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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 23, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PUCer},

Thank a volunteer today. Remember, much of what goes on at PUC to keep us happy, healthy, and fed is done by volunteers.

If you are interested, see any staff member or the Office Ministry volunteer for areas where you might lend your talent to PUC.

And thanks for caring.



## COMMUNITY

Community is about transformation. And yet, organizations are often, by nature, conservative. Organizations seek to conserve what is good. Schedules. Policies. Rules. Structures. Organizations can be flexible, but only when they actively plan to stay flexible.

Organizations are designed, by their construct, to be resistant to change.

No wonder "Organized Religion" can be so difficult! And, for a Liberal Religious Faith, we when it comes to transformations in our churches - UU's can be as conservative as it gets!

What would it mean if we conceived of our work as that of ministering to resistance?

My most striking area of ministry to resistance - working with dying and grieving people. Sitting with their resistance of the death and grief process. Outside conditions are constantly changing for the

October's Monthly Theme:

## CREATION

**This Sunday**

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.

Rev. John Morehouse,  
Lead Minister

November 2

10:30 AM Service

"Day of the Dead"

Please bring a photo and/or something that reminds you of a relative or loved one that has passed away. We will honor our loved ones as we share and display these memories upon an altar we will create together during the service.

Also, everyone is invited to dress in costume and participate in the parade during the service! Regular Religious Education classes will not be meeting

dying and the grieving, and this requires constant change on the inside. This exposure keeps things clearer for me and helps me to get past some of my own natural inclination to be resistant.

We are all needed - each one of us - to help lead Pacific Unitarian Church through some significant institutional change... from being a micro church to becoming a meta church. We have to start thinking like, acting like, and making decisions like we are a meta church to become a meta church. I see the meta church as having 2 outside missions:

1. To reach the people of the South Bay (and beyond) in need of liberal religion and offer a religious home. We need to make room for them. Resisting the resistance in ourselves to change. Seeing new people as a part of our family. Keeping the doors open wide.

2. To practically care for the people of the South Bay (and beyond) who are denied justice. We need to actively and relentlessly work feeding streams of justice for them and resist the deep rivers of injustice. Sometimes white water rafting!

If we answer the call of these two missions and ask how we can work a ministry to resistance ... we will answer the call to abandon our own inner proclivity for resistance. Because outside conditions are constantly changing, they will require us to constantly change on the inside.

It is a calling - from micro church thinking to meta church thinking - that will sustain us into the next decade. To be that beacon of liberal faith on the hill and down into the flat lands. This is only the work that a meta church can do.

Kim Gosney  
**Director of Congregational  
Advancement**



## RE News

As most of you know by now, Andrew Ponder Williams, our Director of Religious Education, has accepted a new job, and this Sunday will be his last day with us. In light of this, and given that your church leadership and staff are focused on filling this important position, the Trustees have decided to postpone the "Meet Your Staff" event that was scheduled for this Sunday after church.

We wish Andrew well in his future pursuits, and are pleased that Krista Weber, our Intern Minister, has agreed to be an interim DRE

that day but childcare will still be available in the nursery.

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 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

So many people have said they miss the spoken Joys and Sorrows in Sunday Service. Why not put them in the box at the door. They'll appear here and we will know, then, if someone got a new puppy, if they're in love or out of love, having a health problem, or taking a fabulous trip. LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

while we search for a permanent replacement.

## We Believe In Social Justice

### Next Social Justice Meeting

**Thursday, November 20**

**6:30 PM**

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

### Fair Trade Boutique

**Sunday, November 23**

**9:30 AM to 1 PM**

### One Voice LA

**Thursday, December 18**

**7:30 PM**

Our annual food packing event to serve the deserving residents of LA. There will be car pools leaving from PUC to take us to this family-friendly event.

### 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

### Friday Night Ballroom Dancing

**Friday, October 31**

**6:30 PM**

### Johanna Lyttle Memorial Service

**Saturday, November 1st**

**2 PM**

## 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, please find her on the patio on Sunday or email her at [axtilandr@gmail.com](mailto:axtilandr@gmail.com).

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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.

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To have your Joy or Concern 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](mailto:newsletter@pacificunitarian.com).

## TOWN HALL & CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

### COMPLETED

**Sunday, October 5, 2014**

Town Hall Meeting  
Improving our Covenantal Democratic Process at PUC

**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

## Radical Hospitality - Jump In!

Naresh Deo will be Top Chef this coming Sunday. And a VERY hearty thank you to last week's Top & Sous Chefs - Vivien hao, Lee Ann Hart and Linda Jensen who cooked up a storm of food on PUC's New Large Professional Stove! Bought by the food ministry team and donated to PUC.

If you love the table cloths and flowers, then help keep them coming. We need folks to show up at 9:30 & 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: PUC PRE-SCHOOL

The Preschool Feasibility Task Force gave a presentation to the trustees Monday night, sharing their exploration of the myriad details that need to be researched (market research, program design, licensing requirements, etc.).

The time-line calls for a decision in December or early January whether or not to open a UU Pre-school in September 2015. Market research and consultation with a pre-school operations expert will inform the decision and reduce risk. As John Einhorn said, "We don't know what we don't know."

The trustees approved expenditure up to \$5,000 from the Lenore Snodey bequest. The trustees feels this project matches well Lenore's expressed wish to help people here and in the larger world. The entire project would draw from both the Snodey bequest and a portion of the Spirit Grant, which is a matching type grant.

To be in right relations with the grantors we need to raise matching funds. The trustees are pleased by the Feasibility Task Force's energy and direction to move this initiative forward.

Judy Shaffer &  
Carolyn Waters  
VP for Communications

## Fun & Fellowship

### Wizard of Oz Sing-Along and Performance

Save the Date!

Thursday Evening, October 30, @7pm

## WAYS WE WORSHIP

Soulful Supper

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  
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 our  
own Kim Gosney. Thank you, Kim

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:  
Jean Tordella

Ushers:

**Seasonal Support:**

**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!

**WAYS WE GROW**

**Writing as a Spiritual Activity**

**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.**

Don't forget to renew your registration for PUC at Ralph's, Von's, Bristol Farms and various restaurants. Every time you shop, PUC gets a donation.



**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 Ellyn'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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Kevin Gallagher and John Einhorn

Welcome Table:  
Lee Ann Hart  
Betty Saunders

Top Chef:  
Vivian Hao

Welcoming Trustee:  
TBD

Office Volunteer:  
Brad Shreve



## 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!



### **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

Child Care Available

5621 Montemalaga Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

#### PUC office hours

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| 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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