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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



May 8, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
... as *THE VIEW* from PUC tries to be TRUTHfull, rather than TRUTHy. ... Want to know more about why we have monthly themes? [CLICK HERE](#) for the Touchstones Journal to find out!! All the PUC news that fits in print is right here in *THE VIEW* -- REEEEEAAADD AAAALLL AAAABBOOUUUT IT.

Calling All Pledges! We Need YOURS Too!

Our Pledge Drive Canvass is Wrapping Up
Help us make this year a record-setting success by pledging today!

[Pledge on the PUC website](#) or bring/send in your card from the back of the Pledge Brochure to the box located at the back of the Hall or to the PUC Office.

THANK YOU to the 163 individuals & families who've already turned in 115 Pledge Cards totalling: \$208,325!

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the Members Area of the new Pacificunitarian.org to (re)view the slideshow presentation shared at the April 27 Town Hall meeting.

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the Members Area of the new Pacificunitarian.org to see the current status of PUC's Growth & Reinvestment Campaign.

Our Service Auction was a GREAT success! A BIG PUC THANKS to our Auction Team, to all who donated, and to all who BID & BOUGHT!!

May's Monthly Theme: TRUTH

This Sunday

May 11

10:30 AM Service

**Freeing the Goddess Within
Rev. John Morehouse**

In honor of Mothers everywhere, Rev. John will explore the power of the Feminine in all of us.

Be sure to bring several stems of flowers for our May 11 Mother's Day Service. We will be holding our wonderful [Flower Communion](#).

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, May 8, 2014

6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice - H

7:30 PM Environmental Priorities Network (EPN) - L

Saturday, May 10, 2014

9 AM [Blue Sky Mindfulness Training For Adults](#) - CR1

10 AM [Rituals for the Journey](#) - CR1

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V [2nd & 4th Saturdays]

10 AM Temple Emet Saturday Service - H

Remember to bring your Wallet / Checkbook / Credit Card to Church on Sunday to see what's still available; **pay for and pick up your Auction prizes**; and stop having to "Guess who's coming to dinner/lunch/brunch?"



From Rev. Tamara's Desk

One of the great joys of serving at PUC is the wonderful people power we have here! When we unite for common cause, and when we need volunteers for various events or support for programs, the outpouring of love and help are amazing!! Case in point: thanks to you and many colorful stuffed Easter Eggs, the children and youth were able to donate a total of over \$150 to our three South Bay partner organizations: Harbor Interfaith, Rainbow Services, and Toberman Center!! THANK YOU!!

Now, it is not your money, but your time that we hope to gain. Our FUUntastic Summer Program is upon us and our children and youth look forward to enjoying a "Share Your Talent" summer. If you, dear, congregation member, have a hobby, profession, or passion for something that you think our children might like to experience for one Sunday this summer, please sign up beginning this **Sunday, May 11** at the Family Religious Education table. Examples from last summer include beading, yoga, Andy Kissner's "Mad" science experiments, and so much more!

It is through our stepping up to work together on the myriad of opportunities that our beloved PUC community offers, that we share our gifts with others and are in turn richly blessed.

Namaste,

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry

MAY CALENDAR

5/11: "Regular" Religious Education class day / Flower Communion in Worship Service

5/18: Faith in Action Day

Today we especially encourage our children and youth to put "hands and feet" on our Unitarian Universalist principles.

*Voyager (Middle School) and YRUU (High School) aged youth AND parents are encouraged to join our congregation's contingent in the Long Beach Pride parade!! Carpool, walk with friends, show our UU pride!! Please contact Brad Shreve at bdshreve@outlook.com for information and coordination.

*Hobbits (Kindergarten-2nd grade) and Sojourners (3-5 grade) stay

10 AM Social Justice Ministry - L
5:30 PM PUC FUUn & Games Night - CR 1 & 2

Sunday, May 11, 2014

Mother's Day

10 AM Childcare - CR3
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - H
12 PM 2nd Service Task Force - CR2
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - L

Monday, May 12, 2014

5 PM [Kundalini Yoga & Meditation Class](#) – H
7 PM [Blue Sky Mindfulness Training For Kids and Teens](#) - CR1

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

10 AM [PUC Buddhist Meditation Group](#) - V
2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L
6 PM [Ethical Eating Cooking w/ Debi](#): Global Vegetarian - K
7 PM Ways & Means Committee – L

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

11 AM [Beginning Yoga](#) w/ Debi
11:30 AM [Philosophies of the Mind Class w/ Rev. John](#) - CR1
5 PM PUC Living UU Values Small Group – V

Thursday, May 15, 2014

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L
4 PM Worship Team Mtg - L
6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice - H
7 PM Family R.E. Ministry Mtg. - O
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg—O

Only ONE person has signed up to bring **Sunday's**

onsite to participate in a Wildlife Habitat Certification program.

5/25: Last day of regular RE classes for the year

Today the children and youth celebrate the end of the Church year and prepare their presentation for our all-church Religious Education 'Sundae' Sunday on June 1.

—**Rev. Tamara**

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Due to the success of having the **children go directly to the front carpet before Service** on Easter Sunday, we will continue to do this each week. This also provides more seating for visitors.

All seats in the front row will be reserved for parents.



Please [CLICK HERE](#) to request to be added to the R.E. Family Facebook Group.



Rituals for the Journey

10 AM - 1 PM, **SATURDAY, MAY 10** in CLASSROOM 2

Instructor: Kim Gosney

For centuries rituals have served to "give form to the human life," to buffer change as well as to recognize and support life events. This workshop will equip you with ancient building blocks and tools for creating your own unique rituals.

Pre-registered: \$17; Walk-in: \$20

[CLICK HERE](#) for registration/more information.



SILENCE FROM THE CAVES with Swami Atmananda

"They" say that when you sit with a spiritual master, you sit in a shower of radiance. Four years of retreat has brought a gentle, quiet, mystic knowing to this visiting teacher - you can almost hear the sound of wind moving gently past sitting with him. Let's relax into spiritual awakening together!

Swami Atmananda offers satsangs on the non-dual essence of Reality and the nature of spiritual awakening. A native of Belgium, Swami Atmananda studied Theology, Indian Philosophy, and Comparative Religion in Louvain, Paris, and Jerusalem. The Swami is a teacher in **non-dual spirituality** and the Head Monk of Ajatananda Ashram, an interreligious monastic ashram at the bank of the Ganga (the famous river, Ganges) in the city of Rishikesh, North India.

DONATIONS. Donations are just that - in consideration of the costs

Upcoming Sunday Flowers

for May, June, & July. Please sign up for your turn on the Flower Calendar - inside the door of the PUC Office.



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

"It is with sadness that I report that **Mary Jean**

Higgins died quietly at home early Sunday Morning, May 4, 2014. Her husband of 65 years, Duwayne, was with her.

Please keep Duwayne and their family in the light of love through these difficult days.

A Memorial Service is pending and will be announced soon.

—**Rev. John**

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact **Reverend John**.

pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org

or the [PUC Office](#).



Parade Your Pride w/ PUC May 18

Are you proud to be a part of a [Welcoming Congregation](#)? The Long Beach Pride parade is coming up on **Sunday, May 18** and, once again, we will have a marching unit to show that PUC [Stands on the Side of Love](#). This is one of our best ways to reach out to the LGBTQ community and the more people who walk, the better.

Last year was the first time we participated in the parade and it was fun for all! Please join us --

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of airplane travel, hotel and meals - along with rental of the room - we accept donations to make sure that coming to us isn't a burden on the Swami. We don't want him to have to pay money to speak to us! We ask for donations to make it easy for him to be with us.

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, MAY 23: satsang 7- 9 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 24: satsang 10 AM -1:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 25: Speaking at our Worship Service at 10:30 AM and satsang 1 - 5 PM [CLICK HERE to register.](#)



PUC's Monthly 2nd Saturday Game Night Is May 10!

Come one, come all to the PUC Monthly Game Night This Saturday evening! It is held in Classrooms 1 & 2 from 5:30 -10 PM. As always, the event is for all ages (no unaccompanied children under 10 as we won't have dedicated supervision). Bring your favorite games to play and snacks to eat! Or grab your chance to try out some new games. Contact Chelsea Sites (csites@gmail.com) or Randy Ripley (axtilan.rr@gmail.com) with questions.

PUC's SUUmmer Friday Night's at the Beach!

Bring the whole family and join your Church family this summer as we play in the sand & surf and take time out to watch the sunset with reverence, and with each other.

Every Friday night at 7 PM starting **May 23**, on [Redondo Beach at Avenue G](#). Pack a picnic or get together for a late dinner and drinks afterwards at a local establishment. Contact Krista Weber at InternMin@PacificUnitarian.org for more information or to get involved!

Retreat to the Mountains w/ PUC June 6-8 -- Sign Up NOW!! *We've opened up registration to the Anaheim UU Church to be sure we have a full camp - Now's the time to get YOUR reservation in!!*

PUC's June Camp de Benneville Pines Retreat is less than one month away! In order to fill the remaining spots, and meet our financial requirement, PUC will be opening up registration to other UU's in the Pacific Southwest District.

Don't miss all the fUUn **June 6 - June 8**. [Camp de Benneville Pines](#) is located in the Barton Flats area of the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles. The theme for this year's retreat is..."SERVICE!": to ourselves, our church, each other, and our community. This weekend is an incredible wonderful loving UU experience! *Camp sign-ups will conclude on June 1, 2014.*

Activities include...[CLICK HERE](#) for the full scoop!

May's Monthly Theme:
TRUTH

5/18: Does God Exist?
Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John offers answers to this important question.

5/25: Memory and Hope
Rev. John Morehouse

What power is there in memory? Rev. John explores the connection between what we remember and what hope those memories offer us. Our Memorial Wall dedication will follow as we remember all those who have passed from our midst in the last year.



2nd Sunday Hospitality

Special Thanks to All of YouU who help!

Thanks, once again, to TOP Chef Andy "Bacon Is the Cure" Kissner and all the Sous Chefs who helped provide us with another delicious First Sunday Pancake Breakfast! MM, MMMMM, GOOOOOD!



Ushers:

Kevin Gallagher & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table:

Lora Childers & Pam Harris

Greeters:

Peggy Tiggerman & Jean Tordella



Recurring Events

Sundays

YRUU High School Group. 10:30 AM, L
Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th Sun, 12 PM, Fu Yuan Low Restaurant - Next: **Sun. June 29**

Please contact **Andy Kissner**: andykpac@gmail.com / phone or text: 213-595-2093 for questions or registration information.

—**Andy Kissner**,
PUC Retreat Dean

Around Our District and Beyond...



A UU Said That?

"I think I need to explain my religion better to you. We believe people have the rights to any beliefs they hold, excluding self or other peoples harm. We believe that truth and love are what will lead the world to peace. We support each others values and beliefs as well as our own. We celebrate holidays such as Easter for different reasons, but we all celebrate it as a group."

—**Kate Ripley**

(PUC Family R.E. "Voyager" 8th Grader, OWL Graduate, Peer Educator)

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The Dorothy Project!

"Greetings from Boston! I'm graduating from the Berklee School of Music in a couple of weeks, and my plan for this following year is to record my debut album - to be released on iTunes and cdbaby, etc. I've launched a [Kickstarter campaign](#) in order to raise \$5,000 in 45 days.

"I spent some of my most formative musical years at PUC, serving as Assistant Choir Director and performing regularly in front of a loving and supportive audience. PUC really helped me mature into who I am today, and I wanted to let you all know what I'm doing now and ask for a little help.

"THANK YOU in advance for any and all support you can provide!"

—**Dorothy Hayden**

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Books in Our Lives Covenant
Group, 1st & 3rd Sun, 7 PM, L

Mondays

Women's Reading & Responding
Grp, 3rd Mon., 11 AM, L
[Kundalini Yoga w/ Aimee](#), Mon,
5 PM, H
Environmental Covenant Group,
1st Mon, 7:15 PM, L

Tuesdays

[Buddhist Meditation Grp](#), weekly,
10 AM, V

Wednesdays

[Beginning Yoga](#) w/ Debi
Robinson, Wed, 11 AM

Thursdays

Tai Chi (Beck), Thurs, 10 AM, H
Seniors Pow Wow to Share How,
3rd Thurs, 11 AM, L
PUC Choir Practice: Thurs., 6:30
PM, H

[Environmental Priorities](#)

[Network](#), 2nd Thurs., 7:30 PM, L

Saturdays

French Conversation Grp,
2nd & 4th Sat, 10 AM, V



Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

Office Hrs: Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM,

Mon. - Thurs: 10 PM - 5 PM

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