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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 16, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

Our members and friends of northern climes feel a yearning about now. A stirring in the air is missing. A passage stands before us, but where are its radiant colors? Where are the ushering winds and rains?

Ask a northerner to tell you about *home* in October. See the glow of remembrance - perhaps this Sunday on the patio.



AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE

I don't know about you, but I have had a season of transformation in my life. This summer was an incredible and unending cycle of new experiences. In the midst of all the excitement can also come uncertainty and that unsettled feeling that we all know too well. When I arrived in Southern California in June I quickly began moving into my student apartment in Claremont. I saw to it that every box was unpacked, that every shirt was on a hanger, and that every picture had a place on the wall. I was even beginning to get strange looks from those in the neighborhood because I was that guy who kept receiving furniture deliveries as I swiftly attempted to get settled.

Well of course one month later I was scrambling to find a new residence after some unsettling experiences with the campus housing. Here it was another change and I feared I would never find a place where I felt settled. It is through these experiences that we are transformed. It is up to us as persons on the receiving end of change to decide if we will just let these changes happen to us or if we will open ourselves to be transformed by them. As people of faith we know transformation to be a frightening and yet thrilling

October's Monthly Theme:

CREATION

This Sunday

October 19

"A Creation Story"

Krista Weber,
Intern Minister

October 26

10:30 AM Service

"Letting Go in Order to

Create Something
New"

The path to creation
begins with moving beyond our
pain to something new.

Reverend John
Morehouse,

Lead Minister

November's Monthly Theme:

COVENANT

experience. We also know that when we find bliss and comfort we are all the more thankful and humbled because of our journeys there.

I am continuing to live as a person who is unsettled and celebrating the metamorphosis that comes from new experiences. I have accepted a new position a bit closer to where I live and study near the San Gabriel Mountains. Although my time at PUC has been brief I am excited to leave with you a transformed Religious Education program. I want to highlight some specific changes implemented recently with the hopes that the it will spur PUC into a future full of new faces and meaningful relationships.

We now have childcare coverage each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 1:00 and later into the afternoon if requested. We also have a third nursery worker on the team to help with this expanded coverage. Childcare is also provided now from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for the new Soulful Suppers program at the church. The new RE Office just past the nursery in the education building has been set up with resources salvaged from this summer's big clean-up when I arrived. Finally, the new RE schedule for Sundays features an opportunity for the children to grow spiritually through pRaisE worship and service. This Sunday Sandra McNeil is helping us lead the whole congregation in writing letters to children detained by the government during the present immigration disputes. We also have an incredible and committed team of teachers who share their gifts and passions with classes divided by age group on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

The future for Religious Education is bright as long as the congregation continues to recognize RE as a vessel for growth and vitality. RE offers a safe space for families, children, youth to find their place in the life of PUC. When youth are engaged, children are active, and families are involved a congregation need not fear the future.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to be in ministry with you.

Andrew Ponder Williams
Director of Religious Education



PUC IS AWARDED

FAITH PARTNER OF THE YEAR

PUC was honored at the sixth annual Harbor Interfaith Services Gala as its Faith Partner of the Year. Members of the leadership were in attendance as Rev. John and Gary Hart, past president accepted the award. Cited for our two decades of service, PUC has given the

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 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

Michelle Thornton asks: Please pray for my Mom, **Kim Thornton**. She is in critical care."



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

Interfaith Shelter literally tons of food and many thousands of dollars. Joyce Coutomonus and John Stanbery were recognized for their years of service.

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.

Harbor Interfaith is well into collecting food for

Thanksgiving. The plan is to have 300 complete meals ready to donate to their clients on Monday, November 24. They will need canned fruit & vegetables like corn, peas & string beans. All types of canned fruit are needed. Don't forget the "fun" food like cake mixes, muffin & brownie mixes, along with baking mix like Bisquick. I can't imagine the holidays with out all the food our family looks forward to having. The donation basket is by the door as you enter the Sanctuary.

Betty Saunders

This Sunday Write a Letter

A letter of encouragement to mothers and children detained by ICE and being held in Artesia, NM. This is a tragic situation and our thoughts and prayers are needed. Don't be concerned about translations. There will be some available.

During brunch, our RE students will have writing materials on each patio table. They will come by to assist you and collect your letters, cards, or drawings.

Thank you,
Sandy McNeil,
UUSC Representative

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

October 24

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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

appear here you may complete 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.

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

Town Hall Meeting

cmoss84@gmail.com

Sign up for your food contribution here.

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4BACAD2AAAF7-toberman>

MAKING PUC WORK FOR YOU

Come Ready for Your Close-up on Sunday

If you haven't been hunted down by Deb Ripley asking you to look at and correct your PUC directory entry yet, feel free to find her on the patio the next 2 Sundays (until the end of October) or email her at axtilandr@gmail.com.

Radical Hospitality - Jump In!

Vivien Hao will be Top Chef this coming Sunday. And a VERY hearty thank you to last week's Top & Sous Chefs - Andy Kissner, Naresh Deo, & Kim Crawford who cooked up a storm of food on PUC's New Large Professional Stove! Bought by the food ministry team and donated to PUC. Stop Andy and thank him for his efforts in making that happen for all of us. Go Andy!

Now, we need your help!

We are going to try an 'open table policy' concerning patio table dressings. It will work if you are open to showing up at 9:30 and would like to dress the tables. It's just show up & set up. The cloths are in a blue tote behind the kitchen door (east wall) and bottles/ cups are in the kitchen.

Be a part of kitchen ministry and join us!

Communications Update

I'm excited to tell you about a handout called PUC Governance VITAL. It is the work of a sub-committee of the Board, Randy Ripley, Judy Shaffer, other readers and me; With full trustee review October 20th, is close to ready. Reverend John will convene the first Ministry Council meeting at church on Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00 PM. (What is Ministry Council? If you are a committee chair or group/team leader, calendar this meeting.) Next, you are invited to the Town Hall on November 9th focused on becoming active, exploring together our church organization and governance.

Carolyn Waters
VP for Communications

Fun & Fellowship

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

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

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Sunday, October 19th Hospitality

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

Greeters:
TBD

Ushers:

Welcome Table:
Betty Saunders
Lora Childers

Top Chef:
Vivian Hao

Wizard of Oz Sing-Along and Performance

Save the Date!

Thursday Evening, October 30

Welcoming Trustee:

Janet Kissner

WAYS WE WORSHIP

Soulful Supper

Wednesdays

5:00 PM Arrive 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!

Office Volunteer:

Brad Shreve



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

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.



Create Meaning RELIGION AND THE
A Center for Spiritual Renewal 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



Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

Child Care Available

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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