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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



February 28, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is all about ACCEPTANCE --
accepting other people, ideas, feelings, AND items for *The View* from
PUC! Send 'em to newsletter@pacificunitarian.org....See what we're
all about here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT
IT!

Upcoming Services:

March's Monthly Theme:
ACCEPTANCE

This Sunday

9:15 PM 1st Sunday Forum

**Faith Like a River: Themes From
Our UU History**

10:30 AM Service

Allies in the Making

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John kicks off March's
exploration of ACCEPTANCE

12:15 PM

Theological Academy

The Historical Jesus

Led by **Rev. John**

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, February 28, 2013

8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch -
Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Friday, March 1, 2013

6:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service - H

Sunday, March 3, 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
12:15 PM Standing On the Side of Love'
Documentary Series - L



From Rev. Tamara's Desk

While raising my children, now ages 20 and 24, I often felt that I was trying to undo the messages they were receiving in the broader culture. Indeed, for myself as an adult, I seek out like-minded people in our UU community which supports our individual and collective growth toward progressive, compassionate, and constructive values. In striving for these goals, UU minister Tom Owen-Towle calls us "free-thinking mystics with hands."

How can we best develop this three aspect nature? Author Dale McGowan (*Parenting Beyond Belief, Raising Freethinkers*) has collaborated with several others to set forth a list of guidelines for parents navigating these sometime difficult waters, which hold up equally well as goals for people of all ages:

1. Encourage ever-wider circles of empathy
2. Nurture active moral development
3. Promote ravenous curiosity
4. Teach engaged coexistence
5. Encourage religious literacy
6. Leave people unlabeled
7. Make death natural and familiar
8. Invite the questioning of authority

At PUC, we do a good job in integrating the above list of goals through all aspects of our community life! As we move forward in the next few months through our combined Growth and Reinvestment Campaign, I encourage each of us to consider the value our beloved church community has, not only for each and every one of us in pursuing goals such as the ones listed above, but also for future generations, for our local community, and for the broader world.

On a personal note, thank you for the warm and generous support I received during my recent time of surgery and recuperation.

Namaste~

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Spring is in the air and there is lots of fun and learning in store for our children and youth this month at PUC! The Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers (grades K-8) will spend the first three weeks in March learning about Judaism with our Activity Guides, David Kane and Tracy Lewis, leading the way; and we welcome a special guest, Temple Emet's Rabbi DiDi Thomas.

This month we also have our second Spiritual Practices Workshop and celebrate Easter! Our YRUU teens will have time to relax and hang out and also select a topic and plan the upcoming Youth Sunday Worship service scheduled for **April 7**.

Family Religious Education Ministry MARCH CALENDAR

3/3: Kindergarten through 8th grade (Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers) begin learning about Judaism with a special guest, Rabbi DiDi Thomas.

3/10: Judaism week 2 for Kindergarten through 8th grade.

3/17: Last week of Judaism unit for Kindergarten through 8th grade. YRUU continues planning Youth Sunday.

3/24: Spiritual Practices Workshop Sunday for Hobbits through YRUUs. This provides our children and youth with the opportunity to experience various spiritual practices as a way of increasing their spiritual "literacy."

3/31: Easter Festivities!! Watch announcements in the VIEW for more information about this day of egg hunts and Easter fun.

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

Opportunity: We are looking for a few people who would like to assist in our Preschool (Pixie) class. No lesson preparation, just help the teaching team and have fun! Time commitment would be one Sunday

12:15 PM Theological Academy: The Historical Jesus - Led by Rev. John
7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy) - H

Monday, March 04, 2013

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

5 PM Kundalini Yoga Class - H

7 PM Men's Ministry - V

Tuesday, March 05, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp - V

6 PM Soulful Sundown Service - H

7 PM Board Exec. Mtg. - V

7 PM Standing On the Side of Love Mtg. - O

7:30 PM Board Mtg. - V

Wednesday, March 06, 2013

11 AM Staff Mtg - L

6:30 PM Stewardship - O

7 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, March 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...

Is it your turn?

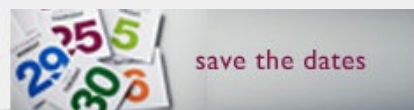
March 24; April 14, 21

May 5, 12, 19, 26 And almost ALL of the remaining Sundays in 2013 are now available!

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

This Sunday's Flowers are "In memory of Lou Slavich, and in honor of our son Paul Slavich's birthday."

—Olga Slavich



3/10: 15th Annual

PsalmFest Music Concert

Come support our PUC Choir!!

7pm -- **Sunday March 10**

Warner Grand Theater

[478 W 6th St. San Pedro, CA](#)

morning per month; rewards are priceless. If you are interested, please sign up at the Family Religious Education table on the Patio or contact Rev. Tamara at AssocMinister@PacificUnitarian.org.

1st SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

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

12:15 PM: Theological Academy—The Historical Jesus Led by Rev. John - **NEW!**

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

PUC's Anniversary Party is Saturday, March 23: Donate Auction Items & Volunteer for the Event

PUC's 56th annual Anniversary Party and Auction is less than a month away - **Saturday, March 23**, at 5:30 PM. Although the event brochure is about to go to print, it is never too late to donate auction items. If you have a late addition for the Auction, please contact Barbara Paulsen.

In addition, we need a group of volunteers for Event Set-Up, During the Event, or Clean-Up. Please contact Janet Kissner at jandy@socal.rr.com to volunteer, or for any questions.

Congregation Gives Go-Ahead on Growth Plan

Dear PUC Members and Friends,

Your Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that you have resoundingly endorsed the PUC Vision and Strategic Plan by a supermajority approval of the Growth and Reinvestment Campaign.

Approve: 88 votes

Disapprove: 17 votes

Abstain: 10 votes

Approval percentage: 84%

This vote marks another major step forward in our shared work to ensure PUC is positioned to be the shining beacon of hope and transformation for generations to come. We have been, are, and will continue to be a "Breakthrough Congregation" within the broader UUA Movement.

With Sincere Thanks,

—Your PUC Board of Trustees

MEMORIAL TILE FOR NANCY HOFLAND

As most of you know, we lost a dear and valued member of PUC on February 11. **Nancy Hofland** was a quiet activist who always did

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Tickets: \$10



Pastoral Care

Nancy Hofland died unexpectedly on February 11.

Her Celebration of Life is scheduled for **Saturday, March 2**, at 1 PM. Please hold Nancy's friends and family in your heart. *Please contact **Dorian Tippet** if you'd like to bring vegetarian food for Nancy's Celebration of Life.*

Longtime friend of PUC, *Viola Rawcliffe*, has passed. A Memorial Service will be held for her at Canterbury on **Sunday, March 3** at 2:30 PM.

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact **Reverend John**. pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org.

—Brad Shreve for the
Pastoral Care Team

Upcoming Services: March's Monthly Theme: **ACCEPTANCE**

3/10: **Wise Women**
Rev. John Morehouse

3/17: **Radical Acceptance**
Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
Rev. Tamara explores the concept of acceptance as a spiritual practice.

3/24 **Christianity Redone**
Rev. John Morehouse

3/31: **Proverbs of Ashes**
Easter
Rev. John Morehouse

A UU Said That?

more than her share to support social justice causes, from civil rights to anti-racist efforts to environmental issues. In order to honor Nancy and keep her memory alive, we'd like to purchase a Memorial Tile for her. The total cost of the tile is \$100.

If you're interested in contributing to this effort, please contact **Linda Shahian** at 310-547-9377, or just locate her any Sunday on the Patio after Church.

The PV Great Books Discussion Group Wants You

The Palos Verdes Great Books Discussion, which meets in Shuder Library on the second Sunday of the month (except for July, August and December), ends its discussions from the book "Even Deadlier" at its next meeting on **March 10**.

We welcome NEW members at the meeting on **April 14**, as we start reading from our new selection, "Great Conversations 6." Our first reading for discussion is: "Tranquility of the Mind" by Seneca.

Obtain the book, Great Conversations 6," from Great Books Foundation: 800.222.5870 www.greatbooks.org.

Please join us for the fun. We welcome new members. Please contact **Bob Bloomfield** jrbloomfield@cox.net / 310-373-1201 if you are interested in joining our discussions. We hope you are!

Sunday Adult Religious Education Offerings

1st Sunday

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

12:15 PM: Theological Academy—The Historical Jesus Led by Rev. John - **NEW!**

12:15 PM: Standing on the Side of Love Documentary Series
(1st Sunday of every odd-numbered month)

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 (3/31/13, 6/30/13)

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

Recurring Events

YOU SAID THAT!

"May your life preach more loudly than your lips."

—[William Ellery Channing](#)

Unitarian Minister
(April 7, 1780–October 2, 1842)

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS

A Note from Rev. John

In my Sunday, Feb. 24 sermon, I noted with dismay the foreclosure on African American churches across Los Angeles. I am still trying to determine what the facts are and what would be our best response as a faith community. I am inclined to follow the lead of our partners on the South Coast Interfaith Council on how best to respond. In the meantime [CLICK HERE for a link to a recent article from the Los Angeles Times](#) which will give you a bit of background. I will keep you posted.

Yours in the faith and the struggle,
—Rev. John

First Sunday Hospitality

THANK YOU once again for producing the "BEST EVER" Sunday hospitality!!!!

TOP CHEFS: Vivien Hao & Andy Kissner. Aided by worthy SOUS CHEFS: Sarah Noddings, Linda Jenson, Noelle & Amara Portland, Pam Harris, Margo Meikle, Doris Peñalosa, and Jeanne Wilson. We are all blessed to have a fabulous team willing to feed a large & most grateful group!!! Love to you all.

CHEFS Wanted: LOOK FOR: A NEW SIGN-UP CANVAS this Sunday on the Kitchen door!!

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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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

*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

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