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October 24, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC has the power to embrace all the RISK we take when we work to make our world a better, less risky, place. Come to PUC on Sunday and see what Rev. John has to say on the subject! There's always lots to read, lots to learn, lots to love here @ PUC and here (always) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

Congregational Meeting on THIS Sunday

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 27

10:30 AM Service

Embracing Risk

Rev. John Morehouse

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



Minister's Message

Owning Our Vision

Yogi Bera is reported to have said "When you come to a fork in the road take it." To which I have added, "...and take a bite out of life." Here at PUC we have been presented with just such a fork. We have several options before us as a congregation, all of them full of challenge and opportunity. This Saturday morning you are all invited to participate in an important workshop that will help us decide which road we want to go down. Our visioning event "[Own the Space, Own the Vision](#)" is your opportunity to imagine what PUC might look like in the near future.

Our leaders will be asking us to consider a series of questions about what we would like to become together using the "nested circles" of our strategic plan; from Member to Congregation to Community to Movement. We are ready to move more fully into our identity as a congregation making a difference in our community. This is your opportunity to make your voice and ideas heard and considered as we plan for this shift.

Whether you are a veteran of PUC of many years or brand new to our church we invite you to be a part of this new vision. The vision of who we can become is ultimately all of ours together. I hope to see you this Saturday from 9:30-12 PM.

With Grace and Grit,
—Rev. John

Minister@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.

10/27: 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, & food await!!

11/3: Religious Education classes as normal. There will be an art activity (led by Noelle Portland) for children, youth and adults after the Service today on the Patio in preparation for the JFK Day celebration at PUC on 11/22.

11/10: Religious Education classes as normal.

11/15-17: Jr. High Camp at DeBenneville Pines. We have a group of Voyager youth plus a Youth Advisor heading up to camp for this weekend of fun!!

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org



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

"Own the Space ~ Own the Vision": Visioning Workshop for Everyone at PUC! - THIS Saturday

The **Strategic Planning Committee** invites everyone to join us in the Hall from 9:30 AM – Noon **THIS Saturday October 26**.

It's time again for the Congregation to come together to explore ideas and plans for our future. We will discuss the results of the recent Member Engagement Questionnaire, and your thoughts about PUC's future. *Help us to take ownership of our all our space and imagine PUC into the future!* Refreshments will be served, of course!

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

BOO! Let There be Costumes, & Pies, & Fall Revelry!

This **Sunday, October 27** is the Fall Festival in Family RE, and we want to extend the celebration of the season to our whole Church! There are two ways to participate:

- 1) **Calling all PIES:** Please bring your best pie for a *Pie-Tasting*

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, October 24, 2013

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

Saturday, October 26, 2013

9 AM Strategic Planning - O
9:30 AM [Strategic Planning Visioning Event - H]
10 AM French Conversation Grp – V [2nd & 4th Saturdays]

Sunday, October 27, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
12 PM Congregational Mtg/Special Election - H
3 PM SB Chamber Music Society Concert - H [[Lucinda Carver Baroque Ensemble](#)]

Monday, October 28, 2013

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

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

7 PM Board Mtg – L

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi
11 AM "Views of the Afterlife" w/Rev. John Morehouse - CR1

Thursday, October 31, 2013

Halloween

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L
6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H

Flowers for the Church

CORRECTION:

Thank you to MARVEL BURKE for bringing last Sunday's Flowers!!! :-)

THIS Sunday's Flowers "celebrate this time of year when the veil between the worlds is thin. We welcome the spirits of the ancestors and honor their

Contest on the Patio after Service! There will be a panel of esteemed judges who will crown the winning pie! If you make your pie at home, bless you. There is nothing like a slice of homemade pie! If you prefer to stop at the store and bring your favorite store brand, we thank you and hope you'll share where you shopped. The more people who participate, the more pie we have to share with all in the Congregation when the judging is complete!

The kids will be making their own homemade pie to share with the congregation during their Fall Festival activities, so keep your eyes open for a particularly colorful or "rustic" pie straight from our kids' hearts and hands.

2) **Wear your best costume**, or anything out of the ordinary, to get into the spirit of the season and to participate in (or cheer on) the *Costume Parade* at the beginning of Service! A hat, or themed shirt, or full-on costume....all are welcomed and encouraged!!

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday as we celebrate the season!!

—Rev. Tamara &
The Family Religious Education Committee

Get Some *Books in (Y)Our Lives @ Book Group*

Do you enjoy reading a variety of good books at a relaxed pace? If so, you should consider trying out the Books-in-Our-Lives covenant group. We read an eclectic variety of books, including Process Theology by C. Robert Mesle, The Life of PI, by Yann Martel, The Tao of Willie, by Willie Nelson, and Things Fall Apart, by Chinua Achebe - without working too hard at it (about 100-200 pages in the two weeks between meetings). Email paul.slavich@verizon.net to obtain a full list of the 39 books we have read.

We have just started reading The Brothers by Stephen Kinzer; we will discuss the first two chapters at the next meeting in the PUC Library at 7 PM, **Sunday, November 3**. The reviews have been very positive: "Best Political/Historical Book in Years," "... fascinating and gripping. I couldn't put it down. It goes a long way in explaining the plight in which the United States finds itself today."

For more information, please contact [Clay Bosler](#) or [Gary Fletcher](#).
Hope to see you there.

Fair Trade Holiday Boutique at PUC Nov. 1

PUC will have a *Fair Trade Holiday Boutique* on the Patio after the Service on **Sunday, December 1**. Enjoy a Fair Trade coffee or chocolate while you shop for holiday gifts from artisans around the world, including unique items for your home and personal accessories to treasure.

This sale is not a fundraiser, but an opportunity to learn about Fair Trade, and how it fulfills our Unitarian principles, living in solidarity with brother and sisters around the world. Fair Trade creates opportunities for us to bring our values to bear in the marketplace.

What is Fair Trade? It is based on the principle that people should earn a fair profit for the items they produce and we value. Fair Trade guarantees fair wages and healthy working conditions to disadvantaged artisans, farmers and workers.

The one-of-a kind gifts, house wares or jewelry you purchase will enrich your life and help a family in another part of the world have a brighter future. I hope you will participate in this shopping-with-a-

presence among us during this time. Blessed Samhain and Happy Halloween!"

—Kathy Rickey

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

Next open dates:

Nov. 10, 17; Dec. 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:

One of our newest PUC members, **Bryan**

Masterson, and partner

Claire Moss, just welcomed our newest PUCer into the world: Althea was born at 6:15 PM, this past Monday, 10/21. She was 7 lbs., 3 oz., and 18.5 inches long. She is beautiful and has a lot of dark brown hair on her head!

We are saddened by the death of **Ernie Jacobs**, who passed away on Sunday, October 13. Plans for a Service for Ernie are pending.

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

November's Monthly Theme:
Gratitude

11/3: Gratitude's Blessings
Rev. John Morehouse

conscience opportunity.

—Carolyn Waters



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

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

In case you hadn't heard, **UUSC has the highest rating available on Charity Navigator**--4 stars! We are proud of this, particularly the score of 70 out of 70 in the area of accountability and transparency.

—Sandy McNeil, UUSC Ministry

Fourth Sunday Hospitality

Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!

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).

Ushers:

Scott Garrabrant & Joanna Hannff

Welcome Table:

Would you like to give it a try?
Contact Lora Childers

Greeters:

Jean McDaniel & Shuja Oberoi

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS



Join the **Hollywood for Habitat for Humanity Build-a-Thon November 6-9!**

[Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles](#) is excited to announce that we will bring together more than 800 volunteers to revitalize a neighborhood in the City of Lynwood during our 2013 Hollywood for Habitat for Humanity Build-A-Thon **Wed. – Sat., November 6 - 9**. We hope that you will be one of those volunteers! This event will also engage and recognize veterans for their contribution to our country in honor of Veterans Day on November 11th.

During the week, we will begin building seven new homes, renovate existing homes on the same block, repair two churches, and partner with local community groups. Individuals from various sectors, including corporate, government, faith, and the entertainment and sports industries, will build side-by-side with Habitat partner homeowners!

Click on [HFHFH BAT 2013](#) for more information and to register.

As we begin a new spiritual theme of gratitude **Rev. John** will talk about what different religions have to say about gratitude and why it is so hard at times to be thankful.

11/10: Civility as a Spiritual Practice

Rev. John Morehouse
We often equate spiritual practice with what we do for ourselves, but as Hinduism and other traditions teach there is spiritual wisdom in being civil. **Rev. John** will explore how.

11/17: The Gift of Doubt

Rev. John Morehouse
What can our doubts teach us about living a meaningful life? Join us as **Rev. John** searches for some answers.

11/24: Moving Toward Life

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
We enter again into the time of year that encourages us as consumers to buy, buy, BUY. Countering this, **Rev. Tamara** examines the gift of living simply and how this might move us toward a more satisfying life.

Recurring Events

Download the [AdUUlt 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

And Contact [Tracy Blender](#) to let her know you'll be coming. Hope to see you there as we put faith into action to build and renovate homes for more homeowners in need!

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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 Thur, 10 AM, L
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, **2nd 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

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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