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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

January 10, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is LIVING FULLY!!! (and I don't mean just the fabUUloUU after-Service luncheons) This month's message is all about living to oUUr potentials and much much more! You'll find all the PUC news that fits in print here in *THE VIEW*...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

Upcoming Services:

January's Monthly Theme:
LIVING FULLY

This Sunday

9:15 AM

2nd Sunday Forum:

Faith Like a River:

Themes From Our UU History

10:30 AM Service

Family Values

Families come in all shapes and sizes. In keeping with our monthly theme of "living fully" Rev. John explores some of the values which make our families spiritually deeper and stronger.

12:30 PM

Food Garden Fine Tuning

Workshop Sunday @ PUC

If you grow vegetables and fruit, teach biology, or if you want to learn how to use our land to improve the quality of life on this planet, then you will enjoy this. With a lecture & Hands-on learning from Dr. Bill Roley (from the Permaculture Institute of SoCal). Join us for lunch on the Patio after the Service and then meet in the Library for a short film & talk, followed by a planting session in



Minister's Message

This I Believe

I thought I would start out the new year by inviting all of us to ponder what gives our life meaning. Why are we here, alive and living? How can we live as fully as possible? What matters most? The more I live, the more I find these questions vital. As a younger man I was more concerned with getting ahead in the world measured against the yardstick of social expectation. Raising a family, building a church, working for justice are noble ends, but as the years have advanced I have come to believe these noble ends could just as easily be the means to an even greater end.

What is that greater end? I believe it is an end to which each of us is pulled if we follow the signs of grace. In a larger sense I believe all of humanity is evolving towards a world of kindness and creativity made real by the relationships we keep. We are a long way from that ideal world, but I do believe we are the hands and hearts that move humanity forward with every act of creativity and compassion. We are, I believe, co-creating the world together. There are setbacks to be sure but we are called on.

At a personal level we are invited to this co-creation through what I

call "moments of grace", opportunities to help transform our world in small ways. *Facing Grace* is my essential theology, the system by which I make sense out of the world. I believe we are each endowed with a purpose, although that purpose is often unclear. Trying to discern the purpose through acts of kindness and creativity is why we are here.

My good friend and colleague Tom Owen-Towle calls us "free thinking mystics with hands". You don't have to spend your life trying to figure out your purpose, just follow the signs of grace and let your purpose unfold before you. And here's the clincher for me: I believe that grace and purpose are most often found in relationship with others. That is why being in communities such as our Church is so important to living a full spiritual life; what the theologian Henry Nelson Weiman called "creative interchange", something better is created by being together. *Facing Grace* is that calling from the cosmos to finish the job of a kinder world, one act of compassion and creation at a time.

That's what I believe. What gives your life meaning? I would love to hear from you.

*See you in church,
—Rev. John*

Minister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

We have a great winter/spring with lots of fun and learning planned for our children and youth!!

Our Secret Pal Program begins on **January 20** (with sign-ups ending on **January 13**.) This is a wonderful intergenerational opportunity to forge new friendships among our adults and our children and youth through the exchange of weekly letters and a lunch together at the end. We hope for a LARGE number of pairs participating this year, so please stop by the Family Religious Education table in the next two weeks to learn more and to sign-up!! Join in the fun!!

1/13 Second week of our Unit on Hinduism and the last chance to sign up for the Secret Pal Program today.

1/20 Final week of our Unit on Hinduism. The Secret Pal program letter exchange begins today.

1/27 Spiritual Practices Workshop Sunday for Hobbits through YRUUs. This is a new offering for our children and youth that provides them with the opportunity to experience various spiritual practices as a way of increasing their spiritual "literacy." Each group will experience three different practices.

Congregation members who have a spiritual practice that they would be willing and able to share with our children and youth please contact me.

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

our Permaculture Garden. We hope Garden Angels will attend this event, and bring your friends! It will be fun. And if you don't believe me, [CLICK HERE](#) to see what the PV News has to say.

Thank you for joining the Permaculture movement as a participant. Wear casual clothes we will be moving to the garden and planting winter seedlings which our RE kids grew from seed.

Any questions: Contact Dorian Tippet

greensanctuary@pacificunitarian.org

The Week At a Glance

Friday, January 11, 2013

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - Hiatus
7 PM GLBTQ Movie Night – No Movie This Month

Saturday, January 12, 2013

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V
10 AM Temple Emet Shabbat Svc – H

Sunday, January 13, 2013

9:15 AM Forum - In Nature's Honor: Myths & Rituals Celebrating the Earth-L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - L
12:15 PM Meet Your Leaders-- CR1
3 PM SB Chamber Music Society Concert - H
7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana - H
7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp - L

Monday, January 14, 2013

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
5 PM Kundalini Yoga Class - H
7 PM Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
12 PM Pastoral Care Associates Mtg - L
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp - L
7 PM Board Meeting – L

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O
7 PM Choir Practice – H

Thursday, January 17, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How-L
7 PM Finance Committee – L

Flowers for the Church

**A Month & 3/4 of
Sundays...**

ALL of the Sundays in

2nd SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

* In Nature's Honor: Myths, Rituals, & Holidays Celebrating the Earth.

Led by Jeff Ordway

* 12:15 PM: **New** Book Study & Discussion: The Transition Companion by Rob Hopkins. Chapter 1. Readings provided.

[* CLICK HERE for your Month-at-a-Glance reference *](#)

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

New Monday Yoga & Meditation Basics Class

Start the New Year with a healthy practice for your mind, body, & spirit! Join us in the Hall on **Mondays from 5 - 6:15 PM** for *Kundalini yoga*, a physical, mental, and spiritual discipline for developing strength, flexibility, consciousness, and character.

Led by: *Aimée Donahue, Yoga Instructor and Therapist*

www.yogawithaimee.com

Join us as we move with relaxing music to calm the mind while keeping the body healthy and youthful. Tap into your body's innate inner healing power!

There will be a suggested donation per class.

How Do We Become a Multicultural Congregation?

Join Vivien Hao at 9:15 AM, **Sunday Jan. 20** in PUC's Schuder Library for the second of three strategizing sessions on how to make PUC a more diverse, anti-racist and multicultural congregation. We'll look at myths and misconceptions, see what's worked at other communities, and work on developing a plan for our Church in 2013 and beyond.

This ties in with our "Big Growth" plan-- how can we grow with intention, purpose, and justice in mind? What can each of us do and what should we *avoid* doing/saying? Help us shape the future of PUC so that we can thrive and shine in an increasingly multicultural Los Angeles. Contact Vivien with questions: prvivien@gmail.com.

For more information about ALL our offerings visit our Adult RE pages on the PUC website: www.pacificunitarian.org.

[Around the District and Beyond...](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for the latest South Bay Unitarian Fellowship Newsletter

Happy Birthday Thomas

Last week we honored the 188th anniversary of Thomas Starr King's birthday and International Migrants Day. What do they have in common? During the height of the anti-immigrant Know-Nothing Party in the 1850s, the Rev. Thomas Starr King argued that it was by

2013 are now available!

Now all we need is for YOUU to pick YOUUUR Sunday(s) to bring flowers!

Please contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date!



UUSC News

It really is happening!!!

UUSC Guest at Your Table boxes will be collected this Sunday!!!!!!

Don't forget to convert all those bills & coins to a check. Make your check payable to *UUSC/Guest At Your Table*.

If you prefer not to use the box or check, you can support UUSC directly online at www.uusc.org. Thanks, again, for your support.

—Sandy McNeil

Save the Dates!

1/26: MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT BUDDY MIXER: SATURDAY, 1/26

It's a fUUn way to get to know other PUCers - potluck dinner at a member's home @ 7 PM. Especially for our visitors, new members and our Buddy volunteers.

RSVP to Buddy Coordinator denise@umeworks.com.

[Learn more about the Buddy Program](#)

3/23: PUC Anniversary Party & Auction

Mark your calendars for this year's PUC Anniversary Party and Auction on **Saturday, March 23** at 5:30 PM! PUC's largest annual fundraising event is always lots of fun. Come join your PUC family as you eat great food, visit with old and new friends, and bid on fun

accepting immigrants that Americans could uphold the legacy of the American Revolution.

"We California UU's have a wonderful legacy about racial justice, owing to the words and deeds of the Rev. Thomas Starr King." [To read more about Starr King's commitment to immigrants and racial equality from historian Glenna Matthews - click here.](#)

Today about 2400 immigrants each month are being deported from California, shattering families and destroying the trust in local law enforcement.

Let's help immigrant families and honor Starr King's legacy, with a call to the Governor to ask him to move more quickly to address the [new version of the TRUST Act](#) - Please call Governor Brown's office at (916) 445-2841. [Click here to see a sample message.](#)

With the CA Attorney General recently issuing [groundbreaking new guidance](#) to local law enforcement, immigrant justice is gaining momentum! This is an important moment to ask Governor Brown to do his part. Thanks and blessings,

Rev. Lindi Ramsden
Senior Minister & Executive Director
[UU Legislative Ministry, CA](#)

Sunday Adult Religious Education Offerings

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1st Sunday

9:15 PM: Faith Like a River: Themes From Our UU History

12:15 PM: Theological Academy—Judaism and the Hebrew Bible
(2 classes: 1/6/13 and 3/3/13) Led by Rev. John - **NEW!**

12:15 PM: Standing on the Side of Love Documentary Series

(1st Sunday of every odd-numbered month starting in January, 2013)

2nd Sunday

9:15 AM: In Nature's Honor: Myths, Rituals, & Holidays Celebrating the Earth. Led by Jeff Ordway

12:15 PM: Book Study & Discussion: The Transition Companion by Rob Hopkins. Chapter 1. Readings provided.

3rd Sunday

9:15 AM: The Multicultural Congregation. Led by Vivien Hao - **NEW!**

12:15 PM: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

4th Sunday

9:15 AM: Reading Group: Sacred Economics: Money, Gift and Community in an Age of Transition. Led by Rev. John - **NEW!**

12:15 – 1:30 PM: Leadership Academy—*Leadership and Community* Module. Led by Kathy Rickey - **NEW!**

5th Sunday (9/30/12 & 12/30/12, 3/31/13, 6/30/13)

9:15 AM: Choices in a Jar – Delightful Dilemmas

Recurring Events

Sundays

and creative auction items.

Also, be thinking about what auction item(s) you'll contribute this year: trips, parties, home cooked meals, professional services, lessons, etc. *The planning committee will start reaching out to members the week of January 1 to request auction items.*

Looking forward to seeing you on **March 23!**

Upcoming Services:

January's Monthly Theme: **LIVING FULLY**

1/20: We Have Set A Place For You

PUC'er Kim Gosney explores the graciousness of placekeeping, with the table as a metaphor for "living fully", sourcing compassion and resilience in our lives.

1/27: Cherish the Dream

Living fully requires us to imagine what we and our world could become. Rev. John will share the meaning of the prophets of the American Dream in this special Service.

First Sunday Hospitality Special Thanks To Last Sundays's Kitchen Helpers

Andy Kissner's PANCAKE-SAUSAGE-BACON-EGG SCRAMBLE was a HUGE success. Thank you to those who dropped into the Kitchen to help out unexpectedly.

*If you'd like to help, you can contact: **Mega Top Chef:** [Francis Morehouse](#); 310 291 3399*

PAPA SAN Chair Frame...Not long ago SOMEONE popped into the kitchen and offered a papa san chair frame to use in the voyagers room. If you are reading this... Ring Francis 310- 291- 3399.

Ushers:

YRUU High School Group, 10:30 AM, L
Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th Sun., 12 noon, Fu Yuan Low Restaurant -
Next Date: **Sunday, March 31**
Monthly Town Hall Mtg, 3rd Sun., H
Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd Sun., L
Books in Our Lives Covenant Group, 1st & 3rd Sun., 7 PM, L
Meditation Circle w/ Gilana (Randy) Goff, 7 PM, All but 1st Sun

Mondays

Tai Chi (Pekich), Mondays, 9:30 AM, H
Women's Reading & Responding Grp, 3rd Mon., 11 AM
Men's Ministry, Mon., 7 PM, V
Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H

Thursdays

Aerobics: 8:30 AM, H
Women's Circle, 4th Thursdays, 10 AM
Tai Chi (Beck), Each Thurs., 10 AM, H
Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L
Environmental Priorities Mtg, 1st Thurs., 7:30 PM, L
Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee Clatch. 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM, Catalina
Coffee Co.

Fridays

Watercolor Workshop, 10 AM - noon, H
GBLTQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

Saturdays

French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty
Chevron

Raychel Lydon & **OPEN
POSITION**

Welcome Table:
Betty Hanner & Chip Morgan

Greeters:
Peggy Tigerman & Jean
Tordella

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

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