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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



September 27, 2012

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PUCer},

Here you have it -- all the PUC news coming up that fits in print. Check out our [website](#) for regular updates and more info!



## Minister's Message

### Living Faithfully

Faith is a funny word. We keep faith, we belong to a faith, we have faith, we even name our kids Faith. Some of us attach negative emotions to faith assuming that the word implies subservience to a god or authority without question. For me, faith is never blind but rather implies a value, idea, community or person we believe in most deeply.

Throughout this month we will exploring the dimensions of faith as progressive spiritual people. I invite you to be a part of that exploration.

- This Friday, October 5th starting at 6 p.m., we will be [celebrating Sukkhot](#) with our interfaith partners Temple Emet whose congregation shares our space. Our choirs will sing together, Rabbi Didi Thomas and I will share leading worship and there will be a great feast (we are asked to bring pies and drinks).
- The next day we will have a [forum on Anti-Violence](#) which promises to be well received.
- And then on Sunday October 7th, vocalist Linda Alvarez will be

## September's Monthly Theme: Dignity

This Sunday

### 9:30 AM 5th Sunday Forum

*Choices in a Jar -  
Delightful Dilemmas*

### 10:30 a.m. Service

## 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.

## The Week At a Glance

### Thursday, September 27, 2012

8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

### Friday, September 28, 2012

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H

presenting her acclaimed [Faith of Mahalia](#) including my reflections on faith, race and hope.

- At the end of October we will proclaim our collective faith in our future by [ordaining former intern minister Angela Henderson to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry](#) on October 28th at 4 p.m. It is our right and responsibility to ordain her. Please make every effort to attend this once in a generation service.

I continue to have faith in all of you and to the dream of being the shining beacon of light we are destined to become.

*With Grace and Grit,  
Rev. John*



## Leadership Notes: Visiting A Detention Center

This is an edited excerpt.  
[Click here to read entire article.](#)

I left home at 8 a.m. Saturday morning to pick up Angela, whose small cottage was behind some storefronts. Angela is Byron's grandmother, the only family this 19-year old has here. Byron's parents live in Guatemala. Angela brought him to the States and legally adopted him when he was 12.

We were on our way to Adelanto Detention Center in the desert outside Victorville to give Angela a chance to visit with her grandson. She has no transportation and they hadn't seen one another in over 5 months.

While being jailed in Temple City, a sheriff, according to Angela, ripped up Byron's legal driver's license and legal green card. Without papers, he was taken to Adelanto.

We arrived at 10:30 a.m. The few trees are not large enough to lend shade to anything. There were very stark cinder block buildings, with triple razor wire. The temperature that day would be in the 3 digits. The desert winds kicked up along with dust devils whipping through. What a perfect touch for an oppressive place.

As we walked toward the entrance, I saw about 20 people waiting on benches. They take 6 visitors at a time. It took Angela 2 hours to finally get in where she would be able to give Byron one hug and no other physical contact throughout her visit.

Angela told me on the way home that Byron cried as they sat there and apologized to her for putting her through all this. Not knowing what was in store for him, he told his grandmother that he signed deportation papers and may only have a month or so before he is flown out to Guatemala. It can happen at a moment's notice. That's

**Saturday, September 29, 2012**  
8 AM Fall Campus-Wide Work Party - A  
9 AM EPN Fracking Forum - H  
2 PM Membership Welcome Team Training - H  
6:30 PM Buddy Mixer - O [Buttittas]

**Sunday, September 30, 2012**  
9:30 AM Forum: "Choices in a Jar -- Delightful Dilemmas" - L  
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR3  
12:00 Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th Sun., 12 n, Fu Yuan Low Restaurant  
12:15 PM Small Group Facilitator Training - CR1  
7 PM Meditation w/ Randy - H

**Monday, October 01, 2012**  
9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H  
7 PM Men's Ministry -V

**Tuesday, October 02, 2012**  
8:30 AM Aerobics - H  
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp -L  
6:30 PM Stewardship - L

**Wednesday, October 03, 2012**  
3:30 PM Worship Team - L  
4:30 PM Staff Meeting - V  
7 PM Choir Practice - H

**Thursday, October 04, 2012**  
8:30 AM Aerobics - H  
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H  
7:30 PM Env. Priorities Network - L

**Friday, October 05, 2012**  
[6:30 PM Temple Emet Invites PUC to Sukkot Festival](#)

**Saturday, October 06, 2012**  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
[South Bay Anti-Violence Forum](#)

*Sunday's Flowers are  
"for my beautiful family."  
—Becky Dyer*

*The Flower Calendar needs  
YoUU! The following Sundays  
are open... October 14, 21  
November 18  
December 2, 16, 30  
Please contact the PUC Office  
to reserve your date!*

*Photographs by Gary Hart  
garnish PUC's Art Wall  
through September 23.*

**UU Joke of the Week:**  
Q: Why are UUs such bad hymn singers?  
A: Because they keep changing the words...  
[CLICK HERE](#) for more hllllmor!

the reason Angela and I are going, again, to Adelanto this coming Saturday.

I hope you will consider taking a loved one to visit a detainee. We need a list of people who would be willing to use a half tank of gas and most of a day for a very worthy cause. Please talk to me on the patio Sunday. I am in the Directory.

—Sandy McNeil

[Adelanto Detention Center](#) is a for-profit Detention Center run by a company called GEO out of Florida contracted by the Federal Government. The government pays \$99.00 a day for each prisoner. For more information go to [Justice for Immigrants Coalition of Inland Southern California](#).

**\*\*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.

—Rev. Tamara

### 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

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



**Saturday, October 13**

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

UU Service Committee So. CA  
Unit's **Latin American Encuentro**

Throop Memorial Church  
[300 S Los Robles Ave, Pasadena](#)  
[Click here](#) for flyer/registration information.

**Sunday, October 28**

**4:00 p.m.**

Ordination of Angela Henderson  
Reception will follow.

### Upcoming Services

#### October's Monthly Theme: **FAITH**

**10/7: *The Faith of Mahilia***

**Rev. John Morehouse**

Vocalist Linda Alvarez, Severin Behnen and Rev. John join together for a soulful telling of the faith and life of Mahilia Jackson.

**10/14: *The "G" Word***

**Rev. Tamara Casnova**

...explores the varied ways we approach the mystery of life, and how we might communicate effectively and find common ground despite our different conclusions.

**10/21: *When Elephants Weep and Dolphins Laugh***

**Rev. John Morehouse**

You are invited to bring your pet for *The Blessing of the Animals*. The sermon will focus on the emotional life of our pets for them and us.

**10/28: *A Faith For All***

**Rev. John Morehouse**

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

The Environmental Priorities Network will present a very interesting public forum from 9:30 to 10 AM on **Saturday, September 29** at Pacific Unitarian Church. Coffee and snacks will be available, and visitors may visit tables with information on environmental organizations and activities.

Featured speakers include Betsy Butler, 53rd Assembly District, 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.

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 voluntary contributions are appreciated. Cosponsors of the event are the PUC Green Sanctuary Committee and the South Coast Interfaith Council. For more information contact Lillian Light at 310 - 545 1384 or at [llight@verizon.net](mailto:llight@verizon.net). Find out more at [epn2001.blogspot.com](http://epn2001.blogspot.com)

## **Saturday, September 29 Sprucing-Up Party**

### **Your Chance to Make a Difference & Make Some New Friends**

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

## **Get to Know Others at Next Buddy Mixer: 9/29 Saturday Dinner**

Part of the Membership Committee, the **BUDDY PROGRAM** has a two-pronged approach to help our members and visitors become more acquainted with each other and PUC's Ministries. The first is 1:1 matches between long-established member Buddy volunteers\* and new members and visitors who request a Buddy who will help introduce them to people and our programs. The 2<sup>nd</sup> prong is our bi-monthly mixers, a fun and informal way to meet others.

Our next Buddy Mixer will be a potluck dinner **Saturday, Sept. 29**, at the Buttittas. Interested? Please sign up with [denise@umeworks.com](mailto:denise@umeworks.com).

Honoring both our GLBI compatriots from around the world and the struggle they feel, Rev. John will speak about the work being done and still needing to be done.

## **Fifth Sunday Hospitality**

### **Ushers:**

George Yenoki & Tracy Blender

### **Welcome Table:**

Betty Saunders

### **Greeters:**

Marvel Burke & Noel Hammond

### **Board of Trustees**

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\* Have you been a member for a while and would like to be, or learn more about being, a Buddy? Volunteer to be part of our Buddy pool. Match assignments are for 3 months. [Contact Denise Shiozawa](#) to volunteer or [sign up online](#).

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

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 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. 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 tickets, email me at [connieroy@earthlink.net](mailto:connieroy@earthlink.net) or call me at 310.951.2149.

—Connie Nitzschner

## **Recurring Events**

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

### **Sundays**

*Sunday Morning Forum, 9:30 AM, L*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Faith like a River: Themes from our UU History

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: In Nature's Honor: Myths & Rituals Celebrating the Earth

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

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

5<sup>th</sup> 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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