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April 3, 2014  
Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PUCer},  
... but *THE VIEW* from PUC always strives for the HEROIC -- in spite of your editor's occasional (!) FOOLishness -- and you'll have to join us on Sunday as Rev. John's takes us on *Fools' Errands and Heroes' Quests*. All the rest of the PUC news is all here too in *THE VIEW* -- REEEEEAAADD AAAALLL AAAABBOUUUT IT.

**Calling All Pledges!**

Our Pledge Drive Canvass Marches on towards April!  
**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 120 individuals & families who've already turned in Pledge Cards totalling: \$173,485!**

**Our April 6 PUC "Al Fresco!" Auction** takes place on the Patio (or indoors if it rains) **THIS Sunday, April 6.**



Minister's Message

**Salvation**

As we begin our spiritual theme of **Salvation** this month, I would like to address a criticism I sometimes hear about this religious word. Many assume that salvation refers to being "saved" by some belief in a God or doctrine. In fact, the word salvation comes from the Latin

**April's Monthly Theme: SALVATION**

This Sunday

**April 3**

**10:30 AM Service**

**Fools' Errands and Heroes' Quests**

**Rev. John Morehouse**

As we begin our spiritual theme of Salvation, *Rev. John* explores what our journeys can teach us.

*Don't forget! Our annual Silent & Live Talent & Service Auction (& Raffle) FUUndraiser takes place BEFORE & AFTER the Service!!*

**The Week At a Glance**

**Thursday, April 3, 2014**

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) - H

**Friday, April 4, 2014**

7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service - H

**Saturday, April 5, 2014**

10 AM "Views of the Afterlife" Class w/ Rev. John - To Be Rescheduled

10:30 AM Eleanor Casanova Memorial Service - H

*Salvare* which means to make whole and protect from harm. To be saved is to be made whole.

How do we as religious liberals interpret that? In a hundred ways every day. Each time we care for a loved one, support our Church, or reach out to those in need we are practicing salvation. Imagine a world that cared for those in need to be made whole and protecting them from harm. This is the mission of our Church.

One important way we can practice salvation is in supporting the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee ([www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org)) and the work they do to help make communities around the world whole. One of the many missions of the UUSC has been their work in rebuilding Haiti in partnership with Haitian communities already there.

At 1 PM **THIS Saturday, Dr. Rita Butterfield of the UUSC** will be with us to discuss how we might send a group to Haiti this fall to continue that important work of salvation through the [UU College of Social Justice](#). The rural village they are working with their is building a permaculture garden and housing for those in need. Its an exciting opportunity.

Will you join me at 1 PM, **THIS Saturday, April 5** in the PUC Library to learn about this opportunity? Refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there.

*With Grace and Grit,  
—Rev. John*

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## Religious Education Matters

### Family Religious Education Ministry APRIL CALENDAR

#### 4/6: **Spiritual Practices Workshop**

Hobbits (K - Grade 2 ) through YRUU High school) This workshop provides our children and youth with the opportunity to experience various spiritual practices as a way of increasing their spiritual "literacy." *Today children and youth are not in the worship service: please gather in Classroom #1 at 10:30.*

- ◆ Congregation helps "stuff" Easter Eggs with donations for our three partners: Harbor Interfaith Services, Toberman Neighborhood Center, & Rainbow Services.

#### 4/13: **"Regular" Religious Education Class Day**

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#### 4/20: **Easter Festivities!!**

We will be celebrating spring and Easter with fun activities such as Easter crafts and games, egg hunts, and a photo op with the Easter

1 PM [UUSC Haiti Mission Workshop](#) - L

**Sunday, April 6, 2014**

9:30 AM [PUC Auction](#) - H

10 AM Childcare - CR3

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

12 PM Acting Assoc. Minister Committee on Ministry - V

**Monday, April 7, 2014**

5 PM [Kundalini Yoga & Meditation Class](#) – H

**Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

10 AM PUC Buddhist Meditation Group - V

2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L

6 PM ["Ethical Eating Cooking Class"](#) w/ Debi: Asian Vegetarian" – K

**Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

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

11 AM ["Christianity From the Inside Out: Gnostic Movements in the Emerging Church"](#) - CR1

**Thursday, April 10, 2014**

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H

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

7:30 PM [Jim Scott In Concert @ UU Community Church Santa Monica](#)

*Sunday's Flowers "are to celebrate Peace & Compassion!"*

**—Marvel Burke**



**Saturday, 4/19: Overnight Vigil: "Exploring Salvation"**

Bunny. Eggs found by the children are filled with donations for our three partner service agencies (see above) and are traded in for Easter goody bags!

4/27: "**Regular**" *Religious Education Class Day*

—**Rev. Tamara**

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

## PUC's AI Fresco Auction FUUn(d)raiser

### THIS SUNDAY on the Patio!

Come to PUC's **Annual Service Auction THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 6**. Tables will open for bidding from 9:30 - 10:30 AM and will resume from 11:30 - 1:30, after the Sunday Service.

▶ Buy Raffle Tickets (2 for \$5/10 for \$20) for more than 25 items!

*\* Bring cash/checkbooks Sunday to purchase Raffle Tickets \**

*\*\* You'll pay for your Auction winnings beginning NEXT week*

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▶ Our Silent Auction will offer almost 100 meals, parties, services, & other fun activities.

▶ Rev. John will be the auctioneer for 9 special Live Auction items!

▶ Bring your catalog with you on Sunday to make your bidding easier (check your calendars for conflicts with events you want).

We'll gladly accept back any extra catalogs, since the 200 we printed weren't enough.

Contact **Barbara Paulsen** if you still have items to add to the "Addendum", and/or if you'd like to help with the Auction on Sunday!

—**Barbara Paulsen**, for the PUC Auction Committee

## JIM SCOTT IN CONCERT APRIL 5, 2014

### *An Evening of Music Honoring Pete Seeger*

Jim Scott, legendary jazz and folk guitarist, vocalist, and composer, makes a rare Southern California concert appearance at 7 PM on **Saturday, April 5, 2014** at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica (UUCSM)

[1260 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404](http://1260-18th-Street-Santa-Monica-CA-90404)

Jim honors his late friend Pete Seeger this evening with music filled with social justice themes which will inspire people of all ages and generations. Mr. Scott was a member of the Paul Winter Consort and has played with Tracy Chapman, 10,000 Maniacs, and Joan Baez.

Tickets are \$20.00 at [Chaliceoak.org](http://Chaliceoak.org); **May be pre-ordered** through Dale Osborne [dale@chaliceoak.org](mailto:dale@chaliceoak.org) (he'll need name and number of

**Sunday, 4/20: The [St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble](#) LIVE In Concert @ PUC**

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**April's Monthly Theme: SALVATION**

**4/13: Before the Dawn**  
**Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**

Join us for this Palm Sunday inspired service led by *Rev. Tamara*.

**4/20: 6 AM Sunrise Service: Hope in the Rising Sun**

Join us in making the dawn of a new day as we celebrate and share our hopes this Easter morning. This Service is the culmination of our overnight vigil exploring the topic of *Salvation* but it is open to all. Followed by a light breakfast.

**4/20: Easter Sunday: Blessing the World**  
**Rev. John Morehouse**

Come celebrate the power of rebirth in our lives. *Rev. John* will preach.

**4/27: Saved From Whom?**  
**Rev. John Morehouse**

Does salvation imply a malevolent force in our lives? *Rev. John* explores the theological foundations of salvation.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Hospitality**

**Special Thanks to All of YOU who help!**

*Food, Food, Food - Can't Stop Thinking About FOOD!*

Thanks go to our Top Chefs **Naresh & Susan Deo** for vegan, gluten-free, fresh, local, & spicy

tickets for order confirmations); **or at the door.** (Seating is limited so ordering early is advised.)

The concert will assist Chalice Oak Foundation, a national social justice project incubator helping diverse community members start local social justice projects. [CLICK HERE for more information about Chalice Oak Foundation,](#)

### Family RE News!

After a fabulous run as Acting Associate Minister, primarily responsible for PUC's Family Religious Education program, *Reverend Tamara* is moving on to a new ministry in June. While it's a great opportunity for her, it's a sad day for us! A Director of Religious Education Search Task Force has been charged with finding a candidate to fill her shoes. We seek your input to find out what YOU, the Congregation, would like to see in the next DRE.

We'll circulate a questionnaire after Church for the next two Sundays. We'd love 100% participation! If you are unable to attend Church (or just prefer), please download the [DRE Survey](#) form here and email it back to us: [puc.dre.tf@gmail.com](mailto:puc.dre.tf@gmail.com), drop it off in the PUC Office, or mail it to Church, Attn: DRE Search Task Force.

Finally, if you know of anyone who might have the right stuff, and is someone you can recommend, please let us know and send them [THIS LINK](#) to the DRE Job Announcement.

### Facilities Team News:

*Wendy O'Malley* donated a brand new Brunswick ping pong table from Restoration Hardware which will double as our boardroom table in Library. Our youth enthusiastically approved the addition last Sunday!! See Craig for unlimited puns... [*Let's TABLE that motion, Francis!*]

Our Facilities Mgr. *Mike Mariani* continues to perfect the new dumpster enclosure gate -- bring a cupcake when you stop to thank him. He turns 50 on Saturday. Happy birthday Michael Mariani!!!!

**Francis Morehouse** donated a mini frig for the Voyagers building, Seven community volunteer do-gooders are working to construct a new boardwalk alongside the parking lot from street steps to brick patio which will be installed before the New Moon. Thanks to volunteers our campus continues to improve one day at a time.

### Introducing PUC's Flower Ministry:

*WENDY O' MALLEY* has stepped up to bring the garden to our tables twice a month, and then she'll be off for a week of bringing joy to the hospital or house-bound friends. She or Francis will bundle flowers from our tables to share w/ you or perhaps someone you want to surprise! *Let us know.*

lunch last Sunday.

**Barbara & Frank Paulsen** brought in trays of samosa's, **Tracy & Bruce Lewis** made homemade chutney, **Andy Kissner** created his must-have pot of chilli, & **Isaac Danziger** created 3 beautiful plates of tandoori chicken sticks. Along with Sous Chefs **Lee Ann Hart, Kim Crawford, Chelsea Sites, & Shari Sachs** we pulled off one more Sunday meal.

Thank you all!!

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#### Ushers:

Carlos Angeles & John Einhorn

#### Welcome Table:

Lee Ann Hart & Betty Saunders

#### Greeters:

**2 OPEN POSITIONS** Please contact [Jean Tordella](#) if you'd like to help.

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### Recurring Events

Download the [AdUUIt Program & Religious Education Flyer.](#)

#### 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**  
Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd Sun, L

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

## Retreat to the Mountains w/ PUC June 6-8

PUC's annual Camp de Benneville Pines Retreat is Friday-Sunday, **June 6 - June 8, 2014**. [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 years retreat is...SERVICE! 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.*

Whether you are new to PUC or have been here for many years, this retreat is a great opportunity to meet new people and get closer to our Unitarian Universalist beliefs. Activities include: music, wine tasting, swimming, wilderness hiking, fishing, volleyball, basketball, lake hikes, arts and crafts, kids activities, games, campfires, and much, much more.

The cost for the entire weekend (3 nights & 2 days) including room and great food is *only \$130 for adults, \$100 for teens (13-18), and \$80 for children (2-12)*. The cost is cheaper than just one night in an average hotel! If you are interested in attending, or want more information, you can stop by the sign-up table on the Patio after Church. Rooms will be filling up fast so the sooner you sign up the better.

Feel free to contact **Andy Kissner** directly at [andykuc@gmail.com](mailto:andykuc@gmail.com) or by phone or text at 213-595-2093 if you have questions, or would like to volunteer to host an activity and/or help with planning

—**Andy Kissner**, PUC Retreat Dean



## **A Universalist Said That?**

"Be more careful of your conscience than of your estate. The latter can be bought and sold; the former never."

—**Hosea Ballou**, (Universalist, clergy)

**Pacific Unitarian Church**  
**A Unitarian Universalist Community**

*Love Beyond Belief!*

**Sunday Service: 10:30 AM**

Office Hrs: Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM, Mon. - Thurs: 11 PM - 5 PM

[Click here for Directions](#)

### **Tuesdays**

Buddhist Meditation Grp, weekly,  
10 AM, V  
Ways & Means, 2nd Tues., 7 PM, L

### **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

### **Fridays**

GBLQ Movie, 2nd Fri, Odd#  
months, 7 PM, L

### **Saturdays**

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

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