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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*



October 9, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PUCer},

Writing as a Spiritual Activity, HARMONIOUS RELATIONS TEAM,  
Prepare Dinner for the After School Program at Toberman House in  
San Pedro, SOULFUL SUPPER BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY,  
Campus Beautifucation ~ Planting Party on October 11, Game Night  
This Saturday Night!

And so much more....



## SOULFUL SUPPER BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY

Last week in his letter, Rev. John spoke to us about the telling the creation stories of our own personal lives. This week, I invite you to expand the telling of those stories to include times you've created something as part of a group. Our lives are not lived in isolation, they are lived in relation; to our loved ones, to our church, to our neighborhoods, to nature, to our culture, to the systems we live and operate within, and to the whole of existence.

One of the reasons many of us seek out a religious community is we understand that creating change together is often more powerful and impactful than trying to do it alone. John T. Creswell Jr. says "The world we have is the world we've collectively created through our thoughts, words, and deeds. And when we see things differently, we start doing things differently."

Next Wednesday we will be launching the creation of a new program,

October's Monthly Theme:

## CREATION

*This Sunday*

October 12

"Original Blessings"

In contrast to original sin, Rev. John explores the creative power in each of us.

*Rev. John Morehouse,  
Lead Minister*

October 19

10:30 AM Service

"A Creation Story"

*Krista Weber,  
Intern Minister*

November's Monthly Theme:

## COVENANT

### PUC Calendar

Our calendar is now online. There is a link to the calendar on our PUC website home page. It can be accessed via the link below. The calendar and all links are updated real-time as

a way of doing things differently, called Soulful Suppers. Every Wednesday beginning at 5pm, you'll have the opportunity to join us in mindfully creating a simple meal together. Then, at 6pm, we will gather in the hall and share our meal in a soulful way with music, reflection, stories, and celebration. Afterwards, around 7pm, there will be a variety of activities including a social justice gathering, various classes and committee meetings, and choir practice. The social justice gathering will explore more deeply our ongoing theme of Food Justice through reflecting on events we've been involved in, sharing readings and video clips, educational presentations, and a call to action on ways to get involved in making a difference both as an individual and as part of our congregation.

I hope to see you for as much of the evening as you can join us for as we tell our individual and collective creation stories through Soulful Suppers!

Krista Weber

Intern Minister

modifications are made, so this will contain the most up to date information possible.

[Link to PUC Calendar](#)

For those that receive the View via US Postal Service, a paper copy will be included with your weekly copy of the View. In addition paper copies will be available in the office. These will be updated each week when the View is distributed.

## Joys and Concerns

From **Betsy Walters**: I have a JOY that the wedding of my granddaughter, Beth Mahn, and her husband, Joel Holzman, at Neighborhood U.U. Church on 9/7/14 was so beautiful. It's a JOY that I saw and played with so many dear friends and family for three days. A JOY also that they are honeymooning in Costa Rica.



Come join friends in the PUC Library on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 and help launch the Joys and Sorrows Circle. The Circle gives a compassionate space for sharing and listening. Organized by Sandy McNeil.



To have your Joy or Concern appear here you may complete



## FROM THE HARMONIOUS RELATIONS TEAM (HRT)

Thank you to all of you who came to our workshop last Sunday! We had a wonderful turnout and I hope it was helpful. We look forward to our next one!

The purpose of the HRT is to facilitate healthy communication within the community. Because of the dynamic nature of our community miscommunications and misunderstandings, disagreements and hurt feelings happen. We are here to soften those rough patches and help everyone in our community feel their worth and dignity, even in times of conflict. We are not "mediators" but are here to help in any way we can using discretion and keeping each person's integrity.

If you are in need of assistance in a difficult interaction with another congregant, volunteer or staff member, please feel free to fill out a Harmonious Relations Team form and return it to our mailbox (both found in the office) and we will respond accordingly.

Peace and Love,

Lee Ann Hart

Melissa Garcia



## Fun & Fellowship

### Game Night This Saturday Night!

**This Saturday, October 11**

**6:00 PM**

Join us in Classroom 1. Bring snacks and games and a smile. A great way to get to know fellow members.

### Wizard of Oz Sing-Along and Performance

Save the Date!

**Thursday Evening, October 30**

## We Believe In Social Justice

### Next Social Justice Meeting

**Thursday, October 16**

**6:30 PM**

Agenda will include: Fair Trade, Toberman meal, Fasting workshop, Holiday Season activities/initiatives, Church-wide SJ reading/discussion concept, more.

Please mark your calendar and send your agenda items for inclusion.

### This fall PUC's Social Justice Ministry Explores

## FOOD JUSTICE

Come and participate in an activity, service project, or educational event. Most are great for families:

### Seedling Planting at PUC's Permaculture Garden

**ACHIEVED: September 13**

### Prepare Dinner for the After School Program at Toberman House in San Pedro

**NEW DATE** October 24

**3:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Cook a dish of macaroni and cheese, bring drinks (milk, juice or

one of the Joys and Concerns slips in the back of the Hall and place it in the box, or send it directly to newsletter@pacificunitarian.com. If you indicate it is your wish it will appear here the following week.

## TOWN HALL & CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

### COMPLETED

**Sunday, October 5, 2014**

Town Hall Meeting  
Improving our Covenantal Democratic Process at PUC

### UP NEXT

**Sunday, October 26, 2014**

Meet the Staff Event

**Sunday, November 9, 2014**

Town Hall Meeting  
Making PUC Work for You - PUC's Organizational Structure and Governance

**Sunday, December 7, 2014**  
**Congregational Meeting**

Report to the membership of where we stand financially

**Sunday, January 4, 2015**

Town Hall Meeting:  
PUC's Purpose and Vision

**Sunday, February 1, 2015**

Town Hall Meeting:  
Member Roles, Rights and Responsibilities

**Sunday, March 15, 2015**  
**Congregational Meeting**

Spring Stewardship Campaign

**Sunday, April 5, 2015**

water), veggies, or fruit salad. Meet at PUC at 3:00 PM to carpool or meet at Toberman at 4:00 PM. Drop off food before 3:00 PM if you aren't able serve. All ages welcome. We will serve food to 80 kids. Contact Claire Moss if you are interested in cooking or serving. [cmoss84@gmail.com](mailto:cmoss84@gmail.com)

Sign up for your food contribution here.

<http://http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4BACAD2AAFA7-toberman>

## Letter Writing to Detainees

### October (Date TBA)

UU Service Committee effort to write encouraging letters to women and children detained at Artesia Detention Center in New Mexico. Letter writing supplies will be at the lunch tables after church, with prompts/suggestions. Contact Sandy McNeil to help organize: [smcneil276@aol.com](mailto:smcneil276@aol.com)

## Guest at your Table

### November (Date TBD)

From the UU Service Committee Website(<http://www.uusc.org/guest-at-your-table-for-beginners>): "Guest at Your Table is an annual fundraising and education program that supports UUSC's human rights work." Date TBA. Contact Sandy McNeil to help organize or learn more: [smcneil276@aol.com](mailto:smcneil276@aol.com)

## Fasting Workshop

### November 16

12:00 PM

We will be discussing the spiritual aspects of fasting, how to cope with hunger during a fast, and other topics. Held at PUC and led by Social Justice Ministry Chair, Naresh Deo.

## Fair Trade Boutique

### November 23

9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Find holiday gifts that support fair labor practices around the world. Contact Carolyn Waters to participate in planning and/or set-up: [cwaters42@gmail.com](mailto:cwaters42@gmail.com)

## One Voice LA

### December 18

7:30 PM to 11:00 PM

Sort and package food baskets. All ages welcome. Carpooling to Santa Monica will be arranged.

Town Hall Meeting

Topic to be determined; your thoughts?

**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

Town Hall Meeting:  
Budget preview and discussion

**Sunday, June 7, 2015**

**Annual Congregational Meeting & elections**

Sunday's flowers brought to you by  
The Kissner Family

Today's flowers are to celebrate Marina Kissner's 16th birthday on October 3 and Andy Kissner's October 9 birthday. And thank you to all walking in the AIDS Walk today!

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: October 26th



Sunday, October 12th  
Hospitality

*It takes many hands to make a Sunday. Special thanks to all of our volunteers!*

Greeters:

Jean Tordella

Ushers:

Alana, Olga & Sylvia Garrigues

Welcome Table:

TBD

## MAKING PUC WORK FOR YOU

### Hearing Assist

As many of you know, our Growth and Reinvestment Campaign includes upgrades to our audio and visual systems. We hope to be able to start making upgrades within the next six months. In the meantime, we are trying to make the current setup a little more user friendly. If you are a regular user of the hearing assist system in the hall, please contact John Einhorn, 310/937-3134 to discuss how we can best do this and make your experience a better one.

### Childcare Update

Childcare at PUC is now available every Sunday to cover most before and after church meetings and activities. Bring your infant, toddler, or school age child needing supervision to Classroom 3 as early as 9:00 AM. Childcare continues after the service until 1:00 PM. For after service care visit Classroom 3 and sign-in your child.

### Campus Beautification ~ Planting Party October 11

**THIS Saturday, October 11**

**9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

If you have two hours and want to help beautify PUC, consider joining Bryan Masterson and the Green Sanctuary team for a planting party. Native drought-tolerant shrubs, trees and ground cover will be planted in the area between the classrooms and the wooden walkway in front of the church.

This is a focal point for visitors and we want to make sure this area looks inviting and reflects our congregation's commitment to being "green." Come roll up your sleeves and help beautify PUC! For information, contact: Bryan at boone98713@aol.com.

## WAYS WE WORSHIP

### Soulful Supper

**Starts NEXT Wednesday**

**October 15, 2014**

Arrive at 5 PM to prepare food and our space.

6:00 PM Meal/Worship

7:00 PM Clean-up

7:10 Breakout Groups - adult, youth, choral, and more!

Top Chef:  
Andy Kissner

Welcoming Trustee:  
TBD

Office Volunteer:  
Lora Childers





## WAYS WE GROW

### Writing as a Spiritual Activity

**October 27, 2014, First Meeting**

**Second and Fourth Mondays**

**6:30 PM to 8:00 PM...or so**

Drop in any 2nd or 4th Monday evening to share this writing time.

We write for 30 minutes on whatever is on our mind or in our hearts, followed by the opportunity to share our writing and others to respond. Some food for thought will be available to get our pens moving. It is creative and healing. Drop-in. No fee. \$2 donations accepted.

Location: PUC

Bring paper or journal and pen!

Facilitator: Janet Steinberg

### Feel Empowered and Confident

**First and third Wednesdays**

**10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

Come join women who like yourself are seeking a safe environment in which to be heard, understood and supported. Feel empowered and confident. Enhance your assertiveness skills. If you have any questions contact Val Richards [424-772-1976](tel:424-772-1976) or E-mail [valrichards424@hotmail.com](mailto:valrichards424@hotmail.com). Hope to see you Wednesday in the Library.

## LITTLE ROCKS TASK FORCE

**Working hard to find ways to bring incremental income to the church.**

### PUC Rummage Sale

**Friday & Saturday, October 24 and 25**

This is a great opportunity to clean your house and garage before the year-end

holidays! Donate your gently used household items (furniture, home decor items, dishes, glasses, jewelry, art, etc.)

In the past, our Rummage Sale has made over \$2,000 for PUC.



Contact Linda Jenson for details.

## October Art

Sue Cutler shows a collection of her paintings in the Hall during October. She will donate 20% of all sales to PUC. Expose yourselves to ART and enjoy!

## Easy Way to Earn Cash for PUC

**Sunday, October 19**

### After the Service on the Patio

We get a percentage of what you spend but it doesn't cost you anything!

We will be on the patio selling Sprouts gift cards and assisting with registration for Ralph's, Von's, Bristol Farms and various restaurants on . Remember, if you already participate you do need to re-register each year by November 1st.

**More from Little Rocks Task Force**

**Water Wise**  **Garden Center**  
Succulents • Cactus • Orchids and more

Margo Meikle will donate 25% of your purchase\* from Water Wise, her sister Elyn's business, to Pacific Unitarian Church.

Just shop at Water Wise and put your receipt in Box #41 for Little Rocks in PUC Office.

Questions? Email: [margomeikle@yahoo.com](mailto:margomeikle@yahoo.com)

\*Margo will donate up to \$1,000; sales tax excluded from donation calculation.

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**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, \$20 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.



**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)



Sunday Service: 10:30 AM  
5621 Montemalaga Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

PUC office hours

Sunday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm (the office will be closed during the service from 10:30-11:30)
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

[Click here for Directions](#)

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