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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 13, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PUCer},

Well, the holidays are upon us too soon. Whatever this season means to you, you can be sure that food, friends, and family will be involved. Here at PUC we bring that familiar trifecta together to celebrate.

Join us for our Soulful Suppers on Wednesday night and our spiritual Sunday service and lunch. ...and bring a friend or a family member along.

And thanks for caring...



## Synchronicity

Attentive readers of the View will recall that this month we are exploring the theme of covenant. I don't know whether it was pure serendipity, or Carl Jung's "synchronicity" that had us holding our Governance Town Hall meeting while wrestling with such a relevant theme. Either way, it is certainly apt!

Nearly thirty members of the congregation showed up for the Town Hall this past Sunday, and some of them even had the new draft Governance handouts with them! (These handouts, the Power Point presentation and notes from the meeting are available on the member's website, under **BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNICATIONS** (Including Meeting Minutes)).

Trustees Carolyn Waters, Randy Ripley and Judy Shaffer have been

November's Monthly Theme:

## COVENANT

**This Sunday**

"Calling to Transform"

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

**Next Sunday**

"The Promises We Keep"

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 are updated real-time as modifications are made, so this will contain the most up to date information possible.

poring through our Bylaws, policies and a variety of other resources to put together these handouts to help both explain our current governance model and practice, and to help all of you engage more easily and effectively in the operation and ministry of our church. Randy did a terrific job with the presentation, and the dialog with the congregants was rich, meaningful and informative. It was quite inspiring to see the very respectful way that our members expressed their occasionally diametrically opposed opinions. Several actions were taken, and implementation of these good ideas will make PUC a better place for all of us, and help us become even more effective in our ministry together.

I am encouraged that we are indeed continuing to learn and grow in our covenantal relationship to one another, and within the broader UU movement.

*Sincerely,  
Clay Bosler*



### The South Bay Chamber Music Society

This Concert this Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at PUC at 3 p.m. The concert is free to the general public and church members are welcome to attend. Contact Jim Paterson if you have any questions.

*November 14, 2014 -- Los Angeles Harbor College -- 8 p.m.*

*November 16, 2014 -- Pacific Unitarian Church -- 3 p.m.*

**Robert Thies** piano; **Elissa Johnston** soprano; **Gary Bovyer** clarinet; **Elizabeth Hedman** violin; **Jacob Braun**, cello

Sonata in G minor for Violin and Piano - Debussy

Songs - Gabriel Fauré

Première Rhapsody for Clarinet and Piano - Debussy

Sonata for Clarinet and Piano - Francis Poulenc

Trio in A minor for Piano, Violin, and Cello - Maurice Ravel



### SOCIAL JUSTICE ONE VOICE LA FOOD PACKING EVENT TO SERVE THE DESERVING RESIDENTS OF LA

**December 18 7:30 PM to 11 PM**

**CARPOOL VANS AVAILABLE on a first-come, first served sign up... sign up sheets in the office.** We need you! It's that time of year when we gather together to do PUC's part to provide food baskets to over 12,500 people. Come join us to help package the food in the Barker Hangar at the Santa Monica Airport. (7:30 – 9:00 PM "Kid Safe") We will be sorting and packaging the food. This is the night that is most appropriate for children as well as adults. Come any time after 7:30 PM. For safety reasons, groups of kids will only be admitted if there is at least 1 adult to supervise every 2-3 kids. These are fun and festive nights with music playing as people celebrate

[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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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 directly to [newsletter@pacificunitarian.com](mailto:newsletter@pacificunitarian.com).

## TOWN HALL & CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

**Sunday, December 7, 2014  
Congregational Meeting**  
Report to the membership of  
where we stand financially

coming together to help others in need!



## SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING JANUARY 2015

The purpose of the SGFT program is to cultivate trusted members of the congregation to grow in small group facilitation skills, teaching specific methods for building community through CONNECT small groups. We are seeking people with a heart for others to join us in this important training and work. Contact Kim Gosney to be on the mailing list. Our groups will always leave an empty chair in the circle, to indicate that we know there are people out there who are seeking what we have found, and to remind ourselves that those seekers are always welcome among us.

## HOLIDAY DROP-IN GRIEF SUPPORT

For those who want to share support with others who are experiencing a loss and facing the holidays. This peer group is run in a flexible format with facilitation. We will share our stories and discuss ways to prepare and engage in active self-care over the holiday season. A diversity of ages, beliefs, practices and values are welcome.

There are no fees, and no preregistration is required.

TUESDAYS 3 PM DECEMBER 2, 9 & 16  
WEDNESDAYS NOON DECEMBER 2 & 17  
WEDNESDAYS 7 PM DECEMBER 2, 10 & 17

Kim Gosney serves as facilitator. Kim is a member of the International Expressive Arts Therapy Association. She is a trained hospice volunteer, has training in death midwifery and home funeral facilitation with Beth Knox of Crossings and, as founder of Alive and Mortal, presents workshops and lectures focused on the deep work of "evolving bonds™", rituals and impermanence.



## MORE ABOUT UUSC

### MISSION

UU Service Committee advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and their policies....

### VISION

UU Service Committee envisions a world free from oppression and

**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**

Flowers help bring joy, This Sunday's  
flowers are brought to you by Karen  
Merickel.

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 23rd



## Hospitality

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

Greeters:  
Jean Tordella

Ushers:  
Elizabeth Drake  
Brittany Manning

injustice, where all can realize their full human rights.

## OUR WORK

UUSC promotes economic justice, bolsters environmental justice, protects civil liberties, and advances the rights of people left behind during humanitarian crises such as natural disasters.

Featured initiatives are :

Compassionate consumption including workers rights Sustainable recovery in Haiti Access to safe, affordable water

Support UUSC's GUEST at YOUR TABLE kick-off at church Sunday Nov. 23rd.

*Sandy McNeil*



## Next Social Justice Meeting

**Thursday, November 20**

**6:30 PM**

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

## 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

Welcome Table:

TBD

Top Chef:

Vivien Hao

Welcoming Trustee:

TBD

Office Volunteer:

Brad Shreve



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

### 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  
Contact Debi with any questions: [Debi@omhappy.com](mailto: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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