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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



November 21, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC all about all we have to be grateful for...all of you!! Here 'tis, all the PUC news that barely fits in print...REEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!



From Rev. Tamara's Desk

It's hard to believe, but I have been serving this incredible group of people here at Pacific Unitarian for four months already! In that time we have laughed and cried, dreamed and worked together; all toward a vision of building an even better and stronger community both for those already here and for those who will walk onto our grounds seeking spiritual sustenance and a spiritual home.

Many years ago, I was one of those seekers. My family felt the need to be in community with people of all ages who shared similar values. This became especially important to us after my young daughter, at age four, came home from a play-date and told my husband and I that we were going to burn in hell! We knew then that we needed to find a place for her to develop her own spiritual identity, a place to be in community with people who would support us through good times and bad, and a place where people would help articulate solid ethics and values to our children (and us!).

It is no secret that church life is not perfect. We come to church to learn to become more human and strive mightily to overcome our all-too-human foibles and failings. We come to be reminded we are not alone, to rejoice in the gifts of life and to share the burdens, to gain strength and sustenance for the journey of life. As we journey together, remember to assume best intentions of others and be gentle in word and action. We don't always agree and we wouldn't want to anyway! We need all of us, with our individual gifts and talents,

Upcoming Services:
November's Monthly Theme:
WORTH

This Sunday

9:00 AM 4th Sunday Forum:
12 Months to a Compassionate Community – A reflection on the reading of the book by Karen Armstrong, *12 Steps to a Compassionate Life*

10:30 AM Service
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.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, November 22, 2012
Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed
8:30 AM Aerobics - No Class Today
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - No Class Today
10 AM Women's Circle - No Mtg Today
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch - No Mtg. Tonight

together working toward making our church a home for seekers.

Namaste~

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

- 11/25: Today we play games and bake bread with friends old and new as we relax and enjoy the morning together on this Thanksgiving weekend. Children and youth begin the morning in the Worship Service and then proceed as a group to the activities.
- 12/2: Winter fun begins today with Santa's Workshop! Our Voyager (Middle School) group will be holding their annual Toberman holiday sale immediately after Church ([See details below](#)) Today our children and youth will be making props and singing songs in preparation for our multi-generational holiday *Festival of Lights* Service on **December 9**. Children and youth begin the morning in the worship service and then proceed as a group to the activities of the day
- 12/9: The Twelve Days of Winter Festival of Lights multi-generational, fully participatory Worship Service!! People of ALL ages are welcome when we come together ready for fun and action as we learn about various winter holidays and holy days. Children of all ages welcome; childcare provided as necessary for children under six years.

—Rev. Tamara

4th SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

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

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

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

NOTICE: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUNDAY, DEC. 9

NOTICE: There will be a Congregational Meeting after the Service on **Sunday, December 9**. You are asked to attend, or complete an absentee ballot, to vote on the following items:

- The Big Growth Plan budget
- The loan of \$28,000 from the Endowment to kickstart the plan

Friday, November 23, 2012

Holiday - Office Closed

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp – No Workshop Today

Saturday, November 24, 2012

9 AM Strategic Planning - O
10 AM French Conversation Grp - V

Sunday, November 25, 2012

9 AM Forum: Reflection on '12 Steps to a Compassionate Life' - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR3
12:15 PM PUC Leadership Academy - CR1
7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy) -H

Monday, November 26, 2012

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

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

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

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

11 AM Staff Mtg - L
7 PM Infinity in Your Hands Grp - L
7 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, November 29, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H



Pastoral Care

Longtime PUC member **Tom Rische** is on

hospice care at home. Please keep Tom, his wife Geri, and their family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Save the Dates!

11/22, 1 PM, THANKSGIVING

FEASTagain this year at Sandy McNeil's home. If you will be rattling around by yourself on Thanksgiving Day, come join a great group of PUC friends and help celebrate. Turkey, gravy, and stuffing will be on the table, just bring your favorite side dish and a big smile. We will eat at 1:00 PM on **Thursday, November 22**. Let me know if you can make it, I'm in the PUC Directory.

—Sandy McNeil

implementation

- Conducting a two week Feasibility Study with the help of the UUA consultant

Please plan on attending this very important Congregational Meeting.

Completed absentee ballots (in a sealed envelope with your name written on the OUTSIDE of the envelope) must be submitted to the PUC Office or a PUC Board Member on the Patio before 12:30 PM, **Sunday, December 9.**

Save your \$\$!! Toberman "Santa's Workshop" Gift Sale on December 2!!

We are proud to once again partner with [Toberman Neighborhood Center](#), a non-profit community-based organization committed to assisting Harbor Area families and individuals by delivering life-changing services. Please support this great tradition of service at our church; come prepared with cash to visit the "Santa's Workshop" gift store set up by our Middle School "Voyager" youth immediately after the Service and purchase a gift to be donated to Toberman for one of the youth they serve.

Make the Holidays Special By Helping Harbor Interfaith Services Help Others in Need

This **Sunday, November 25**, we will be making a special effort to collect cans and dry goods for Harbor Interfaith Services. Items needed are groceries; toiletries, such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine products, bath soap, and deodorant; and household goods, such as pots, pans, and silverware. Please drop your donations in the baskets as you enter the Hall for Sunday's Service.

What an excellent way to share the gift of giving throughout the year. We hope for the number of donations to increase substantially, as it has in the past. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the complete Harbor Interfaith wish list.

'Dinners with UU'S' - We're Looking for February Hosts

We won't be having a December UU Dinner Party. BUT I'm currently looking for a host for February. We have a potluck dinner at a member home on the second Saturday of every even-numbered month. I would welcome anyone who would like to host a party to contact me.

It is easy to find both prospective, new, & long-time members who are eager sign up. We have a great time breaking bread and getting to know each other. Look forward to meeting more folks for the **February 9** potluck! Call me if you have questions, or if you'd like to

Sunday's Flowers are "in honor of our 59th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 21."

—Betty & Vic Paieda

The Flower Calendar still needs YOUU!

The following Sundays are still open...

December 2, 16, 30

2013 dates are now available!

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.

Upcoming Services:

December's Monthly Theme: **HOME**

12/2: Longing for Home **Rev. John Morehouse**

In this first of a two-part series Rev. John explores the meaning and place of home in our lives.

12/9: Festivals of Light

Our annual intergenerational, interactive Service celebrating the "Festivals of Light" that take place at this time of the year.

12/16: The Light Towards Home **Rev. John Morehouse**

In this first of a two-part series, **Rev. John** explores the meaning and place of home in our lives.

12/23: Embracing Our Better Angels

Rev. John Morehouse
In this Advent service, **Rev. John** shares some stories and thoughts before the giving begins.

12/24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Join us for this special celebration of the holiday in song & story.

12/30: The Dance for Food **Andrew Morehouse**

Join us as we both share in a service of Nepalese Dancing and hear from our lead minister's brother Andrew Morehouse, Executive Director of the Western Massachusetts Food Bank.

be the host with the most. My number is in the PUC Directory.

—Betty Saunders



UUSC Holiday Cards are on sale **Sundays** on the Patio. You will not be able to miss the UUSC table.

Please stuff the "Guest At Your Table" box you received last Sunday with all the coins and cash you can (checks are OK too). Have the box displayed prominently in your home throughout the holidays, giving kids, friends, and family an opportunity to learn about UU values in action. A nice touch is to save a seat at your dinner table for one or all of these "guests" and take time to discuss the importance of their humanitarian contributions. Thank you so much.

Did you know that if you donate at least \$40, you will receive a one-year membership in the UUSC?

—Sandy McNeil

Around the District and Beyond...

The Winter PSWD NetwUUrk Newsletter is HERE

[CLICK HERE](#) to get the new Winter 2012 issue of our quarterly PSWD newsletter, *The NetwUUrk*. You can also access it by going to the website (www.pswduua.org) and clicking on the "Newsletter" page link in the menu at the left of the page.

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See What Your Work is Doing for Josie Neito...

Please [CLICK HERE](#) and take four minutes to see what your efforts to secure the human right to water have meant to real people in California. This is the human story of why it is so important, through the eyes of Josie Nieto.

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

Calling All (Holiday) Cups, Calling All (Holiday) Cups!

The Religious Education Committee is asking us to donate our *nice* Holiday or Festively Themed coffee cups/mugs so we can include a cup with cocoa mix inside it with holiday gift baskets that we make every year.

Fourth Sunday Hospitality Special Thanks To Last Sunday's Kitchen Helpers

ANDY 'S BIG TOP BRUNCH

Pancake & Sausage .. French
Toast & Bacon... Yogurt...

Oatmeal... Orange Juice. Produced

and brought to PUC by the
following pre-Christmas elves:

TOP CHEF Andy, plus Janet &
Marina Kissner & Lois

Lutkenhouse; David, Yoko, & Max

Kane & Trent Lane; Deb Ripley,

Janet Steinberg, Debra Cucci, J.C.

Chacon & Jen Hocutt.

And thanks to the entire LEGACY
FOUNDATION LUNCHEON crew

who worked alongside them: Kim

Gosney, Tracey Blender, Kim

Crawford, Clint Patterson, Francis

& Madeline Morehouse, Ben

Cowan, Marina Kissner, Sean

Lewis, & Kai Ayers,

No better place to be on SUNDAY

morning. YoUU make it Happen

on the Hill!!

If you like to help we'd love to have
you! Show up in the kitchen @ 9
am for an hour of power.

Contact: **Mega Top Chef:** [Francis](#)

[Morehouse](#); 310 291 3399

Ushers:

Linnea Eades & **OPEN**
POSITION

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 Karen Armstrong's book, 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*
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/ Gilana (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, Mon., 7 PM, V
Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Tuesdays

Aerobics: 8:30 AM, Hiatus

Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H

Thursdays

Aerobics: 8:30 AM, H
Women's Circle, 4th Thursdays, 10 AM
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

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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