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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



September 26, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is where all things PUC are brought together in ONE shiny package on a weekly basis! 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!



Minister's Message

Keepers of the Dream

This **Sunday, September 29** (All Angels Day) we will recess from our Worship Service en mass, as Severin plays his accordion, to the classrooms for a blessing and celebration of the newly remodeled classrooms. We are so excited about this new space. Last Sunday I spent time with each of the classes and I can tell you that the energy of the kids in this new space is electric. In these new rooms are symbols from our UU Chalice to the Chinese Zodiac. On the walls are art projects and covenants the kids have written.

And while the space was electric on Sunday, it still exuded a calm spiritual presence in thanks to the excellent work of the Classroom Renovation and Spiritual Center Task Forces who worked together to design the space and then make it happen. All those renovations happened through the hard work of about ten families. They also provided upwards of \$10,000 of their own money to pay for paint, electrical repairs, ceiling fixtures, plumbing, furniture, flooring and more.

On Sunday, both in the Service and at the Blessing, I will be publicly thanking these families for keeping the dream alive of a church for all earth's angels; from our children to the many adults who will come for spiritual sustenance when we launch our spiritual center later this year. During the blessing, each of those keepers will be asked to spread salt over the transoms of the six doors and cut the ribbons to our new rooms. Inside there will be sparkling cider, snacks, balloons, and happy kids eager to show you their new space.

September's Monthly Theme: *Unity/Diversity*

This Sunday

September 29

10:30 AM Service

**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.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, September 26, 2013

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H
8 PM Environmental Coffee
Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co.
Redondo Bch

Saturday, September 28, 2013

9 AM Strategic Planning - O
10 AM French Conversation Grp -
V[2nd & 4th Saturdays]

Sunday, September 29, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir
Rehearsal - CR2
12 PM Half a Century Marrieds
Group - Fu Yuan Low Restaurant
12:30 PM Food Ministry – V

Monday, September 30, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) – H

This is a moment to celebrate the hard work of the few who made the dream of a better tomorrow possible for the many. Join us in celebration!

With Grace and Grit,
—Rev. John

Minister@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.

9/29: Join Us for Our Very First "BUUK Group Day"!

Please join us this **Sunday, September 29**, for our first BUUK group! "All" classes (Kinder through YRUU) will meet in Classroom 1 after being sung out of the Worship Service.

Our book today is "Oh! the Places You'll Go!", by Dr. Suess. Join us, as we follow Suess's young character through floating castles and purple elephants, "There's fun to be done!"

—Tracy Lewis

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN IN R.E. BY TODAY!!

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org



Please [CLICK HERE](#) to request to be added to the R.E. Family Facebook Group.

Monthly Game Night! Here at PUC on Saturday, October 5th!!

Join us in PUC's Henriksen Hall to play all sorts of games for adults and kids alike. From 5:30 - 9 PM, **Saturday, Oct. 5**. Please bring your own favorite board games, and finger food & drinks to share. *No kids under the age of 10 without their parents in attendance.*

This event is FREE. Come discover the fun of sharing a great evening with your fellow PUC members.

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

Thanksgiving Feast @ PUC – Come One, Come All

PUC is thinking about having a member and friends potluck on Thanksgiving day at the Church. But before we start buying turkeys we want to see how many people would be interested in coming. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please send an email to **Cheryl Sims & Mark Berlin** at simber100@gmail.com or leave a message at 424-275-9121 with how many people including

The Week At a Glance

7 PM Men's Ministry –V

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp
-L

3 PM Staff Meeting - V

7 PM Board Mtg - L

7:30 PM Soulful Sundown Service
- H

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi

6:30 PM Stewardship – O

Thursday, October 03, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice - H

7:30 PM Environmental Priorities
Network - L

Flowers for the Church

*Sundays Flowers "are for Natasha,
Thea and Quinn - my lovely
children."*

—Kim Gosney

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.

**October's Monthly Theme:
Vocation/Call**

10/6: Keep Calm and "Kill Zombies"

Rev. Tamara explores the ways

you would be attending. If we get enough people we'll make a formal announcement and start planning!

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

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](#).

Mug Us Again, Please!!! Bring 'Em In...

Our Kitchen's supply of ceramic coffee mugs for Sunday's Social Hour is rapidly dwindling due to the inevitable breakage that occurs with the use of ceramic objects. We're asking y'all to once again clear some of those unused mugs out of your cupboards, and help re-fill ours!

Please drop them off in the PUC Kitchen any time it's open.
THANKS!!!



we all can avoid becoming part of the walking dead.

10/13: In Defense of Barbarians

Rev. John will join [Rev. Dr. Bill Schulz](#) in this dynamic Service. Dr.

Schulz, the President of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, will take up the cause of barbarianism and explain how you too may fall into that favored category; or at least be allied with it.

Renowned as one of our country's top justice activists, Dr. Schulz has served as the president of the UUA, and for eleven years was the Executive Director of Amnesty International. This is a Service you won't want to miss.

10/20: Our Annual Animal Blessing

Bring your pets (dogs, cats, chickens, you name it) to our annual multigenerational Blessing of the Animals. **Rev. John** will lay on loving hands and the Choir will sing.

10/27: Embracing Risk

Rev. John explores the power of risk taking as we determine our life's work. Join us!



A UU Said That?

"Give me the money that has been spent in war and I will clothe every man, woman, and child in an attire of which kings and queens will be proud. I will build a schoolhouse in every valley over the whole earth. I will crown every hillside with a place of worship consecrated to peace."

—[Charles Sumner](#) (Unitarian, abolitionist, U.S. Senator)

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Special Thanks to All of

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—*Betty Saunders*, Coordinator

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 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

Want to Make Your Roof & the Sun Work for You?

I'm a member of PUC and also a sales representative for Verengo Solar. I'll contribute 25% of my commission and referrals to all members who set up appointments to talk to one of Verengo's representatives about saving \$\$\$\$ on their electricity bills while doing great things for the environment. Going solar is like taking lots of cars off the streets.

Please call me directly so I can get you set up. Verengo won't take the business from anyone who can't save money each and every month. Thanks,

—[Matthew Berlin](#)
858-922-4233



Aria McKain Is Moving and Needs to Downsize - Everything Must Go!!

Aria also needs help transporting boxes to the Post Office. See what treasures she's parting with, and much more Member-to-Member news at: <http://www.pacificunitarian.org/members/membertomember.html>

[Submit your posting request](#)

Around the District and Beyond...

Want to know more about the Affordable Care Act?

The Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society's Social Justice Council is sponsoring an informational panel event to let you know how to take advantage of the benefits of the Affordable Care Act at 2

YoUU who help!

Hospitality News

Celebrá La Diversidad - and our Top Chef Vivien Hao - for last week's feastful fiesta! Splendid! Thanks to SOUS CHEFS: Lee Ann Hart, Ron Keyes, Chelsea Sites, Kim Crawford, & Kim Gosney. Our Top Chefs WELCOME you to "DROP-IN" and help as you can. Show up at 9ish and lend a hand toward the feeding-the-hungry program. Your help makes the difference for top chefs being able to attend the Service. Come and help...

Fifth Sunday Hospitality

Ushers:

Linnea Eades & Michele Patterson

Welcome Table:

Betty Saunders

Greeters:

Marvel Burke & Noel Hammond

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

PM on **Saturday, September 28**. This is a free event. For more info contact office@sepulvedauu.org (818) 894-9251.

The Sepulveda UU Society ("The Onion") is located at [9550 Haskell Ave, North Hills, CA 91343](#)

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS

Southern Poverty Law Center Speaker @ Temple Emet Shabbat Service on 10/18

Dennis M. Robinson, from The Southern Poverty Law Center, will be the Guest Speaker at Temple Emet's Shabbat Service on **Friday, October 18**. Service begins at 7:30 PM right here in PUC's Henriksen Hall.

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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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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: Thurs., 6:30 PM, H

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

