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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 17, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is looking forward to Kim Go leading this Sunday's Service: "We Have Set a Place for You." Please be seated this Sunday! You'll find info on that and 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

3rd Sunday Forum:

[The Multicultural Congregation.](#)

[Led by Vivien Hao - NEW!](#)

10:30 AM Service

**We Have Set A
Place For You**

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

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, January 17, 2013

7 PM Finance Committee - L

Friday, January 18, 2013

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - H
2 PM Social Justice Committee - L
7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Svc-H

Sunday, January 20, 2013

9:15 AM Forum: UUA Statement of
Conscience Issues - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Intro to UU/PUC - L
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group -
L
7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy)-H



From Rev. Tamara's Desk

Awe & Wonder

When in your life have you felt awe and wonder? I've asked this question many times of fellow Unitarian Universalists and although the answers may vary, everyone is able to come up with multiple examples of experiencing awe and wonder in their life. It is part of our human journey but as in many facets of life, we vary greatly in how we articulate our response to these times of awe and wonder. Some people use the language of our interconnected web, some express an understanding of awe and wonder as human centered, and some respond that it is God or Goddess. Whatever our way of interpreting these times and places, we share a common human bond in understanding that there is more than just the "me" in life, that there is something larger to which we are called to respond.

This past weekend I was part of a team of local Unitarian Universalist (UU) ministers who planned and presented an all-day workshop called the *Awe and Wonder Retreat* for over fifty worship associates from 13 congregations. We had a great time talking about and experiencing worship and I was struck yet again with what I see as the great challenge and the great hope that forms the core of our religious identity. The broad tent of our UU faith means that we gather together with common cause and seek a ground of worship life and

community that includes all comers. This means that the rational humanists, the theists, the spiritual atheists, and all the variations and possibilities of world views among us realize that we are all humans experiencing awe and wonder (and other deep emotions) yet that we articulate our response to the mystery of life in varied ways. This is our great challenge: that we learn to embrace our theological diversity and create space for our varied responses. This is also our great hope: that we rejoice in companioning one another on our spiritual journeys, inclusive of the myriad of ways that each of us articulates a response to the mysteries of life.

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

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

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3rd SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

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

* 12:15 PM: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

Join the Banned Book Club

Interested in some lively discussion with PUC friends in a convivial home setting? Join us for the second Banned Book Club meeting at 7 PM, this **Friday, Jan. 18**, at the home of **Denise Shiozawa** (see directory for address). This month, we are discussing *Catcher in the Rye*, one of the most controversial banned books of the last two generations. You've probably read it years ago; now see it with new eyes and find out why it's endured the test of time for both lovers and critics of the coming of age story.

Our next book will, no doubt, be also scintillating and powerful. Men and women, all ages are welcomed. We meet every third Friday at the home of a member. Bring a snack to share. Contact Vivien Hao for more info prvivien@gmail.com.

Monday, January 21, 2013 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed**

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club- L
5 PM Kundalini Yoga Class - H
7 PM Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
7 PM Program Council - L

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

11 AM Staff Mtg - L
3:30 PM Worship Team - L
7 PM Choir Practice - H
7 PM Infinity in Your Hands Grp - L

Thursday, January 24, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
10 AM Women's Circle - L
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Sunday's Flowers are "in honor of Super Sunday Mega Top Chef Frances Morehouse."

—Janet Steinberg

Flowers for the Church

A Month & 3/4 of Sundays...

Almost ALL of the Sundays in 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!

Janet Kissner Joins Board

The PUC Board is pleased to announce the appointment of **Janet Kissner** to the PUC Board of Trustees. Janet will fill one of the vacant positions on the Board. We are thrilled to have her as part of the Church Leadership.

—Gary Hart, President, PUC Board of Trustees



UUSC News

Michael Dukakis Speaks: "2012 & the Future for the Democratic Party"

Guest Speaker [Governor Michael Dukakis](#) will speak at the January meeting of the PV Democratic Club, from 2:30-4:30 PM THIS **Saturday, January 19 @ PUC.**

How Do We Become a Multicultural Congregation?

Join Vivien Hao at 9:15 AM, THIS **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.

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

Women's Circle Meets on 4th Thursdays—Join Us 1/24

The Women's Circle is a group of women "of a certain age" who meet once a month to exchange ideas and enjoy conversation with each other. This is to announce that our meetings are held in the PUC Library at 10:00 AM on the fourth Thursday of each month. We wish to invite any interested women to join us.

—Gerry Howey

Will You Stand On The Side of Love?

Join UU's across the country for *30 Days of Love: A Spiritual Journey for Social Justice*. The following is from the *Standing On The Side of Love* website:

Standing on the Side of Love is a community of people compelled to speak out against oppression, united in the common belief that love is the ultimate guiding force of our world. Join us for the *Thirty Days of Love*, a period for intentional action, service, education, and reflection running from **January 19 to February 17, 2013**.

We are at a transformational moment—struggling to confront our culture of violence and bullying, anxious to see further advancements for LGBTQ equality, and poised to push our leaders to finally enact compassionate, comprehensive immigration reform. Wherever you come from, however you found us, open your heart and lift up your

This is a heartfelt Thank You!!!!!! PUC's *Guest At Your Table* contributions totaled close to \$1,200. You are all awesome!! This is about a 25% increase from last year. If you haven't returned your GAYT box yet, bring 'em in!!!

—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](#)

2/9: Black & White Party

PUC'S annual **Black & White Party** is fast-approaching: 7:30 PM on **Saturday, February 9** – Some of PUC's finest musicians will tickle the ivories, and your fancy; and black & white-themed desserts that y'all bring will tantalize your taste buds. Tickets go on sale on the Patio soon!!!!

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 and creative auction items.

Also, be thinking about what

voice during the Thirty Days of Love for a world transformed through the power of love. Take the pledge to join this spiritual journey for social justice!

Encourage everyone you know at PUC, friends and family to join this exciting event. To find out more and to take the pledge, please [CLICK HERE](#).

—Brad Shreve, Chair, Standing On the Side of Love

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.

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS



21st Annual MLK Interfaith Celebration

3 PM, **Sunday, January 20**

[SOUTH COAST INTERFAITH COUNCIL](#) Gospel Memorial Church of God in Christ

[1480 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach 90813](#)

Keynote Speaker: Edina Lekovic, Director of Policy & Programming, Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)

Free! All are Welcome! Free!

Sunday Adult Religious Education Offerings

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

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**

1/27: 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.

Wanted:

Donations of musical instruments to stock the newly revamped Voyagers Room. Drop off with Mr. Craig in the PUC Office. Thanks!!

T-Shirts for 2, or 2 for T-Shirts...

"I need lots of VERY LARGE old tee shirts to use in my classroom as paint smocks. I KNOW there are some large men out there who are dying to get rid of old, stained, ripped tee shirts. Please them bring any tee shirts to the RE table and I will pick them up each Sunday. Thank you!"

—Connie Ordway

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

TOP CHEF Francis Morehouse brought Hot Soup & Baked Potatoes last SUUnday, which helped to ward off some of the chill of outdoor dining on the Patio. Thank you to the Sous Chefs who helped make all that possible: Kim Go, Roberta Roberts, JC Chacon,

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

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

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Gilana Goff, Madeline Morehouse,

Barbara Paulsen, & the ever-present, effervescent Michael Mariani. Kudos to you all!!

THIS Sunday's lunch will be a PIZZA PARTY!!!!

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

Ushers:

Britany Manning & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller & Betty Saunders

Greeters:

Bill Karg

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