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Committed to the Free and Responsible Search for Truth, Meaning, and Service

The View

April 25, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS, and that include all of YoUU, Dear Readers. Lots of blessings (and news), and much, much more -- right here in *THE VIEW*...

REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

The link provided in the **Please Say, "YES!" When Asked...** article that appeared in the April 18 VIEW EXTRA!, was the wrong one. The

following link *WILL* take you to see the current status of the PUC 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 4th Sunday Forum
Sacred Economics: Money, Gift, and Community in an Age of Transition:

Join Us for a special **Financial Benefits of Giving Forum** with Daria DiJulio, CPA.

Learn about the tax advantages of giving with this outstanding expert. Now is the time to plan for your future.

Facilitated by **Rev. John**

10:30 AM Service
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.

12:15 PM Leadership Academy
The Context of Leadership Module.

Led by **Kathy Rickey**



Music Notes

From the Music Department:



Put **May 5 at 2:30 PM** on your calendar as a do-not-miss event! I am very excited about our expanded choir of over 30 voices preparing for the performance of the *Requiem* by Gabrielle Fauré. Fauré (12 May, 1845 – 4 November, 1924) was a French composer, organist, pianist, and teacher. He was one of the foremost French composers of his generation, and his musical style influenced many 20th-century composers. His music has been described as linking the end of Romanticism with the Modernism of the second quarter of the 20th century. When he was born, Chopin was still composing, and by the time of Fauré's death, jazz and the atonal music were being heard.

Fauré composed his **Requiem in D minor**, Op. 48 in the late 1880's and revised it in the 1890's, finalizing it in 1900. A short

requiem lasting 35 minutes, it is performed in Latin, and consists of seven movements. Our Hall has the perfect acoustics for this very dynamic piece.

Remember that we are *always* looking for people to join our choir. You can join for one piece or the rest of your life.

Thanks and Keep Singing,

—Severin

Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director

Music@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!"

4/28: 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 a bunch) to share for our annual Unitarian Universalist Flower Communion.***

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

1ST 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

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

The Weekend At a Glance

Thursday, April 25, 2013

7 PM Growth Plan Steering Committee - V
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Friday, April 26, 2013

12 PM Burke/Hammond: Lunch @ Scotty's - O [T&S]

Saturday, April 27, 2013

9 AM Strategic Planning - O
10 AM French Conversation Grp - V

Sunday, April 28, 2013

9:15 AM Forum-Sacred Economics: Money, Gift, and Community in an Age of Transition. [Join Us for a special Financial Benefits of Giving Forum](#) with Daria DiJulio, CPA.

Facilitated by Rev. John - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
12:15 PM PUC Leadership Academy-L
12:15 PM Gloria Lockhart Book Reading & Signing - H

Monday, April 29, 2013

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

Flowers for the Church

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

Next open dates: July 14, 21, 28;
August 25; Sept. 15, 22, 29

This Sunday's Flowers are to recognize Rev. Tamara for

SPECIAL SUNDAY MORNING FINANCIAL FORUM THIS WEEK

Join us at 9:15 in the Library for a special **Financial Benefits of Giving Forum** with Daria DiJulio, CPA. Learn about the tax advantages of giving with this outstanding expert. Now is the time to plan for your future.

Part of Rev. John's **Sacred Economics: Money, Gift, and Community in an Age of Transition Forum**.

Gloria Lockhart Book Reading @ PUC on Sunday

A special book reading by past CEO of the Toberman Neighborhood Center in San Pedro, Ms. Gloria Lockhart, MSW, after this Sunday's 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.](#)

End of an Era

For the last 30 years, one thing you could count on if you visited PUC on any weekday was the sound of children playing at the south end of our campus. The day school, known formally as the *Children's World Learning Center*, has been a part of PUC for as long as most of us can remember.

Well, it looks like that is going to change soon. Carla Emerson, owner and director of the school, has decided to retire and close up shop. She has seen a declining enrollment for the past couple of years, and this last year she operated at 60% of her target size. She has decided that projected enrollments are not sufficient to continue operating the school. The preschool will close at the end of this school year and will move out by July 15, 2013.

We will all miss Carla and the wonderful work she has done with the children, so stop by and wish her well in her new endeavors. In the upcoming weeks, the Board will be discussing options for the classrooms and the space that is being vacated. If you have any ideas, let someone on the Board know.

—Gary Hart, President, Board of Trustees

Beltane @ PUC May 5

Iseum of Isis Paedusis is proud to announce a Beltane observance at PUC. This year we are celebrating the spirit of the season in Egyptian style. On Sunday, **May 5**, at precisely 6 PM, the Iseum of Isis Paedusis will observe the celebration of our Beltane/May Eve

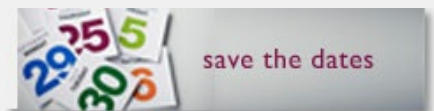
Recognize Rev. Tamara for "her moving sermons and the fantastic Religious Education program."

—Laura MacMorran

It's Peninsula-Harbor CROP HUNGER WALK Time Again!

Join or Support!!

The Social Justice Ministry would like to invite you to sign up to Walk with us from beautiful Point Fermin in San Pedro to raise money to fight local and global hunger at 11:00 AM on **Saturday, May 4**. If you can't walk, please donate to support the walkers. Sign up on the Patio Sunday after the Service.

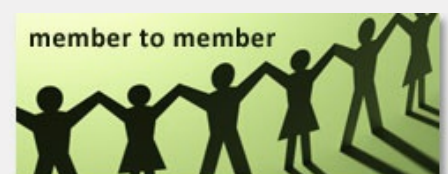


5/19: Stand (and Walk) On the Side of Love @ L.B. Pride

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](tel:310-344-8450) bdshreve@outlook.com.

We look forward to having you join us in the fun.



Caregiver Needed

Gloria and Will Nuechbaum's son

ritual. Come dressed in the traditional colors of red and white or other festive colors; wear Egyptian attire or jewelry if available. Bring your sistrum or other noisemakers to make a joyful noise and a flower or fruit to place as offerings on the altar. Also bring food (we request non-messy finger food) to share; we provide beverages and "cakes" for the toasting part of the ritual.

[Please RSVP](#) or to (310) 371-0274 at least 24 hours in advance.

—Em hotep, Em Ma'at, The Iseum of Isis Paedusis.

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 andykpuc@gmail.com / (213)595-2093 if you have questions, or would like to volunteer to host an activity.

[CLICK HERE to experience the Spirit of de Benneville Pines.](#)

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 -

Gloria and Will Nussbaum's son Paul is looking for a caregiver to cover one 48-hour shift/week. Please contact Gloria (See PUC Directory) if you're interested, or know someone who is.

Hocutts Search 4 Used Car

I am looking for a reliable used car to replace one of ours that is about to die. The ideal car will: have one owner who took care of it the way I would have done; get more than 22 mpg city; have many years left; and cost less than \$5,000. Preferred: automatic; Japanese. Call, text, or email:

Jennifer Hocutt

jenhocutt@earthlink.net

cell/text: 310-480-7280

[Click here for more](#)

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Upcoming Services: 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) to share for our annual Unitarian Universalist Flower Communion.**

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, 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

GBLTVQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

Saturdays

French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank
Paulsen or Betty Chevron

5/19: After Each Storm

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John will explore what
struggles reveal about living anew.

**Fourth Sunday Hospitality
Special Thanks to All of
YoUU!**

The sun was shining & chefs
a'smilin'!

Thank you to all those who
happened to pop into the kitchen
around 9ish to lend a hand: Margo
Meikle, Andy Kissner, Madeline &
Francis Morehouse, Mark
Kundson, Dean Curliss & Deb
Reynolds. Outstanding!

—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:

Joanna Hanff & Scott
Garrabrant

Welcome Table:

Virginia McCulloch/Ramos &
Marian Jones

Greeters:

Jean McDaniel & Shuja Oberoi

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