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Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
 ...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!

November's Monthly Theme: Gratitude

This Sunday
November 24

10:30 AM Service
Moving Towards 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.



A Message from your Board President:
The Whack-a-Mole theory of Governance

"Whack-A-Mole" is a game where moles will begin to pop up from holes at random. Your goal in this game is to whack them on the head to ensure that they return to the depths of their holes never to be heard from again. The best Whack-A-Mole players will be able to keep the moles in their holes and not let them disturb the status quo of life.

It seems to me that this game is a pretty good metaphor for what goes on today. For example, when a politician steps up to propose a significant change in policy to increase funding for food lunch programs, there is always another politician who will rush to whack this beast back into its hole. When college students storm the Chancellor's Office to fight to lower student fees, the Dean grabs her Whack-A-Mole mallet and beats the students back into their holes before the local media can show up. When your little sister was 12 and she came down at Halloween dressed as Miley Cyrus in her twerking outfit, your parents grabbed their Whack-A-Mole mallet and drove her back to her room to change into her teddy bear suit.

On the surface, this seems pretty effective. We keep those who disagree with us in check, and life moves forward undisturbed. But, on second thought, isn't more money for food lunch programs a good idea? And isn't lower student fees a good idea? Okay, little sister – not so much.

The Week At a Glance

- Thursday, November 21, 2013**
 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
- Friday, November 22, 2013**
 6:30 PM JFK Anniversary Event - H
- Saturday, November 23, 2013**
 9 AM Strategic Planning - O
 10 AM French Conversation Grp – V [2nd & 4th Saturdays]

But what's really going on here? It's the fear of change, isn't it? It's the mentality that says: "I got mine - you go and get your own." But it also adds the phrase: "...but not around here." Change can seem pretty good in the other folks' neighborhoods, but not in ours. "Love the bullet train...wait??? Not through my yard!!!"

So, I ask you to think about this Whack-A-Mole mentality as we move to grow and improve PUC. Many volunteers continue to stick their heads up out of their holes to give time and talent to implement change. Change may seem scary, but without it, PUC would still be the center of protest against the Vietnam War.

Let's not be the people with the mallets. Let's all think about this little mole's story and see just what good it might bring. Let's all share our thoughts in constructive, supportive manner so that the little mole's ideas can be improved.

Change is indeed scary. Change is also inevitable. If we can all just get along and embrace these new ideas, then when you pop up from your hole, you won't be hit on the head with a mallet.

And as always - **Shalom, Salaam, Namaste, Amen, Blessed Be... and thanks for all you do!**

—Gary Hart

President, PUC Board of Trustees

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.

11/24: Religious Education classes as normal.

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org



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

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

You are invited to PUC at 6:30 PM, **THIS Friday, November 22**, for a special commemorative event observing the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and celebrating his work as a peacemaker and his public service. The event will begin at 6:30 PM (but it's OK if you have to arrive late).

There will be music by PUC's Music Director Dr. Severin Behnen, as well as Harpist Stephanie Osborne. There will be a memorial

Sunday, November 24, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM PUC Youth Choir
Rehearsal - CR2

12:15 PM Intern Minister Cmte - V

3 PM SB Chamber Music Society
Concert - H [[Joanne Pierce Martin Piano Quartet](#)]

Monday, November 25, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) - H

7 PM Jeet Kun Do w/ Andy
Coppock - CR2

7 PM Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

7 PM Program Council - L

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

11 AM Myth & Meaning w/ Rev.
John - CR1

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi
2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L

Thursday, November 28, 2013

**Thanksgiving Day - Office
Closed**

3 PM PUC Family Thanksgiving
Dinner

Flowers for the Church

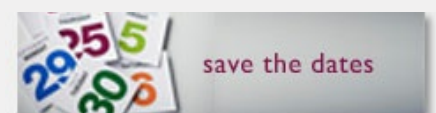
*Sunday's Flowers "celebrate
our Sixtieth Wedding
Anniversary."*

—Vic & Betty Paieda

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

Next open dates:

Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29



Saturday, 12/21, 1:30 PM - 4 PM,

Join us for PUC Holiday Party!

observance, live readings of President Kennedy's own words, and video of him speaking. We will also be honoring local peacemakers.

If you wish to help, contact [Dale Osborne](#). [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Monthly Game Night is *Baaaack!*

Here at PUC THIS 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 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](#).

PUC'S FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

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.

LAST CALL for Thanksgiving Dinner Signups!

PLEASE SIGN UP for the Thanksgiving Dinner @ PUC if you're going to be joining us at 3 PM, **Thursday, 11/28**, 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

How to Help Typhoon Victims

"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...."

—*Rev. Bill Schulz (UUSC President) & Rev. Peter Morales (UUA President)*

We 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

JOIN US for a PUC Holiday Party!

Schedule:

* 1:30 PM: *Mingle & Tree Decorating!*

* 2 PM: *Guess Who... Is Playing Santa! (kids welcome!!!)*

* 2:30 PM: *Holiday Story-telling!*

* 3 PM: *Holiday Sing-Along w/ Severin!*

* 3:30 PM: *Cider & Cookies!*

Saturday, 3/15: PUC Anniversary Party

Sunday, 4/6: PUC Talent & Service Auction

December's Monthly Theme: Peace

12/1: Joy in the Streets

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John explores how we can lead a more joyful life and help others to do the same.

As warm as a campfire, as stirring as a gospel church, as rousing as a call to arms!

Fusing various music styles, this Sunday will be an explosion of musical diversity and harmony, in the finest of UU traditions.

Exquisite vocal harmonies combine with formidable instrumental prowess to create music that is both playful and richly satisfying!

Don't be late or miss this exciting service!

Join us for our Fair Trade Christmas Boutique after the service.

12/8: A Healing Peace

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Revs. John and Tamara, joined by our student minister Krista

Weber, will share messages of healing and invite the congregation

a contribution through the UUA or other relief agency.

Our prayers and hearts go out to all the victims.

—**Rev. John**

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. Rev. 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.**

PUC's Pooled Income Fund: *A Donation That Pays You Back*

In 1990, PUC established a Pooled Income Fund, intended to benefit both the donors and the church. The "pooled" donations are prudently invested in a collection of securities selected to preserve capital and maximize income. The donors receive all of the investment income earned on their donation for the rest of the donor's life, and the life of their (45 yrs or older) beneficiary, if desired. Cash or other assets that can be sold can be donated (and possibly avoid Capital Gains tax).

Upon the death of the donor (or also of the beneficiary), the life income ceases and the current value of the donor's share is transferred to PUC's Endowment Fund. The minimum initial donation is \$2,000, with minimum \$200 additions. Contact the [PUC Endowment Committee](#) for more information or to prepare the necessary documents for you to contribute to the Pooled Income Fund, or for more information, [download the Pooled Income Fund brochure](#).

Our Pooled Income Fund experts will be on the Patio after the Service on **Sunday, December 15** to answer any questions you might have, and sign you up if you're ready.

—**Lou Sutherland**

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

to receive an individual blessing during this special annual service.

12/15: 12 Days of Winter
Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
Come join in the fun and learning as the whole congregation participates in this winter service! **Rev. Tamara** leads the way as we explore various holiday stories and traditions from around the world and multiple religious traditions.

12/22: Angels of Peace
Rev. John Morehouse
Where does peace come from? **Rev. John** shares stories of peace in this darkest time of the year.

Fourth Sunday Hospitality Special Thanks to All of YOU who help!

Last Sunday's ITALIAN FEAST was celebrated by all thanks to diligent team of dream chefs with Vivien Hao leading the squadron, including Lee Ann Hart, Pam Harris, Linda Jenson, Ann Bailey, J.C. Chacon, & Janet Steinberg.

Dolce Vita!

NOV. 24: drop into the Kitchen @ 9AMish to help TOP CHEF Andy Kissner break out his once a month hot buttery pancakes and western egg scrambler.

Come and sample German salad by Bettina Oster, monkey bread by Val Richards and Quiche by Chelsea Sites.

Lunch served post-Service on the Patio EVERY SUNDAY. JOIN US.

Ushers:

Scott Garrabrant & Joanna Hannff

Welcome Table:

Would you like to give it a try?
Contact [Lora Childers](#).

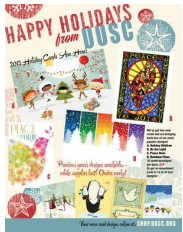
sorrows so indicated will be shared with the congregation. If you would like a Minister to reach out to you please indicate so on the form. As always you are invited to light a silent candle during the Worship Service.

—Rev. John

Around Our District and Beyond...

Universalism's Long Reach

Those who attended *Rev. John's* Sunday "Gospel of Love" class heard about how an African American Evangelical Preacher converted to Universalism and merged his congregation with All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, OK. [CLICK HERE](#) for his story on "This American Life".



UU 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.

► For the holidays, find UU-themed note cards, pendants, earrings, and lapel pins for sale at Amazon. Visit [Amazon.com](#) and type **CLF UU** in the search field. All proceeds support the [Church or the Larger Fellowship](#), our UU congregation without walls.

—**Sandy McNeil**, UUSC Ministry



A Universalist Said That?

"I defy the tyranny of precedent."

—**Clara Barton**

(Universalist; founder of the American Red Cross; suffragist)

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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

Soulful Sundown, 1st Mon., 7:30 PM, H

Tuesdays

Ways & Means Cmte, 2nd Tues., 7 PM, L

Program Council, 4th Tues., 7 PM, L

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

Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

Office Hrs: Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM, Mon. - Thurs: 11 PM - 5 PM

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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



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