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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



November 7, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is CIVIL at the very least. Find out what Rev. John says about the spirituality of CIVILITY! There's always lots to read, lots to learn, lots to love, and much to be CIVIL about, here @ PUC and here (always) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

November's Monthly Theme: **Gratitude**

This Sunday

November 10

10:30 AM Service

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.



From Rev. Tamara's Desk **On Gratitude**

Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever. —Mahatma Gandhi

Turning attention this month to our theme of **Gratitude**, let's pause for a moment to celebrate the successes we have had through the great work of the many committed volunteers in this church. Yes, you have an extremely hard-working staff and called minister who walk with you and guide you on this journey. But ultimately it is you, the gathered congregation, persevering year after year, who work to bring the vision and mission of this beloved community into reality.

Being part of this community means friendships new and old; learnings that build our souls and help us become better people; and the knowledge that by giving ourselves to this community, we are working together to uphold a bold and exciting vision of a more just, more compassionate world.

I am grateful to be on this journey with you as we face the joys and challenges of life as a gathered Unitarian Universalist community. I see our Board members working hard, week after week, struggling with difficult decisions and differing opinions, yet respecting others' opinions and keeping a sense of humor intact. I see the myriad of members who serve in ways large and small to make Sundays a time of welcome and fellowship.

And I see our very hard-working and committed Religious Education volunteers plan and facilitate the spiritual growth and learning of our children and youth, week after week. Although this ministry may not be as visible to the greater congregation as others,

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, November 7, 2013

2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) - H

Saturday, November 9, 2013

10 AM Temple Emet Saturday Service - H

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V[2nd & 4th Saturdays]

7:30 PM Film Screening: "A Place at the Table" - H

Sunday, November 10, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - CR2

12:15 PM Film Screening: "A Place at the Table" - L

12:15 Green Sanctuary Garden

it forms the bedrock of our congregation, our faith movement, and our greater society. Walking through our classrooms on Sundays I am convinced that this truly is our congregational vision and mission. This is one of the greatest gifts we give to the world: our thoughtful and committed young people. Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Indeed. Amen.

With gratitude for our shared vision and all volunteers who work to make it happen.

Namaste,
—Rev. Tamara

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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.

11/10: 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](mailto: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.

Special Screening of *A Place at the Table* Saturday

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, **THIS 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,

Mtg - V

7 PM Great Books Discussion
Grp - L

Monday, November 11, 2013

Veteran's Day – Office Closed

10 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) – H
7 PM Men's Ministry -V
7 PM Jeet Kun Do w/ Andy
Coppock - CR2

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

6 PM Plant-Based Cooking Class
w/ Debi - K
7 PM Ways & Means Committee
– L

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi
11 AM Views of the Afterlife w/
Rev. John - CR1
7:30 PM Newcomer Small Group
- CR1

Thursday, November 14, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L
6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H
7 PM Jeet Kun Do w/ Andy
Coppock - CR2
7:30 PM Environmental Priorities
Network (EPN) – L

Flowers for the Church

*Sunday's Flowers "are to celebrate
Mariann Mueck's birthday on
Nov. 25."*

—Jen Hocutt

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

Next open dates:

Nov. 17; Dec. 15, 22, 29



**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

ACCESSIBLE, and KNOWLEDGE. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more.

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

Green Sanctuary: Excitement in the Garden

Nov 10: Garden Meeting – Meet in the Voyager's Room after Service; then on to the Garden...

Nov 16: Avocado Realization Day – We'll start at 9 or 10 AM. Dr. Roley & arborist Pete Faut will guide tree pruning and planting of Fuerte, Hass and Reed varieties of 15 gallon organic avocado trees. These will bear fruit next summer. We are renting a jack hammer! Snacks provided. HELP WANTED.

Questions: [Bryan](#), 310-318-4214; [Carolyn](#), 310-863-0712.

—PUC's Green Sanctuary

GATHER THE SPIRIT

New Series of Minister's Classes Continues

Views of the Afterlife -- Wednesday, Nov. 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. [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.**

Calling All Greeters!

We are in need of volunteers to take on the happy role of being a Greeter on Sunday morning. Greeters welcome all members and new & recurring visitors on Sunday morning. Our role is to make EVERYONE feel welcome to our Services on Sunday mornings. Think of greeting as the great opportunity to share joy and happiness of the day with all who come to our church.

Please let me know if you can take on one Sunday a month. Or, might you consider being a substitute? I have an immediate need to cover the first Sunday of the month. Substitutes are an invaluable resource. Please consider sharing your joy. Contact [Jean Tordella](#) 310-318-8959 if you're interested in giving Greeting a try.

Special Community Event @ PUC @ 6:30 PM, Friday, November 22: Moving Towards Peace - John F. Kennedy: Celebrating a Life

PUC invites the community to a special event to observe the 50th 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 service. [CLICK HERE](#) for more

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 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

November's Monthly Theme: Gratitude

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

information.

Member Engagement Survey Results

Thanks to all who responded to the *Member Engagement Survey!* We had 83 responses and received some excellent feedback. The Strategic Planning Committee analyzed the data and created a summary of the results. Several clear themes emerged. In general members like where PUC is and where it is headed. Your thoughtful feedback also pointed out some issues, which are being forwarded to the appropriate committees/staff for action.

Some teasers for you:

- PUC members envision a growing, like-minded community, that is financially stable at a safe, compassionate, updated campus with a good minister.
- 85% live within 10 miles
- 80% are over the age of 50
- 61% feel closely or very closely connected with PUC
- Reading *The View* was the most common activity, followed by staying in touch with friends, and the Annual Auction

Click [HERE](#) for the full summary of the survey responses. Its under the Member Section of the PUC website so you'll need to enter the username/password. Contact admin@pacificunitarian.org if you don't have them.

Help Make PUC Look Good – Facilities Needs YoUU!

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



UUSC Holiday SHOPPING – Choose Compassionate Consumption

▶ UUSC holiday cards are [HERE!!!](#) See Sandy McNeil on the Patio on Sunday; Call her; or [EMAIL HER](mailto:EMAIL) to get yours before they're all gone.

▶ 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

and how this might move us toward a more satisfying life.\

Second Sunday Hospitality

Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!

Thanks to Andy Kissner, et al, for the scrUUumptious "Breakfast-for-Lunch" last Sunday!

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:

Kevin Gallagher & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table:

2 OPEN POSITIONS

Contact [Lora Childers](#) if you'd like to give it a try...

Greeters:

Peggy Tigerman & Jean Tordella

Recurring Events

Download the [AdUUIt Program & Religious Education Flyer](#).

Sundays

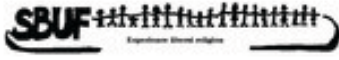
- YRUU High School Group. 10:30 AM, L
- Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th Sun., 12 noon, Fu Yuan Low Restaurant - Next Date: **Sunday, December 29**
- Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd Sun., L
- Books in Our Lives Covenant Group, 1st & 3rd Sun., 7 PM, L

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

Around the District and Beyond...



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



A UU Said That?

"Weary the path that does not challenge reason. Doubt is an incentive to truth, and patient inquiry leadeth the way."

—[Hosea Ballou](#) (Universalist minister & theologian)

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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

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

Saturdays

French Conversation Grp, 2nd &

4th Sat., 10 AM, V

