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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



September 4, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PUCer},

A Vision for America:

*As I was walking that ribbon of highway,  
I saw above me that endless skyway:  
I saw below me that golden valley:  
This land was made for you and me.*

That was part of Woody Guthrie's Vision for the United States. What is *your* Vision for your family, our church, our community, our world?

What a great conversation starter for the patio on Sunday. Why not try it out on someone new this week?



**A MESSAGE FROM  
REV JOHN MOREHOUSE,  
Lead Minister**

## Visions

The metaphor of a vision is deeply rooted in our sight. We imagine with our mind's eye what the future might look like and then how it might feel, taste, touch, sound and smell. We are by nature deeply visual beings; we believe what we see, we remember images of the past, and we imagine a picture of the future.

This is no less true for us spiritually. Much of mindfulness meditation is rooted in what we see with our mind's eye. And yet, there is so much more to our visions of life than what we see. Dreams of our

September's Monthly Theme:

VISION

**This Sunday**

September 7

10:30 AM Service

Love Beyond Belief!

Rev. John Morehouse

9/14: Holding Up Astonishing  
Bridges

Rev. John Morehouse

A dialogue sermon between Kim Gosney, Director of Congregational Advancement, and Rev. John Morehouse, Lead Minister, on the vision of a new theology for Unitarian Universalism.

October's Monthly Theme:

COVENANT

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, September 4, 2014

future are also deeply endowed with our senses and our emotional desires. We want to feel comforted, slightly challenged and engaged in the world.

Throughout this month we will be exploring this multi-dimensional understanding of vision; not just for our church community but for each of us individually. Included in this will be some visioning about how our world might look different from what we have now.

To that end, I invite you to join me Saturday September 13th, carpooling from the church at 7:30 am to participate in the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build in Lynwood. No previous building experience is required. We will return by 4 pm. Bring a brown bag lunch or better yet some extra to share with those who need lunch at the site. Sign up sheets are at the church or [www.habitatla.org](http://www.habitatla.org). You must be 16 years and older.

Join me in a vision of a better world, Rev. John



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HARMONIOUS RELATIONS TEAM

### *Growth and Change at PUC*

PUC has been going through a lot lately. When there is rapid change in any organization reactions are bound to occur. People feel disoriented, confused and question why things don't feel the way they used to.

One challenge we face has to do with growth. Much has been written about the challenges of crossing the barrier between a 200 member congregation and a 300 member congregation. Indeed, that is why over 85% of all churches in America have a population of under 300.

Many congregations repeatedly inch up towards the 300 mark, only to fall back to a more familiar and comfortable level. People fear that they will lose everything they have established over their years of membership. Often visitors sense this ambivalence. While they feel initially welcomed, they may come to feel everyone else belongs here but I don't.

These changes are uncomfortable. But when we ride them out, the newcomers become familiar and bring new energy and vitality to the mix. If you have been experiencing discomfort at PUC lately, the Harmonious Relations Team is available. You can seek out Melissa

10 AM Tai Chi, Hall

Sunday, September 7, 2014  
10 AM Childcare - Classroom 3  
10:30 AM Sunday Services - Hall  
11:30 AM Visitor's Luncheon with  
the Minister - TBD  
11:30 AM Hospitality Lunch -  
Patio  
Noon Meet the Trustees - Library

Monday, September 8, 2014  
5 PM Kundalini Yoga - Hall  
7 PM Trustees Meeting -  
Classroom 1

Tuesday, September 9, 2014  
10 AM Buddhist Meditation Group  
- Voyager's Room  
7 PM Ways and Means  
Committee - Library

Wednesday, September 10, 2014  
11:30 AM [Beginning Yoga](#) w/  
Debi - Hall

Thursday, September 11, 2014  
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - Hall  
6:30 PM Men's Choir - Hall  
7 PM Choir Practice - Hall  
7:30 PM Environmental Priorities  
Network - Library

Sunday's flowers brought to you by  
Judy Shaffer

Please sign up for your turn to  
bring Sunday's Flowers on the  
Flower Calendar inside the door of  
the PUC Office.

Next Open Date: September 21



Sunday, September 7th  
Hospitality

Special thanks to all of our

Garcia or myself, or fill out a Harmonious Relations Form, which can be found in the office.

Lee Ann Hart,  
Harmonious Relations  
Team

## GOOD WORKS

Volunteering has become a way of memorializing those who were lost on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and for many that means participating in a Habitat for Humanity project. This year Rev. John is leading the prayer on 9/13. Will you join him for a day of service?



### INTERFAITH INITIATIVE

#### 9/11 INTERFAITH BUILD DAYS



"We live our faiths, not compromise them, by joining together to provide decent housing for all. And we do it for the sake of the world God created and loves."

- Jonathan Reckford,  
CEO, Habitat for Humanity International



In 2009, Congress designated *September 11th* as a National Day of Service and Remembrance. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (Habitat LA) is inviting the diverse faith and spiritual community of greater Los Angeles to come together and build *September 11-13*. These *Interfaith Build* days are a way for all of us to pay tribute to the 9/11 victims, survivors, and those who rose up in service in response to the attacks.

#### Join Us!

3303 Magnolia Avenue, Lynwood  
September 11 - 13, 2014

8:00am - 3:30pm

#### You can help by:

- Praying for the Interfaith home, future homeowners and all who will help build it.
- Helping to raise \$50,000 to construct the home.
- Recruiting fellow congregants to help build.\*
- Educating your congregation about the need for affordable housing in Los Angeles and around the world.
- Checking out a video from last year's build!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59WE4DNSLx8>



#### RSVP:

Shauna Mason,  
Habitat LA Faith Relations Coordinator  
424-246-3652 or [smason@habitatla.org](mailto:smason@habitatla.org)

\*Must be 16 years or older to participate.

Building Hope, Lives and Communities

8739 Artesia Boulevard, Bellflower, CA 90706 \* 310-323-4663 \* [www.habitatla.org](http://www.habitatla.org)

volunteers!

Greeters:

Jean Tordella & TBD

Ushers:

Carlos Angeles & John Einhorn

Welcome Table:

Betty Saunders & Lee Ann Hart

Top Chef:

Kane family back to school cookout

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Recurring Events

Sundays

YRUU High School Group, weekly,  
10:30 AM, Library

Books in Our Lives Covenant  
Group, 1st & 3rd, 7 PM, Library

Green Sanctuary Group, 2nd,  
noon, Library

Mondays

[Kundalini Yoga w/ Aimee](#),

5 PM, Hall

Board of Trustees, 1st & 3rd,  
7 PM, Classroom 1

Tuesdays

[Buddhist Meditation Grp](#), weekly

10 AM, Voyagers Room

Wednesdays

[Beginning Yoga](#) w/ Debi

Robinson, weekly, 11:30 AM

Thursdays

Tai Chi (Beck), Thurs, 10 AM, Hall  
Seniors Pow Wow to Share How,

3rd, 11 AM, Library

PUC Choir Practice

[Environmental Priorities Network](#),

2nd, 7:30 PM, Library

Saturdays

French Conversation Grp,

2nd & 4th, 10 AM, Voyagers Room

## **MAKING PUC WORK FOR YOU**

### **Usher Volunteer Opportunities Available**

Would you like to be a PUC volunteer and enjoy the sermon each Sunday? Then being an usher is the right choice for you. Each person only volunteers one weekend a month. Who could ask for a better deal? If you're interested, please contact Brad Shreve at [bdshreve@outlook.com](mailto:bdshreve@outlook.com) or call 310-344-8450

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all the wonderful people who volunteered for Sunday Brunch. We are in need of volunteers for the next three months. Please go to [Signupgeneus.com](http://Signupgeneus.com) to sign up and help keep Sunday Brunch as attractive as originally envisioned. Its easy and should something come up that requires you to change your plans, its easy to be flexible. You will receive a reminder notice a few days before your time slot. To show our appreciation you will receive your lunch gratis. Through our unity we can continue to make this delightful, social time part of our Sunday serenity. My deepest gratitude, Val Richards 424-772-1976

### **Communication Tip:**

#### **To Request a Room for a PUC Organization**

As soon as you have details about your event, contact in writing or email:

Religious Education events – Andrew – [pleaseponder@gmail.com](mailto:pleaseponder@gmail.com)

Intern-Related events – Krista – [fireleopard17@gmail.com](mailto:fireleopard17@gmail.com)

Music events – Severin – [music@thecenteratpuc.org](mailto:music@thecenteratpuc.org)

Subject line should read: Room Request

Body of the email should give: GROUP NAME; DATE; TIME Starting; TIME Ending; DESIRED Room(s) AND Second Preference(s)

OTHER EVENTS - go to the PUC members section of the website and scroll down and look for the inquiry form. Submit your inquiry and someone will get back with you regarding your request.

Find on the PUC CALENDAR at <http://pacificunitarian.org/about-us-2/calendar/>

This is a real-time, live updated calendar!

- Carolyn VP for Communications

### **Joys and Sorrows in *The View***

It's New - A column for Joys and Sorrows in our weekly newsletter.

Among the candle-lighters on Sunday morning, those who would like to share their thoughts with the rest of us can take a card from the table at the Southeast door. Tell us in a few lines what you want to be included. Then drop the card in the box marked "Joys and Sorrows". Your message will appear in *The View* the following Thursday. We will all have an opportunity to empathize with your smiles or concerns. Any questions, call Marvel Burke at 310-372-0870.

### **Opening & locking up after evening events**

As a part of balancing our budget this year, the custodian's hours have been reduced. As a consequence, a custodian or other staff member may not be on campus for your evening events. You may need to unlock your meeting room, the kitchen and bathrooms. In addition, even if staff were on site when you started, you may need to lock up the rooms when you are done. We have a process for this. If you need to learn how to do this, please see a staff member or one of our friendly office volunteers.

## **WE BELIEVE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### **Public Forum: Overturn Citizens United**

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

Because the disastrous Citizens United Supreme Court decision poses serious environmental concerns, our Environmental Priorities Network is presenting a public forum on how to stop the massive influx of money into our political system. "Public Forum: Overturn Citizens United" will take place on at the Pacific Unitarian Church on 5621 Montemalaga Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes. Three outstanding speakers will address this important topic. They are Michael Tucker, a coordinator for Move to Amend, John Smith, a Southern California Common Cause organizer, and Alison Hartson, a California State Director of Wolf PAC.

From 9 to 10 AM, you are invited to enjoy light refreshments and drinks as you visit tables with information about local environmental groups. From 10 to 12 noon, speakers will discuss how best to restore finance limits and advance necessary environmental legislation. The South Coast Interfaith Council is cosponsoring this event. Admission is free, but contributions are welcome. For more information contact Lillian Light at [lklight@verizon.net](mailto:lklight@verizon.net) or at 310 - 545 1384.

### **Harbor Interfaith Shelter**

Holidays are coming. Once again we have people near us that need

our support. The Pantry Manager at Harbor Interfaith Shelter (HIS) says that they have a source for out of date canned foods. This may be a good time to review & clean out food on your pantry shelves. We are collecting food weekly for the HIS Pantry. They never receive condiments like catchup & mustard, they seldom see cake mixes, jello, chocolate chips & fun holiday special foods. Keep an eye out for specialty priced foods like sugar, flour and cereal when you grocery shop. One for your house & one for the HIS Pantry. We collect food at the door of the Sanctuary every Sunday. Thank you for thinking of Harbor Interfaith Shelter.

If you have questions, please contact Betty Saunders.



## SCIC's 3rd Annual Cooking with the Cantor: More Comfort Food from my Mama's Kitchen!



**Cook: Cantor Ilan Davidson**

**When:** Saturday, September 13, 2014

**Time:** 6:00p.m.

**Where:** Gourmet Kitchen of a Beautiful Oceanfront Estate in Rancho Palos Verdes!

**What:** Delicious Five-Course Gourmet Dinner!

**Cost:** \$50 (This is a fundraiser to support the SCIC)

For reservations, please call the SCIC at [562-983-1665](tel:562-983-1665) or email [Office@Scinterfaith.org](mailto:Office@Scinterfaith.org) today!

**Space is Limited!! All are Welcome!!**

For more information:

Email [office@scinterfaith.org](mailto:office@scinterfaith.org) or call [562-983-1665](tel:562-983-1665)

**Your Little Rocks Task  
Force is working hard to  
find ways to bring**



## **incremental income to the church.**

### **An Easy Way to Raise Money for PUC!**

We will be selling gift cards for Whole Foods and Sprouts again on the patio after the service this Sunday. PUC is able to buy them at a discount and sell them at face value so this doesn't cost you anything!

We also will have information on how to sign up for Ralph's, Von's/Pavillion's and Bristol Farms' programs where a percentage of what you spend is automatically donated to PUC - again it doesn't cost you anything.

### **PUC RUMMAGE SALE**

Save your gently used household items (furniture, home decor items, dishes, glasses, jewelry, art, etc.) for the PUC RUMMAGE SALE Friday & Saturday, October 24 and October 25. This is a great opportunity to clean your house and garage before the year-end holidays! In the past, our Rummage Sale has made over \$2,000 for PUC.

Contact Linda Jenson for details.

### **BUY YOUR COMEDY & MAGIC CLUB TICKETS ON THE PATIO THIS SUNDAY!**

There are only 2 Sundays left to buy your Comedy & Magic Club Tickets for Wednesday, September 24th!

We will be on the patio this Sunday and next Sunday, September 6th. Any tickets remaining after September 6th will be turned back in to the Comedy & Magic Club.

Tickets are only \$20 and all money goes to support PUC. Only 30 tickets left!!



### Yoga Classes at PUC:



Gentle Yoga Class for All  
Wednesdays, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM in  
the Hall  
A Class designed for all levels,  
shapes, and ages.

We will focus on a gentle practice through movement:

- To help unblock your flow of energy
- Increase your mental and physical flexibility while releasing stress and enhancing body awareness
- Poses and exercises to build strength, relieve pain and stress, and improve balance

Suggested Donation: \$12/class. Taught by Debi Robinson, RYT 200  
Contact Debi with any questions: [Debi@omhappy.com](mailto:Debi@omhappy.com)

## RELIGION AND THE MEANING OF LIFE

### NEW DATES

**3 WEDNESDAYS | OCT 1, 8, 15, 22**

**CLASSROOM 1 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM**

**Instructor: John Morehouse**

**Fee: \$5 per session, \$15 for series**

Humans ascribe significance or purpose to many of our actions - and we often assume that other phenomena also have meaning. We will explore meaning making in our lives and postmodern America, where the need for meaning is as great as ever.



Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

5621 Montemalaga Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

#### New office hours

Sunday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm*
Monday	closed
Tuesday	10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Wednesday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
Saturday closed  
\* office will be closed during the  
Sunday service from 10:30-11:30

[Click here for Directions](#)

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