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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 1, 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 103 individuals & families who've already turned in 144 Pledge Cards totalling: \$192,556!

[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 4

**10:30 AM Service
Will the Truth Really Set Us Free?**

Rev. John Morehouse

As we begin our monthly spiritual theme of Truth, *Rev. John* asks a very old question.

**Mother's Day
Flower Communion**

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 1, 2014

6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice – H
7 PM Social Justice Ministry Meeting – L

Saturday, May 3, 2014

9:30 AM 2nd Service Task Force – CR1
10 AM Swedish Breakfast (Ripley) - O [TS]

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?"



Minister's Message

Many Flowers Make a Garden

As we begin our spiritual theme of TRUTH this month, I would like to hold up the power of co-creativity as a means to truth. The Unitarian theologian Henry Nelson Wieman spoke of the collective power of "creative interchange": the ability to discern meaning from a diversity of voices gathered in common cause. If ever there was a description of how we "do theology" here at Pacific Unitarian Church, this is it. Wieman's point is that voices engaged in respectful dialogue towards meaning and purpose is always greater than the sum of those voices alone.

At the heart of this theological method is our faith that "beneath our diversity there is a unity that makes us one," as we say each week in the closing to our service. Truth can be had in respecting those voices in dialogue and then moving forward from there. Beauty, like so many flowers in a garden, is found in the blend as much as it is found in each individual flower.

That said, the truth of creative interchange must also transcend individual beliefs. Once a truth, a direction, or decision is reached, it becomes our responsibility to support that truth as members of a community. I will be exploring this dance between the individual and the communal throughout the month. Almost every week I will be asking a spiritual question for us to consider. I hope you will join us.

*With Grace and Grit,
—Rev. John*

Minister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry

MAY CALENDAR

5/4: "Regular" Religious Education class day

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

10 AM [Medical Dignity Workshop](#) – H

Sunday, May 4, 2014

10 AM Childcare - CR3

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir

Rehearsal - H

12 PM Acting Associate Minister

Committee on Ministry - V

12 PM [Journey to Membership](#)

D - CR1

12:15 PM Parking Lot Task Force
- CR2

12:30 PM PUC Choir Concert - H

Monday, May 5, 2014

1 PM Film Screening &
Refreshments:"Colonel Blimp"
(Block-Miller/Harris) - L [TS]

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

10 AM [PUC Buddhist Meditation
Group](#) - V

2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L

7 PM Board Meeting – L

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi -
H

11:30 AM Philosophies of the
Mind Class w/ Rev. John - CR1

3 PM Blue Sky Mindfulness
Training For Kids and Teens -
CR1

5 PM PUC Hump Day Covenant
Group – V

Thursday, May 8, 2014

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice - H

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

Only ONE person has signed
up to bring **Sunday's
Flowers**
for May, June, & July. Please

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 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 year and prepare their presentation for our all-church Religious Education Sundaes Sunday on June 1.

—**Rev. Tamara**

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

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.

Mea Culpa Dept:

Severin's "Music Notes" column was inadvertently omitted from last week's View. Here it is, in all its glory!



Music Notes

From the Music Department:



We've had some GREAT Sunday music lately: Andy Tabb singing Pete Seeger tunes with the Choir; plus Kevin O'Neal, Julio Montero, and Jim Scott; and last

Sunday's dynamic return of Michael Paul. If you didn't quite remember him, you did after you heard him sing this past Sunday!

The choir is looking forward to this **Sunday, May 4**. Linda Alvarez and Mark Denham will be joining both the Youth Choir and the Adult Choir for our morning Service. **Then after Lunch at 12:30, Linda, Mark, and members of the Choir will perform a short informal concert of some of this year's favorite tunes.** Please join us after you've had a bite of our Chef Andy's great brunch.

Later in May the Adult Choir will travel to the UU Community Church of Santa Monica for our annual Pacific Southwest District UU Choir Festival.

And last, but certainly not least, thanks to the children for adding their voices to the mix on Sunday mornings. WE LOVE YOU!

Keep Singing!

—**Severin**

Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director
Music@pacificunitarian.org

sign up for your turn on the Flower Calendar - inside the door of the PUC Office.



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

Mariann Mueck has

broken a bone in her right foot, and has been ordered to stay off of said foot and homebound til some time in June. Cards, emails, calls, & visits will all be appreciated!

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



May's Monthly Theme: **TRUTH**

5/11: 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. *Bring a flower to share in our annual [Flower Communion](#).*

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.



1st Sunday

Retreat to the Mountains w/ PUC June 6-8 -- Sign Up NOW!! This is the last week for PUC members to priority-register for the weekend.

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 fUU's **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!

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

—**Andy Kissner**,
PUC Retreat Dean



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 under South Bay / L.A

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.

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

Rituals for the Journey

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

Instructor: Kim Gosney

Hospitality

Special Thanks to All of YouUU who help!

Thanks again to TOP CHEF **Naresh Deo** and Sous Chefs **Shari Sachs, Lee Ann Hart, Mark Knudson, & Pam Harris** for a fabulous Indian Feast last Sunday.

Also thanks to **Barbara & Frank Paulsen** for bringing in the delicious Samosas!

This Sunday it's TOP CHEF **Andy Kissner's** Big Top Breakfast with eggs, bacon, and all the fixins'!!

Yours in Service

—**Francis Morehouse**



Ushers:

Carlos Angeles & John Einhorn

Welcome Table:

Betty Saunders & Lee Ann Hart

Greeters:

2 OPEN POSITIONS Please contact [Jean Tordella](#) if you'd like to make sure everyone is warmly welcomed when they arrive on Sunday!



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 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

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.

FEES: Early Bird: \$12 (Register 2 weeks prior to series start date)
Regular: \$17 Walk In: \$20

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



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 UUs?

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. 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 310.344.8450.

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Love Beyond Belief!

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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Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

Office Hrs: Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM,

Mon. - Thurs: 11 PM - 5 PM

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