

The weekly newsletter of Pacific Unitarian Church.
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December 18, 2014

Happy Holy Days!

In this darkest time of the year, we offer you hope, love and light in this holiday season. On December 21st we will celebrate the shortest day of the year with our annual "Festival of Lights" Intergenerational Worship Service. This is not to be missed! Come and join in the fun.

And then, just a few days later we will celebrate Christmas Eve in our annual candle light service. Come and sing and share good cheer.

Finally, for those who are in town, I will be preaching on December 28th "Wearing the Robes of Grace". I promise a reflective and uplifting service to the end the year with.

Our Theme This Month Is

GOD

Sunday Service
10:30 a.m.

Child care is available
starting at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for some
radical hospitality
after the service!

To you and yours, Merry Christmas, and may your New Year be blessed with Joy and Peace,

Rev. John

How About That View?

HOLIDAY HIATUS

The View will be silent the weeks of the Christmas and New Year holidays. Our next issue of the eView will be in your inbox on January 8th.

MAKE IT STOP!

Is *The View* just too much of a good thing? The new format of *The View* comes to you in conjunction with a new data base. Not everyone in the new data base wants to get *The View*. If that is you, simply scroll to the bottom of this newsletter and click *unsubscribe*. Please, don't reply to this email saying you wish to stop receiving *The View*.

WE BELIEVE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

One Voice LA TONIGHT!

Thursday, December 18

Lots of music. Lots of hustle. Lots of fun. What will it be like? Imagine hundreds and hundreds of psyched volunteers packing food baskets in an airplane hanger. This event serves Los Angeles Head Start families. There will be car pools leaving from PUC to take us to this **family-friendly event**. For more information check out the One Voice LA website [here](#).

Meet at PUC by 5:45 p.m. Cars and vans depart the parking lot for Santa Monica at 6:00 p.m. The doors open at 7:30 p.m. It's goes until 9:00 p.m. Home by 10:30-ish.



December 21st Service

Festival of Lights

Join us on a journey exploring how twelve different faith traditions celebrate winter holy days. This is an intergenerational service designed for All Ages.

*Krista Weber, Intern Minister
& Acting Director of
Religious Education*



December 24th Candlelight Service

Join us on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. for our Candlelight Service, a celebration for all ages.

*Reverend John Morehouse,
Lead Minister*

Harbor Interfaith Collects Food for the Holidays

Harbor Interfaith Shelter shifts the food collection focus these last weeks before Christmas.

They request gift cards from Vons, Ralphs, Smart & Final, and Food for Less. With these they will do the shopping for the hams needed for Christmas. They still have a continuing need for canned vegetables and canned fruit and all the "fixins" for the Holiday meal. Leave your food donations in the baskets just inside the doors of the sanctuary (Henrickson Hall.) Don't forget the Jello! For information about Harbor Interfaith Services click [here](#).

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

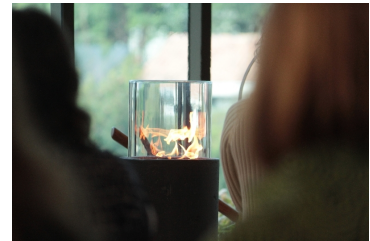
GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Guest at Your Table is alive and well! Keep the spirit going in your home by including human rights at your table. All your nickels, dimes, dollars help promote social justice in the United States and around the world. UUSC projects include:

- ECONOMIC JUSTICE...including workers' rights
- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE...safe, affordable water
- CIVIL LIBERTIES...stopping racial and religious profiling, torture, and more

To learn more about your Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) click [here](#).

Guest at Your Table ends on Sunday, January 4, 2015. Please convert your contributions to check



December 29th Sermon

"Wearing the Robes of Grace"

Reverend John Morehouse,
Lead Minister

Next Month Our Theme Will Be

AUTHORITY

JOYS & CONCERNS

Hearing from dear friends is always a joy. Dorian Tippit writes that her new address is:

Dr. John Charles &
Doriane Tippit
2513 McKeag Ct.
Fort Collins, CO 80526

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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

form, making checks out to "UUSC, Guest at Your Table." Your check will be collected during the service.

PUC's Sandra McNeil, UUSC Ministry

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@pacifunitarian.com.

We Nurture and Cherish Our Children and Youth

COMING UP IN FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (FRE)*

- Dec 21 Intergenerational Worship Service, for the entire congregation
- Dec 28 No Religious Education Program, childcare available
- Jan 4 Children's Chapel
- Jan 11 Regular FRE Classes
- Jan 18 Intergenerational Worship Service
- Jan 25 Regular FRE Classes - MLK Weekend

*"Religious Education" in Unitarian Universalism is what may be called "Sunday School" in other denominations. Childcare, with plenty of toys and caring child care providers, is always available in Classroom 3 starting at 10:00 a.m.

COMING OF AGE

Look for information in future issues of *The View* on Coming of Age, a remarkable 7th to 10th grade rite of passage program coming this Spring.

We Do Radical Hospitality!

Requesting a few well wrapped **leftover meaty holiday ham or turkey bones** for future Top Chef Sunday soup creations. Contact Margo at

HOSPITALITY

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

Greeter:
TBD

Welcoming Trustee:
TBD

Welcome Table:
Betty Saunders & Lora Childers

Ushers:
YRUUs
(Young Religious Unitarian Universalists)

Top Chefs:
Naresh Deo & Debbie Robinson

Sous chefs:
**Lee Ann Hart
Marlene Barone
Shari Sachs**

Film crew organized by:
Danielle Weinstock

Office Volunteer:
Brad Shreve

This Sunday's

margomeikle@yahoo.com if you don't plan to use them yourselves!

Flowers

are brought to you by

Missy Rogers

Flowers in our sanctuary

- can bring joy,
- can be a way to share your celebration or memorial,
- can be a focal point of meditation,
- can be a point of relief from a long week.

Please sign up for your turn to bring Sunday's Flowers on the Flower Calendar inside the door of the PUC Office.

Next Open Dates:
January 4th, 8th, & 25th,
2015

TOWN HALLS & CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Both Town Hall and Congregational Meetings are held in Henrickson Hall about half an hour after the end of the Sunday morning worship service. Members are encouraged to attend. Friends of the congregation as well as visitors are welcome to attend.

COMPLETED

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Town Hall Meeting
Improving our Covenantal Democratic Process at PUC

POSTPONED

Sunday, October 26, 2014

Meet the Staff Event



**Dec
26th
6:30-
10:00pm**

The Last Friday Ballroom Dance

Ronald and Mary Keyes
in cooperation with Pacific Unitarian Church
invite you to enjoy a **night** of Ballroom Dancing
The Last Friday of each month.
Everyone Welcome!

Pacific Unitarian Church
5621 Montemalaga Drive
(off Silver Spur)
Rancho Palos Verdes

\$10.00 donation to PUC

The Last Friday of the Month
January 30 (5th Friday)

Refreshments
Line Dances
Mixers
Door Prizes



"DJ Spin Girl"
plays Swing, Waltz,
Rumba, WCS, Tango,
Salsa, Cha Cha
--everything!

For more info contact
Ronald Keyes
(310) 742-6022
KeyesRon55@gmail.com



For directions to PUC click [here](#).

WAYS WE GROW

Writing as a Spiritual Activity

December 22

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.-ish

Library

Drop in any 2nd or 4th Monday evening at PUC to share 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. Drop-in. \$2 donations accepted.

Bring paper or journal and pen!

Facilitator: Janet Steinberg

WAYS WE WORSHIP

Soul Supper Wednesdays

Hiatus

Soul Supper Wednesdays goes on hiatus for the holidays. Watch *The View* for news in the new year. Ideas and feedback on Soul Supper Wednesdays are invited, from those who attended (as well as those who thought about it.) Share your thoughts with Krista Weber, Intern Minister and Acting Director of Religious Education.

COMING IN 2015

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

COMPLETED

Sunday, November 9, 2014

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

COMPLETED

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Congregational Meeting
Report to the membership of
where we stand financially

NEXT UP

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

seeking what we have found, and to remind ourselves that those seekers are always welcome among us.



Gentle Yoga Class for All

Will Resume in the New Year

Wednesdays

11:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

Henrickson Hall

A Class designed for all levels, shapes, and ages.

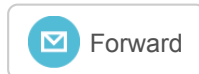
We will focus on a gentle practice through movement:

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: \$15/class. Taught by Debi Robinson

Questions: Debi@omhappy.com



This is what binds us together

1. The inherent worth & dignity of every person
 2. Justice, equity & compassion in human relations
 3. Acceptance of one another & encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation
 4. A free and responsible search for truth & meaning
 5. The right of conscience & the use of the democratic process within our congregation & in society at large
 6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, & justice for all
 7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part
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Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

For Sunday morning announcements contact Clay Bosler at claytonbosler@mac.com.

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Office Hours

Sunday	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The office is closed during the service from 10:30-11:30.
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	Closed

Click here for [Directions](#)

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