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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



March 7, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is **SPRINGING FORWARD** too...the [Anniversary Party & Auction](#) on the 23rd, the [Rummage Sale](#) on the 29th & 30th, and much, much more @ PUC,... and right here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

Remember to set your timekeeping devices **AHEAD ONE HOUR** before you go to bed on Saturday night, lest you arrive for the **END** of the Service instead of the beginning....



### Minister's Message

#### **Building the Community We Dream Of**

Sunday, March 17, will be the 56th anniversary of our beloved Church. Fifty-six years ago our founders had the foresight to dream of a liberal beacon of religion open to our community for generations

to come. That dream was made real by their hard work, talents, and money. They built our beautiful Church facility in 1963 and for fifty years since we have held the center of our faith as open to spiritual searchers regardless of place in life. Now we are stretching even more through our initiatives around food security and sustainable agriculture to help our neighbors throughout the South Bay. Our social justice team is hard at work laying plans for our further involvement.

We are a generous and diverse congregation. That generosity is

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

#### This Sunday

**9:15 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Forum**  
**In Nature's Honor: Myths, Rituals,**  
**& Holidays Celebrating the Earth.**  
Led by **Jeff Ordway**

#### **10:30 AM Service**

#### **Wise Women**

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John will celebrate the wisdom of our female prophets in their work to promote acceptance and understanding in celebration of Women's History Month.

### **The Weekend At a Glance**

#### **Thursday, March 7, 2013**

7:30 PM Environmental Priorities  
Network - L

#### **Friday, March 8, 2013**

7 PM [GLBTO Movie Night - V](#)

evident each and every week in our offerings to community groups and our reaching out to those who grace our campus for the first time. Through out this month we will be exploring what it means to be accepting of others as we build our beloved community. Last Sunday I shared the words of Rumi:

These spiritual window-shoppers,  
who idly ask, 'How much is that?' Oh, I'm just looking.  
They handle a hundred items and put them down,  
shadows with no capital.  
Start a huge, foolish project,  
like Noah.  
It makes absolutely no difference  
what people think of you.

—Rumi, 'We Are Three'

To build the community we dream of we will need to move beyond being spiritual window shoppers, shadows with no capital, to being enrolled in this large and perhaps foolish project before us. Like our Growth and Reinvestment campaign we voted to launch two weeks ago, we are the dreamers and the doers. And the time is now.  
*With Grace and Grit,*

—Rev. John  
[Minister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:Minister@pacificunitarian.org)

### Religious Education Matters

Our Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers (grades K-8) had a wonderful time with Temple Emet's Rabbi DiDi last Sunday learning about Judaism and making Matzoh pizzas! For the next two weeks our Activity Guides David Kane and Tracy Lewis lead the way as we learn more about Jewish beliefs and practices and celebrate a Seder. 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

**3/10:** Judaism week 2 for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**3/17:** Last week of Judaism unit for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 morning per month; rewards are priceless. If you are interested, please

8 PM [SB Chamber Music Society Concert – H](#)

**Saturday, March 9, 2013**  
10 AM French Conversation Grp - V

**Sunday, March 10, 2013**  
**Daylight Saving Time Begins – Spring Forward!**

9:15 AM Forum - In Nature's Honor: Myths & Rituals Celebrating Earth - L  
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2  
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary "Transition Companion" - NO MEETING TODAY  
3 PM [SB Chamber Music Society Concert - H](#)

7 PM [Psalmfest - Warner Grand Theater](#)  
7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy) - H  
7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp - L

**Monday, March 11, 2013**  
9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H  
5 PM Kundalini Yoga Class - H  
7 PM Men's Ministry -V

### Flowers for the Church A Month & 3/4 of Sundays...

*Is it your turn?*

**April 14, 21; May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 30....** 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 "brought to you with the promise of Spring's glory."*

—Craig Block



**Pastoral Care**  
**Elizabeth Read**  
has moved to Harbor Terrace. Her new email is

[Gigi32012@outlook.com](mailto:Gigi32012@outlook.com). She would like to thank you for your visits and your flowers.

Thank you goes out to the many of you who have agreed to be called if one of our members needs assistance with transportation. We are still looking for more individuals

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](mailto:AssocMinister@PacificUnitarian.org).

### 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

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

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

## Don't Miss PUC's Anniversary Party: Saturday, March 23!

Come join your PUC friends on **Saturday, March 23** at 5:30 PM for our 56<sup>th</sup> annual Anniversary Party and Fundraiser. The theme is "Spring has Sprung," so dress-up in spring colors and floral patterns to welcome the season. Please bring finger foods to share.

If you need a ride to the event, contact *Brad Shreve*, who is coordinating transportation needs.

If you anticipate needing childcare, or you'd like to assist the evening of the event, please contact Janet Kissner at [jandy@socal.rr.com](mailto:jandy@socal.rr.com). See you there!

## March's GLBTQ Movie: *Outing Riley*

Please join us at 7 PM, **Friday, March 8** in the PUC Library for our next GLBTQ Movie: "[Outing Riley](#)"

Bobby Riley (writer-director Pete Jones) is finally ready to come out to his conservative Catholic family and stop pretending that his best lesbian pal is his girlfriend. But it turns out he's not the only one harboring a secret. When Bobby announces to his three disbelieving brothers that he's actually in love with a man, that revelation turns out to be just a sample of the smorgasbord of surprises members of the clan have long been hiding.

## PUC Is Hiring!

As we approach our Summer/Fall wedding season, and following the recent departures of Lead Custodian Michael Mariani and Asst. Custodian Mackenzie Monnier, we're looking for more custodian/event workers to work with new *Custodian Michael Medina* to keep PUC clean, organized, and all set up. The job is part-time, hours are flexible (mostly weekends), and the location is FABULOUS!!

Please send any likely prospects my way, by having them send their resume/job experience to PUC Administrator Craig Block [admin@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:admin@pacificunitarian.org).

## 15th Annual PsalmFest Music Concert

*Come support our PUC Choir!!*

7pm -- **Sunday March 10**

Warner Grand Theater, [478 W 6th St, San Pedro, CA 90731](#)

Only \$10!

The South Bay Chamber Music Society Presents:

who may be available from time to time that we can call to see if you are available to provide a ride to a medical appointment, for a quick errand, or provide a ride to PUC. We do have some members who regularly need rides to Church on Sundays. If you regularly attend Services & are willing to give a ride on the days you do attend, we'd like to hear from you.

If you would like to offer whatever transportation assistance you do have, please contact **Brad Shreve** at 310-344-8450, via email at [bdshreve@gmail.com](mailto:bdshreve@gmail.com) or you can speak with him on the Patio after Service.

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact **Reverend John**. [pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org).

—Brad Shreve for the  
Pastoral Care Team



## 3/29 & 30: *PUC Rummage Sale March 29-30!!!*

Please bring in your castoff treasures starting Sunday, **March 17** for PUC's 2nd Rummage Sale! Sale dates are 9 AM-1 PM, Friday, **March 29**, & 8 AM-12 PM, Saturday, **March 30**.

*Volunteers are needed and will be rewarded with thanks and new friendships. Plus you may even find a good buy!*

Please call or email me if you have questions or to help.

—Laura MacMorran  
[Gordon.macmorran@verizon.net](mailto:Gordon.macmorran@verizon.net)  
310-540-0369

## *Upcoming Services:*

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

3/17: **Radical Acceptance**

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki  
Rev. Tamara explores the concept

## [The Thies Consort @ PUC](#)

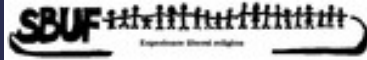
8 PM, Friday, March 8 **AND** 3 PM, Sunday, March 10

### **The Great Chamber Sonatas of Prokofiev**

[Serge Prokofiev](#) (1891-1953) [CLICK HERE for more...](#)

*These concerts are free to the general public.*

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



The latest South Bay Unitarian Fellowship newsletter is available at:

<http://www.sbuf.org/newsletters/2013/newsletter1303.htm>

## **Sunday Adult Religious Education Offerings**

### 1st Sunday

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

12:15 PM: Theological Academy—"Gnosticism & Early Christianity." 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

12:15 PM: The New U: 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

### 5th Sunday (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

of acceptance as a spiritual practice.

### 3/24 **Christianity Redone**

**Rev. John Morehouse**

On this Palm Sunday, Rev. John explores the acceptance of others that was at the heart of the early Christian church and what lessons it holds for us today.

### 3/31: **Proverbs of Ashes** **Easter**

**Rev. John Morehouse**

In our celebration of Easter Sunday, *Rev. John* will offer a message of redemption and hope for our lives and these times.

### **A UU Said That?**

"The reading which I love best is

the scriptures of the several nations, though it happens that I am better acquainted with those of the Hindoos, the Chinese, and the Persians, than of the Hebrews, which I have come to last. Give me one of these bibles, and you have silenced me for awhile."

—[Henry David Thoreau](#)

### **First Sunday Hospitality**

Sharing the spotlight -- TOP CHEFS Andy Kissner and Margo Meikle, assisted by Sous Chefs Dean Curliss, Deb Reynolds, Val Richards, Payal Kadakia, Cheryl Sims & Mark Berlin, & Laura MacMorran pulled together everyone's favorite Sunday brunch with blueberry pancakes, sausage, bacon, oatmeal, & egg scramble. Thank you all Chefs your fan club grows larger each week!!!

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

Or, you can contact:

**Mega Top Chef:**

[Francis Morehouse](#); 310 291 3399

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

**USHERS:**

**2 OPEN POSITIONS**

Contact [Bruce Lewis](#) if you'd like  
to give it a try...

**Welcome Table:**

**2 OPEN POSITIONS**

Contact [Maurice Chevalier](#) if you'd  
like to give it a try...

**Greeters:**

Peggy Tiggerman & Jean Tordella

