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October 17, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...but *THE VIEW* from PUC is more about people than the beasts of the field & jungle. Don't miss Sunday's *Blessing of the Animals* Service. There's always lots to read, lots to learn, lots to love (and lots to sweep up on Sunday) here @ PUC and here (as ever) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

Congregational Meeting on Oct 27

Here's another reminder that we have two agenda items for the **Oct 27 Congregational Meeting**. We will be reviewing the Church's finances and voting to fill two empty Board of Trustee positions and two empty Leadership & Development Committee positions. [Follow this link for](#) the Board Candidate Bios, Absentee Ballot, and the Voting Procedure.

<http://pacificunitarian.org/members/congregational-mtg-oct27.html>

October's Monthly Theme: Vocation/Call

This Sunday

October 20

10:30 AM Service

Annual Blessing of the Animals: The Job of Animals

Rev. John Morehouse
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.



Music Notes

From the Music Department:



Thanks to Linda Alvarez for gracing us last Sunday with her beautiful voice and spirit. Not only is she a great singer, but she can lead hymns like no one else. She'll be returning in November to sing with our Choir.

Coming up **this Saturday night Teri Masters, Caitlin Masters, Cori Graham**, and I will present **"Be My Guest"** a concert of Disney songs that are sure to light up your palace. This is a PUC Benefit, which means that the more people who come to the concert, the more it benefits PUC. Did I mention that this is Benefit concert? There might be another special guest or two. 7 PM, this Saturday @ PUC.

This Sunday we'll be getting the Youth and Adult choirs together again to celebrate the *Blessing of the Animals*. It will be fun and I'm sure the animals will feel blessed.

Am I the only person with the delusion that life will just go on as it has been going and all my friends will always be around? Although he has not yet left town, it looks as though Reggie Neal is actually going to move to Minneapolis within a couple of weeks. I was hoping

somehow it would not happen, but it is. Those of you who have heard us play together will know that I have lost a really great musical partner.

Remember that we are *always* looking for people to join our choir. You can join for one piece or the rest of your life.

Thanks and Keep Singing,

—**Severin**

Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director

Music@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry

OCTOBER 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.

10/20: Animal Blessing Multigenerational Service. Bring your pets (dogs, cats, chickens, you name it) to receive a blessing. Childcare will be open for children in kindergarten and younger who do not wish to remain with their families in the service.

10/27: Fall Festival of Fun!! Come celebrate the season in this harvest, Halloween, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) carnival-style celebration. Activities, games, crafts and food await!!

—*Rev. Tamara*

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org



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

BE OUR GUEST! Concert @ PUC Celebrates All Things Disney

Join **Caitlin & Teri Masters, Dr. Severin Behnen**, & some very special guests at 7 PM, **Saturday, October 19**, for a performance in celebration of **all things Disney**. People of every age will be entertained by songs from heroines and villains, royalty and peasants, & Siamese cats and warhogs. You'll learn backstage secrets of Disneyland and get a chance to sing-along. Dessert will be served following the show.

Please join us for a Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah good time on this lovely Bella Notte. Tickets: \$15 adult; \$10 teens; \$5 children.

Your name will be on a list at the door if paid for this concert at the Talent & Service Auction.



UUSC Holiday SHOPPING – Choose Compassionate Consumption

- ▶ Coming soon! UUSC holiday cards!
- ▶ If you like to sit at home in your jammies and shop for justice, this is for you! Go to <http://shop.uusc.org> for great Holiday ideas. The proceeds are used to fund humanitarian causes around the world and at

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, October 17, 2013

- 10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
- 11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L
- 3 PM Staff Meeting - L
- 4:30 PM Worship Team/Soulful Sundown Mtg - V
- 6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) - H
- 7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg -O

Friday, October 18, 2013

- 2 PM Social Justice Committee -L
- 7 PM Banned Book Club - O
- 7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service - H

Saturday, October 19, 2013

- 7 PM Masters/Behnen: "Be Our Guest!" - H [T&S]

Sunday, October 20, 2013

- Blessing of the Animals Service**
- 10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
- 11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
- 12:15 PM Intern Ministry Committee - V
- 12:15 PM PUC 101:" Unitarianism as Heresy" Class w/ Rev. John - CR1
- 2 PM PV Democratic Club General Meeting - H
- 7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

Monday, October 21, 2013

- 10 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
- 11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club- L
- 5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) - H
- 7 PM Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

- 7 PM Program Council - L

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

- 11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi

Flowers for the Church

Nobody Signed up to bring This Sunday's Flowers :-)

home. This is what UU's do best: serving others.

A heartfelt thanks for all your donations to UUSC this past Sunday, for both the Split Plate and UUSC membership (\$492 went into the collection baskets yielding \$246 each to UUSC & PUC). Your generosity allows the UU Service Committee to continue partnering with marginalized people in 21 countries, including our own, to further humanitarian causes.

—**Sandy McNeil**, UUSC Ministry

Farmyard "Dinner w/ UUs" Harvests Great Success!

Last Saturday, October 12, 20 UU's gathered at the home of **Rachel & Alma Bruhnke** to celebrate the PUC tradition of "Dinner with UUs." Organized by Betty Saunders (thank you!), the "Farmyard Dinner" focused on locally-grown or organically-grown food...And it was delicious! We ate outdoors, garden-style with long tables, everyone talking and sharing together, with Rachel and Alma's urban garden as the backdrop.

Rachel gave a tour of the garden, answering questions about everything from worms to soil to plant types, and even spent time hanging with their 2 chickens! Some of you may remember Rachel's house-blessing led by **Rev. John** almost 3 years ago. She would like you to know that IT WORKED!! and her home and garden have blossomed from the great UU energy. Thank you all for blessing our home and garden all over again!

—**Rachel Bruhnke**

Strategic Planning Workshop 2013: "Own the Space ~ Own the Vision"

Thanks to everyone that took the time to fill out the [Strategic Planning Questionnaire](#). It's time again for the Congregation to come together to explore ideas and plans for our future. *The Strategic Planning Committee invites everyone* to join us in the Hall from 9:30 AM – Noon on **Saturday, October 26**.

We will discuss the results of the recent Member Engagement Questionnaire, then solicit your thoughts to update PUC's stated goals and aspirations. Help us to take ownership of our all our space and imagine PUC into the future!

Questions? Contact **Randy Ripley, Lee Ann Hart, or Val Richards**.

***YoUU haven't filled out the questionnaire yet? [CLICK HERE](#) to respond!

Green Sanctuary News:

Rob Hopkins is the founder of the [Transition Town Totnes](#), and the [Transition Network](#). He is also a teacher of permaculture and natural building. In 2004 he realized the problems posed by peak oil, and life was never the same for him again. With a background in positive practical solutions to environmental problems, he approached the peak oil challenge with the same positivity, seeing that inherent within the problem is an enormous opportunity. In his *Transition Handbook*, he shows how the inevitable and profound changes ahead can have a positive outcome. Transition South Bay L.A. is

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

Next open dates:

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



Sunday, 11/10, 6 - 9 PM:
SCIC 60th Anniversary Gala
Keynote Address by: RAINN WILSON!

Rainn Wilson is best known for playing 'Dwight' on NBC's Emmy Winning, 'The Office'. Mr. Wilson is also a devout practitioner of the Baha'i faith and will be speaking on the unifying message of Baha'u'llah.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

We are saddened by the death of **Ernie Jacobs**, who passed away on Sunday, October 13.

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact **Reverend John**. pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org or the [PUC Office](#).

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

10/27: Embracing Risk

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

Special Thanks to All of **YoUU who help!**

FOOD...Can't Stop Thinking About it. Our Top Chefs are creating spirit, food, & smiles - authentically reflecting the gifts of love and thought behind our Sunday menus.

Andy Kissner IS like butter on pancakes, creating a golden inner light that lasts well beyond the meal. **Margo Meikle** puts a full week of gracious consideration into

one of our Green Sanctuary Projects. They meet the at 8 PM on the **4th Thursday** of each month at the Catalina Coffee Company in Redondo Beach. **Alan DiCenzo** has put together a Time Banking program. We need more bodies to get it to work. You are welcome to join us.

I have e-mailed the Application for Green Sanctuary accreditation to the proper UUA channels. My hope is that when I return from my travels to CO. the process will have been complete. My only concern regarding the application is whether we have taken adequate social action in working with our projects. I know we have educated the Congregation to the point that the entire church culture has changed. My appreciation goes to all of you who have worked on the Permaculture garden, and on our various projects. My special thanks goes to Carolyn and Ray Waters.

Without them this project would not have been a success. I am very fortunate to have Bryan Masterson taking charge of the Green Sanctuary project while I am out-of-town. I hope you will give him your cooperation. He will be holding a meeting every second Sunday of the month, in the Library following the service.

—*Doriane Tippet*



Watch the Birdie.... this SUunday

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." *Look for our shutterbug Ron Keyes* on the Patio this Sunday with his trusty camera – please find him before he finds you. If you'd like to provide us with a picture of you(all) taken elsewhere, please send it to Craig in the [PUC Office](#).

PUC Permaculture Garden Video Chosen for Screening at Health Conference

The "PUC Outreach Food Gardening" video will be shown in its entirety at the 141st Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA) in Boston, MA on **Monday, November 4**. Constance Jackson, PUC's Social Justice Chair, will be on hand to present the video. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the whole story in the PV News.

Third Sunday Hospitality

Ushers:

Brittany (Manning) Montgomery & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller & Betty Saunders

Greeters:

Louise Allison & Bill Karg

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mindful ingredients that nurture our bodies and spirit, creating a whole-body experience always with y'all on her mind. This coming Sunday, **Vivien Hao** will share with us her pan-Asian menu, a reminder of the melting pot of universal love and sacredness around food that exists in every culture. We are grateful for the gifts they each bring to our community.

SOUS CHEFS -NEEDED & LOVED Drop in to the Kitchen 9 to 9:30 AM -- drop out @ 10:30 for the Service. Easy breezy. Just Show Up! (We'll keep the pets out of the Kitchen (and the meal) this week).

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, December 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,

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3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L
PUC Choir Practice: Thurs., 6:30
PM, H
Environmental Priorities Network
Mtg, **2nd Thurs.**, 7:30 PM, L
Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee
Clatch. 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM,
Catalina Coffee Co.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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

Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

Office Hrs: Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM,

Mon. - Thurs: 11 PM - 5 PM

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