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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



November 6, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

Welcome to this weeks edition of the Pacific Unitarian Church's newsletter - The View.

Spirituality, music, food, fun, camaraderie and much more are happening this week. Hope to see you soon!

And thanks for caring...



Doing Church Together

Last week I convened our very first "Ministry Council"; a gathering of every leader of a group or committee that is involved with the ministry of our church. Twenty four people met over Halloween refreshments to share their stories of success, struggles, needs and hopes for our future as a church. We made plans to get together on a regular basis and share resources and vision as we move our beloved community through our many transitions. Some of our conversation were joyful, some less so but we all spoke of the love we share for this church and the desire to lead our ministry in new and fruitful directions.

What I realized from this inaugural meeting was that we were "doing church together" in the true spirit of a covenantal community. Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal tradition reaching back hundreds of years. We are bound together by our promise to treat one another with respect in the hope that we will save lives. Whatever our struggles may be, we are better together in ministry than we are apart.

November's Monthly Theme:

COVENANT

This Sunday

"Beyond the Darkness"
Rev. John Morehouse,
Lead Minister

Next Sunday

"Calling to Transform"
The path to being stronger lies in
realizing what we are being called to
do

December's Monthly Theme:

GOD

PUC Calendar

Our calendar is now online. There is a link to the calendar on our PUC website home page. It can be accessed via the link below. The calendar and all links

All this month we will be exploring the theme of covenant. Join us as we work together for a better world.

With grace and grit, Rev. John

Visiting Immigrants

Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement, (CIVIC) is an organization that works to "end the isolation and abuse of men and women in U.S. immigration detention by building and strengthening volunteer-run community visitation programs." The idea is that if ordinary people visit detained immigrants, the immigrants will feel more hopeful, and the detention facilities (many of which are run by private, for-profit corporations) will not be able to get away with abusing detainees. Future View articles will continue to address worth and dignity of all.

If you're interested in being involved with the visitation program, see Sandy on the patio

Sandy McNeil

Will you have Guests at Your Table?

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a human rights organization powered by grassroots collaboration and is a large part of UUA. In more than a dozen countries throughout the world, UUSC fosters social justice and works toward a world free from oppression. UUSC's innovative approaches and measurable impact are grounded in the moral belief that all people have inherent power, dignity, and rights.

Guest at Your Table, Nov. 23rd, is one way we, as UU's, support these moral beliefs. Stay tuned.

Sandy McNeil UUSC Ministry

Next Social Justice Meeting

Thursday, November 20

6:30 PM

Please mark your calendar and send your agenda items for inclusion.

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 paper copy will be included with your weekly copy of the View. In addition 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 join the Joys and Sorrows Circle. The Circle gives a compassionate space for sharing and listening. Organized by Sandy McNeil.

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So many people have said they miss the spoken Joys and Sorrows in Sunday Service. Why not put them in the box at the door. They'll appear here and we will know, then, if someone got a new puppy, if they're in love or out of love, having a health problem, or taking a fabulous trip. LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

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To have your Joy or Concern appear here you may complete one of the Joys and Concerns

Fair Trade Boutique

Sunday, November 23

9:30 AM to 1 PM

One Voice LA

Thursday, December 18

7:30 PM

Our annual food packing event to serve the deserving residents of LA. There will be car pools leaving from PUC to take us to this family-friendly event.

Harbor Interfaith is well into collecting food for

Thanksgiving. The plan is to have 300 complete meals ready to donate to their clients on Monday, November 24. They will need canned fruit & vegetables like corn, peas & string beans. All types of canned fruit are needed. Don't forget the "fun" food like cake mixes, muffin & brownie mixes, along with baking mix like Bisquick. I can't imagine the holidays with out all the food our family looks forward to having. The donation basket is by the door as you enter the Sanctuary.

Betty Saunders

Facilities Wants YOU!

If you care about what message the PUC campus sends to members and visitors, consider joining the Facilities Committee. We are looking for two new members to join Bruce Lewis, Vivien Hao and Noel Hammond who are responsible for upgrading and maintaining our beautiful grounds and building.

Got handyman skills? Great! Got a great decorating sense? Great! Want to have fun and contribute to the church? Great! Join us and do all that!

Special thanks to Bryan Masterson, master gardener, who recently purchased and planted native, drought tolerant shrubs and bushes in the area in front of the classrooms on the parking lot side. In the coming months, more upgrades to landscaping will be done. Stay tuned!

-Bruce Lewis for PUC Facilities Committee

WAYS WE WORSHIP

One of the joys and concerns slips in the back of the Hall and place it in the box, or send it directly to newsletter@pacificunitarian.com.

TOWN HALL & CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

This 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
Town Hall Meeting:
Budget preview and discussion

Sunday, June 7, 2015
Annual Congregational
Meeting & elections

Soulful Supper

Wednesdays

5:00 PM Arrive 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

Second and Fourth Mondays

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM...or so

Drop in any 2nd or 4th Monday evening to share this writing time.

We write for 30 minutes on whatever is on our mind or in our hearts, followed by the opportunity to share our writing and others to respond. Some food for thought will be available to get our pens moving. It is creative and healing. Drop-in. No fee. \$2 donations accepted.

Location: PUC

Bring paper or journal and pen!

Facilitator: Janet Steinberg



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

Sunday's flowers brought to you by Val Richards. Thank her if you see her.

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: November 16th



Hospitality

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

Greeters:

Jean Tordella

Ushers:

Kevin Gallagher and John Einhorn

Welcome Table:

TBD

Top Chef:

Margo Meikle

Welcoming Trustee:

TBD

Office Volunteer:

Brad Shreve



Contact Debi with any questions: Debi@omhappy.com



Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

Child Care Available

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 (closed for Veteran's Day)
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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