



Pacific Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Community

Committed to the Free and Responsible Search for Truth, Meaning, and Service

The View



September 13, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
...and so is *THE VIEW* from PUC ...metaphorically, that is. Here you have it -- all the PUC news that fits in print...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

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September's Monthly Theme: **Dignity**

This Sunday

9:30 AM 3rd Sunday Forum:

UUA Statement of Conscience issues

This month: Immigration Justice-- discussion of the [Christian Doctrine of Discovery](#) and its affect on immigration policy

10:30 AM Service

Closer to Fine

Rev. John Morehouse

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Music Notes

From the Music Department:



There are a couple of exciting events coming up at the beginning of October: **TERI MASTERS** will be "In The House!" On **Saturday, October 6** at 7:30, Teri will present *Jazz with Pizzazz*, an evening of the greatest jazz standards. This is a PUC fundraiser from the Talent & Service Auction. \$25 suggested donation

The next morning, October 7, most of the Sunday morning Service will be a musical tribute of the life and music of gospel singer [Mahalia Jackson](#). Linda Alvarez and friends, along with the PUC choir will perform a number of her best-loved songs.

And the *PUC Youth Choir* will commence meeting on Sundays immediately after RE; that's 11:45-12:15. As parents are responsible for their children after RE classes are dismissed, this is great way for parents to have some time to hang out with friends while their children are having an enriching experience, learning about Unitarian principles through song.

Remember that you can join the *Adult Choir* for *one song*. You need not join for the rest of your life! I'd like to see more 30 or 40 of you coming up for a song. Maybe you have a suggestion?

Keep Singing!

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, September 13, 2012

7 PM Finance Committee - L
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Friday, September 14, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - No Class Today
7 PM GLBTQ Movie Night
NO MOVIE THIS MONTH.
October's movie: "[Sordid Lives](#)"

Sunday, September 16, 2012

9:15 AM Forum: UUA Statement of Conscience Issues - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L
12 PM Deacons/Leadership/Chaparran

—Severin
Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director
Music@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

****PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THIS NEW YEAR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY****

Welcome to a new year of friendships, learning, and fun. There are many exciting things in store as we grow and learn together!!

This year our Kindergarten through 8th graders (Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers) will be exploring other faith traditions and how they relate to Unitarian Universalism. Our Young Religious Unitarian Universalist (YRUU) group will be living out (and leading others in) the social justice imperative of our faith, and our youngest group, the Pixies, will have fun building friendships in a nurturing environment.

Sunday, 9/16

This is the first day of our new Religious Education (RE) groups! RE volunteers will be recognized in the Worship Service. When children and youth are sung out of the Service, all will spend some time with their new groups, playing games, learning a bit about the year ahead, and building class covenants.

Sunday, 9/23

First curricular Sunday! The Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers (Kindergarten through 8th grade) will begin their exploration of Islam with Lee Ann Hart, Maurice Chevalier, and Dee Masters; the YRUU group (High School) starts making decisions about their year ahead, and our Pixies (Preschool) have fun with songs and stories.

—Rev. Tamara

Please join Adult Religious Education this Sunday at 9:15 AM in the PUC Library as we present the first in a series of workshops on UUA Statements of Conscience/Congregational Study Issues. Current and past CSIs will be examined including Ethical Eating, Reproductive Justice, and Multiculturalism in our congregations.

Rachel Bruhnke will present a three-part discussion on the Christian Doctrine of Discovery and its impact on immigration policy in the US. The discussion will continue on 3rd Sundays through November.

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

12 PM Declercq/Henriksen: Champagne Brunch - O [TS]
3 PM [SB Chamber Music Society](#) 50th Season Inaugural Concert - H
7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - H

Monday, September 17, 2012

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club- L
7 PM Men's Ministry - V

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

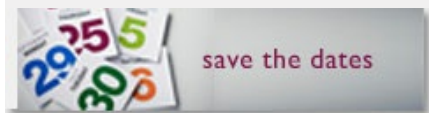
8:30 AM Aerobics - H
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp - L
7 PM Board Meeting - L

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

1 PM Staff Meeting - L
3:30 PM Worship Team - L
7 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, September 20, 2012

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O



9/29, 9 AM, [September Sprucing-Up Party](#) -- Your Chance to Make a Difference, & Make Some New Friends

Saturday, September 29, we'll be conducting a PUC campus-wide *September Sprucing-Up Party*. We'll spend the day cleaning up, touching up, and just plain polishing up our campus and facilities. It is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow PUCers while helping make our home look better.

We'll be Sprucing Up from 9 am until we run out of things to do or we run out of energy. Any amount of time that you can donate during the day will have a demonstrable impact – an hour or two can make a difference. If you are planning on participating, please let **John Einhorn** know, including when you think you will be there. If there are specific areas of the campus or specific items that you believe



Pastoral Care

*The Celebration of Life for **Don Fridley** has been RESCHEDULED for 1:30 PM **Sunday, September 23** at PUC.*

Training for PUC's Chain of Welcome

Newcomers to PUC have a number of direct contacts with us on their way to the Sunday morning Service. This can be thought of as *The Chain of Welcome*. The links of this chain are **the Greeters, the Welcome Table Hosts, and the Ushers**. If you attend the training you will walk through this chain for the full experience. Then you will be asked for your feedback – is it all it can be? All are welcome.

Current volunteers will be there, and it may especially interest anyone who has thought she or he might be interested in being a Greeter, Welcome Table Host, or an Usher. However, there is no need to commit to volunteering if you do come.

The training will be **Saturday September 29** at 2:00 PM and should not be over an hour. This is the day of the Work Party and some of us will just roll off that and attend the training in our work clothes - so having paint in your hair is no reason not to come!

—Lora Childers

"Can we Stop the Frack Attack?" Forum @ PUC September 29

The Environmental Priorities Network will present a very interesting public forum on **Saturday, September 29** at Pacific Unitarian Church. Coffee and snacks will be available from 9:30 to 10 AM, and visitors may visit tables with information on environmental organizations and activities. From 10 AM -12 PM two well-informed speakers will discuss the controversial process of Fracking or hydraulic fracturing. They are Paul Ferrazzi, Executive Director of Citizens for a Safe Community, and Dr. Clyde Williams, Oil and Gas Specialist and leader of the Sierra Club California Fracking Group.

Several states and localities have placed a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing, and our EPN is recommending that California do the same until comprehensive regulations ensure that public safety and the environment are adequately protected. To find out what can be done to protect public health and the environment, plan to attend the "Can We Stop the Frack Attack?" public forum.

Admission is free, but contributions are appreciated. PUC's Green Sanctuary Committee and the South Coast Interfaith Council are cosponsors of the event. To request a table or for more information, contact Lillian Light at 310-545 1384 or at lklight@verizon.net.

PUC FUUNdraiser—Belly Dance Show at the Hermosa Beach Playhouse on September 30!

Dear PUCers --As many of you know, I've been studying and performing Middle Eastern Dance for 12 years—solo and with a local dance company, Babylon Mood. PUC has done a lot for us over the

need addressing during this Sprucing Party – please let John know – einchild1@verizon.net, or 310-937-3134. Thanks – and see you there!

10/13, 10 AM - 4 PM, You don't want to miss this year's *UU Service Committee Southern CA Unit's Latin American Encuentro* -- 10 AM - 4 PM, **Saturday, October 13**
Throop Memorial Church
[300 S Los Robles Ave](#)
[Pasadena](#)
[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer/registration information.

The Flower Calendar needs YOUU!

The following Sundays are still open...

September 23

October 14, 21

November 18

December 2, 16, 30

Please contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date!

Paintings by Julius Schwartz garnish PUC's Art Wall through September 23.

UU Joke of the Week:

How many UU's does it take to change a light bulb?

Hard to say. Let's discuss it over coffee.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more hUUmor!

Upcoming Services

September's Monthly Theme: Dignity

9/16: Closer to Fine Rev. John Morehouse

All of us are flawed in some way

years (hall rentals, performances, and many of you came to see us at PUC!). Babylon Mood is producing an annual show at the Hermosa Beach Playhouse entitled "The Art of Belly Dance: Ancient to Modern" from 4 - 6 PM on **Sunday, September 30**.

This show brings together some of the L.A. area's best known belly dance artists performing traditional and edgy theatrical and fusion style belly dance. This will be a great show with a very diverse cast of all ages and both genders. There will also be bonus a performance of traditional Aztec Dance with a Day of the Dead theme.

To thank PUC for its past support, we will be giving 30% of every ticket sold to a PUC member or friend back to the Church. Presale tickets are \$12, and \$3.60 for every ticket will go to PUC. Catch me on the Patio this **Sunday, September 9** after the Service, if you would like to buy/order tickets. Better yet, e-mail me at connieroy@earthlink.net or call me at 310.951.2149 and I'll come find YOU with the tickets—I'm glad to mail them too!

—*Connie Nitzschner*

Book & Movie Drive for Camp de Benneville Pines Library Continues

Please bring your favorite book or DVD that you would like to share with campers at de Benneville Pines to church! Nico will have a collection box stationed outside the Office through **THIS SUNDAY, Sunday, September 16**.

Around the District and Beyond...

The Healthcare Movie Screens @ Fullerton UU Church

Please join us for *THE HEALTHCARE MOVIE*, narrated by Kiefer Sutherland, 7-9 PM **Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012**, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Fullerton, [1600 N. Acacia Ave., Fullerton, CA](http://www.fullertonuu.org) (Temple Beth Tikvah) Discussion following the movie led by Dr. Bill Honigman, ER physician, Co-coordinator Campaign for a Healthy California Orange County Region. RSVP to Marlies Worley at marj9k@gmail.com and join us for this movie free of cost. Church Office: 714 871-7150 for general info.

"Voting on the Side of Love" Video Contest

It's election season and you're invited to get involved and make a difference. You can spread UU values across the country and lift up major issues such as reproductive justice, marriage equality, immigration, healthcare, and more by creating a video for our new video contest!

You can participate by [submitting a brief video](#), only 4 minutes or less in length, by **September 23, 2012**. Focus on issues in this election through the lens of our liberal faith. *One important guideline:*

All of us are flawed in some way. Rev. John explores embracing our imperfections as a means to living a dignified life.

9/24: Crossing Borders

Rev. John Morehouse

We live near all kinds of borders; geographic, cultural, economic, educational, and vocational. We grow by crossing the borders and returning home again. Rev. John suggests some ways to cross the borders of our lives and reach out to others.

9/30: Of Giraffes and Standing Up to Life

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

What does it take to stand up to life, to speak up for what we believe is true and right? How can we live lives of meaning, courage, dignity, and hope? **Rev. Tamara** uses the life and teachings of a former Unitarian minister, Walton E. Cole, to provide some insight into these timeless questions.

October's Monthly Theme: Faith

Special Thanks To Our Kitchen Helpers:

Fabulous Top Chefs TEAM GO-GO: **Yoko & David Kane (w/ Max, Trent, & Mercedes)** put on a BBQ that rose far above the call of duty after last Sunday's *Homecoming Service*.

They took away the "GOLDEN SPORK AWARD", raising a healthy (and delicious) \$849 for the Church.

Hi fives to: Board members (& spouses): **Andy (& Janet) Kissner, Gary (& Lee Ann) Hart, Deb (& Randy) Ripley, Pam Harris, & Ali Oberoi;** and Sou Chefs **Betty Hanner, Diane**

you must not endorse a particular candidate or political party.

Check out the details and the prizes you could win [on the UUA website!](#)

Recurring Events
[Download the Latest AdUUIt Programs Flyer HERE](#)

Sundays

Sunday Morning Forum, 9:30 AM, L

1st Sunday: Faith like a River: Themes from our UU History

2nd Sunday: In Nature's Honor: Myths & Rituals Celebrating the Earth

3rd Sunday: UUA Statement of Conscience issues: This month: Immigration Justice--discussion of the [Christian Doctrine of Discovery](#) and its affect on immigration policy

4th Sunday: [9 AM] 12 Months to a Compassionate Community: A Reflection on The 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life

5th Sunday: Choices in a Jar — Delightful Dilemmas

YRUU High School Group. 10:30 AM, L

Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th Sun., 12 noon, Fu Yuan Low Restaurant -

Next Date: **Sunday, September 30**

Singles-Family Brunch, 4th Sun., 12:30 PM, Offsite

Monthly Town Hall Mtg, 3rd Sun., H

Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd Sun., L

Books in Our Lives Covenant Group, 1st & 3rd Sun., 7 PM, L

Meditation Circle w/ Randy Goff, 7 PM, All but 1st Sun

Mondays

Tai Chi (Pekich), Mondays, 9:30 AM, H

Men's Ministry, 7 PM, V

Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Tuesdays

Aerobics: 8:30 AM, H

Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H

Thursdays

Aerobics: 8:30 AM, H

Women's Circle, 4th Thursdays, 10 AM, *Note new day*

Tai Chi (Beck), Each Thurs., 10 AM, H

Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L

Environmental Priorities Mtg, 1st Thurs., 7 PM, L

Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee Clatch. 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM, Catalina Coffee Co.

Fridays

Watercolor Workshop, 10 AM - noon, H

Friday Afternoon SGM, 2nd & 4th Fri., 1-3 PM, V

GBLTQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

Saturdays

French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty Chevron

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

Bassett, & Noelle Portland.

Mega Top Chef:

[Frances Morehouse](#)

If you would like to make a 1 & 1/2 hour commitment to help with Food Prep **OR** Patio Setup on a Sunday from 9 AM Sunday morning until Service begins @ 10:30.

[Email Frances](#)

OR Ring her: 310 291 3399. It's fun. Rewarding. And pain free. Look forward to working with you.

Third Sunday Hospitality

Ushers:

Britany Manning & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller / Betty Saunders

Greeters:

Bill Karg & Shuja Oberoi

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