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*Committed to the Free and Responsible Search for Truth, Meaning and Service*

*The View*



September 19, 2013  
Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,  
...but *THE VIEW* from PUC knows the way home, Imagine THAT!  
There's always lots to read, lots to learn, lots to imagine, and lots to love here @ PUC and here (always) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!



## Music Notes

### *From the Music Department:*



The PUC Adult choir is off to a great start in the new season. I've seen some new faces - just part of the positive energy and enthusiasm that seems to be moving through our community. I'd like to thank Kevin O'Neal for keeping the music happening this summer. And say hello to our pianist Balint Sapszon. Originally from Hungary, he has been living in LA for about six years. We look forward to this Sunday when we will combine the Youth and Adult Choirs to sing with special guest artist Hope Foye.

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

## Religious Education Matters Family Religious Education Ministry SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

*Our Religious Education groups are off to a great start in the new year! All groups are exploring Unitarian Universalist identity this year through activities, games, and stories.*

**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

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

This Sunday

**September 22**

**10:30 AM Service**

**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.

## *The Week At a Glance*

**Thursday, September 19, 2013**  
6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H  
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O

**Friday, September 20, 2013**  
2 PM Social Justice Committee - L  
6 PM Temple Emet  
Shabbat/Sukkoth Service - H  
7 PM Banned Book Club - O

**Saturday, September 21, 2013**  
9 AM EPN Climate Change Forum - H  
6:30 PM Buddy Mixer [Jackson/Patterson] - O

**Sunday, September 22, 2013**  
**Autumnal Equinox**  
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

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!!

**A big THANK YOU** to the many wonderful volunteers who shared their talents with our children and youth through the summer!! We had a great time learning about peace and science; creating through scrapbooking, beading, and other crafts; writing stories and haiku; playing cooperative games, exercising, and doing yoga; working in the garden; raising money and donating school supplies to Toberman; and having FUUN!!

—Rev. Tamara

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

### **Public Forum: Action on the Climate Crisis @ PUC THIS Saturday, 9/21**

Since the level of heat-trapping carbon dioxide in our atmosphere recently broke the once-unthinkable barrier of 400 parts per million for the first time in three million years, action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions has become more urgent. Because members of the Environmental Priorities Network want to preserve a world that can sustain human life, they are presenting a public forum to encourage and promote action that will deal with global climate change. The "Action on the Climate Crisis" forum will take place on **Saturday, September 21 @ PUC**. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION.](#)

### **Celebrate Sukkot with Temple Emet THIS Friday @ PUC**

Sukkot is a time of gathering, it is the "Feast of Booths" where we construct a Sukkah with three sides, a roof of leaves, and an opening for all to come and dwell to share food, connect to the Divine, remember that physical structures are temporary, and the home we build within our own soul is the permanence we carry with us everywhere.



This **Friday, September 20** at 6 PM our two faith communities will come together to share this time of abundance and thanksgiving. Temple Emet is hosting. Our choirs will be singing together. Our

clergy will be leading us in spirituality and warmth!

Sukkah decorating will begin at 5 PM, there will be a short Service at 6 PM followed by dinner and dessert. Wonderful time for the entire family. Temple Emet looks forward to seeing you there!

### **Are you NEW to PUC?**

#### **Would you like to get to know more folks at PUC?**

Please come to the next PUC Buddy Mixer (a Potluck Dinner) being graciously hosted by Michelle & Constance in RPV at 6:30 – 9:30 PM, **Saturday, September 21**.

**Note:** This one is an adults-only potluck dinner. We'll be in the backyard, so be sure to bring something to warm to wear. Space is limited, so you must RSVP to our Buddy Program Coordinator, Denise Shiozawa ([denise@umeworks.com](mailto:denise@umeworks.com)).

12 PM PUC Committee Fair - P  
3 PM SB Chamber Music Society  
Concert - H [Judith Farmer Piano  
+ Wind Quintet]

#### **Monday, September 23, 2013**

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

#### **Tuesday, September 24, 2013**

7 PM Program Council – L

#### **Wednesday, September 25, 2013**

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi

#### **Thursday, September 26, 2013**

10 AM Women's Circle - L  
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H  
3 PM Staff Meeting - NO MTG  
TODAY  
6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H  
8 PM Environmental Coffee  
Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co.  
Redondo Bch

### **Flowers for the Church**

*Sundays Flowers "are in honor of our daughter **Carolyn's** birthday. She'll be 24, and is a delightful daughter, sister, niece, cousin, goddaughter, human and UU!"*

—**Cheryl Sims  
& Mark Berlin**

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

#### **Next open dates:**

**Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 15, 22, 29**



#### **10/12: 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.

## This Sunday is **COMMITTEE SUNDAY**

Have you wondered what committees are active at PUC? And what they do? Want to get more active in the Church? This Sunday is your chance to find out.

Please come chat with the Committee representatives on the Patio after the Service who will be available to share information with you about opportunities to get more involved at PUC.

## 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)

## You Can Earn **FREE \$\$\$** For PUC Just By **Shopping At Ralphs!!**

September 1 was Ralphs annual (re-)enrollment date for their [Community Contribution Program](#). Using your Ralphs Rewards Card and linking to PUC will ensure PUC receives anywhere from 1%-3% of your monthly purchases (depending on the amount you spend). PUC receives a quarterly check from Ralphs based on our supporters' purchases.

[CLICK HERE For Online Registration Instructions.](#)

[CLICK HERE to download & print the Ralphs Scanbar Letter yourself.](#)

If you'd rather register without going online, Craig has Ralphs Scanbar Letters in the PUC Office which can be used for enrolling or renewing. Just take the Scanbar Letter and your Ralphs Reward Card (or just use your phone #) and give to the cashier when you check out with your purchases. This will sync your card to PUC for the Community Contribution Program.

If you have any questions, contact [Pam Harris](#) or [Craig Block](#).

## ARE YOU A GARDEN ANGEL?

Want to be? Please add yourself as a back-up waterer for the [Nancy Hofland Memorial Garden](#). Sometimes our weekly waterers cannot make it, so we're compiling a list of those who are willing to come by and nurture our garden occasionally. Contact [Doriane Tippet](#) or [Bryan Masterson](#) to sign up.

[CLICK HERE to view the 1-2-3s of being a Garden Angel.](#)

Speaking of Bryan, our brand new member is jumping in with both



### **PASTORAL CARE NEWS:**

#### **Bette Chevron's Passing**

We announce with great sadness that longtime

PUC member **Bette Chevron** passed away at 9:42 AM yesterday, the morning of Wednesday, September 18, 2013. Her family is thankful she is at complete peace now after a long, difficult illness. Following Bette's wishes, there will be no Service marking her passing. Cards to the family, including her daughter and son-in-law Cathy & Mark Dixon, may be sent to Bette's home.

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**

#### 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 UU Said That?**

"The best scientist is open to experience and begins with romance - the idea that anything is possible."

—[Ray Bradbury](#)

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

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

*YOU make the DIFFERENCE!!!*  
Thank You **KANE FAMILY** for the fall *Burger BBQ* last Sunday, assisted by our small and special community of Top & Sous Chefs: *Margo Meikle, Andy Kissner, Kim Crawford, Linda Jensen, Jen*



feet. He'll be serving as our Permaculture lead while Doriane spends a few months in Cold Country. Please introduce yourself to him.

—Carolyn Waters, for The PUC Permaculture Garden Angels

## Meet Krista Weber, Our New Student Minister

Krista Weber is serving as our part-time Student Minister for the this Church year, and then as our Intern Minister for the following year, as part of her Masters of Divinity course requirements at Meadville Lombard Theological School. She plans to graduate in the Spring of 2015 and become a full-time Unitarian Universalist Minister.



Krista grew up in Minnesota in the Episcopal Church where she felt an early calling to serve in a religious setting. However, by high school she had developed a deep appreciation for diversity in theologies and felt more spiritually drawn towards nature-based theologies. So, while she was in college she decided to become a Unitarian Universalist. She graduated from Iowa State University with a BS in Hotel, Restaurant, and Institution Management and went on to work in the events industry in Las Vegas, NV.

Krista served in a wide variety of lay leadership positions both in Iowa and Nevada before deciding it was time for her to follow her call to serve as a minister. From her life experiences and education, she brings with her a wide range of organizational skills, a deep sense of compassion and empathy, and a passion for Unitarian Universalist congregational life.

In her free time Krista enjoys a wide variety of creative pursuits, working out at the beach, and exploring the latest scientific findings. She also works part-time as a reception at Raymond James Financial.

Please give Krista a warm PUC welcome when you next see her at Church and be sure to get to know her while she's with us!

## *Around the District and Beyond...*

### **3rd Annual Walking the Walk:**

### **[UULM-CA Justice Leadership Summit!](#)**

The UU Legislative Ministry is sponsoring this must-attend event **November 22 - 24** at Camp de Benneville Pines. Registration is now open with early bird rates through September 15. Come build justice community, meet other justice-oriented UUs, learn the next steps on important issues, and develop skills to support your congregational justice efforts! [CLICK HERE](#) to register/for more info.



[CLICK HERE](#) for the latest September 2013 South Bay Unitarian Fellowship newsletter.

## **SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS**



South Coast Interfaith Council (SCIC) Religion 101 Series presents: Native American Spirituality: Beliefs & Practices 7- 9 PM, **Thursday, September 26**

At the Long Beach LDS Institute of Religion

[6360 E State University Drive](#)

[Long Beach, CA 90815](#)

*Hocutt*, & Lois Lutkenhouse (who ALWAYS bakes the CUPCAKES)!

This Sunday **Vivien Hao** is creating a menu to honor Hispanic heritage awareness. We Hope you will be joining us. See you Sunday.

### ***Fourth Sunday Hospitality***

#### **Ushers:**

Scott Garrabrant & Joanna Hannff

#### **Welcome Table:**

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

#### **Greeters:**

Jean McDaniel & Shuja Oberoi

### ***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)

All are Welcome! Free to the Community! Donations are Appreciated.  
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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

