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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

May 2, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

...but *THE VIEW* from PUC is kinda restless, in a PEACEful kind of a way. Lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!



Minister's Message

Finding Our Spiritual Center

We are in the midst of our campaign to fund our future here at Pacific Unitarian Church. If you have not already heard from one of our visiting stewards you will soon. We are each being asked to consider two financial commitments. The first is to fund our Annual Operating Budget. We are eager to return to being a "Fair Share Congregation" in covenant with our larger Unitarian Universalist movement, and to return our staffing compensation to recommended levels for a congregation our size. Our early returns look *very* promising. I hope all of us will make a pledge for the coming year (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014). Our first goal is 100% participation by all our members and friends. Our second goal is to have us give our fair share to this church community we all love. I am asking for your support. Will you join me in giving?

Our second commitment is to the Growth and Reinvestment in our church. We are at an exciting crossroads. After thirty years, our preschool director, Carla Emerson has decided to retire and close the school. This means we will once again have full use of our classrooms for Sunday and for other programs throughout the week. I am proposing we create a Center for Spiritual Renewal on our campus wherein we bring in spiritual practitioners from across the

May's Monthly Theme: **PEACE**

This Sunday

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

10:30 AM Service
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.

12:15 PM Theological Academy
Gnostic Christianity From the Inside Out
Led by **Rev. John**

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, May 2, 2013
5:30 PM BGP Fundraising
Campaign Launch - Pt. Vicente
Interpretive Center

South Bay to teach spiritual practice, provide space for social justice work, parenting classes and so much more. The First Universalist Church of Denver has a model they are successfully using that they have modeled for congregations just like ours. We could create spiritual opportunities that would not only serve our own people but reach out to those who might never darken the doors of a church. Our campaign will improve our campus and outreach to support whatever direction we decide to take in this renewed space. It is ours to dream to do.

As we enter this exciting time, I invite you to be part of the next fifty years as a shining beacon on the hill. Here we are, standing together on the edge of something so much bigger than ourselves. Let's discover our spiritual center here together!

*With Grace and Grit,
—Rev. John*

Minister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry MAY CALENDAR

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 "carnival-style" day. Children and youth do not go into service today. Please gather in room one (closest to the Library) at 10:30.

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.*

5/19: Native / First Nation

This is the final week of our multi-religious journey for Hobbits, Sojourners and Voyagers. Today we explore the world-view of some Native/First Nation peoples.

5/26: Last Day of "regular" Family Religious Ministry classes

All children/youth and teaching teams celebrate the end of our journey together and plan a group presentation for the multigenerational worship service, **Religious Education Sundaes**, on June 2.

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

7:30 PM Environmental Priorities
Network – L

Friday, May 3, 2013

6 PM Temple Emet Shabbat
Service - H

Saturday, May 4, 2013

9 AM Visiting Steward Training -
H
12:30 PM Requiem Rehearsal - H
1:30 PM Visiting Steward Training
– L

Sunday, May 5, 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 PM Acting Associate Minister
Committee on Ministry - V
12:15 PM Theological Academy:
Gnostic Christianity From the
Inside, Out - L
2:30 PM Fauré Requiem
Performance - H
6 PM Pagan Beltane Celebration
- H
7 PM Books In Our Lives
Covenant Group – L

Monday, May 6, 2013

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

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnt Grp
-L
6:30 PM Soulful Sundown Srvc -
P
7 PM Board Exec. Mtg. - L
7 PM Standing On the Side of
Love Mtg. - O
7:30 PM Board Mtg. – L

2nd 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 - Library

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

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.**

Sunday's Split Plate Collection will contribute to the Peninsula-Harbor CROP Hunger Walk. 50% of today's non-pledge collection will be donated to "help children and families worldwide – and here in the U.S. – to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow."

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 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.

BUDDY MIXER May 11 *New to PUC? Want to Help Visitors & New Members to feel Welcome?*

Come to PUC's next Buddy Mixer: a fun, informal way to get to learn more about PUC and get to know others here. The next Buddy Mixer will be at 6:30 PM, on **May 11** - a potluck dinner being graciously hosted at Sandy McNeil's Rancho Palos Verdes home. Children are welcome. Please know that this mixer is being co-hosted by Sandy's 2 friendly dogs, and bring a light outerwear for our overflow into her beautiful backyard.

Please RSVP to denise@umeworks.com to receive the details and

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

- 11 AM Staff Mtg - L
- 6:30 PM Family RE Committee - [Polly's Pies]
- 6:30 PM Choir Practice - H
- 7 PM Infinity in Your Hands Grp – L

Thursday, May 9, 2013

- 8:30 AM Aerobics - H
- 10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
- 7 PM Growth Plan Steering Committee - V
- 7 PM Finance Committee – L

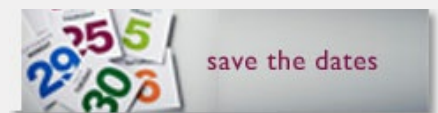
Flowers for the Church

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

Next open dates: **May 19**; July 14, 21; August 25; Sept. 15, 22, 29

This Sunday's Flowers are "from Aria and Lara McKain with joy and gratitude . Glad to be back home with our Pacific Unitarian friends!"

—Aria McKain



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

to let us know what dish you'll you bringing to share.

Go Green: SB Solar Homes Tour May 11

The Environmental Priorities Network is sponsoring its 8th annual South Bay area Solar Homes Tour from 9 AM -5 PM on Saturday, May 11.

Reducing energy use will help to save our planet from catastrophic climate change, and will save you money as well. The listed homes have many other environmental features like solar hot water heating, double pane windows, low voltage lighting, off-peak timed appliances, and native and drought-tolerant plantings. At one home you may view the control panel showing the meter running backwards, and at another you may inspect the electric car in the garage. This is a great opportunity to find out more about conservation, renewable energy, and energy efficiency.

To receive the flyer that lists addresses of and directions to the ten tour homes or for more information about the May 11 tour, please contact Diane Wallace: 310-266-1241 / dmbarkwall@gmail.com or Lillian Light: 310-545-1384 / lklight@verizon.net.

Cosponsored by: Pacific Unitarian Church Social Justice Committee & the South Coast Interfaith Council.

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 andykuc@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

us in the fun.



FREE MAGIC SHOW

PUC's OWN Marty G, Magician

May 18 @ 7PM

Farmers & Merchant's Bank
12535 Seal Beach Bl
Seal Beach CA

There will be others, but please
vote for Marty G in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd
place!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Upcoming Services: May's Monthly Theme: PEACE

5/12: Imagination Time Machine

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
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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.*

5/19: After Each Storm Rev. John Morehouse

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

5/26: Living Complete Rev. John Morehouse

On this Memorial Day Sunday,
Rev. John explains why all life is
unfinished and made immortal by

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, 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

unfished and made immortal by
what we leave for others to
complete.

We will also remember our
members who have tiles on the
Memorial Wall who passed away
in the past year. We will dedicate
their new tiles in a brief ceremony
starting *immediately* after the
Service in the Meditation Garden.

A UU Said That?

Things don't change; we do.

—[Henry David Thoreau](#)

First Sunday Hospitality Special Thanks to All of YoUU!

A big shout out to Top Chef Vivien
Hao and sous chefs Andy Kissner,
Margo Meikle, Linda Jenson and
Diane Brunson for our outstanding
spread last Sunday. Yum!Yum!

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

Or, you can contact:

Mega Top Chef:

[Francis Morehouse](#); [310 291 3399](#)

Ushers:

Carlos Angeles & Elizabeth
Drake

Welcome Table:

Marty Gorman

Greeters:

OPEN POSITION & Dennis
Murray

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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

GBLQ 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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