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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 17, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PUCer},  
... but *THE VIEW* from PUC isn't putting all our eggs in one basket. We're filling our eggs with cash and spreading it around to our [3 social service partners in the Harbor area](#) -- Stop by the R.E. table before this Sunday's Service for an eggfilling experience! 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 102 individuals & families who've already turned in 143 Pledge Cards totalling: \$192,205!**

**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!!**

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?"

## April's Monthly Theme: SALVATION

This Sunday

**April 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. It is open to all. Followed by a light breakfast.

**10:30 AM Service**

**Easter Sunday:**

**Blessing the World**

**Rev. John Morehouse**

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

## The Week At a Glance

**Thursday, April 17, 2014**

6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice – H  
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O  
7 PM Family R.E. Ministry Mtg. –

O

**Sunday, April 20, 2014**

**Easter**

6 AM [Easter Sunrise Service](#) –

H



**Straight From the Hart**

**Top Ten Things I Learned As Board President**



During my two-year term as President of the PUC Board of Trustees, I spent most of the time thinking about the future. We work quite a bit on what's happening next Sunday, next week, next month, next quarter, & probably most about next fiscal year. These are exciting conversations, or should I say discussions, for they help us focus on the future of PUC.

My tenure as Board President is up in a couple of months, so I thought I might take a few minutes to reflect about the last two years and what my tenure has taught me (or at least tried to teach me). So, here is my TOP-TEN list of things I learned as Board President:

### 1. Be Decisive, but not too much

Quick decisions are not always good decisions  
 The tough decisions are often the most rewarding  
 Cooperation feels good, but keep to your principles  
 Sometimes I am just plain wrong (just ask my wife!)  
 Everybody has an opinion, but there is only one best answer

### 2. Communicate, Communicate, Communicate (...Did I mention communicate?)

Communication isn't easy, but keep trying  
 No matter how hard you try, some folks won't hear it  
 If it itches, scratch it. Delaying will only make it fester  
 Watching from the sidelines and nitpicking isn't communicating

### 3. Change is both difficult and necessary

Trust a committed Task Force  
 Just because we've always done it that way, doesn't make it right

### 4. It's Hard Work to make it Easy

Hard work makes it better  
 Some people volunteer, some people don't  
 It takes hard work (and faith) to get an 87% yes vote

### 5. Listen, Listen, Listen

Don't judge a book by its cover  
 Listen to all sides  
 You can't please everybody (trying to will stop progress)

### 6. Faith is important

Rev Morehouse is a gift  
 If it needs to happen, sometimes it just does  
 Don't look behind the curtain  
 Trust your elected and volunteer leaders

### 7. Someone ALWAYS cares

Some may think the sky is falling  
 Some may enjoy the shooting stars  
 But someone always cares

10 AM Childcare - CR3  
 10:30 AM Sunday Services - H  
 11:45 AM PUC YoUuTh Choir  
 Rehearsal - H  
 12:30 PM [St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble In Concert](#) – H

#### **Monday, April 21, 2014**

11 AM Reading & Responding  
 Women's Book Club- L  
 5 PM [Kundalini Yoga & Meditation Class](#) – H

#### **Tuesday, April 22, 2014**

#### **EARTH DAY**

10 AM [PUC Buddhist Meditation Group](#) - V  
 12 PM Lunch @ Gaetano's  
 (Howey) - O [TS]  
 4 PM Endowment Committee – L

#### **Wednesday, April 23, 2014**

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

*Sunday's Flowers "are to celebrate our daughter Safia's 9th birthday!"*

**—Michele Bethune**

**All May Sundays are available!**



### **The Russians Are Coming...Back to PUC!**

The always popular [St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble](#) will perform at PUC at 12:30 PM THIS **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.

## 8. Listen to those with 20 years of experience

All Churches are not created equal

We have a beautiful location but we need help to stay here

## 9. Do what you can to make it better

Music makes things better

Food makes everything better

Wine makes 3 hour Board Meetings better (even for those who don't partake)

## 10. PUC must thrive

It costs a lot to keep PUC thriving

It's not easy asking for money, but the alternative isn't acceptable

The new Board will start in July. It is a strong board, a thoughtful board, and a board with two open seats...so come and help them help PUC boldly go where it has not gone before.

And as always - Shalom, Salaam, Namaste, Amen, Blessed Be, Live Long and Prosper... and thanks for keeping the candles lit.

—**Gary Hart**

President, PUC Board of Trustees

## Religious Education Matters

### Family Religious Education Ministry

#### APRIL CALENDAR

#### 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!

**Attention Parents.** *This Easter Sunday, please bring your kids directly to the story rug before service begins. We'll have seats saved for you in the front row.*

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

—**Rev. Tamara**

[AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org)



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

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.



### **PASTORAL CARE NEWS:**

Our condolences go out to **Godfrey Pernel**

following the death of his daughter.

**Lenore Snodey** continues to deal with the effects of Leukemia.

**Bob North** is recovering from the removal of painful Bladder Stones.

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact **Reverend John**.  
[pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org)  
or the [PUC Office](#).



### **April's Monthly Theme: SALVATION**

#### **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.



### **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

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!!**

### 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 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!



### **NEW Minister's Class: PHILOSOPHIES OF THE MIND**

4 WEDNESDAYS | **MAY 7, 14, 21, 28** 11:30-12:30 | CLASSROOM 1

*What is the mind? What is consciousness? How does the body play a part? This and other topics will be explored in this introductory course on mind studies led by Rev. John Morehouse.*

FEES : Early Bird: 4 classes: \$25; Regular: 4 classes: \$30; Walk In: \$8 per session

(EARLY BIRD - register 2 weeks prior to series start date)

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [createmeaning.org](http://createmeaning.org) under South Bay / L.A**

### **Blue Sky Mindfulness Training for Kids & Teens**

3 - 4 PM WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING APRIL 30 in CLASSROOM 1

Free introductory class offered on **Wednesday, April 30**.

Subsequent sessions: \$15 per session.

Mindfulness is a powerful way to address states of confusion, strain or turmoil. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE...](#)

year's 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.*

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

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](mailto: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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Hospitality**

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

#### **Ushers:**

Brittany Montgomery & Carrie Pobre

#### **Welcome Table:**

Joyce Block-Miller & Betty Saunders

#### **Greeters:**

Louise Allison & Bill Karg



### **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**  
Books in Our Lives Covenant

## Blue Sky Mindfulness Training for Adults

9 - 10 AM SATURDAYS, BEGINNING MAY 10 in CLASSROOM 1

Free introductory class offered on **Saturday, May 10.**

Subsequent sessions: \$15 per session.

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## Living UU Values Small Group Starts in May

If you were on trial for being a Unitarian Universalist, would there be enough evidence to convict you? How are you living UU values and how can we encourage each other to "walk the talk" of our UU principles? How do we put our UU beliefs into action in our daily lives? What are our responsibilities and obligations as UU's?

These are questions we will be pondering for four sessions, 5 - 6:30 PM, Wednesdays, **May 7, 14, 21, & 28** in the Voyagers Room at PUC. This new small covenant group will be facilitated by **Vivien Hao** [prvivien@gmail.com](mailto:prvivien@gmail.com). Since this is an effort to build deep connections, you will be asked to commit to the four sessions and have the option of continuing or quitting after that. Everyone is welcome-- PUC members and UUs-in-waiting. There will be snacks!

## 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 -- contact Brad Shreve: [bdshreve@outlook.com](mailto:bdshreve@outlook.com) 310.344.8450.

### Pacific Unitarian Church

*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](#)

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

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