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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 13, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Upcoming Services:
December's Monthly Theme:
HOME

This Sunday

9:15 AM 2nd Sunday Forum:
**How Do We Become a
Multicultural Congregation?**
[CLICK HERE for more information](#)

10:30 AM Service

**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.

The Weekend At a Glance

Thursday, December 13, 2012
7 PM Finance Committee - L

8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch -
Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Friday, December 14, 2012
10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
7 PM GLBTQ Movie Night - L

Saturday, December 15, 2012
9 AM BGP/UUA Consultant Meeting - H

Hi,
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is full of enLIGHTenment too...with Tibetan Monks & all the trimmings coming to PUC next week!!! Here 'tis, all the PUC news that barely fits in print...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUT IT!



Minister's Message

Good Tidings

In Luke's Christmas story, the angels bring the shepherds' "good tidings of comfort and joy" announcing the birth of Jesus. The phrase "good tidings" is an interesting translation. Tidings are, by definition, "good news," derived from the Norse usage indicating that a good fortune comes with the rising tides in that sea-faring culture. Good tidings then are doubly good news: something miraculous has been born out of the ordinary. Considering that the shepherds were all alone in the countryside on a cold night, a brilliant star suddenly filling the sky would indeed be out of the ordinary and likely frightening.

As these days shorten towards our solstice, we, even as moderns, look for good tidings. Christmas is such a complex time of year, full of joy and woe, celebrations and disappointments. We all need some news to tide us over to the other side of night. I see those tidings close to home: In the holiday baskets the children in our Church are assembling for our shut-ins. In the hospitality we enjoy after Services. In the countless small exchanges we make with one another, be it a card or a hug. If we look at the small miracles of our lives, there are tidings to carry us through.

Make it a point this holiday season to spread just a little bit of cheer to someone you might not normally give a second thought to, and know their world is made a bit brighter.

See you in Church,
—Rev. John

Religious Education Matters

Thanks to all, young and old and in-between, for the wonderful Festival of Lights: The Twelve Days of Winter Worship Service last Sunday. Here's what the younger folks are up to for the balance of 2012:

- 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 dance.

—Rev. Tamara

3rd SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

- * 9:15 AM: [How Do We Become a Multicultural Congregation?](#)
- * 12:15 PM: [Introduction to Unitarian Universalism](#)

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

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

Sacred Tibetan Sand Mandala Tour Comes to PUC

Tuesday, Dec. 18 - Sunday, Dec. 23

We're all invited to celebrate the holiday season by witnessing "the creation of a picture of universal compassion" as six Tibetan Buddhist monks mark the culmination of their North American Sand Mandala tour.

[CLICK HERE to find out more.](#)

The troupe will painstakingly create a colorful sand painting over five days, then ritualistically destroy it during next Sunday's Service to emphasize the transitory nature of life. The mandala is said to bring blessings to the surrounding environment and all the beings within it. [CLICK HERE to see how they do it.](#)

Viewing hours are Tuesday through Friday 4-6 PM, Saturday 9 AM

Sunday, December 16, 2012

- 9:15 AM Forum: UUA Statement of Conscience Issues - L
- 10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
- 11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
- 11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L
- 12 PM Borderlinks Trip Mtg - V
- 5 PM Art Songs for Voice & Piano - H
- 7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L
- 7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy) - H

Monday, December 17, 2012

- 9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
- 11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club- L
- 7 PM Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

- 12 PM Pastoral Care Asscts Mtg - L
- 12 PM Tibetan Monks Sand Mandala Building - H
- 2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp - L
- 7 PM Board Meeting - L

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

- 11 AM Staff Mtg - L
- 12 PM Tibetan Monks Sand Mandala Building - H
- 3 PM Worship Team - L
- 7 PM Choir Practice - H
- 7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O

Thursday, December 20, 2012

- 10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
- 11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L
- 12 PM Tibetan Monks Sand Mandala Building - H

Sunday's Flowers are from **Lora Childers & John Einhorn,**
"...Just Because"

The Flower Calendar still needs YOUU!

December 30 and all of 2013 are now available!

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

Newsflash: 12/9 Ballot Results

This past Sunday's vote results are in!! With more than 80% approval on all items, our Congregation:

* Approved of the Big Growth Plan budget as presented.

* Approved a \$28,750 loan from Endowment to kickstart the

viewing hours are Tuesday through Friday 1-6 PM, Saturday 9 AM -3 PM and Sunday 10:30 AM - noon. A children's mandala coloring activity is scheduled for Saturday at 1 PM and Sunday at noon.

The monks are also available to perform house blessings and will be selling their art at PUC. Donations received during their time here will benefit the monastery and its ministry.

Run for the Border(links Meeting) THIS Sunday

Some people read or watch television about issues which they really should experience firsthand. Don't miss your opportunity to put your "boots on the ground" and learn experientially about legal and illegal immigration at the US/Mexican Border alongside our own Rev. John and other UUs from across the country during this bi-national Social Justice expedition.

We will meet in the Voyagers Room **this Sunday** after our Service to answer questions about the trip and make our plans. Should you have questions and/or cannot attend, contact KIM CRAWFORD kccamz@yahoo.com.

— Kim Crawford

An Evening of Song @ PUC THIS Sunday Night Sunday, December 16 at 5 PM @ PUC

Mezzo soprano Melinda Becker, and PUC Pianist Samuel Grodin will perform a concert of Impressionist and Neo-Romantic Works of the Twentieth Century, including works by Claude Debussy, Manuel de Falla, and Samuel Barber.

Suggested donation - \$10 at the door (no one will be turned away for lack of funds)

L.A. XMAS by Night

This is an annual hike to give clothing and food to the homeless living on the streets in downtown Los Angeles. Seventy people participated last year!

There are two ways you can help:

1. Donate: bring items to PUC on **Sunday, December 16**, or call me.
2. Join us! **Midnight, December 22** for the 6-mile walk.

Contact me for more information: 310-922-7734

—Janet Steinberg

UUSC News

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

—Sandy McNeil

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS

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

We're still collecting cans and dry goods for Harbor Interfaith Services. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the complete Harbor Interfaith wish list. They NEVER get things like Jello, Ketchup, and mustard;...also think about bringing the trimmings for a holiday meal

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

Endowment to Restart the Fundraising Campaign

* Approved the conduct of a Feasibility Study as a first step in the fundraising campaign



Welcome Our Newest Members:

David Kane & Yoko

Kelly

Trent & Max

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Around the District and 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](#).

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throughout the year.

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

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

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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: 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

Acting Top Chefs VIVIAN HAO &
ANDY KISSNER excuted an
amazing Asian luncheon last
Sunday, assisted by Sous Chefs
Becky Dyer, Donna Jean Ryan,
Linda Shahian, Michele Patterson,
Gilana Goff, Constance Jackson

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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Shana Gull, Constance Jackson, J.C. Chacon, & Lois Lutkenhouse ending the feast with her snickerdoodle & chocolate peppermint cookies. You all brought connections through food into our community.

Download the PUC Sunday Morning APP... Sunday @ 9 AM, Sunday @ 9 AM, Sunday @ 9 AM... Meet in the kitchen. Join us for our warm wonderful \$5 brunches. Meet brilliant, interesting people & get to know yourself deeper.

*If you'd like to help, you can contact: **Mega Top Chef:** [Francis Morehouse](#); 310 291 3399
SANTA IS WATCHING...*

Ushers:

Britany Manning & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller & Betty Saunders

Greeters:

Bill Karg

