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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 30, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

If you are reading this, then it means that you survived the ghouls and goblins of Halloween. Now we look forward to the Holiday Season.

Whatever traditions and beliefs you celebrate, it is the time to bring friends and family together to share love and compassion. Remember, here at PUC we are a family too, so bring your best holiday spirit and share with the rest of us...

And thanks for caring...

Ministerial Council

Nearly a year ago, I (as the then Vice President of the Board of Trustees) convened the last PUC Program Council. The Program Council had been chartered to further the sharing of information between the various committees of the church, and was supposed to be attended by the Chairs of the committees, as well as Lead Minister, the Director of Religious Education, the Administrator, the Vice President and other attendees as needed to address effective communication, coordination and scheduling of church activities.

This final meeting, as had been true of many Program Council meetings over the previous two or three years, was very sparsely attended by the main members, though the staff were all dutifully present. The calendaring activity was completed (by the staff) and the volunteer of the month was selected. We completed our work in a bit over an hour, and headed home.

November's Monthly Theme:

COVENANT

This Sunday

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

Krista Weber,
Intern Minister

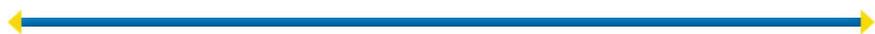
Next Sunday

"Beyond the Darkness"
Rev. John Morehouse,
Lead Minister

Meanwhile, the Growth and Reinvestment Campaign team were busy executing their plan, and the numerous ad hoc volunteers who had banded together to reinvent our classrooms were busily working away on that important effort. The Green Sanctuary Team was maturing our new garden plot, with its winter crop. On my way home, I realized that for a variety of reasons, the Program Council seemed to have become largely irrelevant to the real work being done by the members and volunteers of our church! I vowed not to convene another Program Council Meeting until we could figure out some plausible reasons why it didn't seem to be working anymore, and until we had come up with some new ideas to reenergize or reinvent the council.

Today (Tuesday) as I write this column, I am looking forward to attending the inaugural meeting of the new, re-imagined Ministry Council. Thanks to Carolyn Waters' energy, imagination and determination, this new Council promises to become an important, effective and rewarding group for those who participate. Unlike the program council, we've narrowed the focus of this council. It no longer focuses on ALL committees, but only those that are directly involved in the Ministry of the church. And instead of being convened as a sort of extension of the Board of Trustees, it's being convened by the Lead Minister. And while it is too early to say exactly how this Council will evolve, it's clear to me that there is a renewed energy and interest in having more engagement between the Minister and the Volunteers supporting the Ministry. I believe that Carolyn's vision and energy, and Rev John's commitment to this new Council are going to be infectious, and empowering for many of you in your efforts here at PUC. From the Garden Angels, through Food Ministry, Religious Education, Worship, Social Justice and more, I think the new Ministry Council will help to unite, inspire and enable us in our work, putting our UU principles into practice.

Clay Bosler
President, Board of Trustees



Toberman Update

Claire Moss and volunteers from the Social Justice Ministry prepared a great meal for deserving families from Toberman, and it was a great success!

We had an abundance of food and over ten people, including 5 kids, helping to cook and serve. We served around 45 students and also some staff and parents. Extra food was served Sunday at PUC. \$80 was collected and we used it to buy fruit and chicken.

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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

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

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So many people have said they miss the spoken Joys and Sorrows in Sunday Service. Why

Thanks to all who participated!! Look for upcoming dates, as we are planning to do this again.

Friday Night Ballroom Dancing

Friday, October 31

6:30 PM

Johanna Lyttle Memorial Service

Saturday, November 1st

2 PM

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

Welcome two new members to our family!!

New Member: **Wendy Clancy**

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.

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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.

TOWN HALL & CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

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



Wendy Clancy is among the rare breed of people who are “birthright Unitarian Universalists.” Raised by a Jewish mother and Christian father who cast off their religious upbringing to become UUs, she was among the first teens to complete the Coming of Age program at PUC and was married here in the 1990s.

She is now a 7th grade teacher at Dodson Middle School in San Pedro and raising her daughter, Heather, 11. Wendy says she is an eclectic thinker who believes that all religions have validity and feels closest to the Buddhist thought.

Among her interests are travel, bicycling, weightlifting and visiting museums and attending cultural events. She loves nature, where she says she feels closet to “my higher power.” She has been sober for 22 years.

Wendy lives in Manhattan Beach with her daughter, two dogs and two cats.



New Member: **Karen Scott-Martinet**



Karen Scott-Martinet, whose philosophical leanings are towards Zen Buddhism and Taoism, believes she has found an inclusive and diverse faith home at PUC. She signed the membership book recently after visiting for a few months.

The aerospace contingency planner works in the security organization at Northrop Grumman. She is responsible for training on emergency preparedness and crisis management. She is completing a Ph.D. in business administration/homeland security and has a

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
 Debra Cucci Thank you, Debra!

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: November 16th



Hospitality

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

Greeters:
 Jean Tordella

Ushers:
 Kevin Gallagher and John Einhorn

Welcome Table:
 TBD

Top Chef:

master's in emergency services administration.

With a BA in humanities, specializing in philosophy, she had earlier considered studying for a divinity degree because of her intense interest in religions. She is a former member of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu and lived in Hawaii for much of her life before moving to California in 1998.

Karen lives in Torrance with her husband, Mike. They enjoy movies, reading, games, comedy, and spending time with their children and grandchildren. "We're happy to find a sense of community and shared concern for people at PUC," Karen said.

Facilities Wants YOU!

If you care about what message the PUC campus sends to members and visitors, consider joining the Facilities Committee. We are looking for two new members to join Bruce Lewis, Vivien Hao and Noel Hammond who are responsible for upgrading and maintaining our beautiful grounds and building.

Got handyman skills? Great! Got a great decorating sense? Great! Want to have fun and contribute to the church? Great! Join us and do all that!

Special thanks to Bryan Masterson, master gardener, who recently purchased and planted native, drought tolerant shrubs and bushes in the area in front of the classrooms on the parking lot side. In the coming months, more upgrades to landscaping will be done. Stay tuned!

-Vivien Hao for PUC Facilities Committee

LITTLE ROCKS TASK FORCE

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

An Easy Way to Earn Cash for PUC!

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

Pam Harris and Judy Shaffer will be on the patio selling Sprouts gift cards and assisting with registration for Ralph's, Von's, Bristol Farms and various restaurants on **Sunday, November 2nd**. Remember, if

Rep: Andy Kissner

Welcoming Trustee:
TBD

Office Volunteer:
Brad Shreve

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you already participate you need to re-register each year by November 1st. We can help you do that. Von's only gives us credit if you use a debit card or pay cash. Ralph's and Bristol Farms give us credit with any method of payment.

Pam Harris
Little Rocks Committee

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!

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

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

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

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OPEN: Tuesdays - Sundays 10am - 6pm

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



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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