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The View



March 21, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is ALL ABOOOUUUT...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*...
REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOOUUUT IT!



Music Notes

From the Music Department:



Wednesday's choir rehearsal was very exciting! We had several new people come to rehearse the [Faure Requiem](#) with us (To be performed **Sunday, May 5**). It's going to be a really beautiful sound once we all get to know it intimately. I'm asking all members, former members, part-time members, might-be members, or wanna-be members, who are thinking about joining us to take these next couple of months to put this Faure *Requiem* **over the top**. Let's make it something memorable and outstanding. We've got a great start and some very enthusiastic new people - everything it takes to do something really special.

On Sunday, March 10 the PUC Choir participated in the annual Psalmfest at the Warner Grand Theater. It was a wonderful occasion. There were two choirs that attended for the first time: A beautiful Sufi group appeared to have an age limit of about 25 or so - all the other groups were made of, shall we say, people of the more mature persuasion; and a Mormon Choir that put us all to shame in terms of numbers with more than 30 members. The director told me that this was only about 1/5 of the choir! I'm thinking of becoming a Mormon. We were very moved by their songs and movements. I thought we

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

This Sunday

9:15 PM 4th Sunday Forum

Reading Group: **Sacred Economics: Money, Gift, and Community in an Age of Transition.**

Led by **Rev. John**

10:30 AM Service
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.

12:15 PM

Leadership Academy—The Context of Leadership Module.

Led by **Kathy Rickey**

The Weekend At a Glance

sounded great and I was happy to contribute. We had a good audience turnout - I thought better than years before - and I felt a real sense of camaraderie.

Thanks and Keep Singing!

—Severin

Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director

Music@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry MARCH CALENDAR

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.

NOTE: Children and youth begin the day on 3/24 at 10:30 in the Library. We will not be going in the beginning of the Worship Service as usual!!

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: Reading Group: Sacred Economics: Money, Gift, and Community in an Age of Transition. Led by Rev. John

12:15 – 1:30 PM: Leadership Academy—*The Context of Leadership* Module. Led by Kathy Rickey

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

Thursday, March 21, 2013

6:30 PM Pagan Spring Equinox Celebration
- **CANCELLED**

Friday, March 22, 2013

1 PM Anniversary Party / Auction Setup

Saturday, March 23, 2013

9:00 AM Strategic Planning - O
10:00 AM French Conversation Grp - V
5:30 PM Anniversary Party & (Silent) Auction - H

Sunday, March 24, 2013

9:15 AM Forum-Sacred Economics: Money, Gift, and Community in an Age of Transition. Led by Rev. John - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
12:15 PM PUC Leadership Academy - L
7:00 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy) – HIATUS

Monday, March 25, 2013

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
5 PM Kundalini Yoga Class - CANCELLED TODAY ONLY
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, 26And 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 from Janet Kissner, with much love.



Pastoral Care

New PUCer **Scott Garrabrant's** grandfather died

Saturday, March 16. Please keep Scott and his family in the light.

Chelsea Sites and **Daniel Howell**, 2 of our newest members, shared that a good friend passed away on Saturday, March 16. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

We are still seeking volunteers

Come Join PUC Anniversary Party: THIS SATURDAY!

PUC's 56th Annual Anniversary Party and Fundraiser is THIS

Saturday, March 23 at 5:30 PM! 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: 7:00pm for Dinners & Lunches, 7:15pm for Outings & Entertainment, and 7:30pm for Lessons & Services/Miscellaneous.

If you need a ride to the event, please contact Brad Shreve (310) 344-8450 / bdshreve@gmail.com. See you there!

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!!

PERMACULTURE CONVERGENCE

Dorian Tippet, Ray Waters, & Denise Shiozawa joined hundreds of others in Escondido the weekend of March 9 for the [2013 Southern California Permaculture Convergence](#).

In a beautiful outdoor setting, there were many informative workshops on such topics as permaculture design, native plants, companion plants, greywater reclamation, & bee keeping; and Keynote speaker Paul Wheaton shared 72 permaculture practices.

The Green Sanctuary Committee plans to share ideas learned at the Convergence for adoption by PUC and PUC members. Stay tuned for details...

Helping Hands Needed for **March 29-30 Rummage Sale & Set-Up!**

Are you an organizing whiz, a silver-tongued seller, or acurrency changer?

* Thursday, March 28 9 AM-2 PM, we'll be sorting and pricing.

* Thursday, March 28 6:30-9 PM, we'll be setting up.

* Friday, March 29 8:30-2 PM (come for a couple hour shift or as long as you can.)

* Saturday, March 30... 7:30 - 1 PMish (come for a couple hour shifts or as long as you can.)

Thanks to those who already signed up for an encore from last year. It was a lot of fun! Won't you join us? Contact: Laura MacMorran: 310-944-8858 or gordon.macmorran@verizon.net

who can occasionally give rides to those who have restricted transportation. We have had good feedback from both drivers and those in need of rides, but would like to have additional driver volunteers so that no one should feel expected to give rides on a frequent basis. These rides would be for doctor appointments, quick errands, and rides to PUC. If you are available and would like to offer your time, please contact Brad Shreve on the Patio after Service or via phone (310) 344-8450 or email: bdshreve@gmail.com

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

—Brad Shreve for the
Pastoral Care Team



4/6-7: **Gunpowder Painting to Be Installed at PUC**

A startlingly beautiful and unique set of paintings, made with ignited gunpowder and liquid acrylics will be unveiled at a reception for PUC members and friends at 7 PM, **Saturday, April 6** at PUC. This is a gift of a PUC member to the Congregation and intended to be installed on the South Wall of Henriksen Hall. The artist, Jeff Pernell, will do a public demonstration of his "explosive" technique.

The piece will be dedicated the following day, **Sunday, April 7** during the Sunday Service. For more information, visit www.gunpowderart.com.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a press release about the upcoming event and

details on the artist. Please join to

REMINDER Many more donations are needed to ensure a \$uper \$uccessful event.

Bring them to the Voyager's Room. Thank you!

—*Laura MacMorran*

Gordon.macmorran@verizon.net

310-540-0369

Green Sanctuary Outings With the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

1) **Saturday, March 23**, *Story Time w/ the Rangers* about Threatened Species, at White Point Nature Preserve, 10 PM - 12 PM. (310) 541-7613. Located at the end of Western Ave (becomes Paseo del Mar, on inland side) Sign says White Point Nature Preserve. Or, meet me, Doriane Tippet, at PUC at 9:15 am to carpool. Let me know, if you're coming.

2) **Saturday, March 30**, *Outdoor Volunteer Day*, Portuguese Bend, 9 AM -12 PM. Wear work clothes, hats, shoes that protect your feet, & sun-screen. Gloves & water provided. Carpool from PUC at 8:15 am. Kids welcome. Call (310) 541-7613 for directions to Portuguese Bend. Join us for lunch, after work, if you have time. Let me know, if you're coming!

—[Doriane Tippet](mailto:Doriane.Tippet@pacificunitarian.org) (310) 541-6543, or (310) 291-3249 Cell

details on the artist. Please rsvp to admin@pacificunitarian.org.

4/12-4/14: Universe Multicultural Film Festival: Fri. 4/12-Sun. 4/ 14
[CLICK HERE for screening times & locations.](#)

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

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.

Upcoming Services: **March's Monthly Theme:** **THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB**

4/7: Brave New Planet

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Rev. Tamara and others will begin the month of April by focusing on the interdependent web as it relates to our Earth.

4/14: Each Other's Keepers

Rev. John Morehouse

What does it mean to live a generous life? How can we create peace in our shared spiritual community? *Rev. John* will explore the nature of both asking and receiving in helping each of us to grow.

A UU Said That?

"Truth never yet fell dead in the streets; it has such affinity with the soul of man, the seed however broadcast will catch somewhere and produce its hundredfold."

—[Theodore Parker](#)

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

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: TOPIC DU JOUR: Each Forum explores a different topic agreed upon by the group.

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**
Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd Sun., L
Books in Our Lives Covenant Group, 1st & 3rd Sun., 7 PM, L

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

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

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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Fourth Sunday Hospitality

Ushers:

Dee Masters & **OPEN
POSITION**

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

Welcome Table:

Virginia McCulloch/Ramos &
TBA

Greeters:

Jean McDaniel & Shuja Oberoi

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

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