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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 18, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi PUCer,  
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is EARTHY too - celebrating Earth Day every day, and in every way we can. That, and much, much more, is right here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

The link provided in the **Please Say, "YES!" When Asked...** article that appeared in the April 18 VIEW EXTRA!, was the wrong one -- although that's a great clip too ;-P The following link WILL take you to the Growth AND Operating Campaigns in the Member's Section of the PUC website: <http://pacificunitarian.org/members/campaign-status.html>. Contact the [PUC Office](#) for login details.

**April's Monthly Theme:**

***THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB***

This Sunday

**9:15 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Forum**  
**Food Justice Study GroUUp**  
Led by **Diane Bassett - NEW!**  
[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)

**10:30 AM Service**

**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.*



### **A Message from your Board President:** **ARE WE A FAIR CONGREGATION?**

I think we would all agree that we want PUC to be reasonable, unbiased, and running our church in a proper manner in all things. In other words, we aspire to be a "FAIR" congregation. Being "FAIR" touches on many of our seven principles. For example, the inherent worth and dignity of every person, justice in human relations, and the right of conscience.

So, the other day when the Board was looking at what some of our current practices in operating the church were, we discovered that in a couple of very important ways, PUC is not being "FAIR."

PUC is currently not a Unitarian Universalist Association "Fair Share" congregation. That is, we are not paying the minimum amount that the UUA requires from its member churches. We are currently paying half our dues. Because of that, we no longer qualify for many of the benefits the UUA offers. The Board voted to increase the budget so that we resume our "Fair Share" status.

Perhaps more important, and certainly closer to home, is the fact that we are not "fairly compensating" our PUC staff. The UUA publishes guidelines for fair compensation, and we are not meeting those guidelines. So, the Board voted to increase the budget so that we can be in compliance with fair compensation practices for our

staff.

If I'm right, we all want PUC to be a "FAIR" place. To do that, we need your help. Please give generously to our operating budget when we start our annual campaign this year.

Thanks,

—Gary Hart  
President, Board of Trustees

## 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!"

#### **SUPER CAMP SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 21!!**

Camp de Benneville Pines is a treasure for all of us, especially our children and youth. The week-long Summer Youth Camps held in July are a place for children and youth to connect with other UU youth and learn more about themselves while having a TON of fun!! If you register your child or youth for camp this Sunday you receive a \$35 discount.

**Register early** because these camps fill up fast!! Come by the de Benneville table on the patio for more information and to register. Due to the generosity of our congregants, **scholarships are available**. Please talk to Rev. Tamara if you are interested in a scholarship!!

#### **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. **Final 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. Today's theme is "discrimination" and we will be exploring this topic by actively putting our faith into action.

#### **5/5: May Day/Beltane Celebration**

Come celebrate spring and renewal as we continue our exploration of Earth-centered faiths. Fun and festivity is in store on this special day.

#### **5/12: Imagination Time Machine**

Join Rev. Tamara in this multigenerational Worship Service (Kindergarten and older) as we travel in time to celebrate three historical events that dared to imagine a more peaceful and compassionate world. **Please bring a flower or bunch of flowers to share for our annual Unitarian Universalist Flower Communion.**

—Rev. Tamara  
[AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org)

#### **1ST SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING**

**9:15 AM: Ethical Eating Study Group. Led by Diane Bassett - NEW!**  
We're using our 9:15 Forum discussion to kick off a 5-week long study group on the **UUA Ethical Eating Statement of Conscience**. We'll examine our personal values and actions around this topic as they

**12:15 PM**

**The New U: Introduction to  
Unitarian Universalism - Library**

**From Compassion to Action:  
Joy, Eco-justice, & Reverence  
for Life - Hall**

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

## The Week At a Glance

### **Thursday, April 18, 2013**

7 PM Growth Plan Steering Committee – V

### **Friday, April 19, 2013**

2 PM Social Justice Committee - L  
6 PM Shiozawa: Japanese Dinner & Film - O [T&S]  
7 PM Banned Book Club - O  
7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Svc– H

### **Saturday, April 20, 2013**

9 AM Visiting Steward Training - H  
1:30 PM Leadership Circle Reception - O  
7 PM Dinners with UU's - O

### **Sunday, April 21, 2013**

#### **SUPER CAMP SUNDAY - H**

9:15 AM Forum: UUA Statement of Conscience Issues - L  
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2  
12:15 PM The Multicultural Congregation - L [Led by Vivien Hao]  
12:15 PM Rev. Earl Koteen Green Sanctuary Workshop - H  
7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group – L

### **Monday, April 22, 2013**

#### **EARTH DAY**

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

### **Tuesday, April 23, 2013**

8:30 AM Aerobics - H  
1 PM Block-Miller/Harris Dudamel DVD Viewing - L [T&S]  
7 PM Program Council – L

### **Wednesday, April 24, 2013**

Examine our personal values and actions around this topic as they relate to the 7th principle, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." We'll have cooking demos, a documentary, a group outing to a vegan restaurant, and lots of thoughtful discussion. This is going to be fun and very eye opening.

Full details are at

[http://www.pacificunitarian.org/heal\\_the\\_world/ethicaleating.html](http://www.pacificunitarian.org/heal_the_world/ethicaleating.html).

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

## April 21 Workshop - From Compassion to Action: Joy, Eco-justice, & Reverence for Life

**THIS Sunday**, after the Service and lunch, please join Rev. Earl Koteen & friends, at 12:15 PM in the Hall, for a workshop on eco-justice, compassion, and awe. We'll discuss how to prepare for ourselves and our loved ones for the changing environment and the joy and love that arises from community.

## There Are Still Auction Items Available!! Visit the Table and Snap 'Em Up (And Please Settle Up & See What You Won and Who Won Yours)

There are still items that weren't snapped up at the Anniversary Party & Auction (Meals, tastings, events, lessons, services & even some cool stuff) and they're available in the Office after the Service. You can also pick up your donor & buyer lists, and if you're one of the 11 folks who haven't settled up yet, please do so ASAP. Thank you to EVERYONE! Our total is over \$12,000!!!

## Retreat to the Mountains and GROW!

The Annual PUC de Benneville 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](mailto:andyk@gmail.com) or by phone at (213)595-2093 if you have questions, or would like to volunteer to host an activity.

## Gloria Lockhart Book Reading @ PUC

A special book reading by past CEO of the Toberman

11 AM Staff Mtg - L  
6:30 PM Choir Practice - H  
7 PM Infinity in Your Hands Grp - L

### Thursday, April 25, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H  
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H  
10 AM Women's Circle - L  
7 PM Growth Plan Steering Committee - V  
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

## Flowers for the Church

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

*Sunday's Flowers are "in honor my sister, Mary Bernatz, on the occasion of her 97th birthday."*

—Barbara Gleghorn



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

Are you proud that PUC is a Welcoming Congregation? Come join many other PUC'ers in our first entry in the Long Beach Pride Parade on Sunday, **May 19**. The parade route will be a fun 1.2 mile march down Ocean Blvd.

If you would like to join us, or get more information, come by the Standing On the Side of Love Table on the patio after Service, or contact Brad Shreve 310-344-8450 [bdshreve@outlook.com](mailto:bdshreve@outlook.com). We look forward to having you join us in the fun.

## Upcoming Services:

April's Monthly Theme:

**THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB**

4/28: The Rendering of Blessings

Rev. John Morehouse

Neighborhood Center in San Pedro, Ms. Gloria Lockhart, MSW, after the Service. Gloria will be reading excerpts from her new book *Unmasking: A Woman's Journey*. *Unmasking* is a blueprint for people seeking to transform their lives and become the champions of their own stories. Her book shares how she conquered barriers—channeling the courage to fuel hope, forgiveness, and healing in order to become the inspirational and motivational trailblazer she is today. Q & A and book signing after the reading. [CLICK HERE for more information.](#)

## *Around the District and Beyond...*

### UU's on CBS

A CBS News segment on [religion & spirituality in a changing society](#) that features UUism, UUA President Peter Morales, the Rev. Fred Small, First Parish Cambridge, and a few other local UUs, is [available online](#) and will be airing at various dates/times across the country. Enjoy!

## 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 - May 5  
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: [Ethical Eating Study Group](#). Led by Diane Bassett - **NEW!**  
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.

[CLICK HERE](#) for ALL of our  
Adult Lifespan Development Offerings

## 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, July 30**  
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 I

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

## May's Monthly Theme: PEACE

### 5/5: From the Inside Out

#### Rev. John Morehouse

As we enter into the spiritual theme of peace in the month of May, Rev. John will explore the wisdom of the teaching of the Taoist master Lao Tsu.

### 5/12: Imagination Time Machine

#### Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Join Rev. Tamara as we travel in time to celebrate three historical events that dared to imagine a more peaceful and compassionate world. **Please bring a flower or a bunch of flowers to share for our annual Unitarian Universalist Flower Communion.**

### A UU Said That?

"Over increasingly large areas of the United States, spring now comes unheralded by the return of the birds, and the early mornings are strangely silent where once they were filled with the beauty of bird song."

—[Rachel Carson](#)

## Third Sunday Hospitality Special Thanks to All of YOUU!



Thank you to all who help prepare...And all who eat...And all who serve Pacific Unitarian Church. Last Sunday's Food

Women's Reading & Responding Grp, 1st Mon., 11 AM, L  
[Kundalini Yoga w/ Aimee](#) - All are welcome, Mon., 5 PM, H  
Men's Ministry, Mon., 7 PM, V  
Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

### Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Wed., 6:30 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

Champions were: TOP CHEFS  
Andy Kissner & Margo Meikle; Ably  
aided by: Donna Jean Ryan,  
Madeline Morehouse, Kim Gosney,  
Deb Reynolds, Ezra Benhen, &  
Dean Curliss.  
Great work!! See you all next time.  
Happy trails.

—Frances

**CHEFS Wanted:** SIGN-UP on the  
CANVAS 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



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