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Pacific Unitarian Church  
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The View



August 22, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...like *THE VIEW* from PUC -- it's focused inward even as we engage to make the world outside a better place. There's always lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here (always) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

### SUNDAY TRAFFIC ALERT!

PV Drive North will be closed between Crenshaw and Hawthorne Blvds this Sat/Sun 8/24 & 8/25. Hawthorne Blvd may be closed at some point too. The traffic signs may not be accurate.

*Suggested route:* Take Crenshaw Blvd to Silver Spur.

Turn right, and drive down Silver Spur to Montemalaga, and turn left.



## Music Notes

### From the Music Department:



#### *Hello from the Great Northern Woods*

I'm overlooking the Lake Superior at the moment. It's been cold and wet up until the last four days, but Summer finally arrived just as I began to pack my bags to return to L.A. The full moon and the lake gave quite a spectacular show last night.

Tomorrow we are off to Marquette Michigan to do a concert of Bob Dylan tunes. We are close enough to Duluth, Minnesota area for the people here to claim him as a local hero. We did the same concert several times to audiences of about 600 people at a venue called Big Top Chautauqua in Bayfield, Wisconsin. Yes, it's a big top circus tent - they trap tourists who come up to sail among the islands and are looking for something to do besides visit the local bars.

It seems like forever since I've walked L.A.'s dirty streets and I can't wait to get back. Also, can't wait to see all of you and make some good music together again. See you soon!

With much Love!....

—Severin

Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director  
[Music@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:Music@pacificunitarian.org)

### August's Monthly Theme: *Beloved Community*

This Sunday

**August 25**

**10:30 AM Service**

**Going In, Growing Out**  
**Rev. John Morehouse**

Our calling as spiritual seekers requires us to seek both sanctuary from the world and a deep engagement with it. Rev. John will discuss how we might maintain this balance.

### *The Week At a Glance*

#### **Thursday, August 22, 2013**

7 PM Finance Committee - L  
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O  
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch  
- Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo  
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#### **Friday, August 23, 2013**

7 PM Film Screening: "[Trans](#)"- H

#### **Saturday, August 24, 2013**

9 AM Strategic Planning - O  
9 AM Tree Planting Wkshp -  
Garden  
10 AM French Conversation Grp -  
V  
5 PM Promised Land Film

**Religious Education Matters**  
**Family Religious Education Ministry**  
**AUGUST CALENDAR**

**8/25:** Come ready for some *Science Fun for Everyone* as *Andy Kissner* shares some cool science experiments. *Roy Nitzschner* is the Family RE Contact Person today.

—Rev. Tamara  
[AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org)

**Show Your PUC Love with Your Labor**

Anyone who is interested in helping with the classroom renovations can come by from 4-10 PM TONIGHT (8/22), as well as 4-10 PM Monday - Thursday of next week!

—*Andy Kissner*

**TRANS - Special Screening of Critically Acclaimed Transgender Documentary at PUC - Join Us**

"Why should the conversation about transgender people be a social justice issue at PUC and the world around us?" Social justice, particularly within our Unitarian Universalist principles, espouses acceptance of others to make the world a better place. When transgender individuals are stigmatized and made vulnerable to be ridiculed and physically abused, we as a congregation must counter these behaviors and extend compassion. Compassion for this group must be learned, understood, and advocated so they too can live with us in a world free from emotional and physical harm. The film *Trans*, on **Friday, August 23**, at 7 PM, at PUC, teaches us compassion, giving us the understanding and tools to support people in making decisions to step out of one gender and comfortably move into another.



Please join our Social Justice Ministry at the screening. A panel discussion with transgender thought leaders will take place immediately after the film. Let's show them the UU spirit by showing up and participating in a thought provoking conversation with them.

[See Social Justice Film Series schedule and film details here.](#)

**WE NEED YOUR HELP PLANTING TREES @ PUC**

9 AM -1 PM, THIS **Saturday, August 24** in the Nancy Hofland Memorial Food Garden. [Bring pruning sheers and gloves.](#)

This applied permaculture training and work party will add another layer of diversity to the Garden. Under the guidance of Dr. Bill Roley and Ryan Serrano, we will construct an orchard terrace that surrounds the raised-bed vegetable garden that has supplied food donations to Harbor Interfaith Food Pantry. Contouring and reuse of

***The Week At a Glance***

Screening (on Fracking) & Vegan Potluck - O [Tippet]

**Sunday, August 25, 2013**

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
12:30 PM PUC Leadership Academy – L

**Monday, August 26, 2013**

10 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H  
5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) - H  
7 PM Men's Ministry –V

**Tuesday, August 27, 2013**

7 PM Program Council – L

**Thursday, August 29, 2013**

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H  
6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice – H

**Flowers for the Church**

*Sundays Flowers "celebrate my 4th Anniversary as a PUC Member."*

—*Patricia Hart*

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

**Next open dates:**

**Sept. 15, 29: Oct. 6**



**PASTORAL CARE NEWS:**

Longtime PUC member **Bette Chevron** is in hospice care at home.

Please keep her in your loving thoughts.

Bette writes: "Thanks to all the good folks at PUC for the gorgeous, exotic bouquet of flowers - c'est magnifique! And thank you all for the notes, cards, and good thoughts. They brighten my day and help me "Hang in there!"

—Bette Chevron

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact **Reverend John**.

organic material plus fertilization and bed construction will be presented.

Jim Montgomery of the No GMO's movement has RSVP'd that he will be working with us. Luncheon snacks welcome.

RSVP or just show-up. *Dorian Tippet*, 310-541-6543; *Carolyn Waters* 310-863-0712. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

### **Promised Land Film Screening 8/24**

At 6:30 PM, Saturday, August 24, Green Sanctuary Project/Transition SouthBay L.A. will screen [Promised Land](#), a feature film directed by Gus Van Sant, and starring Matt Damon, Frances McDormand, and Hal Holbrook. It is a very controversial film and warrants a serious discussion of the facts about hydraulic fracturing (Fracking).

Pot-Luck starts at 6:30 with the film starting at 8 PM at [7002 Abbottswood Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes 90275](#). Please RSVP to Doriane Tippet (310) 541-6543 and let me know what healthy food you will provide. I will be providing beverages.



### **Can We "Shoot" YouU?**

In preparation for a new edition of the PUC Photo Directory, we need pictures of all the new individuals & families who've joined PUC in the past year, plus many others of you whose pictures have never made it into past editions. Or perhaps you're just ready for a new "closeup." [You can also send in your favorite picture of yourself and we'll use that.]

We'll have photographers on the Patio tracking you down, so please plan to come to church "Camera-Ready" if you can for the next few Sundays.

If you're a shutterbug and would like to help take pictures, please [let me know](#)..and bring your camera on Sunday!

—*Craig Block*

### **A BIG Toberman Thank You!!**

A big THANK YOU to the wonderful people of our congregation for your generosity!! Led by *Greg Garcia* and supported by *London Gallagher* and our *children and youth*, we donated over \$400 worth of school supplies AND a check for over \$230 to Toberman Neighborhood Center!! You have touched many lives.

### **NEW Saturday Game Night Here at PUC!!**

Join us in PUC's Henriksen Hall to play all sorts of games for adults and kids alike. The first two dates are **Saturday, Sept. 7 and Oct. 5**, 5:30 - 9 PM. Please bring your own favorite board games. No kids under the age of 10 without their parents attendance. This event is FREE.

Questions? Want to help? Please contact the Gamemeisters: [Payal Kadakia](#): 310-977-2146 or [Randy Ripley](#)

[pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org)  
or the [PUC Office](#).

### **September's Monthly Theme: Unity**

#### **9/1: At Home in the Mystery Rev. John Morehouse**

*Rev. John* asks us to consider the power of what we don't know as a means to finding peace.

#### **9/8: Looking Out from Here Rev. John Morehouse**

On this homecoming Sunday *Rev. John* will explore where we might go as a spiritual community in the next few years.

#### **9/15: Hope on the Borders Rev. John Morehouse**

All of us cross borders from time to time; age, jobs, relationships, gender, and class. Beyond the fear of change comes a new sense of understanding and purpose. Join *Rev. John* as he considers the borders we cross and what we can learn by crossing them.

#### **Sept. 22: Imagining our Way Home**

**Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**  
Countering the onslaught of news stories about the difficult state of our Union, *Rev. Tamara* explores how we can live into a more positive, hope-filled future for our country.

#### **Sept.29: Out of Many, One: What Unites Us**

**Rev. John Morehouse**  
*Rev. John* will propose a collective theology for us as a community of spiritual seekers.

### **Special Thanks to All of YouU who help!**

Special thanks to *Top Chefs Margo Meikle & Andy Kissner* and all who helped, for last Sunday's after-Service treats!!!

## PUC to Host District *Our Whole Lives* Training in October – **Can You Help?**

Pacific Unitarian Church is honored to have been selected as the site of an upcoming Pacific Southwest District training weekend!! We will be hosting an Our Whole Lives (OWL) Grades 7-12 Sexuality Education Training from **Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13.**

For this weekend we need congregation members to step up and help by supplying **home hospitality**: a room (or rooms) for the trainers and participants. We will need rooms for approximately fifteen people.

I am also looking for a very reasonably priced **caterer** or someone who is willing & competent to provide six meals plus snacks to a group of 22 people (costs will be reimbursed).

I appreciate your support in advance and look forward to having a number of our own members trained in this life-affirming and life-saving program this weekend!

Please respond to Rev. Tamara:  
[AssocMinister@PacificUnitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@PacificUnitarian.org).



### **A Universalist Said That?**

"Always it is easier to pay homage to prophets than to heed the direction of their vision."

—[\*Clinton Lee Scott\*](#)

[Click Here for Videos Related to Unitarian Universalism](#)

### *Fourth Sunday Hospitality*

#### **Ushers:**

Scott Garrabrant & Joanna Hannff

#### **Welcome Table:**

**Would you like to give it a try?**

#### **Greeters:**

Jean McDaniel & Shuja Oberoi

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### **Sunday Service: 10:30 AM**

Office Hrs: Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM, Mon. - Thurs: 11 PM - 5 PM

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### **Recurring Events**

Download the [AdUUUlt Program & Religious Education Flyer](#).

#### **Sundays**

YRUU High School Group. 10:30 AM, L  
Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th Sun., 12 noon, Fu Yuan Low Restaurant - Next Date: **Sunday, September 29**  
Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd Sun., L  
Books in Our Lives Covenant Group, 1st & 3rd Sun., 7 PM, L

#### **Mondays**

Tai Chi (Pekich), Monday, 10 AM, H  
Women's Reading & Responding Grp, 3rd Mon., 11 AM, L  
[Kundalini Yoga w/ Aimee](#) - All are welcome, Mon., 5 PM, H  
Men's Ministry, Mon., 7 PM, V  
Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

#### **Tuesdays**

Soulful Sundown, 1st Tues., 7:30 PM, H

#### **Thursdays**

Women's Circle, 4th Thurs., 10 AM  
Tai Chi (Beck), Thurs, 10 AM, H  
Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L  
Choir Practice: Wed., 6:30 PM, H  
(*On Summer hiatus til 8/29*)  
Environmental Priorities Network Mtg, 1st Thurs., 7:30 PM, L  
Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee Clatch. 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM, Catalina Coffee Co.

#### **Fridays**

GBLQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

#### **Saturdays**

French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V

