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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 31, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC looks towards that moral arc of the universe justifying things too. See what we're doing about it here in *THE VIEW*...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!



Music Notes

From the Music Department:



Thanks to our Youth Choir for participating in the Service last Sunday. We look forward to more of your beautiful voices and spirit. We meet Sundays from 11:45 until 12:15. It's a fun way for kids to learn about Unitarian principles via music.

The **BLACK AND WHITE CONCERT** is coming up soon – at 7:30 PM on **Saturday, February 9**. This is an annual church fundraising event that features piano music by our own members. Everyone is encouraged to dress in high-falutin' black and white *formal* attire. Outrageous hats are also encouraged. After the concert we treat ourselves to a potluck of exclusively black and white finger desserts. So dig out that tux or sequin-studded black dress that you wore to the governor's ball and get a'baking (or a'buying). Tickets are reasonable priced at \$20 per adult (kids are FREE), but you can always give more...

The PUC Choir is excited about two projects scheduled for this spring. We will be inviting people from the community to join us in a performance of Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* on May 5. Perhaps YOU want to get involved. Then on May 17 we will host our regional PSWD UU Choir Festival.

Keep Singing!

Upcoming Services:

February's Monthly Theme:
JUSTICE

This Sunday

9:15 AM 1st Sunday Forum

Faith Like a River: Themes From
Our UU History

10:30 AM Service

Broken and Brilliant

Rev. John reflects on the possibility of creating something new from what is broken in our lives and culture.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, January 31, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

Friday, February 01, 2013

10 AM Watercolor Wkshp - Hiatus Until
Further Notice

6:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Svc-H

Saturday, February 02, 2013

5:30 PM Pagan Imbolc Celebration - L
6 PM South Bay Tai Chi Party - H

Sunday, February 03, 2013

9:15 AM Forum - Faith like a River:

Themes from our UU History - L

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2

7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy) - H

7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group
- L

Monday, February 04, 2013

—Severin
Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director

Music@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

February promises to be a great month in our
Family Religious Education Program!

Our Secret Pal program is going strong with almost double the number of participants from last year. Pal Pairs are looking forward to the Revealing Luncheon after Church on **February 10!** The Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers will spend February learning about Buddhism with three new Activity Guides leading the way: Peggy Nguyen, Brad Shreve, and Emily Morison. Our YRUU youth will select a topic and plan the Faith in Action Day for children and youth coming up on **February 24.**

2/3: Kindergarten through grade 8 (Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers) will begin learning about Buddhism. Secret Pal program - last week to exchange letters!

2/10: Buddhism week 2 for Kindergarten through grade 8. Secret Pal Revealing Lunch in the Meditation Garden after Service (beginning around 11:45.)

2/17: Last week of Buddhism unit for Kindergarten through grade 8. YRUU finalizes plans for Faith in Action Day.

2/24: Faith in Action Day! All children and youth (Kindergarten and above) help build a better world by putting their UU faith into action!

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

4th SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

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

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

Isis Paedusis Presents Imbolc/Candlemas Celebration

5:30 PM, **Saturday, February 2** in the PUC Library
Our Imbolc is dedicated this year to the triple-Brigit; Brigit, as she is known in three traditions. Our intentions are healing and sprouting the seeds of the New Year. Wear red and white or colors you associate with the season; ritual attire is requested. Bring finger-food to share: think afternoon tea-type refreshments.

As always, our groundhog mascot, Palos Verdes Pancho, will be with us to see whether winter will continue or whether we will have an early spring. This ceremony is appropriate for women, men, and teens. Please RSVP so we will be prepared for the right number of

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

Tuesday, February 05, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp -L
5 PM BGP Steering Cmte & Board Mtg - L
7 PM Board Mtg. - L

Wednesday, February 06, 2013

11 AM Staff Mtg - L
6:30 PM Stewardship - O
7 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, February 07, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
7:30 PM Environmental Priorities Network -
L

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!



Pastoral Care

It is with heartfelt sympathy and great sadness that we announce the passing of PUC member **Tom Rische** on Saturday, January 26 at 10:30 AM. He died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family.

We extend our condolences to the entire Rische family. Please keep Gerry and the rest of their family in the light during this difficult time. Plans for Tom's Celebration of Life will be announced when they are finalized.

Save the Dates!

**3/23: PUC Anniversary Party &
Auction**

participants.

Em hotep, em Ma'at,

—*The Iseum of Isis Paedusis* (310) 371-0274

GLBTQ Movie for February 2013: *Big Eden*

Please join us at 7 PM this **Friday, February 8**, in the PUC Library for an evening of film, fun, and friends.

Successful but lonely New York artist Henry Hart (Arye Gross) returns to Big Eden to care for his ailing grandfather and winds up confronting his unrequited passion for his high school best friend and his feelings about being gay in a small town. As Henry works through his emotions, the townspeople quietly conspire to help him along, until Henry realizes new possibilities for both friendship and romance. Also starring Eric Schweig & Louise Fletcher.

As always, lively discussion immediately follows the film.

Last Chance to Buy Black & White Tickets on the Patio

This **Sunday, February 3** after Service is the last chance to buy Black & White tickets before the night of the concert. Don't be stressed and waiting in line for tickets the night of the show. Bring your checkbook to Church on Sunday and get your tickets ahead of time.

\$20 suggested donation for adults. Children attend for free. Childcare is available.

Please let Patricia Hart know if you need childcare for this event.

And please bring a "Black &/or White" dessert to share that can be eaten with fingers, not forks or spoons.

Need A Lift? Got A Lift?

The Pastoral Care Team is enhancing our ministry to assist members who are unable to drive. *We are working to build a list of volunteers who would be available to give needed rides to others to doctors' appointments, grocery stores or here to PUC.* We're not seeking long-term commitments, just people who may have some spare time now and again to provide much needed assistance.

If you are having mobility problems and need assistance in getting rides, we would like to hear from you as well.

I will be available on the Patio this Sunday to begin a list of names of those who may be available to give rides and those who may, occasionally, need one. This is a very importance ministry, so we look forward to hearing from you.

—Brad Shreve for the Pastoral Care Team

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

5/5-7 UU Women's Retreat @ Camp de Benneville Pines Sign up now to pamper your inner Goddess!

Join together with old friends and new for a weekend of pure bliss in the mountains! Treat yourself to a fun-filled weekend of reading, relaxing, belly dancing, drumming, singing, dancing, hiking, playing, listening, sharing, and attending a variety of workshops.

This year's theme is "A Circle of Trust - Balancing Your Life". Our theme speaker, Reverend Kathleen Owens, will share insights she has gathered throughout her life and ministry on how to bring intellectual, spiritual and practical balance to your life.

There is so much to share with one another at our annual retreat. We hope you join us! Friends of UU's welcome too!

For more information and to register, visit www.UUCAMP.org.

Upcoming Services:

February's Monthly Theme:
JUSTICE

2/10 Love and Marbles

In celebration of St. Valentine's day, Rev. John will explore how love is foundation to justice. Join us for our marble communion.

2/17 Bending Toward

Submit Split-Plate Nominations for 2013

During 2012, PUC members supported many organizations through our split-plate collections during the Sunday Services. Over a dozen organizations received funds including Chalice Oak Foundation, First UU Immigration Bonding Out Fund, Fort Collins UU Church for CO Fire Survivors, South Bay Family Healthcare, and the SPCA-LA. We would like to receive nominations for 2013 from PUC members. The nominated organization must have a 501(c)(3) status and be aligned with the UU Principles and Purposes.

If there is an organization you would like to nominate, please pick up a Stewardship Committee Split-Plate Nomination form from Box 30 in the PUC Office.

—Janet Kissner, for the Stewardship Committee

Paul Coletti and Friends

8 PM, Friday Feb. 8 **AND** 3 PM, Sunday, Feb. 10 @ PUC

Due to construction at Harbor College the [South Bay Chamber Music Society](#) has moved its 8 PM **Friday, February 8 & Friday, March 8** concerts here to Pacific Unitarian Church. There is no admission charge for these concerts.

Paul Coletti and Friends:

Simone Porter, violin; Paul Coletti; viola; Benjamin Lash, cello; Phillip Bush, piano

Cadenza from Planets for solo viola (2012) - [Paul Coletti](#)

Morpheus for viola and piano (1917) - [Rebecca Clarke](#)

Piece en forme de habanera for viola and piano (1907) - [Maurice Ravel](#)

Passacaglia for violin and viola (after Handel) (1893) - [Johan Halvorsen](#)

From my Heart for viola and piano trio (1993) - Paul Coletti

Circus for viola and piano trio (1996) - Paul Coletti

Quartet Op. 2 in F minor (1823) - Felix Mendelssohn

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

Justice

The very core of Unitarian Universalism calls us to build a world of justice, connection, and healing. Rev. Tamara explores the past, present, and future of justice-making and our liberal religious faith.

2/24 Justice Making

With the tools of hope and love, a new world is possible. Rev. John will preach about the tools to healing a broken world.

A UU Said That?

"I am confirmed in my division of human energies. Ambitious people climb, but faithful people build."

—[Julia Ward Howe](#)

Wanted:

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

First Sunday Hospitality

2013 is off to a great beginning ... THANKS TO TOP CHEFS VIVIEN HAO & ANDY KISSNER & Sous Chefs: Doris Peñalosa, Linda Shahian, Pam Harris, Lee Ann Hart, Caitlin Masters, Brittany Montgomery, JC Chacon, & Gilana Goff for a fabUUloUU lunch that was enjoyed by ALL.

If you'd like to help with the Sunday feast, you can contact:

Mega Top Chef:

[Francis Morehouse](#); 310 291 3399

Ushers:

Tracy Blender & George Yenoki

Welcome Table:

Marty Gorman

Greeters:

Nancy Hofland & Dennis Murray

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

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, L

NEW! Yoga w/ Aimee - All are welcome, Mondays, 5 PM, H

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 Network 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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