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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



August 29, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...like *THE VIEW* from PUC -- The only MYSTERY here is what Rev. John will be speaking about on Sunday. Come join us on Sunday to find out!! There's always lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here (always) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!



Minister's Message

### **A Time Between Seasons**

I have always thought that the time between seasons was magical. Not the seasons according to a calendar but the seasons of a year according to our rituals. Easter to spring, when the greening rains of winter has come to a dry land bringing promise and hope. Memorial Day to summer's adventures, leaving us with memories of those past and inviting us into the bright present. Or as we bid Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas goodbye until next year. But one of the most magical for me is this one, summer's end at Labor Day. Now, of course, summer doesn't really end on Monday. In fact, as I now know summer just sort of gets started in late August, with hot and dry waves baking all that is left of vegetation to a brown crisp. Fire season is upon us as we watch in worry and horror as the Rim fire eats up Yosemite. As one cynic put it LA has four seasons: fire season, mudslide season, earthquake season, and drive-by season. Still it is a magical time when we return if only in spirit to our home. School starts and work returns in earnest and life goes on.

Why are seasons like that? What is it about change, the regular and expected change in a life that keeps us on track, giving us a sense of time and place, so necessary to our soul's yearning? I believe that part of that yearning is the need to reconnect with what we are, and where we belong; to come home. Sam Harris writes in his book *In the Absence of God* that, "Community is not the result of a social contract between autonomous individuals but the substance from which we emerge."

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

This Sunday

**September 1**

**10:30 AM Service**

#### **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.

### **The Week At a Glance**

#### **Saturday, August 31, 2013**

5 PM Geittman/Hart - Folk Singing Party - L [TS]

#### **Sunday, September 01, 2013**

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

12:15 PM Film Screening:  
"Trans" - L

7 PM Books In Our Lives  
Covenant Group - L

#### **Monday, September 2, 2013**

**Labor Day - Office Closed**

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

#### **Tuesday, September 3, 2013**

2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnt Grp  
-L

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

As we return to church over the next few weeks I will be exploring with you the unity which makes us whole as a people. Don't forget to bring a vial of water from your summer journeys to share in our annual Water Communion next **Sunday, September 8.**

See you in Church,  
—**Rev. John**

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

### Religious Education Matters

#### Family Religious Education Ministry SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**9/1:** Join *Noelle Portland* for a morning of yoga and meditation. A great way to get ready for Back-to-School !! *Alana Garrigues* is the Family RE Contact Person today. Children age six and below have free play in Classroom 3.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 8:45-12:30: TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR ALL RE VOLUNTEERS. LUNCH AND CHILDCARE PROVIDED!!**

**9/8:** Today is our annual Water Communion Sunday as we re-gather from summer wanderings far and near. After our time in the worship service, children and youth get to enjoy WATER FUN DAY. Dress to get wet!! Rev. Tamara is the Family RE Contact Person today. Children age six and below have free play in Classroom 3.

Family Religious Education Ministry Parent Orientation today (20 minutes!) IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE in the Hall.

**9/15:** First day of classes!! All groups will meet with their teaching teams after being sung out of the worship service for first day fun and games. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN IN R.E.

**9/22:** Classes as normal. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN IN R.E.

**9/29:** NEW this year: BUUK Group Day for all ages (Kinder through Voyagers.) Meet in Classroom 1 after being sung out of the worship service. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN IN R.E. BY TODAY!!

—*Rev. Tamara*

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

### Classroom Painting Party THIS Saturday, August 31

We'll be starting at 9 AM. How long we'll be there depends on our progress, but it will most certainly last beyond 3 PM. We need your enthusiasm, energy, and painting skills. When you come, please bring your favorite paint brush, roller, roller extenders, blue painter's tape, dropcloths, and anything else that you use to paint. Food will

### The Week At a Glance

#### Wednesday, September 4, 2013

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi  
6:30 PM Stewardship - O  
7:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah - H

#### Thursday, September 5, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H  
2 PM Staff Meeting - H  
**6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice - H**  
7:30 PM Environmental Priorities Network - L

### Flowers for the Church

*Sundays Flowers "are to celebrate the birthday of all we Virgos at PUC."*


—*Hope Foye*

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

**Next open dates:**

Sept. 15, 29; Oct. 6; Nov. 3, 10, 17

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

**September's Monthly Theme:**  
*Unity/Diversity*

**9/8: Looking Out from Here**

be provided.

This Phase I of classroom renovation is being accomplished with sweat equity – no Growth & Reinvestment Campaign funds are being expended. We need your sweat, and your equity! If you have any questions, please contact [John Einhorn](#), 310-937-3134.

### **TRANS - Encore Screening of Critically Acclaimed Transgender Documentary at PUC on Sunday**

Please join our Social Justice Ministry at an encore screening of the film *Trans*, in the PUC Library after the Social Hour at 12:15 PM, **Sunday, September 1**. *TRANS* 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.

"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.

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

### **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 from 5:30 - 9 PM, **Saturday, Sept. 7 & Saturday, Oct. 5**. 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](#)

### **Time to Think About Fall and Dinners w/ UU's**

Our next Potluck *Dinner w/ UU's* will be at *Rachel Bruhnke's* home in San Pedro on **Saturday, Oct. 12**. This will be for families of all kinds, so it may start a little earlier than the usual 7 PM start time. Sign up at the Welcome Table on the Patio.

—*Betty Saunders*, Coordinator

### **Changes to Memorial Wall Policy**

The Memorial Committee (Mariann Mueck, Chair) met on Jun. 25, 2013 with Rev. John Morehouse, and decided on the following: Memorial Wall Tiles are available to members in good standing, (who have signed the membership book and made a pledge of record). After nearly 20 years, the suggested donation for a memorial tile will be increased to \$150 as of Sep. 1, 2013.

*There are two choices:*

1. A tile can be ordered for a deceased member, with name, DOB and DOD.

or,

### **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.



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

"Dead fish float with the tide; live ones swim against it."

—*Thomas Whittemore*

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

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

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

*First Sunday Hospitality*

**Ushers:**

2. A tile can be ordered in advance, in which case, a tile with a leaf will be placed on the wall, to be replaced later with a tile showing name, DOB, and DOD.

Tiles are made and dedicated yearly at a brief Service led by the Lead Minister in the Spring, near Memorial Day.

Please contact [Mariann Mueck](mailto:Mariann.Mueck@puc.org), 310-831-9189, with any questions.

## FACTS ABOUT WATER – GREY IS GOOD!

Only 1% of S. Ca. Water is recycled. Our society has a "use it once, then send it away" attitude about many of Earth's resources, including water. When we've already paid hard cash & enormous environmental cost to ship water here from far-flung places, sending water "away" is literally sending an asset down the drain. 50 to 80% of residential waste water is potential [greywater](#), the Green [LA Coalition](#) Water Team tells us: "As we shift our attitudes about "waste" water, we must challenge ourselves to reuse water multiple times before it leaves our site." Greywater is the new future!

—*Doriane Tippet*, Green Sanctuary Project

## IT'S EASY TO BE GREEN @ PUC: RECYCLE HERE!!

Don't forget to bring your **used-up ink & toner cartridges** for recycling (and cash for PUC); your **used batteries, light bulbs, and small electronic devices** for safe disposal and recycling; and **old eyeglasses** for re-use in Latin America; to PUC's recycling center – located just outside the kitchen door. Please bring your **expired prescription & non-prescription meds** to the PUC Office for safe disposal.

—*Craig Block*



## Can We "Shoot" YouUU?

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."

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*

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Carlos Angeles & Elizabeth Drake

### Welcome Table:

Marty Gorman

### Greeters:

**OPEN POSITION** & Dennis Murray

### Recurring Events

Download the [AdUUIt 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  
PUC 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

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

**Sunday Service: 10:30 AM**

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

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**Saturdays**

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

