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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 18, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

Green Sanctuary and Social Justice Ministry are totally rocking the house! The Harmonious Relations Teams stands ready to guide us. We have new ways to worship this fall. And the Little Rocks Task Force is definitely the not-so-little engine that could. Read all about all this and more in this week's View.

See You on Sunday!

September's Monthly Theme:

VISION

This Sunday

September 21

10:30 AM Service

Building a New Way:

Casting a Vision for a New
Wednesday Night Program & What

It Means for What We Are

Becoming

Krista Weber, Intern Minister

September 28

10:30 AM Service

Through the Gate of Struggle
Join us as Rev. John explores how
a righteous struggle can change
how we look at the world.

Rev. John Morehouse, Lead
Minister

October's Monthly Theme:

COVENANT

Traffic advisory for this coming Sunday

Please be advised that Palos Verdes Blvd will be closed from 6:00 AM to 11:00 AM between Catalina Ave and St. Francis Church (Via Rosa) this coming Sunday, September 21st for the Torrance Triathlon. Please plan for an alternate route and leave for PUC early so that you can arrive on time for this Sunday's exciting service.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY AND GREEN SANCTUARY

Many of you have noticed that the garden's warm season crops are gone, replaced by layers of hay and mulch. It's a surprisingly emotional transition this fall - our church and individual lives are also changing, sometimes unpredictably, and the garden becomes symbolic of this.

However, under the hay are cool season seeds planted by our RE children and youth on August 31st, including peas, broccoli, carrots and onions. We invite you to walk around the garden in the coming month to see the growing sprouts of the cool season crops as they

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start to show. The Garden Angels are continuing to plant seeds, using a method called "succession planting." Stay tuned for future plantings throughout September (days and times to be announced).

Practicing sustainable gardening is our small part of a wider movement for sustainable food practices. If you missed the SJM screening of Urban Fruit on August 30th, look for it on Netflix early next year. It's an exploration of the movement in LA for access to fresh, healthy food.

We are renewed by the cutting back; we see our lives and environment in a new light, as the cycle of seasons continues.

Claire Moss

Social Justice Ministry
Green Sanctuary

The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time.

James Taylor *Secret of Life*



Workshop: Communication in Times of Transition

Conducted by your Harmonious Relations Team

**Sunday September 28
12:00 PM, Henriksen Hal**

Together we will discuss concerns in the community, engage together through positive communication and learn ways to deal with difficult or uncomfortable situations that we have witnessed or encountered.

As part of the PUC community, we have entered into a Covenant, or a promise, to ourselves and to one another. This is the Covenant of our church...

Covenant of Good Relations

It is our intention to respect and appreciate ourselves and each other, and so we enter into this Covenant of Good Relations.

Member to Self We care for our mental and physical health; accept change and growth; and strive to know ourselves

Member to Minister We understand that the minister cannot be all things to all people. We share our feelings with the minister in an

We are proud to announce that our calendar has migrated online.

There is a link on our PUC website home page, and it can be accessed via the link below. The calendar and all links are updated real-time as modifications are made, so this will contain the most up to date information possible.

[Link to PUC Calendar](#)

For those that receive the View via US Postal Service, a full month calendar paper copy will be included with your weekly copy of the View. In addition, full month paper copies will be available in the office. These will be updated each week when the View is distributed.

Many thanks to Kim Gosney, PUC's Director of Congregational Advancement for all of the effort required to make this long overdue transition.

Joys and Concerns

Fred Verazzi is in his final days in his fight with pancreatic cancer. Please hold Fred, his family and Olga in the light of love.

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Chelsea Sites' parents, Perry and Lisa Sites, were in church a few weeks ago. Chelsea was glad to see them and hopes her Dad can find a kidney soon so he can

honest and constructive way, and treat the minister and the minister's family with dignity, respect and consideration.

Member to Board We communicate our concerns and comments to the Board, respecting that Board members are volunteers. We take responsibility for understanding church structure and personnel, and keep informed of church business.

Member to Member We give support to and receive support from each other. We welcome new members and guests, and include them in activities. We reach out to each other in time of need. We address conflict in an open and constructive manner.

Member to Church We support the church, financially and through service, to the best of our abilities.

Member to Staff We respect the staff's time, and help as needed. We support proper compensation and benefits. We clean up after ourselves and do not leave work for the staff or others to complete.

Member to Community at Large In interactions with our community, we promote our church as a center for liberal religion; work for social justice for our community and the world; strive to contribute to the greater good of society; and honor our UU principles through our actions.

Let us all keep in mind our Covenant as we move forward in the development and growth of our church.

Ways We Worship

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 5 | 10:30 AM

All beloved pets are welcome or bring photos or a stuffed animal to represent your pet.

SUKKOT

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 8 | EVENING

Celebrate the third High Holy Day on the Jewish calendar! Service will be lead by Rabbi/Cantor Didi and Reverend John. JOIN US!

SOULFUL SUPPER

STARTS WEDNESDAY, OCT 15, 2014

Arrive at 5 pm to prepare food and our space.

6 PM Meal/Worship | 7 PM Clean-up | 7:10 PM Breakout groups
- adult, youth, choral and... more!

We Believe In Social Justice

move home and make PUC their home church soon.



Craig Block continues to recover from as yet an undiagnosed ailment. More tests are forthcoming. Craig welcomes visitors but call first!



Pat Marks is recovering from back surgery and is now at Little Company of Mary in San Pedro.



Come join friends in the PUC Library on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 and help launch the Joys and Sorrows Circle. The Circle gives a compassionate space for sharing and listening. Organized by Sandy McNeil.



To have your Joy or Concern appear hear you may complete one of the Joys and Concerns slips in the back of the Hall and place it in the box. If you indicate it is your wish it will appear here the following week.

Sunday's flowers brought to you by Jennifer and John Hocutt

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: October 5

This fall PUC's Social Justice Ministry Explores Food Justice

For so many of us our belief in Social Justice drew us to PUC. Come and participate in an activity, service project, or educational event. Most are great for families:

ACHIEVED: September 13

Seedling Planting at PUC's Permaculture Garden

October 8

Cook and serve a meal for the after school program at Toberman House

All ages welcome. Meet at PUC at 4pm to caravan to Toberman. Contact Claire Moss if you want to help cook earlier in the day. cmoss84@gmail.com

November 16

Fasting Workshop, 12pm at PUC

We will be discussing the spiritual aspects of fasting, how to cope with hunger during a fast, and other topics. Led by Social Justice Ministry Chair, Naresh Deo.

December 18

One Voice LA

Sort and package food baskets. All ages welcome. Carpooling to Santa Monica will be arranged. 7:30pm-11pm.

Public Forum: Overturn Citizens United

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

"Public Forum: Overturn Citizens United" will take place on at the Pacific Unitarian Church on 5621 Montemalaga Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes. Three outstanding speakers will address this important topic. They are Michael Tucker, a coordinator for Move to Amend, John Smith, a Southern California Common Cause organizer, and Alison Hartson, a California State Director of Wolf PAC.

From 9 to 10 AM, you are invited to enjoy light refreshments and drinks as you visit tables with information about local environmental groups. From 10 to 12 noon, speakers will discuss how best to restore finance limits and advance necessary environmental legislation. The South Coast Interfaith Council is cosponsoring this event. Admission is free, but contributions are welcome. For more information contact Lillian Light at lklight@verizon.net or at 310 - 545 1384.

MAKING PUC WORK FOR YOU



Sunday, September 21st
Hospitality

Special thanks to all of our
volunteers!

Greeters:
TBD & TBD

Ushers:
Brittany Manning & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table:
Betty Saunders & Lora Childers

Top Chef:
Vivien Hao

Welcoming Trustee:
John Einhorn



The Buddhist Meditation Group - Hiatus

This group is no longer meeting. We hope to restart the group in the future – perhaps on a different day or time. If you have any questions, you may reach Brad Shreve via email or phone. Both are listed in the PUC Directory.

Feel Empowered and Confident

Come join women who like yourself are seeking a safe environment in which to be heard, understood and supported. Feel empowered and confident. Enhance your assertiveness skills. We meet the first and third Wednesday of the month from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. If you have any questions contact Val Richards [424-772-1976](tel:424-772-1976) or E-mail valrichards424@hotmail.com. Hope to see you Wednesday in the Library.

Your Little Rocks Task Force is working hard to find ways to bring incremental income to the church.



Comedy and Magic Club Reminder:

Don't forget to call the club to confirm your reservation and request a table for your group, listing the names and ticket numbers of all sitting with you - all at your table must be present to be seated. See the back of your ticket for details.

PUC Rummage Sale

Save your gently used household items (furniture, home decor items, dishes, glasses, jewelry, art, etc.) for the PUC RUMMAGE SALE Friday & Saturday, October 24 and October 25. This is a great opportunity to clean your house and garage before the year-end holidays! In the past, our Rummage Sale has made over \$2,000 for PUC.

Contact Linda Jenson for details.

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!
WIZARD OF OZ SING-ALONG AND PERFORMANCE**

Thursday evening, October 30th

RELIGION AND THE MEANING OF LIFE

NEW DATES

3 WEDNESDAYS | OCT 1, 8, 15, 22

CLASSROOM 1 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Instructor: John Morehouse

Fee: \$5 per session, \$20 for series

Humans ascribe significance or purpose to many of our actions - and we often assume that other phenomena also have meaning. We will explore meaning making in our lives and postmodern America, where the need for meaning is as great as ever.



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

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
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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