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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 16, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

**May's Monthly Theme:**  
**PEACE**

This Sunday

**May 19**

**9:15 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Forum**  
**Food Justice Study GroUUp**  
Led by **Diane Bassett - NEW!**

**10:30 AM Service**  
**After Each Storm**  
**Rev. John Morehouse**  
Rev. John will explore what struggles reveal about living anew.

**12:15 PM**  
**The New U:**  
**Introduction to Unitarian**  
**Universalism**  
Led by **Rev. John**

### ***The Week At a Glance***

**Thursday, May 16, 2013**  
7 PM Growth Plan Steering  
Committee - V

**Friday, May 17, 2013**  
12 PM Fridley: Positive Lunch - O  
[T&S]  
2 PM Social Justice Committee -  
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Hi,  
...and THE VIEW from PUC is always CALM, whether it's stormy or not...Lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!



### **A Message from your Board President:** **"The Future Ain't What It Used to Be..."**

The title of this article comes from the brilliant mind of the esteemed philosopher Yogi Berra, who is also quoted as saying - "It's like déjà vu all over again," and "You can observe a lot just by watching." Mr. Berra always struck me as a very practical fellow, schooled in the ways of the ivy walls of Ebbets field, rather than the ivy halls of higher education. It seems to me that PUC is at a crossroads in its path, and could use some of that plucky, well-grounded thinking.

With the closing of the preschool, the constraints on the use of our south campus are gone. We have long depended on the revenue from the rental of that space, perhaps a bit too much. Even though there have been some "what if" and "If only" discussions in the past couple of years, PUC hasn't been able to make a serious move to redefine our use of the classrooms. Now, in accordance with Yogi, "The Future ain't what it used to be." We have to decide what to do.

So, I've been doing some "watching" lately, just to see what I observe. And what I am seeing is a lot of folks with a lot of very interesting ideas of what to do with our newly regained space. I've

heard ideas ranging from a Solar Farm to an outdoor amphitheater and stage. Perhaps we should flatten the whole thing and expand the parking lot. Perhaps now we could build that chapel they envisioned about ten years ago - "déjà vu all over again," like Yogi said.

What do you think? Let us know. Now is the time to dream big... Let's dream now, for as Yogi warned us: "It gets late early out there."

—Garu Hart

## Religious Education Matters

### Family Religious Education Ministry MAY CALENDAR

Thanks to all who led and participated in our Beltane/ May Day celebration last week, especially Jeff & Connie Ordway! Lots of fun and learning!!

#### 5/19: Native American / 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 & teaching teams celebrate the end of our journey together and plan a group presentation for the multigenerational Worship Service: **Religious Education Sundaes Sunday** on June 2.

#### 6/2: Religious Education Sundaes Sunday

We gather in community at our church to nurture our own spirits, to walk with others on the path, and to help heal our world. Come celebrate a year of spiritual growth and learning for all ages in this Multigenerational Service. And yes, there will be ice cream sundaes for all after the Service!

—Rev. Tamara

[AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

- \* 9:15 AM: [Ethical Eating Study Group](#). Led by Diane Bassett - **NEW!**
- \* 12:15 PM: The New U: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

### Share Your Talents Summer for PUC Family R.E.

Our Family Religious Education Ministry is pleased to announce **Share Your Talents Summer** for our children and youth! We are looking for **YOU** to share a talent, skill, hobby, or interest with our children and youth on **ONE** Sunday during the summer. Art, science, activities, crafts, skills; all are welcome!! We know we have a very talented bunch of PUC members, so sign up now at the Family Religious Education table or email [AssocMinister@PacificUnitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@PacificUnitarian.org).

### UU Pacific Southwest District ChoirFest at PUC THIS Saturday

7 PM Banned Book Club - O  
7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service - H

#### Saturday, May 18, 2013

9 AM PV Land Conservancy Nursery Work Party - O [You MUST RSVP to Dorian Tippet]  
[3 PM PSWD Choirfest](#) - H

#### Sunday, May 19, 2013

[7:30 AM Meet @ PUC to Carpool to Long Beach Gay Pride Parade](#)  
- O

9:15 AM Forum: UUA Statement of Conscience Issues - L  
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2

1:30 PM Chalice Oak Foundation FUUndraiser - H  
7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp - V

7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

#### Monday, May 20, 2013

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H  
11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club- L  
5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) - H  
6:30 PM A/V Vision Team Mtg - H  
7 PM Men's Ministry -V

#### Tuesday, May 21, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H  
1 PM Pastoral Care Associates Mtg - H  
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnt Grp - V  
7 PM Board Meeting - V

### Flowers for the Church

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

Next open dates:

Sept. 15, 22, 29

*Sundays Flowers are "from the straight, but not narrow, Ripley family in honor of the PUCers walking in the Long Beach (GBLTQ) Pride Parade on Sunday."*



You like hearing the PUC Choir sing during Service twice a month. Now you get to hear Five UU Choirs sing in one concert. **THIS Saturday, May 18, at 3 PM.** Admission is Free – Donations will be accepted. Please contact [Patricia Hart](#) if you have any questions.

### Walk with Us On the Side of Love @ L.B. Pride

On **Sunday, May 19**, PUC will be participating in the Long Beach Pride Parade for the first time. If you would like to join us, you can contact Brad Shreve: [bdshreve@outlook.com](mailto:bdshreve@outlook.com) / 310-344-8450. Or, you can speak with Denise Shiozawa on the Patio after Service this Sunday.

If you have already agreed to be in the parade, please see Denise on Sunday to obtain information about necessary documentation for the parade and information on carpooling to the parade site from PUC.

### UUA Fundraising Consultant Passes Away

It is with a heavy heart that I report that Dave Rickard, our UUA Fundraising Consultant died quite suddenly yesterday of a massive stroke while cutting the grass at home. It was completely unexpected. The UUA assures me that their office will provide us with whatever services we require to finish our pledge campaign.

Although we were largely finished with Dave's help it comes as a shock to many of us who have worked and known him these many years.

I have expressed our condolences to his family and church in Little Rock, AR. Dave was a giant among us, full of calm wisdom and warm confidence. When last we parted he told me how impressed he was with the work we were doing and how far we have come with funding our dreams. He called us his "legacy church" throughout the UUA. In

short, he believed in us and we believed in him and the future of our faith. While we are shocked and saddened, let us celebrate the man and his work and push on forward for ourselves, our future.... and for Dave.

### Women's Reading & Responding Bookclub Meets

Hey Ladies! PUC's *Women's Reading and Responding Bookclub* next meets Monday, May 20 at 11 AM in the PUC Library with discussion of *True Colors* by Kristin Hannah. If you're a woman and love to read, this is the group for you!!

June meeting/title: 6/17 *The Buddha in the Attic* - Julie Otsuka

### GREEN SANCTUARY NEWS:

#### Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Los Angeles

Join us on **Saturday, June 2**, 10 AM – 3 PM, for a Walking Tour of Historic Downtown, as the area around Pershing Square is known, in the heart of downtown L.A.; Tour will include Central Library, Angels Flight, the Bradbury Building, etc. We need 8 people to reserve a docent. [Purchase your ticket online](#) ahead of time. Cost \$10. Following the tour we will lunch at super trendy, warehouse style restaurant, *Bottega Louie* (under \$10).

This outing will require 2 1/2 hours of walking, although, we will be walking slowly with frequent stops. Older children are welcome. I will be able to drive 6 people from PUC to the Acacia Metro Blue line

The Service for Tom Wayman, Marci Wayman's husband, will be held tomorrow, **Friday, May 17 @ 10 AM** at Saint Wilfrid of York Episcopal Church  
[18631 Chapel Lane](#)  
[Huntington Beach, CA 92646.](#)

Please keep the Wayman family in the light during this difficult time.

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact **Reverend John.** [pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org) or the [PUC Office.](#)



### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

[Click here for more Member-to-Member News.](#)  
[Submit your posting request](#)

### Upcoming Services:

**May's Monthly Theme:**

**PEACE**

### 5/26: Living Complete

**Rev. John Morehouse**

On this Memorial Day Sunday, Rev. John explains why all life is unfinished 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

station. We will get off at 7<sup>th</sup> St and walk to Pershing Square. Those who wish to drive will have to pay for parking. Call or email [Dorian Tippet](#) with your questions. Sponsored by the [PUC Green Sanctuary Project](#) and Transition LA.

### HELP! Transition Photo Album Is Missing

Two weeks ago, the "Transition" photo album went missing from the Green Sanctuary Table on the Patio. This is our only copy of the album. If you inadvertently took it, please return to the PUC Office – no questions asked.

### Occupy Torrance Invites YoUU to Put YoUUr Faith in Action

Occupy Torrance continues every Wednesday, 4-6 PM, in front of Bank of America at 21700 Hawthorne Blvd (at Carson St.) in Torrance. We are the 99%. Join us in this nonviolent solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street Movement. We hold a weekly vigil in Torrance with placards against war and corporate abuses. More information: <https://www.facebook.com/OccupyTorrance> or contact Dorian Tippet.

### If You're Concerned About Fracking...

[Californians Against Fracking](#) Demonstration Thursday, May 30, 11:30 AM in Downtown L.A. Call [Dorian Tippet](#) to carpool.

—Dorian Tippet

## JAZZ CONCERT Benefitting the Long Beach Stroke Support Association

**Featuring: Alvin Hayes, Jr. and his Quintet**

2 - 4 PM, SATURDAY, JUNE 8

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach**

[5450 E. Atherton St., Long Beach](#) (East of of Bellflower and Atherton)

Listen to his music on his website: [www.alvinhayesjr.com](http://www.alvinhayesjr.com).

**Stroke Support Association** provides support, education, and resources to stroke survivors, their families, and the community. Weekly support groups facilitated by trained professionals provide a safe place to find understanding, friendship, and the knowledge that there is life after stroke.

For more information, visit [www.strokesupportassoc.org](http://www.strokesupportassoc.org).

**Tickets in advance: \$20 General / \$15 Youth (13-18)**

**Order online:** <http://strokesupportassoc.org/jazz.htm> or call (562) 537-0556 to order by phone. \$25 at the door if available.

—Joyce Block-Miller

## 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

starting immediately after the Service in the Meditation Garden.

## A UU Said That?

The only security for public liberty is found in the absolute and unqualified freedom of thought and expression.

—[Horace Greeley](#)

(Universalist, journalist, editor, social reformer)

## Third Sunday Hospitality Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!!

**MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH** was lovely, wasn't it!?!

And it was brought to you by those who have, and those who are, MOTHERS.

Thank you TOP CHEF Kim Gosney, whose attention to detail is a gift to us all.

Thank you to our SOUS CHEFS:

Kim Crawford, Val Richards, Chelsea Sites, Gilana Goff, & Sandy McNeil.

A good bit of thought, emails, shopping, and executing (plans, that is) goes into creating our Sunday post-Service hospitality. None of it would happen without you - the congregation. When our Patio radiates with laughter & conversations our chefs commit to yet another week. All volunteer-funded and staffed, we have brought to you over 45 Sunday brunches this past Church year.

As of this writing we believe we will be offering brunches through FATHERS DAY, June 16.

CHEFS will be in...No wait...ON retreat over the summer, returning in September for Labor Day weekend. Stay calm & carry on.

**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

WEDNESDAY, MON., / FRI, 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**

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

### **Saturdays**

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

Paulsen

### **Welcome Table:**

Joyce Block-Miller & Betty  
Saunders

### **Greeters:**

Bill Karg

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***Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM***

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