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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 28, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is blocked by all the treasures awaiting you at... the [Rummage Sale](#) on the 29th & 30th, and much, much more @ PUC,... and right here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

Upcoming Services:
March's Monthly Theme:
ACCEPTANCE

This Sunday

9:15 PM 5th Sunday Forum

TOPIC DU JOUR:

Each Forum explores a different topic agreed upon by the group.

Led by **Bob Monzingo**

10:30 AM Service

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.

12:15 PM

Half Century Marrieds Group @
Fu Yuan Low Restaurant (Contact **Gerry Howey**)

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, March 28, 2013

9:30 AM Environmental Coffee Clatch



A Message from your Board President: **Expect a Call**

I wanted to give you all a "heads up" from Growth and Reinvestment Plan Headquarters. The Steering Committee and PUC Board met with our UUA Consultant Dave Rickard this weekend to review our progress and set up the next steps. Things are continuing to go well with this effort. And now we need your help to continue.

In the next few weeks, you can expect to receive a telephone call from a member of the campaign team. This call may be to invite you to be a *visiting steward*, calling on three other members of the Church to accept their pledges for the annual operating budget and for the Growth and Reinvestment Plan. If you get that call, please say yes.

If you are not called to be a visiting steward, a visiting steward will call you to set up an appointment to talk with you about PUC and accept your pledges to support the annual budget and the Growth and Reinvestment Plan. Please make time for these volunteers to get the job done for our Congregation.

We all thank you in advance for your help in meeting our goals.

—Gary Hart, President, PUC Board of Trustees

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry MARCH CALENDAR

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 (Toberman Neighborhood Center, Harbor Interfaith Services, & Rainbow Services) and are traded in for Easter goody bags!

4/7: "Brave New Planet" multigenerational Worship Service for Sojourners (grade 3) & above. Join Rev. Tamara and some of our YRUU youth for this morning of celebrating our Mother Earth. Hobbits (Kindergarten-grade 2) will be in the Service for the beginning and then leave for class as usual.

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

3rd SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

9:15 AM: TOPIC DU JOUR: Each Forum explores a different topic agreed upon by the group.

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

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

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

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

Come on down!!!

* **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

REMINDER Many more donations are needed to ensure a Super Successful event. Thank you!

—Laura MacMorran

Gordon.macmorran@verizon.net

310-540-0369

News from Our Green Sanctuary

Outing With the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

Saturday, March 30, Outdoor Volunteer Day, Portuguese Bend, 9 AM -12 PM. Removing weeds in the Restoration area. Tools provided. Wear long pants, closed-toe shoes. Bring your own water (this is a change). Carpool from PUC at 8:15 am. Kids welcome. Call (310) 541-7613 for directions to Portuguese Bend. Join us for

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

Friday, March 29, 2013

9 AM [PUC Rummage Sale - H](#)

Saturday, March 30, 2013

8 AM [PUC Rummage Sale - H](#)

Sunday, March 31, 2013

Easter

9:30 AM Forum - "Topic du Jour" - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
12 PM Half a Century Marrieds Group - Fu Yuan Low Restaurant
7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy) - HIATUS

Monday, April 1, 2013

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp -L
6 PM Soulful Sundown Service - H

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

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

Thursday, April 4, 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?

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!

Sunday's Flowers are "to Alma Tamara on her 9th birthday, from her mommy."

—Rachel Bruhnke



Pastoral Care
Noel Hammond suffered a heart attack last week and is currently back in the

Call (310) 541-7070 for directions to Portuguese Bend. Join us for lunch, after work, if you have time. Let me know, if you're coming!

Tuesday, April 9, 2:30 PM: Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee and the full L.A. City Council to VOTE IN FAVOR of the Clean Up, Green Up motion, CF 11-0112. Communities For A Better Environment & Green Sanctuary have been working on this project for the last three years. It will help Wilmington, Pacoima and Boyle Heights, where there's an overconcentration of high pollution areas. If you would like to carpool with me, let me know. L.A. City Hall, 200 N. Main St., L.A.

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

We will be planting our warm season garden in the Nancy Hofland Memorial Garden at PUC on **Sunday, April 21**, after [Rev. Earl's workshop](#).

Doriane Tippet and Constance Jackson harvested and delivered a bumper crop of salad greens to Harbor Interfaith Services last week. We need help with more frequent delivery of the beautiful, delicate winter harvest. Great appreciation to our helpers in the garden: Linda Jenson, Janet Steinberg, Noel Hammond, Lynden Kerry, and Frank Atkins. Who is the special someone who left the bird feeder, and potting soil?

Sharing abundance,

—[Carolyn Waters](mailto:Carolyn.Waters@pacificunitarian.org), 310-863-0712 or [email](mailto:Carolyn.Waters@pacificunitarian.org).

Gunpowder Painting to Be Installed at PUC April 6

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. [CLICK HERE for more information](#). [CLICK HERE](#) for a press release about the upcoming event and details on the artist. RSVP to the PUC Office admin@pacificunitarian.org.

Find Out If You Like to Ush - Give It a Try!!!

Do you know what is THE BEST volunteer position at PUC? The answer is *ushering*, of course. The reason it's the best is because you are volunteering for our wonderful Church AND you get to be in the Service at the same time. It's also a great position to have if you are active in other church functions because you won't have any overlap with other groups/committees - You'd probably be sitting there during the Service anyway.

Ushers volunteer to work one Sunday each month and there is at least one position available each Sunday of the month (1 - 5). If you are interested (and you should be), please let me know. You can contact me at 310-464-1898 or bdshreve@gmail.com. You can also look for me on the Patio after Service.

—[Brad Shreve](mailto:Brad.Shreve@pacificunitarian.org)

back in the hospital. Please keep Noel in your thoughts and prayers.

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

—[Brad Shreve](mailto:Brad.Shreve@pacificunitarian.org) for the Pastoral Care Team



4/21: Workshop - Faith into Action: Turning UU Principles & Ecotheology into Ecojustice

Please join Rev. Earl Koteen for a workshop on how we can turn our faith into action through practicing ecojustice. Helping hands, greeting hands await us on the journey. Our children, their children, and generations yet unborn will bless us for this work.

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.

4/21: A Good Time to be Alive

Rev. Earl Koteen & Rev. John Morehouse

"May you live in interesting times" is a Chinese curse, but it also may be a blessing. We are living in

All Day Meditation Retreat @ PUC April 6

Long Beach Meditation invites you to join us for our first All Day Meditation Retreat of the year at PUC, Saturday, April 6 from 9 AM to 5 PM.

We alternate sitting and walking meditation and eat lunch in silence.

There will be an afternoon dharma talk followed by a gentle yoga session

with emphasis on mindfulness to the body. We end the day with the chant of lovingkindness.

The fee is \$60, but no one is turned away for lack of funds. You can pre-register at: www.longbeachmeditation.com.

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 3. 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

be a blessing. We are living in interesting times that call for courage, love, and faith, redefine hope, and produce joy and community. Come to learn of the joy to be found in interfaith, intergenerational, multicultural work for ecological justice.

Rev. Earl W. Koteen, a lifelong UU, is the Environmental Justice Minister for the UU Legislative Ministry of California and a board member of the UU Ministry for Earth. He lives in Berkeley and has one adult daughter on each coast.

Join Rev. Earl following the Service & lunch for a [workshop on how we might steward our precious planet](#). (See above)

4/28: The Rendering of

Blessings

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John asks us to consider how we both bless and are blessed by fostering a peaceful heart.

A UU Said That?

"Concentrate all your thoughts on the task at hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus."

—Alexander Graham Bell

[According to his wife, Bell was given some Unitarian literature in 1901 and after reading it he told her, "I have always considered myself as an agnostic, but I have now discovered that I am a Unitarian Agnostic."]

Fifth Sunday Hospitality

Ushers:

Linnea Eades & **OPEN POSITION**

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

Welcome Table:

Betty Saunders

Greeters:

Margal Burke & Neal Hammond

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

MARVEL DUKE & NOEL HAMMOND

**Special Thanks To Last
Sundays's Kitchen Helpers**

Vivien Hao served a splendid
brunch with help from sous chefs
Linda Shahian, Laura MacMorrان,
Gilana Goff, Linda Jenson, and
Doris Peñalosa. Remember to
thank the cooks!

CHEFS Wanted: SIGN-UP on the
CANVAS on the Kitchen door!!
Or, you can contact:

Mega Top Chef:
[Francis Morehouse](#); 310 291 3399

