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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



November 20, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

Welcome to this week's PUC Newsletter called the View.

After typing that sentence I began to ponder the word VIEW. Just what does it mean for us? Well, when I looked it up in the dictionary (not Webster's, but WEB) several meanings jumped out at me. A view is:

- a particular manner of looking at something
- consideration of a matter with reference to action
- to contemplate mentally
- to regard in a particular light or as specified

So, as you read through the View this week, think about your particular manner of looking at the content. Contemplate what you see and think about what action you can take. Consider what it means to be a member or friend of PUC. And think about what the particular light of our shining beacon means to you and to the world.

And thanks for caring...



An Award Winning Congregation

As some of you know, PUC was awarded the 2014 Faith Partner of the Year Award by Harbor Interfaith Services in San Pedro for our many years of providing food and financial assistance to that very worthwhile agency. HIS provides housing, food and education to families working out of poverty.

In accepting that award on behalf of the church, I announced to the

November's Monthly Theme:

COVENANT

This Sunday

"The Promises We Keep"

Rev. John Morehouse
Krista Weber, Intern Minister
Kim Gosney, M.Div.

Next Sunday

"All at the Table"

What does our Universalist tradition
teach us about acceptance
amid diversity

Rev. John Morehouse

December's Monthly Theme:

GOD

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

board of HIS (on which I serve) that we would commit ourselves to living into this honor in the years to come. To that end, our Social Justice Ministry led by Naresh Deo, is exploring how we might volunteer as a church on a regular and sustained basis. This coming Monday November 24th there is opportunity to help pack Turkey Dinners for families in need at Harbor Interfaith's center in San Pedro. Please contact Naresh to join those who are going.

Throughout the year you will hear more about this tremendous organization with whom we are partners in faith that a better world is possible.



HIS hosted their 6th annual fundraising gala on October 11, 2013. HIS recognized Pacific Unitarian Church that evening as a dedicated supporter of their mission. Pictured are Reverend John Morehouse and Gary Hart (Board President 2012 - 2014, the year for which it was given) receiving the award.

Yours, Rev. John

HOLIDAY FAIR TRADE AT PUC

Holiday Fair Trade at PUC this Sunday, Nov 23rd, 10am to 1 pm. Ten vendors will grace our patio with names like Baobab, BaliRose, rHope, Tribu, Seastra, Vida Verde, Elisa Chan, Canaan, UUSC, and more. It is eye-candy in a price-range.

Fair Trade is an organized social movement. PUC signed-on to the Fair Trade Campaigns last year. The movement promotes standards for international labor, environmentalism and social policy in areas related to production of consumer goods . . . particularly on exports from developing countries. The intent is to guarantee fair wages for workers, Fair Trade not free trade.

More than eye-candy, compassionate consumption is 'connection to the web of all existence;' the real deal.

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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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, December 7, 2014
Congregational Meeting

Social Justice and Green Sanctuary Committees

UUSC

PARTICIPATE In GUEST at YOUR TABLE

Guest at Your Table is an annual fundraiser and education program that supports UUSC's human rights work. This year's Guest at Your Table theme is food sustainability. We invite everyone to take part during the holidays: families, small groups, congregation, and community organizations.

Share a meal in the name of food sustainability. Bring your friends and family together for a great cause and help raise awareness about human rights work happening all over the world.

It's a very simple request. This Sunday, Nov. 23rd, individuals and families will be handed a small box during the service. Please place this box on your dining table throughout the holidays. It will represent the "guest at your table". Pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, a dollar bill placed in our boxes will remind us of hunger issues around the world and what can, and is being done with the help of UUSC.

Please go to uusc.org Guest at Your Table and click on STORIES of HOPE to read about the individuals UUSC is honoring this year. Sandy McNeil. UUSC Ministry

Sandy McNeil

Jerry Parker, a longtime friend of PUC died peacefully Tuesday at Kaiser Harbor City Hospital. Please keep Jerry's family and all those who knew him in your thoughts and prayers.

Craig Block continues with chemo therapy. Cards, calls and love are appreciated.

Harbor Interfaith collecting food for Thanksgiving.

The Holidays are here. Food is a big part of the festivities. PUC has helped stock the Harbor Interfaith Pantry for years. They need to have the holiday food now. But Holiday food will be collected from now until after Christmas. Food is one of the things that makes the holidays special. They need the basic staples: Canned vegetables & fruit, yams & cranberries sauce. All the mixes in a box. The basic staples: sugar, flour, coffee & tea....Condiments, catchup, mayo &

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
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

Flowers help bring joy, This Sunday's flowers are brought to you by Kim Gosney.

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 30th.



Hospitality

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

Greeters:
Jean Tordella

mustard also jello & pudding mixes

Ushers:
YRUU's

The donation basket is by the door as you enter the Sanctuary.

Betty Saunders

Welcome Table:
TBD



SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING JANUARY 2015

The purpose of the SGFT program is to cultivate trusted members of the congregation to grow in small group facilitation skills, teaching specific methods for building community through CONNECT small groups. We are seeking people with a heart for others to join us in this important training and work. Contact Kim Gosney to be on the mailing list. Our groups will always leave an empty chair in the circle, to indicate that we know there are people out there who are seeking what we have found, and to remind ourselves that those seekers are always welcome among us.

Top Chef:
Naresh Deo

Welcoming Trustee:
TBD

Office Volunteer:
Brad Shreve

HOLIDAY DROP-IN GRIEF SUPPORT

For those who want to share support with others who are experiencing a loss and facing the holidays. This peer group is run in a flexible format with facilitation. We will share our stories and discuss ways to prepare and engage in active self-care over the holiday season. A diversity of ages, beliefs, practices and values are welcome.

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There are no fees, and no preregistration is required.

TUESDAYS 3 PM DECEMBER 2, 9 & 16
WEDNESDAYS NOON DECEMBER 2 & 17
WEDNESDAYS 7 PM DECEMBER 2, 10 & 17

Kim Gosney serves as facilitator. Kim is a member of the International Expressive Arts Therapy Association. She is a trained hospice volunteer, has training in death midwifery and home funeral facilitation with Beth Knox of Crossings and, as founder of Alive and Mortal, presents workshops and lectures focused on the deep work of "evolving bonds™", rituals and impermanence.



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.



The Books In Our Lives covenant group has just started **“Islam: A Short History.”** by **Karen Armstrong**, and will be discussing the first third of the book on Monday evening December 3. If you think you might enjoy reading and discussing this highly acclaimed description of the evolution of Islam, and its’ practices and tenants, please call Paul Slavich at 310 540-2821.

BIOL covenant group enjoys reading a variety of good books at a relaxed pace. They meet from 7 to 9 PM in South Redondo on the first and third Monday evenings of the month.

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

November dates: **November 10 and November 24**

Drop in to PUC on 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 allow others to respond. Some food for thought will be available to get our pens moving. \$2 donations accepted.

Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm or so... Bring paper or journal and pen!

Facilitator: Janet Steinberg



**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 (closed for Veteran's Day)
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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