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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 14, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

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

Upcoming Services:

March's Monthly Theme:
ACCEPTANCE

This Sunday

9:15 PM 3rd Sunday Forum
The Multicultural Congregation
Led by Vivien Hao

10:30 AM Service

Radical Acceptance

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
Rev. Tamara explores the concept of acceptance as a spiritual practice.

12:15 PM

The New U: Introduction to
Unitarian Universalism



From Rev. Tamara's Desk

Our Catholic brothers and sisters, and indeed much of the world, have been caught up in the ritual surrounding the selection of the next Pope during this past week. Like all people of faith, we Unitarian Universalists have our own set of rituals as we mark events of great and small significance in our life journey. We have *Ceremonies of Naming and Dedication* to welcome and celebrate our children, *Coming of Age* to mark this significant transition for our youth, *Weddings and Commitment Ceremonies* to celebrate the commitment of life-long partnerships, and our unique and comforting *Memorial Services* to honor the fullness of life. We also have many rituals and traditions that are much loved both through our Association as a whole and in our individual congregations. We light

our chalice, sing familiar songs, share joys and sorrows, etc. These rituals and routines, even though we shake them up a bit every so often, form the glue that binds our community together and provide form and significance through the days of our lives.

It is in this spirit of acknowledging the power of ritual that we are pleased to announce a new rite of passage coming to our Church. As part of our Worship Service on **May 12** we will have a **Ceremony of Dedication for Older Children and Youth** (ages five and older). If you are interested or would like more information, please contact

The Weekend At a Glance

Friday, March 15, 2013

2 PM Social Justice Committee - L
7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Srvc-H

Sunday, March 17, 2013

9:15 AM Forum: The Multicultural

Rev. Tamara no later than April 14.
Namaste~

—Rev. Tamara
AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Last Sunday our Sojourners and Voyagers (grades 3-8) celebrated an actual Seder led by **Tracy Lewis** and assisted by **Bruce Lewis** and **Marty Gorman**. **David Kane**, assisted by **Noelle Portland**, led the Hobbits (grades K-2) in experiencing a Shabbat and then sharing Challah bread and honey with the Congregation as they left the Worship Service. This Sunday our Activity Guides will change grade levels as the Hobbits experience a Seder while the Sojourners and Voyagers learn about Jewish beliefs and practices including the Shabbat. 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 help plan the upcoming Youth Sunday Worship service scheduled for **April 7**.

Family Religious Education Ministry MARCH CALENDAR

3/17: Last week of Judaism unit for Kindergarten through 8th grade. YRUU plans Youth Sunday. Congregation helps “stuff” Easter Eggs with donations for our three partners: Harbor Interfaith Services, Toberman Neighborhood Center, & Rainbow Services.

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.” Congregation helps “stuff” Easter Eggs with donations for our three partners: Harbor Interfaith Services, Toberman Neighborhood Center, & Rainbow Services.

3/31: Easter Festivities!! We will be celebrating spring and Easter with fun activities such as Easter cookie decoration, egg hunts and a photo op with the Easter Bunny. Eggs found by the children are filled with donations for our three partner service agencies (see above) and are traded in for Easter goody bags!

—Rev. Tamara
AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

3rd SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

9:15 AM: The Multicultural Congregation. Led by Vivien Hao
12:15 PM: The New U: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

New Theological Academy Courses for Spring!

** *Gnostic Christianity From the Inside Out* – Led by Rev. John on **April 7 & May 5** at 12:15 - 1:30 PM in the Hall.

** *Leadership Academy* begins a New Module--*The Context of Leadership* Visit the [ARE Web Page](#) for details.

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

Congregation - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
12:15 PM The New U - Intro to UU
7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy) - H
7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

Monday, March 18, 2013

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Spring Equinox
11 AM Staff Mtg - L
3:30 PM Worship Team - V
7 PM Choir Practice - H
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O

Thursday, March 21, 2013

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

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

Is it your turn?

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... "To my wonderful husband Barry Meikle. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary!!"

—Margo Meikle

Multicultural Task Force Being Created at PUC

If you've ever thought, "Wouldn't it be nice to have a more multicultural congregation at PUC?", you can join other justice

Come Join PUC's Anniversary Party: Sat., March 23!

PUC's 56th Annual Anniversary Party and Auction Fundraiser is **Saturday, March 23** at 5:30 PM! We are in need of volunteers to assist in half-hour shifts with the raffle, silent auction, and bartending. Please contact Janet Kissner at jandy@socal.rr.com if you are interested.

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. The timing for this year's Silent Auction is going to be staggered. Bidding will end at three different times: 7:00 PM for Dinners & Lunches, 7:15 PM for Outings & Entertainment, and 7:30 PM for Lessons & Services/Miscellaneous.

If you need a ride to the event, please contact Brad Shreve who is coordinating transportation needs. If you anticipate needing childcare that evening, please contact Janet Kissner at jandy@socal.rr.com.

It's Egg Stuffing Time -- Hop to It!!

Share your generosity this Easter by helping to "stuff" plastic Easter Eggs with donations for our three South Bay/Harbor Area service partners: Harbor Interfaith Services, Toberman Neighborhood Center, and Rainbow Services. Donations are to be placed in the plastic Easter eggs found on the Family Religious Education Ministry table on the patio before and after service on **3/17 & 3/24**.

On Easter **Sunday, 3/31**, eggs are hidden for our children to discover during their Easter Egg hunt. The eggs are then turned in for Easter goody baskets for the children and the financial donations are sent to our three partners above. PLEASE JOIN IN BY HELPING STUFF THE EGGS WITH YOUR DONATIONS!!

Growth and Reinvestment Campaign Update

With the supermajority passage of the Growth and Reinvestment Campaign, we thought it prudent to follow with a communication to the congregation of the "smooth handoff of the baton" from the Big Growth Plan (BGP) Task Force to the Combined Steering Committee. The Steering Committee now has the responsibility for driving the success of the campaign, and for communication with the congregation about all aspects of the effort – as we briefed at the Feb. 24 Congregational Meeting.

The BGP Task Force will focus on planning the execution of the projects, per the Board's approved priority. Clearly, the two groups are going to work closely together over the next three years to make this all happen, but the concept of operations is that the Steering Committee now has the lead. If you have questions about the Growth and Reinvestment Campaign, please contact Bruce Lewis. If you have questions about the Growth and Reinvestment projects, please contact John Einhorn. In the spirit of good communications and transparency, we thought it was important to communicate this to the Congregation.

Sincerely,

—John Einhorn

Big Growth Plan Project Manager

—Bruce Lewis

Combined Steering Committee Chairman

Banned Book Club Reads Steamy Miller Book

If you always wondered why Henry Miller's "Tropic of Cancer" was

seekers at a pre-Service 9:15 AM session this **Sunday, 3/17** in the PUC Library. Professional facilitator Constance Jackson will help us draft recommendations on how to become a more welcoming congregation and a task force will be formed to bring them to fruition. This is the fourth and final session in a series presented by PUC's Adult Education team. All are welcome! For information, contact [Vivien Hao](mailto:Vivien.Hao).



Pastoral Care

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact **Reverend John**.

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

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Upcoming Services:

March's Monthly Theme:

ACCEPTANCE

3/24 Christianity Redone

Rev. John Morehouse

On this Palm Sunday, Rev. John explores the acceptance of others

banned for decades before it was allowed to be sold in the US, join the PUC Banned Book Club next **Friday, March 22**, when we will be discussing this steamy book. The evening begins at 7 PM with the book discussion and ends at 9 PM with wine and dessert. We are a small but opinionated group. All are welcome. This month's meeting is at the home of Linda Jenson (see PUC Directory). Contact [Vivien Hao](#) for information and to reserve a seat!

Sunday Adult Religious Education Offerings

1st Sunday

9:15 PM: Faith Like a River: Themes From Our UU History
12:15 PM: Theological Academy—"Gnostic Christianity From the Inside Out." Led by Rev. John April 7 & May 5 - **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—*The Context of Leadership* 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
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.

...and the acceptance of values 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?

"No man ought to advertise in the midst of landscapes or scenery in such a way as to destroy or injure their beauty. . . It is outrageously selfish to destroy the pleasure of thousands for the sake of a chance of additional gain."

—*P.T. Barnum*

Third Sunday Hospitality

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

Ushers:

Britany Manning & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller & Betty Saunders

Greeters:

Bill Karg

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

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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to 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
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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

