with absentee ballots. They can also engage in dialogue and answer questions. Your Strategic Planning and Facilities Committees are generating a list of FAQs to help answer questions and ensure transparency. The latest list of FAQs will be available at the Big Growth Plan table and by following the link above to the website. If you should have any questions that you believe would be helpful for you and your fellow PUC members to see on the list, please forward the questions as soon as possible to John Einhorn, [einchild1@verizon.net](mailto:einchild1@verizon.net), or call 310-937-3134.

—John Einhorn

## Iseum Holds Samhain/Day of the Dead Celebration @ PUC THIS Sunday

The Iseum of Isis Paedusis will hold their annual Samhain/El Dia de los Muertos event at 6 PM on **Sunday, Nov. 4**. This is our most ecumenical event, honoring our departed loved ones and experiencing the magick of the season! Bring picture of your departed loved ones, dress in seasonal wear or costumes, bring a potluck dish to share and decorations for the ofrenda (altar). This is our biggest event of the year and we hope to see you all there! Contact: (310) 371-0274 or [isis\\_Paedusis@hotmail.com](mailto:isis_Paedusis@hotmail.com) for info.

## A GREAT BIG “THANK YOU”

A note of appreciation is due to all who helped make the reception for Rev. Angela Henderson’s Ordination an outstanding success, through donations and labor before, during, and after the event. In no particular order: Betsy Walters, Judy Shaffer, Ginnie Granoff, Kathy Rickey, Joyce Block-Miller, Madeline Morehouse, Peggy Tigerman, Alice Slavich, Lee Ann Hart, Jennifer Montgomery, J.C. Chacon, Margo & Barry Meikle, Lori Geittmann, Sue Cutler, Michael Paieda, Carolyn Waters, Louise Allison, Emily Morison, Mike Mariani, and Pam Harris. If I’ve left anyone out, chalk it up to a senior moment. And, of course, a special “Thanks” for Georgianne Declercq and Frances Morehouse, the other two members of AORPC (Angela’s Ordination Reception Planning Committee)

—Betty Paieda

## New Banned Books Club Forming

Iconoclasts, rebels and book lovers sought-- Read and discuss books that have been banned by public libraries and school districts. This new PUC Small Group will meet on 3rd Fridays, starting **Nov. 16**, at homes of members.

First meeting topic is *Lady Chatterley's Lover* by D.H. Lawrence, one of the most controversial and oft-banned books in the English language! Meeting is 7-9 PM at Vivien Hao's townhouse, [921 W.](#)

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*Sunday's Flowers "are dedicated to my daughter Eros on her 16th birthday, which I'm celebrating with her today."*

—Brad Shreve

**The Flower Calendar needs YOUU!**

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

**December 2, 16, 30**

Please contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date!

The Strategic Planning Team will be displaying information about PUC's *Big Growth Plan* on the Art Wall for the remainder of the year.



## Pastoral Care

It is with great sadness that we announce the

passing of PUC member Jean Leiseron on Saturday, October 27. A celebration of Jean's life will be held on **Saturday, November 10, 2012** at 2 pm @ The Canterbury Episcopal Home Community, 5801 Crestridge Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275  
RSVP: [dianeLhayden@cox.net](mailto:dianeLhayden@cox.net), (310) 544-1051, 6538 La Garita Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

**Upcoming Services:**  
**November's Monthly Theme:**  
**WORTH**

**11/4: *In Search of Our Better Selves***

**Rev. John Morehouse**

[18th St. #4, San Pedro.](#) (Sorry it's 3 stories and not handicapped accessible). Join us for fellowship, fun and food. Please bring a copy of the book and/or notes from your reading and a dessert to share. Contact Vivien to sign up: [prvivien@gmail.com](mailto:prvivien@gmail.com).

**South Bay Chamber Music Society Presents:**

**The Jung Piano Trio**

**3 PM, November 11, 2012 @ PUC**

**Jennie Jung**, piano; **Ellen Jung**, violin; **Julie Jung**, cello

\*Piano Trio in E-flat Major, Op. 70, No. 2 (1808) - Ludwig van Beethoven

\*\*"Old Photographs" from *Constantinople* (2000) - [Christos Hatzis](#)

\*Piano Trio in F minor, Op. 65 (1883) - [Anton Dvorak](#)

## SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS



### **Rev. John Set to Emcee SCIC Festival of Music Benefit Concert on Sunday, Nov. 4**

Our own **Rev. John** will be master of ceremonies for the *South Coast Interfaith Council Festival of Music Benefit Concert* at 3-5 PM on **Sunday Nov. 4** at Trinity Luthern Church, [759 Linden Ave, Long Beach](#). Performances will include Yoruba drummers, Sikh chanting, Choirs, Taiko drumming, and Sufi dancers. Free will offering - All are welcome! Please [CLICK HERE](#) for info.

#### **Recurring Events**

[Download the Latest AdUUIt 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 starting in January, 2013)

##### 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*

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#### **11/11: *Becoming Whole: A Healing Service***

**Rev. John Morehouse &**

**Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**

Join Revs. John & Tamara for an interactive service of healing and renewal.

#### **11/18: *Invited to the Feast***

**Rev. John Morehouse**

Rev. John will explore the power of gratitude to realizing the worth in ourselves and others. We will also be launching our annual UUSC *Guest at Your Table* Program.

#### **11/25: *Cultivating an Attitude of Gratitude***

**Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**

On this Thanksgiving weekend, Rev. Tamara explores the role of gratitude, graciousness, and generosity in our lives.

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

Our excellent tasting & quite attractive luncheon was prepared by Sous Chefs *Sarah Chevallier, Sean Lewis, Gilana Goff, Grace Nesbitt, JC Chacon, & Madeline Morehouse.*

If you would like to make a 1 & 1/2 hour commitment to help with Food Prep **OR** Patio Setup on a Sunday morning from 9 AM until Service begins @ 10:30.....

Contact: **Mega Top Chef: [Frances Morehouse](#)**; 310 291 3399;

OR just show up 9 at AM to claim a chance to feed 100 people with one hour of prep.

Many hands make light work!



## 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  
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., 7:30 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**

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

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## ***First Sunday Hospitality***

### **Ushers:**

George Yenoki & Tracy Blender

### **Welcome Table:**

Marty Gorman

### **Greeters:**

Nancy Hofland & Dennis Murray

### **PUC's Board of Trustees**

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***Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM***



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