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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 14, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...but *THE VIEW* from PUC is has no DOUBTS that what you read here is something you can learn from. There's always lots to read, lots to learn, lots to love, no DOUBTs abouts it, here @ PUC and here (always) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!



## CREATE MEANING @ PUC

### Start Spreading the News!

Dear Beloved Community,

First, allow me to introduce myself! My name is **Kim Gosney** and I am your new *Director of Congregational Advancement*. In addition to the joy of facilitating PUC's Membership program, I am charged with overseeing the evolution of PUC's educational center - Create Meaning. I am honored to be of service in this way.

Every week a visitor or two tells me that we are a friendly congregation. These comments are more than a feel-good moment for me because I know that everyone who calls Pacific Unitarian Church their home is a de facto member of the Membership Team!

As daylight begins to shorten and the dark nights of winter lengthen, the warmth of community is a true and profound comfort. A comfort that many do not have access to.

During our week-day lives we are constantly surrounded with people who long for what we have - a safe and affirming place to explore - and they have no idea how to locate it. Some cannot even imagine that it exists. Most people never know an open-minded community over the span of their entire lives.

Will you help PUC reach out? People along our daily path are counting on us to show a viable pathway to find a deepening experience of community and acceptance.

If your answer is: "YES!" - then seriously consider joining our new Pacific Unitarian Flyer Brigade! You are already out in your neighborhood and routes of travel. Distributing PUC brochures and posting flyers is easy to do and will give you the deep reward of impacting the South Bay / L.A. area with hope and light.

It's simple! All you need to do is:

## November's Monthly Theme: Gratitude

This Sunday

**November 17**

**10:30 AM Service**

**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.

## The Week At a Glance

### Thursday, November 14, 2013

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H

7 PM Jeet Kun Do w/ Andy

Coppock - **NO CLASS TONIGHT**

7:30 PM Environmental Priorities Network (EPN) – L

### Friday, November 15, 2013

2 PM Social Justice Ministry - No Meeting This Month

7 PM Banned Book Club - O

7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service – H

### Saturday, November 16, 2013

9 AM PV Land Conservancy Nursery Work Party - O [You MUST RSVP to Dorian Tippet]

### Sunday, November 17, 2013

**GAYT Kickoff**

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

1. Come by the Welcome Table on Sundays and pick up a custom-made Flyer Brigade Packet. We will build your packet of flyers and brochures based on our conversation and assigning a section of the map to you that relates to your typical travel patterns throughout the week. You will also get hints and instructions to help make the job easier.

2. Keep your Flyer Brigade Packet with you in your car and make a personal goal of distributing all your materials in approximately 1 1/2 weeks time.

3. We invite you to add to our map - help us keep it up to date. Inform us of additional places to add to the map, tell us when a business no longer allows people to post flyers.

4. In addition, keeping us updated on relevant neighborhood events and serving as our liaisons to post our events on any community-based listservs would be GREAT help!

We are currently looking for Flyer Brigade Members in all South Bay / L.A. Harbor areas! We have an online Flyer Brigade map! It shows the beginning scale of our desired reach, all we need is YOU!

Please see our map at: <http://tinyurl.com/flyer-brigade> to see where we hope to have our materials.

Yours in faith and fellowship,

—*Kim Gosney*

Director of Congregational Advancement  
[Kim@CreateMeaning.org](mailto:Kim@CreateMeaning.org)

**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.*

**11/17: Faith in Action Day.** Today the whole RE group (Pixies & above) will travel offsite to Mystic Canyon Stables here in Rancho PV for a service-oriented field trip! We will leave PUC between 10:15 and 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.

**CHILDREN/YOUTH SHOULD WEAR CLOTHES THAT CAN GET DIRTY AND CLOSED-TOE WALKING SHOES!! PERMISSION SLIPS MUST BE SIGNED AND COMPLETED TO ATTEND!!**

There will be a free play day at PUC for children (age three - grade five) who do not wish to attend the field trip. YRUU's, and Voyager youth not attending the weekend **Jr. High Camp** at de Benneville Pines, who don't do the field trip may attend the Worship Service.

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

—*Rev. Tamara*

[AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org)

11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - CR2

12 PM "7 Years in 7 Days: A Life of Now" Book Reading/Signing - H

12:15 PM PUC 101:" Unitarianism as Heresy" Class w/ Rev. John - CR1

12:30 PM OWL 7-9 Parent Meeting - CR2

7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

**Monday, November 18, 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

7 PM Jeet Kun Do w/ Andy Coppock - CR2

**Tuesday, November 19, 2013**

1 PM Pastoral Care Assoc. Mtg - V

2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp - L

7 PM Board Meeting - L

**Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi

**Thursday, November 21, 2013**

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L

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

7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O

7 PM Family R.E. Ministry Mtg - O

7 PM Jeet Kun Do w/ Andy Coppock - CR2

**Flowers for the Church**

*Sunday's Flowers "are to bring peace and joy into our hearts on Sunday morning."*

—*Noelle Portland*

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

**Next open dates:**

**Dec. 15, 22, 29**

**Religious Education Matters**  
**Family Religious Education Ministry**  
**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**



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

**Green Sanctuary: Excitement in the Garden**

**THIS Saturday, Nov 16: Avocado Realization Day** – Arrive between 9 & 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

**How to Help Typhoon Victims**

I want to share with you a [statement](#) from Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) President Rev. Bill Schulz and Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President Rev. Peter Morales:

"As images of the devastation that Typhoon Haiyan has wrought in the Philippines fill the media, we are coming to see the enormity of the humanitarian disaster. The photographs and videos are heartbreaking. As compassionate people, our thoughts turn immediately to how we might help...."

We also have special historic connections to Unitarians and Universalists in the Philippines. The UUA and UUSC are launching a [joint special appeal](#) for Philippine relief efforts. I invite you to make a contribution through the UUA or other relief agency.

*"Our minds seek boundaries that our hearts know not. The lines we draw disappear when viewed with the eyes of compassion. The recognition of human kinship does not end at any border. A wiser part of us knows that the other is us, and we them...The rain, the sunshine, the breeze, the life-giving air we breathe - they know no boundaries. Neither do our empathy, our good will, our concern for one another."*—Rod Richards,

from "God Has No Borders," in [Falling into the Sky](#)

Our prayers and hearts go out to all the victims.

—Rev. John

**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 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



3 PM, Thursday, Nov. 28  
**LAST CALL for Thanksgiving Dinner Signups!**

**PLEASE SIGN UP** for the Thanksgiving Dinner @ PUC if you're going to be joining us - and we hope you do. In order to make sure we have enough for all please either contact the [PUC Office](#) or look for me (and the signup sheet) on the Patio on Sunday. We're looking forward to a fantastic time!  
—[Cheryl Sims](#) 424-275-9121.

**Fair Trade Holiday Boutique @ PUC**

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, **Sunday, December 1**. PUC will have a Fair Trade L.A. Holiday Boutique on the Patio after the Service. Support Farmers and Artisans from around the world. Find wonderfully handcrafted Fair Trade gifts for the holidays!!!!!! It's a Win-Win.

—[Sandy McNeil](#)



"I would like to go to the [Thanksgiving Celebrations](#) at Camp de Benneville Pines but won't sign up unless I can carpool with someone. If anyone can help pls call me: 424.757.4429, press # key to interrupt message if I don't answer. I can help w/expenses if needed. Thanks, Evangeline"

[Submit your posting request](#)

**November's Monthly Theme: Gratitude**

**11/24: Moving Toward Life**  
Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

peacemaker and his public service. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

## GATHER THE SPIRIT

*New Series of Minister's Classes Continues*

**Myth and Meaning** - The word "myth" is derived from the Greek word mythos. A myth, however, is not just any story but a fabulous statement containing some important truth. John will share the historical and scholarly depths of this very human legacy of meaning-making.

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

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

**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.

## Joys, Sorrows and Musings on Sundays

Starting this and every Sunday, you are invited to write down your joy, sorrow, or other musing on forms that will be provided and place it in the marked box in the Hall. Please indicate if you would like this shared with the congregation by the Minister during our "Prayers of the People" portion of our Worship Service. Only those joys and sorrows so indicated will be shared with the congregation. If you would like a Minister to reach out to you please indicate so on the form. As always you are invited to light a silent candle during the Worship Service.

—*Rev. John*

**PUC'S FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE IS ON THE WAY!!!!!!** [DECEMBER 1, 11:30-1:30](#)

## Monthly Game Night is Baaaack!

**Here at PUC Saturday Afternoon, November 23!**

Join us in PUC's Classrooms 1 & 2 to play all sorts of games for adults and kids alike. From Noon - 4 PM, **Saturday, Nov. 23.**

Please bring your own favorite board games, and finger food & drinks to share. Bring cash if you want to order Domino's pizza delivery. *No kids under the age of 10 without their parents in*

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.

## Third Sunday Hospitality

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

*Reporting from our State Capitol...*

Top chef *Margo Meikle* had her GUMBO ON last Sunday for all to enjoy... And O we did!

Thank you to our Sous Chefs: *Deb Ripley, Chelsea Sites, Linda Jensen, & Vivien Hao.*

JOIN US at 9 am in kitchen to explore the ease of cheffing with others.

Out by 10:15 & no clean up expected.

This Sunday *Vivien Hao* is creating an ITALIANO Feast. We want you there.  
CIAO!

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:

Brittany (Manning) Montgomery & Carrie Pobre

### Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller & Betty Saunders

### Greeters:

Louise Allison & Bill Karg

## Recurring Events

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

### Sundays

YRUU High School Group. 10:30 AM, L  
Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th

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](#): 310-977-2146, or [Randy Ripley](#).

### Winter District Netwurk Newsletter is Online

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Winter 2013 issue of our quarterly PSWD newsletter, *The NetwUUrK*. You can subscribe yourself by sending a request to [pswd@aol.com](mailto:pswd@aol.com) or go to [www.pswduua.org](http://www.pswduua.org), scroll to the bottom of the first page and click on the "sign up for our newsletter list" button.



### UUSC Holiday SHOPPING – Choose Compassionate Consumption

► UUSC holiday cards are HERE!!! See Sandy McNeil on the Patio on Sunday; Call her; or [EMAIL HER](#) 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

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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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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, 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

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

#### Saturdays

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

