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December 5, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
 ...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is good for what ails ya too...Look below:
 there's bound to be something that grabs yoUU! There's always lots
 to read, lots to learn, lots to love, and lots of ways to HEAL ourselves,
 each other, and this broken old world, here in *THE VIEW*, here @
 PUC, and in the here & now... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT
 IT!



Minister's Message

Christmas is Coming

This is the first week of the Season of Advent. Advent, derived from the Latin Adventus, means "coming". In the traditional sense, the celebrations leading up to Christmas are marked by reflections on what the coming Prince of Peace means to the salvation of the world. But in a broader sense I would ask us to consider what the coming of Christmas means to us.

Christmas means many things. For some it is a time for family to come together. For others it is a sad time when we remember who we have lost. Still others look forward to the giving (and receiving of gifts) and the many traditions that mark this dark season of the year. I have come to believe that Christmas represents hope in living again. I believe Advent is a time to reflect on the joys and struggles of the past year and prepare our hearts in hope that the world could be better again. I am always pensive this time of year and I encourage you to reflect on the past year and what you would change in your life to make the new year better.

In the spirit of Advent, we are sharing our joys and sorrows in a silent lighting of the candles during our worship service. Each Sunday it seems many more are coming forward to light a candle, some with tears in their eyes. I will follow this lighting with a prayer

December's Monthly Theme: Peace

This Sunday

December 8

10:30 AM Service

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.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, December 5, 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

Friday, December 6, 2013

- 12 PM Leap of Faith - CR1
- 7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat
 Service - H

Saturday, December 7, 2013

and will include a joy and sorrow you would like spoken. Please write that sorrow down and place it in the box at the back of the hall. Or write or call me and let me know what you want shared as we prepare for the coming of Christmas and the promise of peace.

*With Grace and Grit,
—Rev. John*

Minister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

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



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

Saturday, December 7, 2013

5 PM Leap of Faith - H
5:30 PM December First Friday
FUUn & Games Night - CR1&2

Sunday, December 8, 2013

**Santa's Workshop (for
Toberman Kids) - P**

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM PUC YoUuth Choir
Rehearsal - CR2
12:15 PM "In Our Hands: Peace &
Justice" w/ Rev. John Pt. 2 - CR1
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary
"Transition Companion" - L
7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp
- No December Mtg

Monday, December 9, 2013

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, December 10, 2013

2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L
6 PM Plant-Based Cooking Class
w/ Debi - K
7 PM Ways & Means Cmte – L

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi
11 AM "Myth & Meaning" Class w/
Rev. John - CR1
7:30 PM Newcomer Small Group -
CR1

Thursday, December 12, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
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 from
Kim Gosney, with Love.*

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.

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!

Be a SUunday 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.

The One Voice Holiday Food Program Is Here!

Thursday night, **December 19**

We need you! It's that time of year when we gather all of our friends together to provide food baskets to over 12,500 people. Come join us to help sort and package the food in the Barker Hangar at the Santa Monica Airport.

Carpool vans depart at 6 PM from **EagleRider** - [11860 La Cienega](#)

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

Next open dates:

Dec. 22

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

Almost all dates are OPEN!



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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.

**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.

**12/29: Making Peace With
Our Past**
Krista Weber, Student Minister
As we approach the end of the year
and begin to prepare for the new
year, student minister **Krista
Weber** will explore the ways we
deal with what has happened in
our past, and how we can work to
move into the future with more
peace in our hearts, minds, and
actions.

[Blvd, Hawthorne, CA](#) to drive to Santa Monica. Arrange to carpool from PUC to Hawthorne with [Kim Gosney](#).

****Schedule: 7:30 PM – 11:00 PM (7:30 – 9:00 PM are “Kid Safe” hours)**

We will be sorting and packaging food. This is the night that is most appropriate for children to come, as well as adults. Come to Barker Hangar any time after 7:30 PM. We continue long into the night, usually finishing around 11 PM. In order to avoid a traffic jam and a long wait in line, please fill out a Sign-In Form in advance and arrive between 7:30-8:30 PM. For safety reasons, groups of kids will only be admitted if there is at least 1 adult to supervise every 2-3 kids.

QUESTIONS? Contact David Kane - dmkane@verizon.net.



Saturday, 3/15: PUC Anniversary Party

Sunday, 4/6: PUC Talent & Service Auction

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



Second Sunday Hospitality **Special Thanks to All of You who help!**

Many thanks to Top Chef NARESH DEO, who created a 'Compassion Meal' enjoyed by all - including those who attended our Fair Trade bazaar - and the fabulous Sous Chefs that came in to help prepare. Thank you to **Deb Reynolds, Debi Robinson, Deb Ripley, Dean Curliss, Linda Jensen, & Kim Crawford**. To participate as a Sous Chef..DROP in, anytime between 9 - 10:30 AM.



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



A Universalist Said That?

"The spirit of Love will be intensified to Godly proportions when reciprocal love exists between the entire human race and each of its individual members. That love must be based upon mutual respect for the differences in color, language and worship, even as we appreciate and accept with gratitude the differences that tend to unite the male and female of all species. We do not find those differences obstacles to love."

George de

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**

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.

Around Our District and Beyond...



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South Bay Unitarian Fellowship Newsletter.



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 CELSJR, 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**



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

—**George de**

Benneville, (Physician;

Universalist evangelist

in Europe, and early advocate of

the

doctrine of Universal Salvation

in the American colonies)

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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

Senior Day Menu to Share How

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](https://www.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

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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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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

Saturdays

French Conversation Grp, 2nd &

4th Sat., 10 AM, V



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