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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



April 4, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is EXPLOSIVE too -- verily bursting at the seams. Read all about the new "Gunpowder" painting (*Celestial Balance*) going up in the Hall, and much, much more happening @ PUC right here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

April's Monthly Theme:
THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB

This Sunday

9:15 PM 1st Sunday Forum
Faith Like a River: Themes From Our UU History

10:30 AM Service
Brave New Planet

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. Tamara, Rev. John and some of our YRUU Teens will begin the month of April by focusing on the interdependent web as it relates to our Earth.

12:15 PM
Theological Academy:
Gnostic Christianity From the Inside Out

Led by **Rev. John**



Minister's Message

Half Full or Half Empty?

We can look at the world any number of ways; as half full or half empty, as wanting or more than enough. We can see ourselves and each other as yet unrealized potential of compassion and love or as selfish beings ruled by the secular virtues of possession, consumption, or competition. Each view is actually valid. So you get to choose. Which will it be? Am I a person waiting to be even more giving or a person afraid there won't be enough love or money to keep me safe? Which will it be? Will we celebrate our gifts and try to reach out to those in need, or will we believe we can't really afford that, we have to tighten our belt, get real, survive. Each of these world views is a potential. But we get to decide, individually and collectively.

In the coming weeks we will each be asked to make a financial commitment to our beloved Church. Our Growth and Reinvestment campaign has two parts. The first is our annual pledge to the Operating Fund of the Church. This is the money we need to pay our staff, run our buildings, and offer programming and ministry to the world. It is vital that everyone, member or friend, make a pledge to

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, April 4, 2013
7:30 PM Environmental Priorities Network - L

Fridav. April 5. 2013

this fund in our coming Church year of July, 2013-June, 2014.

The other part of our campaign is the Growth and Reinvestment Campaign, which is a pledge over three years that will be used to improve our campus and spur our growth as a community, reaching out to all those who need us. Once again, our leadership is asking for full participation in this effort.

We do get to choose. It is my faith that we will choose to support our Church to the best of our ability so that we extend our light to those in need. Frances and I choose to support PUC. Will you join us?

Yours in faith,

—Rev. John

Minister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry APRIL CALENDAR

Welcome to a great month celebrating the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part!

4/7: "Brave New Planet" Multigenerational Worship Service

Sojourners (grade 3 and above) stay in Service with Rev. Tamara, Rev. John, 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.

4/14: Stewardship Workshops

Part of living out our Unitarian Universalist commitment as part of the interdependent web is to understand ourselves as stewards: of ourselves, of the groups and organizations we believe in and belong to, and of our Earth. Today in their Religious Education groups our children and youth explore the concept of stewardship and how to live as a steward.

4/21: 1st Lesson Unit 6: Wicca/Celtic Faith for Hobbits - Voyagers.

We begin our final unit in our survey of various faiths with a lesson on Wicca/Celtic faith led by Jeff Ordway. **Faith in Action Planning Day for YRUU**

4/28: Faith in Action Day led by YRUU and advisors

Our YRUU youth lead the children in a day focusing on putting our Unitarian Universalist principles into action. Previous Faith in Action days had themes and actions relating to gardening (in November) and bullying (in February). Stay tuned for the theme of the third and final Faith in Action Day of this year.

—Rev. Tamara

7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Srvc - H

Saturday, April 6, 2013

8 AM Long Beach Meditation Retreat: Open to All - H

www.longbeachmeditation.com

7 PM **Jeff Pernel Art Installation/Reception - H**

Sunday, April 7, 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 Theological Academy: Gnostic

Christianity From the Inside, Out - H

3 PM **SB Chamber Music Society**

Concert - H [**Ron Leonard & the Calidore Quartet**]

7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy) - ON HIATUS

Flowers for the Church

A Month & 3/4 of Sundays...

Is it your turn?

April 14, 21; May 5, 12, 26 ...And

almost ALL of the remaining

Sundays in 2013 are now

available!

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

Sunday's Flowers are "are to wish Noel Hammond a speedy recovery."

—Marvel Burke



Pastoral Care

Noel Hammond

is again back in the hospital.

Please keep Noel in your thoughts and prayers.

Kim Go's mother passed away last week. Please keep Kim and her family in the light.

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

—Brad Shreve for the

1ST SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

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!**

Next Sunday, **April 14**, 12:15 (In Library), Green Sanctuary's reading of "The Transition Companion: Making your community more resilient in uncertain times" by Rob Hopkins. Pick-up chapter 2 at the GS Transition (card table) on the Patio. All those interested in the environment are welcome.

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

Gunpowder Painting to Be Installed at PUC April 6

A startlingly beautiful and unique triptych, 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 from a PUC member to the Congregation that will be installed on the North Wall of Henriksen Hall. The artist, Jeff Pernel, 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.

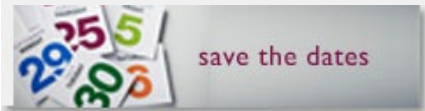
[See what the Peninsula News had to say about the project.](#)

Please Say, "YES!" When Asked...

Hi friends. I am **Bruce Lewis**, the General Chair of the Combined Campaign Steering Committee, and it is my honor to be working with the talent and commitment of **Frances Morehouse**, Leadership Gifts Chair; **Andy Kissner**, General Gifts Chair; **Michelle Brown-Ayers**, Publicity & Education Chair; **Laura MacMorran**, Hospitality Chair; **David Kane**, Financial Management Chair; & **Val Richards**, Continuing Campaign Chair. This dedicated group will be working with over 40 Visiting Stewards to fund our campaign goal of \$500,000 for the Growth and Reinvestment Campaign and \$300,000 for our yearly Operating Budget over the next several months.

Please say "YES!" when asked to serve as a Visiting Steward. Remember that those asking are volunteers and members of PUC just as you are.

Rest assured that we will keep you informed of our progress every step of the way. If you have any questions or concerns please speak with any of the Steering Committee members.



4/12: April's GLBTQ Movie: "Jeffrey"

Please join us on Friday, **April 12** at 7 PM in the PUC Library for our next GLBTQ Movie: [Jeffrey](#). In this comedy adapted from Paul Rudnick's off-Broadway hit play, sweet, single, and obsessive Jeffrey is disenchanted with the not-so-romantic world of safe sex and vows to become completely celibate! No sooner has he sworn off sex than he meets hunky, sensitive Steve. But just as passion starts to ignite, Steve reveals some earth-shattering information, leaving Jeffrey to choose between losing the man of his dreams - or taking on what just might be true love!

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.

5/19: Stand (and Walk) On the Side of Love @ L.B. Pride

For the first time, PUC will be participating in the Long Beach Pride Parade on Sunday, **May 19**. We're looking for volunteers to join us as we have fun and celebrate Pride's 30th year in Long Beach.

Retreat to the Mountains and GROW!

The Annual PUC DeBenneville Pines Retreat is **Friday, June 7 - Sunday, June 9**. Camp de Benneville Pines is located in the Barton Flats area of the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles, near Big Bear. The theme for this year's retreat is...GROWTH! Growth in ourselves, our Church, and our community. This weekend is an incredible loving UU experience!

Whether you are new to PUC or have been here for many years, this retreat is a great opportunity to meet new people and get closer to our Unitarian Universalist beliefs. Activities will include: music, wine tasting, swimming, wilderness hiking, beer n' bacon sampling, volleyball, basketball, lake hikes, arts and crafts, kids activities, games, campfires, and much, much more.

The cost for the whole weekend (3 nights and 2 days) including room and food is only \$130.00 for adults, \$100.00 for teens (13-18), and \$80.00 for children (2-12). This is cheaper than just one night in an average hotel! If you are interested in attending, or want more information, you can stop by the sign-up table on the Patio after Church. Rooms are filling up fast so the sooner you sign up the better. Please contact Andy Kissner directly at andyk@gmail.com or by phone at (213)595-2093 if you have questions, or would like to volunteer to host an activity.

Dinners for UU Goes Monthly

We've had such great response from our potluck "Dinners with UU's" that we've decided it would be nice to have them monthly. The host may have a theme, a family dinner, or an adults-only dinner. The host may invite guests, we sign people up at the Welcome Table on Sunday morning, or some may get an invitation from me.

Our next Dinners with UU's will be hosted by Jeff & Connie Ordway on Saturday, **April 20**. Families are invited, so it will be earlier than adult parties. We especially encourage new members & visitors to the dinners.

Dinners with UU's are usually the 2nd Saturday of the month, but we can be flexible about that too.

—Betty Saunders

News from Our Green Sanctuary

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

We'll parade down Ocean Blvd and show attendees that PUC is truly a Welcoming Congregation. Please contact Brad Shreve 310-344-8450 / bdshreve@outlook.com or on the Patio after Service.

5/16-18: Gospel in the Pines @ Camp de Benneville

Thursday, May 16 - Saturday, May
18, 2013

[CLICK HERE for information!](#)

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

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 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

Hall, 200 N. Main St., L.A.

—[Doriane Tippet](#) (310) 541-6543, or (310) 291-3249 Cell

PUC's Anniversary Party Is a Huge Success!

The "place to be" Saturday, March 23, was at PUC's 56th annual anniversary party and auction. Amidst a colorful, decorative setting, PUC friends enjoyed each other's company while eating scrumptious food and perusing the many auction and raffle items. Thanks to the dedicated work of Barbara Paulsen and her team, there were over 90 silent auction items and 25 raffle items to choose from, not to mention the always exciting live auction. Thank you to London and Kevin Gallagher who gave their time again this year to create the program book and collect money. Thank you too to the many people who helped before, during and after the party including Rev John and Frances Morehouse, Pam Harris, Joani Thompson, Deb and Randy Ripley, Tracy Blender, Brad Shreve, Gary and Lee Ann Hart, Kim Gosney, Drew Davis, Craig Block, and many more. The party would not have been possible without you.

And now, a drum roll please . . .over \$11,000 was earned! Thank you to everyone who donated and/or bid on auction items. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone for making the evening a memorable one.

—Janet Kissner

All Day Meditartion Retreat @ PUC Saturday, 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.

First Sunday Hospitality

Ushers:

Tracy Blender & George Yenoki

Welcome Table:

Marty Gorman

Greeters:

OPEN POSITION & Dennis Murray

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?

"I have an almost complete disregard of precedent and a faith in the possibility of something better. . . I cannot afford the luxury of a closed mind."

—[Clara Barton](#)

Special Thanks To Last Sundays's Kitchen Helpers!

CHEFS Wanted: SIGN-UP on the CANVAS on the Kitchen door!!

Or, you can contact:

Mega Top Chef:

[Francis Morehouse](#); 310 291 3399



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