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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



December 6, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is full of Light too...and I don't mean the little twinkly ones down the Hill - I mean the kind that can illuminate your heart & soul, even if ya didn't think ya still had one!!! Here 'tis, all the PUC news that barely fits in print...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

Upcoming Services:
December's Monthly Theme:
HOME

This Sunday

9:15 AM 2nd Sunday Forum:
In Nature's Honor: Myths, Rituals, & Holidays Celebrating the Earth -Join Jeff Ordway to explore the festival of Yule Sunday

10:30 AM Service

Festival of Light:

The 12 Days of Winter

Come and help put a new twist on our annual intergenerational, interactive Service celebrating the many "Festivals of Light" that take place at this time of the year.



Music Notes

From the Music Department:



Thanks to Linda Alvarez for her inspiring performance during last Sunday's Service with the Adult Choir! She often tells me how much she enjoys singing here at PUC, both because she connects with the message and also

because of the kindness many members of the Congregation show to her. We look forward to more of her masterful work.

The Adult and Youth Choirs are preparing for our annual *Festival of Lights* Service this coming Sunday. It will both fun and enlightening. Also, **this Sunday** at 2 PM the Choir will be leading Christmas carols at the Belmont Village Senior Community. Speak to me after Service if you'd like to join us.

Our little Youth Choir is getting bigger. We meet Sundays from 11:45 until 12:15. It's a fun way for kids to learn about UnitarianUniversalist principles through music.

The PUC Choir is excited about two projects scheduled for the spring of next year. We will be inviting people from the community to join us in a performance of Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* on **May 5**. Perhaps YOU want to get involved. Then on **May 17** PUC will host our PSWD regional UU Choir Festival.

Keep Singing,

—Severin

Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director

The Weekend At a Glance

Thursday, December 6, 2012

7:30 PM Env. Priorities Network - L

Friday, December 7, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
6:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service - H

Saturday, December 8, 2012

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V
7 PM Dinners with UU's - O [No Dinner in December - Join us in February!]

Religious Education Matters

- 12/9: **Festival of Light: The Twelve Days of Winter**
Kick off your holiday season with our 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.
Santa's Workshop Continues! Our Voyager (Middle School) group will be continuing their annual Toberman holiday sale immediately after Church. ([See details below.](#))
- 12/16: **Holiday Gift Baskets:** Today we get into the true spirit of the season by making gift baskets for Congregation members who need some holiday cheer.
- 12/23: Children and youth are in the Worship Service today. This promises to be a unique and moving Service as we participate in the sweeping-away ceremony of an intricate sand mandala created in our sanctuary by visiting Tibetan monks. Childcare is available for children six and under who do not wish to stay in the Service.
- 12/30: Children and youth are in the Worship Service today. Part of the Service today will feature a Nepalese dancer.

—Rev. Tamara

2nd SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

- * 9:15 AM: In Nature's Honor: Myths, Rituals, & Holidays Celebrating the Earth - Join [Jeff Ordway](#) to explore the festival of Yule Sunday
- * 12:15 PM: The Transition Companion: Making your Community More Resilient in Uncertain Times

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

NOTICE: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUNDAY, DEC. 9

There will be a Congregational Meeting after the Service on **Sunday, December 9**. Please 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 implementation
- Conducting a two week Feasibility Study with the help of the UUA consultant

Please plan on attending this very important Congregational Meeting. To see additional details about the motions, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

Sunday, December 9, 2012

Festival of Light

9:15 AM Forum - In Nature's Honor: Myths & Rituals Celebrating the Earth - L

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
12 PM Congregational Meeting - H
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - L
7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp - No December Mtg
7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy)

Monday, December 10, 2012

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

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

1:30 PM Staff Mtg - L
6:30 PM RE Committee - [Polly's Pies]
7 PM Infinity in Your Hands Grp - L
7 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, December 13, 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

Sunday's Flowers are in honor of my father, Howard Banks. He would have been 89 today. I still miss you Dad.

—Kathy Rickey

The Flower Calendar still needs YOU!

December 16 & 30 are still

open...

2013 dates are now available!

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

Information about PUC's Big Growth Plan is on the Art Wall for the remainder of the year. Please stop by and give your input.



Around the District and

[HERE.](#)

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.**

Bring Your \$\$!! Toberman "Santa's Workshop" Gift Sale Continues on December 9!!

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.

How Do We Become a Multicultural Congregation?

Join Vivien Hao at 9:15 AM, **Sunday Dec. 16** in PUC's Schuder Library for the first of three strategizing sessions on how to make PUC a more diverse, anti-racist and multicultural congregation. We'll look at myths and misconceptions, see what's worked at other communities, and start to develop a plan for our Church in 2013 and beyond.

This ties in with our "Big Growth" plan-- how can we grow with intention, purpose, and justice in mind? What can each of us do and what should we *avoid* doing/saying? Help us shape the future of PUC so that we can thrive and shine in an increasingly multicultural Los Angeles. Contact Vivien with questions: prvivien@gmail.com

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.



UUSC News

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

Do you know where the *Guest At Your Table* money goes?

* \$75.00 of *Guest At Your Table* will support one youth at risk for labor exploitation and trafficking near the Uganda/Kenya border.

* \$100.00 of *Guest At Your Table* provides one month of art supplies for 10 children in an art-therapy program for family healthcare in Haiti. Also your gift of \$100.00 or more qualifies for matching gift from the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, NY.

* \$180.00 supplies materials for tire gardens including platform construction, compost, organic seeds, and maintenance for planting a set of five tires. (check out the "Stories of Hope" on your *Guest At Your Table* box)

—Sandy McNeil

Beyond...

Now's the time to save the dates of **April 26-28, 2013** for the first-ever **Pacific Western Regional Assembly**. We will be joining with the other three Districts in the Pacific Western Region for this great event. If you want to propose a workshop [HERE's the link](#).

If you are planning to attend, now would be a good time to make your reservations at the Doubletree by Hilton San Jose where the Assembly will be held. Rates are \$99 for a single or double room, \$109 for a triple or quad. Follow this link for [information and registration](#).

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!*

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12/16: The Light Towards Home

Rev. John Morehouse

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

12/23: Embracing Our Inner Light

Rev. John Morehouse

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

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
w/ Rev. John

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: How Do We Become a Multicultural Congregation?

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

12/24: **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

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

12/30: **Let's Get Real: The Politics and Economics of Hunger**

49 million Americans face "food
insecurity" and 868 million people
worldwide suffer from serious
malnutrition. The risk and reality of
hunger seem only to worsen every
year. Humanity has yet to solve its
age-old quest to achieve food justice
in a world of relative abundance. One
story of how we got into this mess,
what is being done to get us out of it,
and what you can do about it.

Andrew Morehouse is the
Executive Director of the Western
Massachusetts Food Bank in
Hadley, MA. He is also our lead
minister's brother. Andrew
received his BA from Bates
College and holds a MA in
Economics and an MBA from the
University of Massachusetts. He
has served in the field of economic
justice-making for many years.

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

Mexican Fiesta Explored on the
Patio last Sunday, brought to us by
ELF Group 2 Members: Jeff, Erica,
David, & Kevin Sweet; Tracy,
Bruce, & Sean Lewis; Rachel &
Alma Bruhnke, Jeff & Connie
Ordway, Issac Danziger, and Lila &
Robbie; Ed, Ingrid, Logan, &
Anika, Slizewski; with Bonus
Christmas snickerdoodles from the
fabulous Lois Lutkenhouse.

Set up elves: Gilana Goff, J.C.
Chacon; & Andy, Janet & Marina
Kissner.

Coming Attractions: Top Chef
Vivien Hao will be offering ASIAN
DELIGHT!

If you'd like to help, you can

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If you'd like to help, you can
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[Morehouse](#); 310 291 3399
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Raychel Lydon & OPEN POSITION

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Betty Hanner & Chip Morgan

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Peggy Tigerman & Jean Tordella

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