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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



April 10, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
... such is *THE VIEW* from PUC -- in the PALMs of your hands (or the screens of your devices). Methinks Rev. Tamara will touch upon the topic of darkness when she presents "Before the Dawn" this Sunday. All the rest of the PUC news is all here too in *THE VIEW* -- REEEEEAAADD AAAALLL AAAABBOOUUUT IT.

Calling All Pledges!

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 141 individuals & families who've already turned in 100 Pledge Cards totalling: \$189,105!

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!! We will know the totals soon.

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 find out who won yours, beginning THIS Sunday, April 13.

April's Monthly Theme: **SALVATION**

This Sunday

April 13

10:30 AM Service

Before the Dawn

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Join us for this Palm Sunday-inspired Service led by Rev. Tamara.

The Week At a Glance

Saturday, April 12, 2014

- 10 AM French Conversation Grp – V
- 5:30 PM PUC FUUn & Games Night - CR 1 & 2

Sunday, April 13, 2014

- 10 AM Childcare - CR3
 - 10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
 - 11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - H
 - 12 PM [Sunday Small Group Mixer](#) - CR1
 - 12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - L
 - 3 PM [SB Chamber Music Society Concert](#) - H
- [[New Hollywood String Quartet](#)]

From Rev. Tamara's Desk



Small Groups Build Connections



It is a gift to be known; to be truly seen and heard; to be part of a group of people that meet on a regular basis to share the joys and sorrows of life and wrestle with topics of interest great and small. In many Unitarian Universalist congregations, including PUC, these groups known as *Small Groups* or *Covenant Groups* form an integral part of the life of the congregation.

Small groups are great places to get to know other people and to get to know yourself better. Over time, participants build deep connections with one another, with the congregation, and with the sacred.

Here at PUC we are beginning an exciting and new round of small group ministry. If you are looking for a small group, would like to start a small group, or have an existing small group that you would like to invite people to, we invite you to attend our [CONNECT Group Mixers](#) at PUC. These mixers will be held **from noon - 1 PM THIS Sunday, April 13, & again Sunday, June 1.**

These are 60-minute fun events to meet & connect with others in your area and/or stage of life with the purpose of forming or finding a group! Groups that form from these mixers will then agree to meet four times to explore the group experience. After four weeks, groups may reassess and choose to continue to a more committed model, modify, or disband.

We hope to see you on Sunday as we begin this new adventure!!

Namaste,
—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry APRIL CALENDAR

4/13: "Regular" Religious Education Class Day

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

4/20: Easter Festivities!!

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

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

Monday, April 14, 2014

11 AM Facilities Rental Task Force - L

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

7 PM Ways & Means – L

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

10 AM PUC Buddhist Meditation Group - V

2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L

3:30 PM Pastoral Care Associates Mtg - L

7 PM Board Meeting – L

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

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

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

Thursday, April 17, 2014

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L

4 PM Worship Team Mtg - L

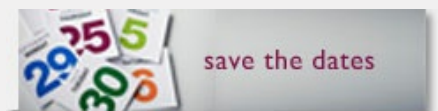
6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice – H

7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O

7 PM Family R.E. Ministry Mtg. –
O

Sunday's Flowers "are to celebrate our 'Leap of Faith' with PUC!"

—Prairie UU Church,
Parker, CO



Saturday, 4/19: [Overnight Vigil & Sunrise Service](#): "Exploring Salvation"

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



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

It's Egg Stuffing Time -- Hop to It!!

Share your generosity this Easter by helping to “stuff” plastic Easter Eggs with donations for our three South Bay/Harbor Area service partners: Harbor Interfaith Services, Toberman Neighborhood Center, and Rainbow Services. Donations are to be placed in the plastic Easter eggs found on the Family Religious Education Ministry table on the Patio before Service THIS Easter **Sunday, 4/20**.

On Easter Sunday, eggs are hidden for our children to discover during their Easter Egg hunt. The eggs are then turned in for Easter goody baskets for the children and the financial donations are sent to our three partners. **PLEASE JOIN IN BY HELPING STUFF THE EGGS WITH YOUR DONATIONS!!**

Connect Group Mixers: Meet and connect with others!

12 PM, THIS Sunday, April 13

CONNECT GROUP MIXERS are held on select Sundays. This is a 60-minute fun event where people meet and connect with others in their area of town and/or stage of life with the purpose of forming or finding a group. Are you looking for a small group? Would you like to start a small group? Do you have an existing small group that you would like to invite people to? This is the place to go! [CLICK HERE](#) for detailed information, or just come to the Mixer on Sunday.

New Minister's Class:

CHRISTIANITY FROM THE INSIDE OUT:

Gnostic Movements in the Emerging Church

WEDNESDAYS | APRIL 16, 23 @ 11-12:15 in CLASSROOM 1

Rev. John will explore the early and tumultuous start to Christianity from the first followers of Jesus to the proclamation by the Emperor Constantine that Christianity would now be the state religion. Included in this course will be a discussion of how the concept of the trinity came into being and the many influences of Persian, Greek and Pagan cults on the church then and now. FEE: \$8 per session [REGISTER ONLINE](#) @ CreateMeaning.org under South Bay/L.A.

Overnight Vigil: Exploring Salvation - April 19-20

This weekend Jews across the world commemorate their deliverance from slavery in Egypt through the rituals of Passover, Christians tell the story of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and many nature-based traditions continue to celebrate the coming of Spring. During this overnight vigil we will explore what these traditions and others tell us about what it means to be saved. We'll



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

Judy Shaffer

underwent surgery

Tuesday for a detached retina she suffered whilst in Maryland visiting daughter Kim & family. Her visit will be MUCH longer than expected - she's not allowed to fly home for 6-8 weeks!

Feel free to send emails, or cards: c/o Clarkson

1011 Raynor Rd.
Silver Spring, MD 20901

Former PUCer Elizabeth (Liz)

Ellenberger has passed away in Ventura after a long illness.

Please keep Liz's husband Ken in your heart during this very difficult time.

You can send cards/letters to Ken:

53 Lilac Way
Ventura, CA 93004
805.659.1253

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

pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org
or the [PUC Office](#).



April's Monthly Theme: SALVATION

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

also explore and share our personal experiences of engaging the *Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How* of Salvation and discover the deeper meaning those questions can bring to our lives.

We'll gather at 6:30 pm, **Saturday, April 19** for a potluck dinner followed by opening ritual at 7:15 PM....[CLICK HERE](#) to find out more!

The Russians Are Coming...Back to PUC!

The always popular [St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble](#) will perform at PUC at 12:30 PM on **Sunday, April 20**. The vocal quartet's repertoire encompasses a wide variety of styles - from ancient Russian chants and folk songs, Western European chorals, secular compositions, as well as modern composers and transpositions of popular melodies.

The performance will begin at 12:30 PM in PUC's Henriksen Hall. As this is Easter Sunday their music will be especially appropriate so bring your family and friends. As usual, lunch will be available on the Patio between the Service and the concert.

Suggested donation of \$20 at the door.

Facilities Team News:

Facility improvements continue with **Vivien Hao** potting plants and **Andy Kissner** spending his Spring Break planting in, and otherwise improving, the canyon. Thank you both.

We look forward to a new sidewalk along our new parking lot - work started TODAY! What can you do to help? Join us. The more the merrier. Ask [Vivien](#), [Francis of Morehouse](#), or [Bruce Lewis](#) about future projects under consideration. THANKS ALL

Parade Your Pride with 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 -- contact Brad Shreve: bdshreve@outlook.com 310.344.8450.

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 year's retreat is...SERVICE! Service: to ourselves, our church, each

...and 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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2nd Sunday Hospitality Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!

TOP CHEFS have all signed 3 year contracts!!!

Hospitality lives on. No bleary red-eye burnout here -- NEVER SURRENDER!! We are hoping to upgrade the kitchen where needed and are considering a pop-up RPV supper club. Interested in helping? Love to have you onboard. Talk to a Top Chef! Thanks to **Francis Morehouse** last week's TOP CHEF, ably assisted by Sous Chefs **Lee Ann Hart, Chelsea Sites, Margo Meikle, Shari Sachs, & Susan Warhol**. Stop by the Kitchen and lend a hand any Sunday morning before the Service!

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Ushers:

Kevin Gallagher & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table:

Lora Childers & Lee Ann Hart

Greeters:

Peggy Tiggerman & Jean Tordella

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Recurring Events

Sundays

YRUU High School Group. 10:30 AM, L

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!

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 andykpuc@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

Around Our District and Beyond...



A UU Said That?

"What other dungeon is so dark as one's own heart? What jailer so inexorable as one's self?"

—**Nathaniel Hawthorne**,

(Transcendentalist, Unitarian, author)



[CLICK HERE](#) for the April 2014 South Bay Unitarian Fellowship newsletter

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Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

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

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[Click here for Directions](#)

Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th Sun, 12 PM, Fu Yuan Low Restaurant - Next: **Sun, June 29**
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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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



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