



# The eView from PUC

PACIFIC UNITARIAN CHURCH, A Unitarian Universalist Community  
Committed to the Free and Responsible Search for Truth, Meaning, and Service

Deadline: Wednesday, Noon

Thursday, February 10, 2010



## Try Out Soulful Sundown Sundays @ PUC!

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday evening I attended our first *Soulful Sundown* Worship Service and I was amazed. Our Intern Minister, Angela Henderson, along with the sweet chants of our own Rev. Teri Masters, led the group in 45 minutes of meditation, quiet sharing, and singing. Angela designed this Service along the lines of a monastic Taize service, full of candles and soothing quiet. It was fulfilling and restorative. I urge you to give this new Service a try. It is not meant to replace our Sunday morning Worship Service, but to heal and restore us before the week begins. Please come and join us this, and every Sunday evening.

*Soulful Sundown will happen this and every Sunday evening through June at 6 pm in the Hall at Church.*

Bright Blessings, Rev. John, Lead Minister

### SATURDAY:



## PUC's Black & White Concert THIS Saturday

Plan to attend our Annual *Black & White Concert* - Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

Our Music Director, Dr. Severin Behnen has lined up our favorite musicians (Manny Arrelano, Severin Behnen, Keila Huss, Rev. Teri Masters, Bob Monzingo, Robin Paterson and John Reith) to play beautiful classical music on our Yamaha Concert Grand Piano and violin, and perhaps a special guest or two! And the inimitable Dee Masters will once again serve as (Dee) Master(s) of Ceremonies. Prices are the

same as last year if you purchase them before the night of the show: **At the Door price: \$20 Adult; \$10 Child; \$40 Family** Please join us for this special night! **DON'T FORGET TO BRING A DESSERT (FINGER FOOD ONLY PLEASE) FOR THE POTLUCK "BLACK & WHITE" DESSERT BAR AFTER THE SHOW.**

### SUNDAY: SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:30 AM HUMANIST FORUM @ 9:30 AM

**This Week - Sunday, February 13: *Belief and Community* – Rev. Mitra Rahnema, Guest Speaker.** Is it true, Unitarian Universalists can believe whatever we want? Can a theist and humanist be in sacred community together? We live with a tension between building individual theology and our religious ancestry. As a result we have a tendency to create dualities between ourselves and others, within and outside our community walls. Today, we will look at how contemporary polarities are a gift and limitation of our unique Unitarian Universalist tradition.

- 📦 *Oil Paintings by Sue Cutler titivate* PUC's Art Wall through Sunday, February 13.
- 📦 *Contact Ginnie Granoff if you'd like to share YOUR artwork with us on the Art Wall!*
- 🌸 *Manuela Matute's family provides Sunday's flowers to celebrate her amazing life.*
- 🌸 *Would YOU like to bring the flowers for Sunday's Services? – The 2011 Flower Calendar has arrived!!! - Reserve your Sunday(s) NOW!!! Dates still available:*

March 6, 13, 20      April 17, 24      May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29      June 5, 12, 19,

*And most of the rest of the year ... Visit the Flower Calendar on the inside of the PUC Office door - or contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date!*

**Next Week – Sunday, February 20: *Justice-Love: Why We Need Unitarian Universalism Today* – Angela Henderson, Intern Minister.** Many have called them heretics. We call them prophets. The courageous voices of Unitarian and Universalist history provoked the people of their day to rise up against injustice toward truth, to rage against the machine of systematic oppression and embrace the promise of freedom. Is this passion still present today?

## MORE THIS SUNDAY @ PUC:

9 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group - CR2  
9:30 AM Humanist Forum - L  
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:15 AM Secret Pal Brunch - MG

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1  
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary "Ethical Eating" Wkshp - L  
12:30 PM OWL 7-9 - V  
6 PM Soulful SUUndown Service - H



## Soulful Sundown Sundays @ PUC!

Join us each Sunday night at 6 PM for a service of song, of reflection, of creativity and joy. Bring food and come early! If you have a poem or song you would like to share during the Service, please contact **Intern Minister, Angela Henderson** [angela@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:angela@pacificunitarian.org) in advance. Solos and groups are welcome.

## AROUND PUC:



### Un-Birthday Party is Un-Bridled Success!!! Come Get Your Hat!!!

What a great first Un-Birthday party we had! Hope you were there....if you were and would like your birthday hat back, please look for it on the RE Table this Sunday during coffee hour. Thank you for letting us decorate with them the Sunday after the party.....We look forward to another such party in the future!!

-- Your RE Committee



### You're Invited to a Reception for Dr. Lee Barker 7-9pm March 5<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is invited to a reception to meet *Dr. Lee C. Barker, President of Meadville Lombard Theological School*, our Unitarian Universalist seminary in Chicago and my alma mater. We will gather at the home of **Drs. Rocco Lardiere and Cindy Nast, 5603 Scotwood Dr. in Rancho Palos Verdes at 7 pm, March 5th, and I promise to have you out the door no later than 9 PM.** Please RSVP by phoning the Church Office or emailing Rev. John [minister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:minister@pacificunitarian.org)



## PSALMFEST IS COMING March 6!!

Come see & hear choirs from around the South Bay/Harbor area (*including our own PUC Choir!*) at the 13th Annual Psalmfest @ the [Historic Warner Grand Theatre](#) in San Pedro, **Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 7pm.** Each year choirs from churches and synagogues throughout the South Bay/Harbor area join together to raise their voices in song and raise money for two very deserving

local charities. Each choir performs pieces of their choosing, based on the themes of Psalms and Peace, leading up to the grand finale, when all the singers join together in song.

Tickets will again be **just \$10** each, and all profits will go to South Coast Interfaith Council and Harbor Interfaith Services, to assist in their important work. Look for tickets going on sale on the PUC Patio soon.



## PUC MARDI GRAS ANNIVERSARY PARTY

### & SILENT AUCTION - Saturday Evening March 19

### Have you decided on your Silent Auction donation?

We already have several unique offerings...

- Sign language class
- Dog training
- Plus all the other wonderful lunches, dinners, entertainment and service donations!
- Math tutoring
- Music lessons
- Sailing trip
- Museum outings

Join us on March 19<sup>th</sup> to celebrate w/ food, fun & music...while bidding on your favorite Silent Auction items! Barbara Paulsen and her committee are currently calling PUC members. Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, is the deadline for donations!

Dress in your favorite Mardi Gras outfits and enjoy the pot luck "finger foods", Silent Auction, and Raffle Drawing. There will also be Rev. John's Live Auction and Live Music ...and our own Severin Behnen and his six-piece band playing modern times Dixieland Jazz!



**Susie Bartes's Zumba Gold Continues @ PUC** Zumba Gold is a wonderful fitness program designed to take international dance rhythms and bring them to the active older adult, and/or the beginner participant. The class continues to meet on **Wednesdays from 8:30 – 9:30 AM**. Created to emphasize the basics, this program is so easy to follow that everyone can do it. The moves have been modified to be lower impact and lower intensity than traditional ZUMBA, stressing safety and proper form without sacrificing the fun!

The hour-long class includes; a warm up, several mini-routines featuring music and dance steps from around the world, a cool down, and stretching. It's a fun, easy, effective total body fitness program. **Class fee is \$10/Class for the Feb-March term.**

**Susie Bartes** is a certified Zumba, Zumba Gold, and Silver Sneakers instructor. She teaches dance and fitness locally at Spectrum, Equinox, and for LA County. She has over 15 years of performance, instruction, and choreography experience specializing in Latin, Flamenco and World Dance. More information: (818) 793-5687 / [www.susiebartes.com](http://www.susiebartes.com).



**Do You Have an HP Printer? We Might Have Your Ink Cartridge for Cheap!!** The PUC Office has several **HP inkjet cartridges** and **one Laserjet toner cartridge** that have been donated by folks who replaced their printers.

**Name your price and take them away if you can use any of the following cartridges:**

**20 Black 29 Black 60 Black 60 Tri-Color**

Plus, we have one **HP 92274A Laser toner cartridge** (OfficeMax generic) for an **HP LaserJet 4L, 4ML, 4P, 4MP, or PX printer**. If you can use any of the above ink or toner, please contact Craig Block in the **PUC Office**



**SAVE THE DATE!! PARTY! PARTY! ...PUC WORK PARTY THAT IS!!**

**Join us on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> for a great time with your PUC friends and neighbors sprucing up our very own PUC campus at our Spring Sprucing Work Party.** The date is quite a few weeks out there, but we wanted to make sure you marked the calendar so that you wouldn't fill it up with some other activity that wouldn't be nearly as much fun!

We'll be doing things like painting the walls outside the Library and Office, cleaning the skylight glass in that Breezeway, painting the entry pergola, fixing switches, cleaning the scale off the wall around our fountain, painting both bathrooms, doing some repair and clean up of the street stair railing, cleaning the Library carpet, some small-scale Parking Lot repairs, maybe even paint the lower portion of the East Hall wall, and general sprucing up. There are sure to be other fUUn items added to the list.

**We'll be starting the party at 9am** and go until we run out of daylight, energy, food (yes...we will feed you) or patience. You don't need to be a professional painter or handyman to make a contribution. You just need a positive attitude and some free time on **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Did we mention that there would be food? If you think that you will be able to join the party, or if you have a suggestion for our **Spring Sprucing Work Party** – please contact John Einhorn at [einchild1@verizon.net](mailto:einchild1@verizon.net) or 310-937-3134.



**Where Have All the Flower(bringer)s Gone? The 2011 Sunday Flower Calendar is just starting to fill up!! Open Dates include:**

**March 6, 13, 20**

**April 10, 17, 24**

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**June 5, 12, 19**

**And most of the rest of the year**

Not only do you (and all of us) get the enjoyment of brightening up our Sunday Service with the gift of flowers, but we announce your special reason/occasion in that week's *eView* AND on the back of that day's Order of Service. **It's first come, first served, so get those calls & emails in!!**

You can bring them for Birthdays, Anniversaries, other personal or family milestones & remembrances or any Holiday you can think of... Presidents' Day, Star Wars Day (May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be with You), Flag Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, and (don't forget) Memorial Day...Halloween, Talk Like a Pirate Day, All Saints Day... Thanksgiving (2 chances: U.S. & Canadian!!)... Solstice, Christmas, Hannukah, Ramadan; Divali, or...you name it! Or you can bring them just because fresh flowers and plants help make our Hall look, and us feel, that much more fabulous on Sunday.

You may sign up for flowers in person (the Flower Calendar lives on the inside of the PUC Office door), or call 310-378-9449 or email Craig in the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date.

## **PayPal** PUC's Online Donation Page Moves to PayPal!

In order to reduce our overhead costs, *PUC is switching over from using Groundspring to PayPal for all of our online donation services beginning in December.* In addition to deducting a 2% fee instead of 3% processing fee from your contribution, PayPal does not charge a monthly account fee, which should result in a savings for PUC of over \$500/year. Please go to: [http://pacificunitarian.org/support\\_puc.html](http://pacificunitarian.org/support_puc.html) to set up your one-time, weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually recurring pledge payment(s), West Wall pledge payments or any other donations to PUC you'd like to make.



**Birds Do It, Bees Do It, Even Ministers Like Rev. John Do It...**

Come Read It, **Come Read His Blog:** <http://facing-grace.blogspot.com>

## UP & COMING:



## OUR HOPE (FOYE) SPRINGS ETERNAL!!

### 4 Red Letter Dates for Your Calendar

1. PUC's own legendary chanteuse **Hope Foye** will be receiving *The Lifetime Achievement Award* from the [Pan African Film Festival](#) on **Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 8 PM** at the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center, [4718 W Washington Blvd, Los Angeles, CA](#). Hope may sing. *The show will be taped before a live audience and will premiere nationally as a two-hour special on The Africa Channel Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.*
2. Then, on **Sunday, February 20 at 6:15 PM**, the film *Red Hope? The Blacklisting of Hope Foye (Her Story, Her Songs)* will premiere at The Culver Plaza Theatre, [9919 West Washington Blvd, Culver City, CA 90232](#). There will be a reception where Hope will entertain.
3. A follow-up screening will be on **Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 1:30 PM** The Culver Plaza Theatre, [9919 West Washington Blvd, Culver City, CA 90232](#).



## Free Class! Learn to Quilt (Experienced quilters welcome!!!)

**Saturdays 1:00 - 3:00 class -- Plus optional working time until 5:00!**

**Feb 19, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16** in the PUC Library \* RSVP: (310) 850-6429

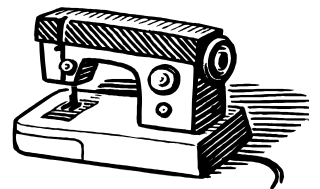
We will provide thread and batting for your project. You can bring a portable sewing machine if you have one or we will share the ones we have.

Optional Materials to Bring:

1-1/2 Yards (total) fabric(s) for Top or a pre-printed panel

2 Yards of one single fabric for Back

Recommended Fabrics: Flannel, Cotton, Poly/Cotton Blends, etc. Nothing stretchy or sheer. If you prefer, you can shop for fabric after the first class.

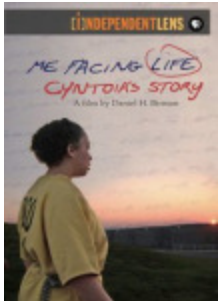




## “IMMIGRATION REFORM AS A MORAL ISSUE”

**Workshops Start @ PUC February 20!** Now's the time to sign up for the "IMMIGRATION REFORM AS A MORAL ISSUE" workshop series, which will be presented by Vivien and the Rev. Lee Marie Sanchez at

the PUC Library on the third Sunday of each month, starting Feb. 20 at 2 pm. This is a new six-session UUA adult education program, designed to give UUs a deep perspective on how immigration reform in this country is more than just a legal issue, but a real moral and ethical imperative. We'll cover the history of U.S. immigration and learn why the current system must be changed. Please register w/ the [PUC Office](#) if you wish to join this group. Contact Vivien [prcvivien@yahoo.com](mailto:prcvivien@yahoo.com) w/ questions.



### INDEPENDENT LENS SERIES CONTINUES AT THE WARNER GRAND

## Me Facing Life: Cyntoia's Story

Me Facing Life: Cyntoia's Story tells one young woman's story of violence and life imprisonment; followed by a panel discussion to explore better opportunities for young people featuring: **Dan Birman, Director, Me Facing Life, Gloria Lockhart, Director, Toberman Neighborhood Center, & Students from Port of LA High School and Boys & Girls Club of LA Harbor**

**Thursday, February 24, 2011 @ 7:00 PM (please note date/time change from earlier notices)**

**Warner Grand Theatre, [478 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., San Pedro, CA](#)**

This documentary follows the story of Cyntoia Brown, a Tennessee teenager who is serving a life sentence for murder at the age of 16. *Me Facing Life* challenges our assumptions about violence and explores how biology and family history impact a young person's life choices. This film also looks at the positive and negative effects of the legal and penal system on one young person's life.

#### UPCOMING COMMUNITY CINEMA FILMS:

- **Friday, March 4, 2011 | 8:00 PM - *Pushing the Elephant*** by Beth Davenport & Elizabeth Mandel. Genocidal violence is challenged by the fortitude and grace of one woman's mission for peace.
- **Friday, April 8, 2011 | 8:00 PM - *Bhutto*** by Duane Baughman. An intimate look at Benazir Bhutto, the first woman to lead an Islamic nation as the Prime Minister of Pakistan.
- **Friday, May 6, 2011 | 8:00 PM - *Welcome to Shelbyville*** by Kim Snyder. The town of Shelbyville, Tennessee faces a new wave of immigrants and grapples with what it means to be American.
- **Friday, June 3, 2011 | 8:00 PM - *Two Spirits*** by Lydia Nibley. Two Spirits explores the life and death of a boy who was also a girl, and the spiritual nature of gender.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT & BEYOND:



**HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE BORDER SPRING BREAK EVENT March 17-20, 2011** Join us for a service/learning/reflection event focused on human rights and immigration reform for Ages 16 - elders.

Looking for a way to deepen your understanding of what is taking place along the Mexico-Arizona border? **Wondering how you can have a faithful response to immigration issues?** Join other Unitarian Universalists for a four-day intensive *Human Rights on the Border Spring Break Trip* March 17-20, 2011. Starts and Ends in Tucson AZ.

**Cost: \$280.00** includes Friday and Saturday night overnight accommodations, all meals, transportation once you arrive in Tucson, translation, and program materials.

**Registration deadline: February 4.** For registration information, visit:

<http://www.pswduua.org/media/Immigration/AZ%20Spring%20Break%20Flyer2b.pdf>.

## Family and Elementary Winter Camp: Inspired UUs! Feb. 19-21



Whether you are a family with elementary aged children, or you have an elementary-aged camper who is longing for a weekend away from home, this is the place for you!

Snow angels, hot cocoa, inspired worship, sledding, talent show, wintery hikes - we have a perfect weekend planned for you and your family!

Our talented program staff puts together the program; you and your family enjoy it! For the campers who want to come on their own, we have trained cabin counselors who supervise them throughout the weekend. **Come to camp and become Inspired UUs!** Dean: Celeste Plumlee

**Registration Info:** Child (Currently in Grades K-6) \$145 OR Parent \$120; Accompanying Younger Child \$85

**To Register for All Camps:** Non-refundable deposit of \$75 per person is due at time of registration. Cancellations must be received 30 days before the start of camp for balance refund.

Register online (preferred method) or download a printable registration form from our website: <http://www.uucamp.org>. Click on the name of the camp in the menu at the left of our home page and follow the links on the resulting page.



## The UULM/CA January/February newsletter is ready for your reading pleasure.

Check out the Black Cat Plunge. Find out what's so great about Health Care Reform and sing "Happy Birthday" to us. You'll find it [here](#).



## Awakening the Muse, Nourishing the Spirit: UU Women's Retreat at Camp de Benneville Pines

Camp de Benneville Pines is proud to announce the theme and key note speaker for the annual UU Women's Retreat on **May 13-15, 2011**. **Awakening the Muse, Nourishing the Spirit**

promises to be an inspiring weekend for women from throughout the PSWD. With over half the beds already sold, we are expecting this event to sell out early. So if you need a bottom bunk, don't delay in registering. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is required to hold a space.

Hiking, relaxing, drumming, music making, crafting, dancing, singing, recreating are just some of the activities that will be offered during the weekend. Self care with yoga, massage, facials, specialized workshops and hot tubbing will also be available. Please join your sisters at the 2011 Unitarian Universalist Women's Retreat. Rediscover your essential spirit as you engage your mind, body and soul through art, inspiration play and renewal.

To download a flier to share with a friend or to register for this event: [www.uucamp.org](http://www.uucamp.org), and click on COME TO CAMP, click on WOMEN'S RETREAT. Should you wish to reach the camp directly about this event, email Melissa Blackwell, Camper Liaison Coordinator, at [registrar@uucamp.org](mailto:registrar@uucamp.org), or call 909-794-1252.



The latest South Bay Unitarian Fellowship newsletter is available at <http://sbuf.org/newsletters/2011/newsletter1102.htm>.

## SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS:



## The Importance of Interfaith Dialogue

**The Bud Kilsby-Louis Valla Lecture on Progressive Religious Scholarship**  
Keynote Speaker Dr. Jerry Campbell, President, Claremont School of Theology  
Discussing *The University Project*

"The University Project represents the conviction that religion is not a competitive sport, that religion is not the tool of empire, and that religion is not a game of winner take all. At least 21 of the world's religions have articulated a version of the ethics of reciprocity. In

Christianity it is known as the Golden Rule. Whatever it be called, the ethics of reciprocity is not compatible with religion as competition. It rather suggests religion as compassion, as a source for healing, as a foundation for repairing our conflict-ridden world." -- From the 2010 CST Convocation Address

**Saturday, February 19, 2011 9 am – 12 pm**

First Congregational Church of Long Beach, [241 Cedar Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802](http://www.firstchurchlb.org)

**Followed by a Panel of Experts on Interfaith and Interreligious Dialogue**

Cost for the lecture including continental breakfast is \$10, payable at the door.

**Please register no later than February 16 by phone, mail or email:** 562-436-2256, ext. 221;

[office@firstchurchlb.org](mailto:office@firstchurchlb.org) Make checks payable to First Congregational Church [www.firstchurchlb.org](http://www.firstchurchlb.org)



## Holy Trinity Parish Presents: "WHAT IS ISLAM?"

7 - 8:30 pm on Thursday, February 10, 2011

*Speakers: Father Alexei Smith, Archdiocesan Representative on Ecumenical Affairs  
Sufi John Ishvaradas Abdallah, author of "A Sufi's Ruminations on One World under God"  
Khalil Momand, Representative from the Islamic Center in Lomita  
Questions and Answers and Light Refreshments will follow.*

This is a free event open to the public. Come with friends and please publicize. Thanks!  
RSVP is not necessary but appreciated, Phone (310) 833-6793 E-mail:[connie@rutter.us](mailto:connie@rutter.us)  
**Holy Trinity Parish, 209 N Hanford Ave (at W Sepulveda St), San Pedro, CA 90732**

\* For driving directions, visit:

[http://www.holytrinitysp.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=45&Itemid=57](http://www.holytrinitysp.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=45&Itemid=57)

## Here's What Else is Happening @ PUC:

A= All-Church    CR = Classroom    H = Henrksen Hall    L = Library    MG = Meditation Garden  
O = Offsite Meeting or Event    P = Patio    V = Voyagers Room

### Thursday, February 10, 2011

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

### Friday, February 11, 2011

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

2 PM Social Justice Committee - L

### Saturday, February 12, 2011

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V

12 PM Interweave Meeting - L

7:30 PM Black & White Concert - H

### Sunday, February 13, 2011

9 AM 7 Principles & 12 Steps Group - CR2

9:30 AM Humanist Forum - L

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:15 AM Secret Pal Brunch - MG

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

12:15 PM Green Sanctuary "Ethical Eating" Wkshp - L

12:30 PM OWL 7-9 - V

6 PM Soulful SUUndown Service - H

### Tuesday, February 15, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

11 AM Women's Fed - O

2:30 PM Practicing UU Covenant Group - L

### Wednesday, February 16, 2011

8:30 AM Zumba Gold Exercise Class w/ Suzie Bartes-H

2 PM Staff Meeting - L

7 PM Choir Practice - H

### Thursday, February 17, 2011

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi - Stephen Tang - H

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

### Friday, February 18, 2011

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

7:30 PM Temple Emet Services - H

### Saturday, February 19, 2011

Dinners with UUs [Contact Betty Saunders] - O

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V

1 PM Quilting Workshop - L

### Sunday, February 20, 2011

9:30 AM Spirituality Forum - L

9:40 AM Choir Warmup - H

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Kids' Choir Rehearsal - CR1

11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L

11:45 AM Monthly Town Hall Meeting - H

12 PM PUC de Benneville Retreat Meeting - V

12 PM LPA Meeting - Rev's Office

2 PM "Immigration As a Moral Issue" Wkshp - L

6 PM Soulful SUUndown Service - H