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Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PUCer},  
 ...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is PEACEfull too, à la December's monthly theme... that should get us some "Joy in the Streets" - Rev. John's topic this Sunday. There's always lots to read, lots to learn, lots to love, and lots of ways to make PEACE, here in *THE VIEW*, here @ PUC, and out in the world... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

**December's Monthly Theme:  
Peace**

This Sunday

**December 1**

**10:30 AM Service**

**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 with music 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.

**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 during lunch after the Service this Sunday. Support Farmers and Artisans from around the world. Find wonderfully handcrafted Fair Trade gifts for the holidays!!!! It's a Win-Win.

**Religious Education Matters**

*Family Religious Education Ministry*

**DECEMBER CALENDAR**

**12/1: Regular RE Classes**

**12/8: Santa's Workshop and Holiday Gift-Making Day**

Today we are busy as elves participating in two service projects! For Santa's Workshop, our youth will price toys and baby clothes for "sale" to the Congregation after Service. All toys and clothing (and any extra money) will be donated to our three partner organizations: Harbor Interfaith, Toberman Center, and Rainbow Services.

Our holiday gift-making project is for our Lay Pastoral Care team to deliver to PUC elders who need a bit of holiday cheer!

**12/15: Twelve Days of Winter**

**The Week At a Glance**

**Thursday, November 28, 2013**

**Thanksgiving - Office Closed**

Come join in the fun and learning as the whole congregation participates in this interactive multigenerational winter service! Rev. Tamara leads the way as we explore various holiday stories and traditions from around the world and multiple religious traditions. All children and youth are welcome and encouraged to be in the worship service today. Childcare for Nursery children is available.

#### **12/22: Religious Education Volunteer Break**

Free Play Day for ages six and under. Ages seven and older please attend the worship service.

#### **Tuesday, 12/24: The First Christmas Carol**

Celebrate the season with carols and candlelight. Rev. Tamara invites people of all ages who seek the true meaning of Christmas to come to our very special Christmas Eve candlelight Service at 5 PM

#### **12/29: Religious Education Volunteer Break**

Free Play Day for ages six and under. Ages seven and older please attend the Worship Service.

—Rev. Tamara

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



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

### **Be a SUUday Greeter Once a Month!!**

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.

### **Bring Your Cash and Be Ready to Shop for Toys!!**

#### **Toberman "Santa's Workshop" Gift Sale Sunday, December 8**

We are proud to once again partner with [Toberman Neighborhood Center](#), a non-profit community-based organization committed to assisting Harbor Area families and individuals by delivering life-changing services.

3 PM PUC Family Thanksgiving Dinner

#### **Sunday, December 01, 2013**

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - CR2  
12 PM Acting Associate Minister Committee on Ministry - V  
12 PM Visitor Information Session - L  
11:30 PM Fair Trade LA Boutique - P  
12:15 PM "In Our Hands: Peace & Justice" w/ Rev. John. Pt. 1 - CR1  
4 PM Babylon Mood Dance Recital - H  
7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

#### **Monday, December 02, 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  
7:30 PM Soulful Sundown Service - H

#### **Tuesday, December 03, 2013**

2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp -L  
7 PM Board Mtg - L

#### **Wednesday, December 04, 2013**

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

#### **Thursday, December 05, 2013**

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H  
2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L  
4 PM Worship Team/Soulful Sundown Mtg - V  
6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) - H  
7 PM Jeet Kun Do w/ Andy Coppock - CR2

**Flowers for the Church**

Please support this great tradition of service at our church; come prepared with cash to visit the "Santa's Workshop" gift store set up by our Middle School "Voyager" youth immediately after the Service and purchase a gift to be donated to Toberman for one of the youth they serve. See you Sunday and Happy Holidays!



## Join Us for a PUC Holiday Party!

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

### 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!

## GATHER THE SPIRIT

*Wednesday 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, 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* - Find Out More on December 15

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](#).

*Sunday's Flowers "celebrate all for which we are grateful."*

**—Lora Childers & John Einhorn**

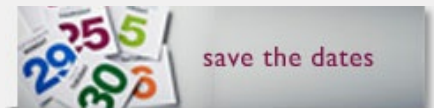
Please contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date!

**Next open dates:**

**Dec. 8, 22**

**The New Flower Calendar is here in time for the New Year.**

**All dates are OPEN!**



**Saturday, 3/15: PUC Anniversary Party**

**Sunday, 4/6: PUC Talent & Service Auction**



**December's Monthly Theme: Peace**

**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 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?

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**

## **Make the Holidays Special By Helping Harbor Interfaith Services Help Others in Need**

This holiday season please consider making a special effort to bring cans and dry goods to Church for Harbor Interfaith Services. Items needed are groceries; toiletries, such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine products, bath soap, and deodorant; and household goods, such as pots, pans, and silverware. Please drop your donations in the baskets as you enter the Hall for Sunday's Service.

What an excellent way to share the gift of giving throughout the year. We hope for the number of donations to increase substantially, as it has in the past. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the complete Harbor Interfaith wish list.

## **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 rear of 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**

## ***Around Our District and Beyond...***



### **Partner Church Update**

As the holidays approach, we at CCUU send best wishes to all of you who helped so much in our recovery.

[CLICK HERE](#) for our cooperative update - with sections written by Rev. Jim VanderWeele, Elizabeth Trotter for Community Outreach, Mary An Godshall and Rev. Deanna Vandiver for CELSJ, and me. Please forward it to all those in your congregation who gave time and talent to CCUU. We are thriving, and it is because of you that we have so much to be grateful for. We hope you are also having a good year and would be very pleased to receive news from your congregation. All the best to you!

—**Suzy Mague**

**Rev. John** shares stories of peace in this darkest time of the year.

## **12/24: The First Christmas Carol**

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Celebrate the season with carols and candlelight. **Rev. Tamara** invites people of all ages who seek the true meaning of Christmas to come to our very special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 PM.



## **Fourth Sunday Hospitality Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!**

CHEERS to TOP CHEF **Andy Kissner** and his Sous Chefs for last Sunday's Bacon/No Bacon Breakfast Feast. While nothing lasts forever warm buttery pancakes make the moment!

December 1<sup>st</sup>: One of our newestcomers, **Naresh Deo**, will voyage into the Top Chef spot and cook (with your help) a compassion meal consisting of food from many countries. We hope this becomes a once a month menu offering. Please join us...For the prepping **AND** the eating. Cherrio!

### **Ushers:**

Carlos Angeles & Elizabeth Drake

### **Welcome Table:**

Marty Gorman

### **Greeters:**

**2 OPEN POSITIONS** Please contact [Jean Tordella](#) if you'd like to make sure everyone is warmly welcomed when they arrive on Sunday!



## **Recurring Events**



**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?

"You may possess only a small light, but uncover it, let it shine, use it in order to bring more light and understanding to the hearts and minds of men and women. Give them not Hell, but hope and courage. Do not push them deeper into their theological despair, but preach the kindness and everlasting love of God."

—**John Murray**

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## 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".

## 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 a contribution through the UUA or other relief agency.

Our prayers and hearts go out to all the victims.

—**Rev. John**

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 Clatch. 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM, Catalina Coffee Co.

### Fridays

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

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**Saturdays**

French Conversation Grp, 2nd &

4th Sat., 10 AM, V



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