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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*



October 2, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PUCer},

This Sunday we bring our dear pets to be blessed, or simply enjoy the energizing presence of chickens and guinea pigs, beagles and bichons. We can stay after the service for a Town Hall to discuss the democratic process as practiced in our beloved church community - with child care! And during the week we reflect on our lives as creativity made manifest and share this, should we choose, with Reverend John.

## OUR STORIES OF CREATION

The Poet Mary Oliver once asked: "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" While I personally believe we are given many lives in which to change the world, the question is urgent enough for any of us to ask ourselves at whatever point in this precious life we are.

Our spiritual theme is creation. My colleague the Rev. Jeannie Sharo reminds us that "Creation is ever unfolding, and we are woven into it in ways that our minds often struggle mightily to understand." One way in which we can understand how creation is ever unfolding is to look back at the story of our lives. How has the story of your life been a story of creation?

My life has been marked by the creation of a family and the transformative work in three congregations. Your life is equally marked. So my spiritual assignment for all who are interested this month is this: Write me in a letter or an email how your life's story has been an act of creation.

I have memorialized forty people since being called to this

October's Monthly Theme:

## CREATION

### This Sunday

October 5

10:30 AM Service  
All Creatures Have  
a Place in Creation:

Our Annual  
Animal Blessing Service  
*Rev. John Morehouse,  
Lead Minister*

October 12

10:30 AM Service  
"Original Blessings" In contrast to  
original sin, Rev. John explores the  
creative power in each of us.  
*Rev. John Morehouse,  
Lead Minister*

congregation in 2005. I am always amazed at the stories of creation that marked the lives we celebrate. How wonderful would it be to learn about those creations before we are memorialized?

Will you tell me your story? I promise to respond.

With Grace and Grit,  
Rev. John



## JOIN US FOR OUR TOWN HALL MEETING After the Service This Sunday October 5th

Did you know that the Presbyterians versus the Congregationalists helped to shape the democratic principles of the Founding Fathers? Or have you ever stopped to really consider what our 5th Principle really means?

[5th Principle](#): The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

If you have considered that, have you tried to reconcile this principle with the remaining principles?

[1st Principle](#): The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

[2nd Principle](#): Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

[3rd Principle](#): Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

[4th Principle](#): A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

[6th Principle](#): The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

[7th Principle](#): Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

As we look to improve our processes and enhance effective communication and governance here at PUC, we will be discussing these issues at this Sunday's Town Hall meeting:

### **Improving our Covenantal Democratic Process at PUC.**

Please join us as we discuss such complex issues as universal suffrage (do we let absent members vote?), minority rights, and useful metaphors (the Body of Christ versus Gaia?) to help us shape our democratic processes in the future. We may even take a quick look at the PUC Bylaws while we are at it!

November's Monthly Theme:

## COVENANT

### PUC Calendar

Our calendar is now available online. 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.

### Joys and Concerns

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.

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To have your Joy or Concern 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

Clay Bosler

310-779-7540



## WAYS WE WORSHIP

### Blessing of the Animals Service

**Sunday October 5 at 10:30 AM**

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

### Sukkot

**Wednesday, October , Evening**

Celebrate the third High Holy Day on the Jewish calendar. Service will be lead by Rabbi/Cantor Diddi and Reverend John. Join us.

### Soulful Supper

**Starts Wednesday, October 15, 2014**

Arrive at 5 PM to prepare food and our space.

6:00 PM Meal/Worship

7:00 PM Clean-up

7:10 Breakout Groups - adult, youth, choral, and more

## WAYS WE GROW

### Writing As a Spiritual Activity

First meeting: **October 27, 2014** Second and Fourth Mondays

**6:15 PM to 7:45 PM** or so...

We will write for 30 minutes on whatever is on our mind, followed by the opportunity to share our writing and others to respond. Some food for thought will be available in the form of quotes, and more. It is creative, healing, and nurturing. We may receive the gift of a beautifully written piece. Bring paper or journal and pen.

Location: PUC

Facilitator: Janet Steinberg 310-922-7734

## MAKING PUC WORK FOR YOU

### Child Care Update

Child care at PUC is now available every Sunday to cover most before and after church meetings and activities. Bring your infant, toddler, or school age child needing supervision to Classroom 3 as

place it in the box, or send it directly to newsletter@pacifunitarian.com. If you indicate it is your wish it will appear here the following week.

## TOWN HALL & CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

**Sunday, October 5, 2014**

Town Hall Meeting  
Improving our Covenantal Democratic Process at PUC

**Sunday, October 26, 2014**

Meet the Staff Event

**Sunday, November 9, 2014**

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

**Sunday, December 7, 2014**  
**Congregational Meeting**

Report to the membership of where we stand financially

**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**

early as 9:00 AM. Child care continues after the service until 1:00 PM. For after service care visit Classroom 3 to sign in your child.

For Town Hall and Congregational meetings child care is extended until as late as 3:00 PM.

## Hearing Assist

As many of you know, our Growth and Reinvestment Campaign includes upgrades to our audio & visual systems. We hope to be able to start making upgrades within the next six months. In the meantime, we are trying to make the current setup a little more user friendly. If you are a regular user of the hearing assist system in the hall, please contact John Einhorn, 310-937-3134 to discuss how we can best do this and make your experience a better one.

## Do You Feel an Affinity with Those Who are Searching?

That is who comes and tries PUC after all. Our visitors are seekers, just as you once were, and yours may be the warm greeting that lets our visitor know he or she has found a safe place to land. We need volunteers to greet these fellow seekers at the Welcome Table. The typical commitment is once a month. Please contact Lora Childers if you are interested. [einchild1@gmail.com](mailto:einchild1@gmail.com)

## Campus Beautification ~ Planting Party October 11

If you have two hours and want to help beautify PUC, consider joining Bryan Masterson and the Green Sanctuary team 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Sat. Oct. 11 for a planting party.

Native drought-tolerant shrubs, trees and ground cover will be planted in the area between the classrooms and the wooden walkway in front of the church.

This is a focal point for visitors and we want to make sure this area looks inviting and reflects our congregation's commitment to being "green." Come roll up your sleeves and help beautify PUC!

For information, contact: Bryan at [boone98713@aol.com](mailto:boone98713@aol.com).

## Saying "Good morning" with a Smile

If that's you then you have what it takes to be a Sunday morning Greeter. You arrive about a half an hour before the service, station yourself by the nametags, and be the first friendly face everyone encounters as he or she comes to church. There are two greeters each Sunday so you have someone with whom to chat. This is the

Town Hall Meeting:  
Budget preview and discussion

## Sunday, June 7, 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting & elections

Sunday's flowers brought to you by  
Betty Hanner

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 19



Sunday, October 5th  
Hospitality

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

Greeters:  
Jean Tordella

Ushers:  
John Einhorn &  
Kevin Gallagher

Welcome Table:  
Betty Saunders &  
Lee Ann Hart

Top Chef:  
Margo Meikle &  
Chelsea Sites

Welcoming Trustee:  
Clay Bosler

Office Volunteer:

perfect first step if you are a new member looking to connect with our community. If you are interested please write to [admin@pacifunitarian.com](mailto:admin@pacifunitarian.com).

## WE BELIEVE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

### This fall PUC's Social Justice Ministry Explores FOOD JUSTICE

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**

**NEXT UP: October 25 *NEW DATE***

**Cook and serve a meal for the after school program at Toberman House in San Pedro 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Cook a dish of macaroni and cheese, bring drinks (milk, juice, or water), veggies, or fruit salad. Meet at PUC at 3:00 PM to caravan to Toberman or meet at Toberman at 4:00 PM. Drop off food before 3:00 PM if you aren't ready to serve. All ages welcome. Contact Claire Moss if you want to if you are interested in cooking or serving. [cmoss84@gmail.com](mailto:cmoss84@gmail.com)

***NEW* October, Date TBD**

**Letter writing to women and children detainees**

UU Service Committee effort to write encouraging letters to women and children detained at Artesia Detention Center in New Mexico. Letter writing supplies will be at the lunch tables after church, with prompts/suggestions.

Contact Sandy McNeil to help organize: [smcneil276@aol.com](mailto:smcneil276@aol.com)

***NEW* November, Date TBD**

**Guest at Your Table**

From the UU Service Committee [Website](#) "Guest at Your Table is an annual fundraising and education program that supports UUSC's human rights work." Contact Sandy McNeil to help organize or learn more: [smcneil276@aol.com](mailto:smcneil276@aol.com)

**November 16**

**Fasting Workshop 12:00 PM**

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.

Brad Shreve



**NEW November 23**

**Fair Trade Boutique 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

Find holiday gifts that support fair labor practices around the world.

Contact Caroly Waters to participate in planning and/or set-up:

cwaters42@gmail.com

**December 18**

**One Voice LA 7:30 PM to 11:00 PM**

Sort and package food baskets. All ages welcome. Carpooling to Santa Monica will be arranged.

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

**Wizard of Oz Sing-Along and Performance**

Save the Date!

**Thursday Evening, October 30th**



**Working hard to find ways  
to bring incremental income  
to the church**

**More from Little Rocks Task Force**

**Water Wise**  **Garden Center**  
Succulents • Cactus • Orchids and more

Margo Meikle will donate 25% of your purchase\* from Water Wise, her sister Elyn's business, to Pacific Unitarian Church.

**Just shop at Water Wise and put your receipt in Box #41 for Little Rocks in PUC Office.**

Questions? Email: [margomeikle@yahoo.com](mailto:margomeikle@yahoo.com)

\*Margo will donate up to \$1,000; sales tax excluded from donation calculation.

25633 Crenshaw Blvd. Torrance • (310) 326-6500  
OPEN: Tuesdays - Sundays 10am - 6pm

## **PUC Rummage Sale**

**Friday & Saturday, October 24 and 25**

This is a great opportunity to clean your house and garage before the

year-end holidays! Donate your gently used household items (furniture, home decor items, dishes, glasses, jewelry, art, etc.)

In the past, our Rummage Sale has made over \$2,000 for PUC.

Contact Linda Jenson for details.



## **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](mailto: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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