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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 30, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

June's Monthly Theme:
WISDOM

This Sunday

June 2

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

10:30 AM Service
Religious Education Sundae Sunday

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
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 led by Rev. Tamara. And yes, there will be Ice Cream Sundaes for all after the Service!

We will also have a Split Plate Collection to benefit the UU Southern Region's Oklahoma Emergency Relief Fund.

The Week At a Glance

Friday, May 31, 2013

Hi,
 ...and THE VIEW from PUC is SWEEEEEET to...a confection of all the sweetness with a taste of bitter too. Lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!



Minister's Message

Awaken to our Legacy

This past Sunday we remembered eight of our members who have passed on from this life at our annual Memorial and Tile Dedication Ceremony. Over forty people were in attendance to sing, read, and share remembrances of those who have given so much to our beloved community.

Our Church is in the midst of a powerful transition. The legacy of our founders who gave their time, talent and treasure is calling on all of us to renew our deep commitment to, this Church and its vision as a beacon of liberal faith. The founders of this Church gave all that they could to establishing this Church, through building, caring, and standing on the side of love. For ALL of US who remain, this is now OUR calling.

When I came here eight years ago I asked you to "set free the ministry in each of you." We have done just that; our Addictions and Recovery Ministry, our Pastoral Care Team, our place as a teaching church for new ministers, our food ministry, innovative religious education, our Permaculture Garden, our many small groups, and our stands for social justice have earned us recognition regionally and nationally. In 2008 the UUA recognized us as a "Breakthrough Congregation." This year the Pacific Western Region of the UUA has asked us to be a mentoring congregation to an aspiring congregation in Colorado in the Leap Of Faith Program of the UUA.

Now that our ministry has been set free, I am calling on us to

renew our dreams together. Now is the time for ALL of us to awaken to our legacy and step boldly into the next fifty years as a community. What does this mean? This means that we commit to being members of community in every sense. Our church is not a member services organization. We do not ask you to pay dues for which you receive services like a YMCA. We ask you to give as substantially as you can to our mission of our time, talent, and treasure. This means you volunteer when asked and make a significant financial pledge as our visiting stewards are asking you to do now.

This also means that we explore and come together with a new vision of what we can be. Our Strategic Plan calls on us to achieve a managed growth in numbers and programming. We have endorsed this Plan over many years. Part of that vision, I believe, is to renew our call to being a learning community. This is why I have proposed we use our classroom space to launch a Center for Spiritual Renewal. This Center will offer fee-based classes in everything from drumming to yoga, from dances for children to a theology of grace. A small group of dedicated volunteers are working on a plan for the Center to propose to our leadership in the coming weeks. We will be offering a video presentation to the Congregation soon. Possible speakers and presenters are being contacted and there is tremendous excitement in the larger South Bay community for such a project. This vision would make PUC the "come to" place for spiritual learning. We have already been moving in this direction with our visiting Swami last week, our on-going Soulful Sundown Services (join us this coming Tuesday at 6:30 PM), and the Sand Mandala project last December. There is a hunger here that we can feed. Will you join us as we awaken to our legacy?

*With Grace and Grit,
—Rev. John*

Minister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry MAY CALENDAR

6/2: Religious Education Sundae Sunday

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6/9: Games Day / de Benneville Pines Retreat Week-end

Many of our families will be up the mountain at our beautiful Camp de Benneville Pines. For those who cannot join in the Retreat, today we will have day of fun and games at PUC! For today: Children and youth do not go into Service. Please go directly to Classroom 1.

Please note: beginning today and for the duration of the

The Week At a Glance

2 PM "[Be the Match](#)" [Bone Marrow Drive](#) - H

6 PM Suzuki Sukiyaki Supper - L
[T&S]

Saturday, June 1, 2013

6:30 PM Shaffer: Italian Dinner -
O [T&S]

Sunday, June 2, 2013

R.E. Sunday

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" - H

7 PM Books In Our Lives
Covenant Group - L

Monday, June 3, 2013

10:00 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) - No
Class Today

7 PM Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp
-L

6:30 PM Soulful Sundown Service
- H

7 PM Board Exec. Mtg. - L

7:30 PM Board Mtg. - L

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

11 AM Staff Mtg - L

6:30 PM Stewardship - O

6:30 PM Choir Practice - H

Thursday, June 6, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

7 PM Growth Plan Steering
Committee - V

7:30 PM Environmental Priorities
Network - L

Religious Education Matters

summer, children age six and below will have free play in our childcare room, while the rest of the children and youth will be together for the project or activity of the day.

6/16: "Share Your Talent" Summer Program Begins

Today Rachel Bruhnke leads the group in an activity about PEACE!

6/23: "Share Your Talent" Summer Program Continues

Vivien Hao shares a special love of beading with all ages and genders.

—Rev. Tamara

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1st SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

- * 9:15 AM: Faith Like a River: Themes From Our UU History
- * 12:15 PM: Theological Academy: "Gnostic Christianity From the Inside Out." Led by Rev. John

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

Be Part of the Summer FUUn with PUC Family R.E.

June - September 8

Share your talent with the kids at PUC this summer! Play hookey from the Service for one week and remember the summer vacations of youth!

We need volunteers who have a fun hobby, interesting knowledge, a unique job, or just a great fun-loving personality to spend some time with the youth ages 6 through high school.

Interested? Sign up now to lead an all-ages activity, topic of your choice, or offer your support as a teacher's assistant. If you're stuck, here are a few ideas to get your brain storming:

- *photo day
- *art workshop
- *music
- *science
- *magic
- *gardening
- *safety and first aid
- *food prep
- *cooperative field day

The RE Committee is here to support you on this fun adventure! Thank you for your commitment to our children and the future of UU!

Sign up now at the Family Religious Education table or email AssocMinister@PacifcUnitarian.org.



6/8 Special (Daytime) Dinners for UU's

Free Lunch & Tour for "Those of a Certain Age" at:
Harbor Terraces

[435 W. 8th Street, San Pedro](#)

12:00 noon, **Saturday, June 8**

There is no charge for the lunch but reservations are required.

Open House – Meet & Greet
Residences of Harbor Terraces
about 2 PM.

Any questions & reservations call
Betty Saunders: (310) 324-6333 or

Betty90502@Earthlink.net.

6/15: St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble Returns to PUC

2 PM, **Saturday, June 15**

This inspiring world class vocal ensemble includes the incredible talents of Kiril Sokolov, Evgeny Vishnevsky, Vadim Smanster, and the fabulous world class accordionist Alexander Korbakov. They will light your spirit and strengthen your soul as they bring to life ancient Russian chants, sacred compositions, folk and modern transpositions of popular melodies. Donations will gladly be accepted at the door.

Contact:

Admin@pacificunitarian.org /

310-378-9449 for further information.

6/19: Make a Difference Against Global Warning!

Be a Part of California Lobby Day with UU Legislative Ministry-CA on June 19 - Travel Assistance Available

Would you like to make a difference in the fight against global warming in a way that few people ever do? [Then join us on June 19 for our California Lobby Day.](#)

PUC Members Ollie Coker &

GREEN SANCTUARY NEWS:

Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Los Angeles

Join us on **Saturday, June 1**, 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 station. We will get off at 7th 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.

Dick Peterson Sendoff After This Sunday's Service

Dick Peterson, longtime PUC member and former Board

President, has just celebrated his 90th birthday and is moving up to San Jose to be close to his family. Join Dick and all of us on the Patio for a for a special lunchtime dessert, a birthday cake, to wish him well and to honor him for his many years of service to the UUA and to PUC.

Dick has been a gay activist for many years, participating in a number of community AIDS support groups. He was chair of the UUA Pacific Southwest District Gay and Lesbian Resource Committee, and from 1995 until 1998, he co-chaired our UUA all-church "Welcoming Congregation Study Program" designed to educate the congregation on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues.

As a result of fulfilling all the requirements of that study, PUC was officially certified as a "Welcoming Congregation." Following that he chaired PUC's "Interweave" Group. Most recently Dick served on our "Addiction and Recovery Ministry." We shall miss him.

PV Land Conservancy Starts "Trail Watch" Program

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes are recruiting volunteers to serve on a new Volunteer Trail Watch program to help protect the special habitat of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve from damage and enhance the enjoyment for all Preserve visitors. The program is analogous to the Neighborhood Watch Program where neighbors observe and report to the local police. In this situation, the mission of the Volunteer Trail Watch is also one of non-enforcement, but assists the Rangers as additional eyes and ears on the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve and educates users about the Preserve's rules and unique features. The volunteers may participate either on foot, on horseback, or by bicycle.

Volunteers will receive training to enable them to function safely and effectively, will be subject to rules and a code of conduct, and

Lillian Light will pay for a PUCer's travel to Sacramento to lobby for clean energy legislation. Contact Ollie or Lillian if you're interested!!

Flowers for the Church

Sundays Flowers are "to celebrate our 6th year anniversary"

—*Maurice Chevalier & Brad Shreve*

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

Next open dates:

Sept. 15, 22, 29



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of longtime PUC member **Dr. Bob Bloomfield** on Friday, May 24.

A celebration of life for this dear man will be held at 2 PM, Saturday, July 13 at PUC.

Please hold his beloved wife Joyce, daughters Brenda and Kim, son Brian, and the rest of their family in the light during this difficult time.

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



A UU Said That?

"O, if the deeds of human creatures could be traced to their source, how beautiful would even death appear; for how much charity, mercy, and purified affection would be seen to have their growth in dusty graves!"

—*Charles Dickens*
(Unitarian, reformer, author)

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are asked to commit to 4 hours per month for one year. Many conservancies report such programs work very well and are enjoyed by the participants.

Training will start soon, so if you are interested, please contact Barbara Ailor, a volunteer and coordinator for the program, at info@PVPLC.org.

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.

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.

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

Order online: or call (562) 537-0556 to order by phone. \$25 at the door if available.

—Joyce Block-Miller

Try Our Monday Yoga & Meditation Basics Class

Start the New Year with a healthy practice for your mind, body, & spirit! Join us in the Hall on **Mondays from 5 - 6:30PM for Kundalini yoga**, a physical, mental, and spiritual discipline for developing strength, flexibility, consciousness, and character.

Led by: Aimée Donahue, Yoga Instructor and Therapist

www.yogawithaimee.com.

Join us as we move with relaxing music to calm the mind while keeping the body healthy and youthful. Tap into your body's innate inner healing power! There is a suggested donation per class.

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, 10 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

Upcoming Services: June's Monthly Theme: WISDOM

6/9: Interfaith Sunday: Islam and Buddhism

Milia Islam Majeed

Milia Islam Majeed, the Executive Director of the South Coast Interfaith Council will be leading an exploration of two different faith traditions. If you are not going to our retreat in the mountains, join us.

6/16: Lessons from My Father Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John will share his father's wisdom and challenging questions for the future.

6/23: Virtues of Necessity

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John will highlight the virtues necessary for cultivating wisdom. Our Annual Meeting will follow the Service.

6/30: The Challenge of Posterity

Rev. John Morehouse

How do we learn from the wisdom of those who have gone before? What lessons can we leave for those we love? In this service Rev. John will tackle these questions. This will be Justice Sunday, as we celebrate the work of our UU Service Committee.

First Sunday Hospitality

**Special Thanks to All of
YoUU who help!**

**This Sunday's gonna be a
BBQ!!!**

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

Or, you can contact:

Mega Top Chef:

[Francis Morehouse; 310 291 3399](#)

Tuesdays

Soulful Sundown, 1st Tues., 6:30 PM, H

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

Ushers:

Carlos Angeles & Elizabeth Drake

Welcome Table:

Marty Gorman

Greeters:

OPEN POSITION & Dennis

Murray

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

