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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



October 31, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is GRATITUDINOUS too. Find out what Rev. John has to say about it's BLESSINGS! There's always lots to read, lots to learn, lots to love, and much to be GRATEFUL about, here @ PUC and here (always) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

### **Congregational Meeting Results**

Congratulations to **Mark Berlin & David Kane**, who were elected to 3 year terms on the Board of Trustees this past Sunday, October 27.

**Maurice Chevalier & Judy Shaffer** were also elected to serve 3-year terms on the Leadership Development Committee. Thank you for stepping up and taking on these important roles!!



### **A Message from Your Treasurer:**

#### ***We Have the Ways & the Means to Thrive***

We want to take this opportunity to introduce the new *Ways and Means Committee*. The *Ways and Means Committee* was created by combining the Stewardship and Finance committees. Over the last few years these two committees have lost their mojo due to lack of member participation. As we walk down the path of managed growth it is imperative that Stewardship and Finance work together like a well-oiled machine. The new committee has been tasked with organizing the *Annual Pledge Campaign*, creating the *Annual Budget*, and monitoring PUC's fiscal health.

The new committee meet for the first time on October 14, 2013. The new members are as follows: **Ali Oberoi, George Gleghorn, Lou Sutherland, Penny Trunnell, Val Richards, Betty Saunders, Cheryl Simms, Frances Morehouse, Ben Cowan, and Janet Kissner**. Ex Officio members are **Rev John Morehouse, Rev Tamara Suzuki**, Student Minister **Krista Weber, Craig Block**, & our new Dir. of Congregational Advancement, **Kim Gosney**. Going forward the meetings will be held at 7 PM every **second Tuesday of the month** in the Library, unless otherwise noted. Thus, the next meeting will be on **November 12**.

We had a lively meeting reviewing the budget and developing a

### **November's Monthly Theme: Gratitude**

This Sunday

**November 3**

**10:30 AM Service**

**Gratitude's Blessings**

Rev. John Morehouse

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.

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

**Thursday, October 31, 2013**

**Halloween**

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H

**Friday, November 1, 2013**

11 AM Arrange for Floor Waxing

7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service – H

**Saturday, November 2, 2013**

10 AM PUC Leadership Summit

Followup Mtg - CR1

**Sunday, November 3, 2013**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - CR2

12 PM Acting Associate Minister Committee on Ministry - V

7 PM Books In Our Lives

course of action for the upcoming year. It was also discussed in the meeting to revive the grocery store Scrip Program that raises funds for PUC while you do your normal shopping. We are asking for at least 3 volunteers to revive and manage the Scrip Program for the current fiscal year. If you are interested please contact [Craig Block](#) in the PUC Office, or any member of the committee.

There will be challenges and bumps along the way which we shall overcome. We are stronger when we are together. Our commitment to the idea that everyone contributes time, talent, and treasure to our community, as they are able, will be the engine that makes us thrive.

To a great year to come!

—*Ali H. Oberoi*, for the Ways and Means Committee

### Religious Education Matters Family Religious Education Ministry NOVEMBER 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.*

**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 **November 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!!

**11/17: Faith in Action Day.** Today the whole RE group (Pixies and above) will travel offsite to Mystic Canyon Stables here in Rancho PV for a service oriented field trip! We will leave PUC at 10:30, travel to the stables where we will learn about animal rescue, have a chance to interact with animals large and small, and perform a service to help a local organization.

**WE NEED DRIVERS/ CHAPERONES** - Please contact [Rev. Tamara](#) if you are interested!!

MORE INFORMATION FORTHCOMING...stay tuned....

**11/24:** Religious Education classes as normal.

—*Rev. Tamara*

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

### Celebrate Samhain/Día de los Muertos in Style

Samhain/Día de los Muertos at the home of Dion-Isis on **Saturday, Nov. 2:** 4 PM altar building; 5 PM ritual starts.

Wear black or seasonal attire--costumes OK as well! Bring an offering and picture of someone who has passed on who inspired

Covenant Group - L

#### **Monday, November 04, 2013**

10:00 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H  
5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) - H  
7:00 PM Men's Ministry -V

#### **Tuesday, November 05, 2013**

6:00 AM LAC Local & Municipal Consolidated Election - H  
1:00 PM Pastoral Care Associates Mtg - V  
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp -L  
7:00 PM Standing On the Side of Love Mtg. - O  
7:30 PM Soulful Sundown Service - H

#### **Wednesday, November 06, 2013**

11:00 AM Views of the Afterlife w/Rev. John Morehouse - CR1  
11:00 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi

#### **Thursday, November 07, 2013**

10:00 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H  
2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L  
6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) - H

### Flowers for the Church *Sunday's Flowers are provided with love by The Childers/Einhorns*

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

**Next open dates:**

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



### Special Community Event @ PUC

**Moving Towards Peace - John F. Kennedy: Celebrating a Life**

6:30 PM, **Friday, November 22**  
PUC invites the community to a special event to observe the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas. The observance will focus on President John F. Kennedy's efforts as a peacemaker and his public

you for the altar -- this is not a sad event, it is a happy one. The person could be a creative artist of some type, friend, relative, etc. Please bring food to share. There is no other fee to attend. RSVP required: please call Rev. Dee at (310) 371-0274 to RSVP before Oct. 31.

### **Soulful Sundown: Practice GRATITUDE**

7:30 PM, **Tuesday, November 5** in Classroom 1

Practice gratitude with us! Student Minister Krista Weber will be facilitating an apple communion and we will be making gratitude boxes. "Abundance alone brings heedlessness, thanksgiving gives birth to alertness..." —Rumi [More...](#)

### **GATHER THE SPIRIT**

*New Series of Minister's Classes Continues*

**Views of the Afterlife -- Wednesdays, Nov. 6 & 13, in**

**Classroom #1.** Rev. John will lecture and discuss various views of what happens to us after we die, from existentialism, to reincarnation to everlasting bliss, Rev. John will share his extensive knowledge of world religions as a basis for this exploration. 11 AM - 12:15 PM, **Wednesdays, November 6 & 13.**

[CLICK HERE](#) for upcoming offerings, including:

**Myth and Meaning** - 11AM TO 12:15 PM, Wednesdays, Nov. 27; Dec. 4, 11 & 18.

**The Problem of Evil** - 11AM TO 12:15 PM, Wednesdays, Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12.

### **Help Make PUC Look Good – Facilities Needs YouUU!**

If you believe that the condition of our Church buildings and grounds are a reflection of the spirit of our beloved community, you're invited to join the PUC Facilities Committee. We are looking for a couple of new members to support the good work that has been done already by Chair John Einhorn and members Francis Morehouse, Andy Kissner, and Bruce Lewis.

Upcoming projects to spruce up the campus include repotting Patio plants and flowers, purchase of patio heaters, and landscaping around the classrooms. Facilities meetings are held monthly on **the third Thursday** at a local pub/restaurant. Contact me if you are interested in joining this convivial and hardworking group dedicated to making PUC beautiful-- inside and out.

—Vivien Hao [prvivien@gmail.com](mailto:prvivien@gmail.com)

### **Special Screening of *A Place at the Table***

What is food insecurity, or better yet, what is food security? Those questions will be the topic of the upcoming powerful film [A Place at the Table](#), which will be shown at PUC at 7:30 PM, **Saturday, Nov. 9.**

We will have longtime advocates of food justice, including our own Rachel Bruhnke, to share with us how their organizations are addressing food insecurity. Channa Grace, the president of W.O.R.K.S. and one of our panelists after the film, defines food security this way: SAFE, NUTRITIOUS, AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE, and KNOWLEDGE. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more.

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### **Thanksgiving Dinner at PUC is a GO!! 3 PM, Thursday, Nov. 28.**

We've got more than enough folks signed up to announce that the *Thanksgiving Potluck* is on for 3 PM, Thursday, 11/28!!! We'll continue to take sign-ups over the next couple of weeks, but mark your calendars! If you still need to sign up let [Craig](#) in the PUC Office know or contact Cheryl Sims [simber100@gmail.com](mailto:simber100@gmail.com) 424-275-9121.

As we get closer we'll talk about food and who will bring what, but the turkey and the turducken are already on the menu and taken care of for dinner!!

Let me know if you have any questions or ideas. Looking forward to it and thanks!

—Cheryl Sims

### **Fair Trade Holiday Boutique @ PUC**

11:30 AM, **Sunday, December 1.**

PUC will have a Fair Trade L.A. Holiday Boutique on the Patio after church. Shop for holiday gifts from artisans around the world. 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. PUC has long participated in Fair Trade.

Personally, I have unique items from Bali purchased years ago that I treasure. A Win-Win.

—Carolyn Waters



### **PASTORAL CARE NEWS:**

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact **Reverend John.**

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

**November's Monthly Theme:**

Come join the Social Justice Ministry and the Green Sanctuary Committee as we welcome family, friends, and neighbors to watch this powerful film and participate in a meaningful discussion. \$10 suggested donation. Refreshments provided.

—Constance L. Jackson

### 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](mailto: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, THIS **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.*



### 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.

—Sandy McNeil, UUSC Ministry

## 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**. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

### First Sunday Hospitality

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

With Texas spice, kickin' cowboy stews, and an Asian twist making something beautiful and new... we are all *Cheers-ing for Chili!* Taste what happens when creative minds get a'cookin'. Culinary treasures and community collide and something special stews and brews. Thank you to our creative chefs Gary Hart, Vivien Hao,

## Gratitude

### 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 [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, 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

Chelsea Sites, Margo Meikle, Andy Kissner, & Trish Botsko; and to our curious tasters.

Like Stone Soup, it takes just a little curiosity, imagination, and collaboration. Thank you to Sous Chefs: Val Richards, Kim Crawford, Kim Gosney & Payal Kadakia.

Hot Buttery Pancakes sound good? See you this Sunday for Andy Kissner's breakfast brunch @ lunch.

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!

**Ushers:**

Carlos Angeles & Elizabeth Drake

**Welcome Table:**

Marty Gorman

**Greeters:**

2 OPEN POSITIONS

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**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: 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**

GBLQTQ 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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