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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



June 6, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

June's Monthly Theme:  
*WISDOM*

This Sunday

June 9

Sunday Forum

No Sunday Forums are scheduled over the Summer. The Library will be an open-talk zone before the Service

10:30 AM Service

6/9: **Interfaith Sunday: Islam and The Baha'i Faith**

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.

Sunday's Split Plate Collection will go to support the SCIC's many programs that promote interfaith understanding.

**The Week At a Glance**

**Thursday, June 6, 2013**

7:30 PM Environmental Priorities

Hi,

...and THE VIEW from PUC is doing more than cracking WISE (unlike it's trusty editor). Lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!



**A Message from your Board President:**

***The Future of PUC Depends on Us***

I recently read an article by Carey Nieuwhof about the traits of churches that will impact the future. I believe we all would like to see PUC impact the future within our congregation, within our community, and within our movement. So, let's look at Carey's traits and see if they can apply here.

- **Can't say no.** PUC can't get "stuck in the past." I know we have done much good throughout our history, but we need to change to keep up and grow. I know change is difficult, but stagnation would be even more so.
- **Outside Focus.** PUC needs to look to expand its role in the community. If we hunker down in the Hall to protect ourselves, we will not gain credibility and influence in our community. PUC without a context in the community is just not relevant.
- **Make the hard decisions and be flexible.** Yes, we always rush to make a new committee or task force. And yes, that takes months to get results. We need to put the right leaders in place and trust them. Our mission remains but our tactics must adapt.
- **Quick, nimble, and perhaps smaller/broader.** Yes we focus on growth – but perhaps we also need to embrace a smaller focused church as a possibility. Or even, a partnership with

another faith group to strengthen our foundations. Or even, a real presence in the Web world (more than just Facebook and a website). Sunday Services around the world in 80 nanoseconds.

- **Answer the hard questions and be open to trying new things.** If PUC is to make an impact in the community, it needs to be relevant to the folks in our community. That means, be ready to respond to the questions our visitors ask us, and to be open to thinking outside our U-shaped box. Trying things that don't work is not failure if we can recognize it quickly and act appropriately.
- **Not what we can get, but what we can offer.** PUC needs to keep on point with our vision and mission but be willing to adapt to a changing culture to remain effective. That means to be responsive to those who have never been a church member, and who might "fear" the association with a church. What do these folks want, how can we provide programs that fill those needs?

Traditions are great to celebrate, but the future of PUC will be built on relevance not on remembrance. I leave you with something to think about: If you were in charge, what future would you map out for PUC? Give it some thought and share it with your leaders.

—**Gary Hart**

President, PUC Board of Trustees

## Religious Education Matters

### Family Religious Education Ministry JUNE CALENDAR

#### 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 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": Vivien Hao

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

## The Week At a Glance

Network – L

### Friday, June 07, 2013

#### All-Church Retreat

7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service – H

### Saturday, June 08, 2013

#### All-Church Retreat

10 AM French Conversation Grp - L

12 PM (Daytime) Dinners with UU's - O [Harbor Terrace-San Pedro]

### Sunday, June 09, 2013

#### All-Church Retreat

10:30 AM Sunday Services - H

12:15 PM Green Sanctuary "Transition Companion" - L

7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp – L

### Monday, June 10, 2013

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) - H

7 PM Men's Ministry –V

### Wednesday, June 12, 2013

11 AM Staff Mtg - L

6:30 PM RE Committee - [Polly's Pies]

6:30 PM Choir Practice - H

7 PM Infinity in Your Hands Grp – L

### Thursday, June 13, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H

7 PM Growth Plan Steering Committee - V

7 PM Finance Committee – L



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

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

## Religious Education Matters

### 6/30: "Share Your Talent": Kristen DeLeo

Get moving as Kristen DeLeo leads an exercise day!

—Rev. Tamara

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

### SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

\* **9:15 AM** *No Sunday Forums* are scheduled over the Summer.

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\* **12:15 PM:** Green Sanctuary "Transition Companion" - L

—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. **There are still a few open spots!!**

Sign up now at the Family Religious Education table or email [AssocMinister@PacificUnitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@PacificUnitarian.org).

## JAZZ CONCERT Benefitting the Long Beach Stroke Support Association

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

**2 - 4 PM, THIS 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:** or call (562) 537-0556 to order by phone. \$25 at the door if available.

—Joyce Block-Miller

[435 W. 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Admin@pacificunitarian.org) /  
310-378-9449 for further information.

## Flowers for the Church

*Sundays Flowers are "in memory of Benjamin and Bob Bryan."*

—Karen Merickel

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

Next open dates:

Sept. 15, 22, 29



### **PASTORAL CARE NEWS:**

**Rev. Teri Master's** sister,

*Deborah Branch*, died

June 2 at Little Company of Mary, San Pedro, surrounded by her family. Please keep Teri, Dee and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Try Our Monday Yoga & Meditation Basics Class

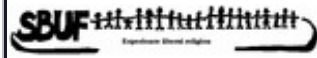
Start the New Year with a healthy practice for your mind, body, & spirit! Join us in the Hall on **Mondays from 5 - 6:30 PM** for *Kundalini yoga*, a physical, mental, and spiritual discipline for developing strength, flexibility, consciousness, and character.

Led by: *Aimée Donahue, Yoga Instructor and Therapist*

[www.yogawithaimee.com](http://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.

## Around the District and Beyond...



[CLICK HERE](#) for the June 2013 South Bay Unitarian Fellowship newsletter.

## YoUU Can Follow UU General Assembly Online

Would you like to watch GA events online? Events in the Plenary Hall will be streamed live, and posted for viewing afterwards. You can watch from your home or congregation by keeping up with the [schedule of streamed events](#). Live-streaming GA video will start on Wednesday, June 19 at 7:30 PM ET. [Visit this link for more information](#).

The Friends of the San Pedro Library & The Grand Vision Foundation Invite you to a *FREE* screening of An Award-winning Documentary:

### **Love Free or Die**

Friday, June 14, 2013 @ 7 PM at:

#### **The Grand Annex**

[434 W 6th St. San Pedro, CA](#)

Presented FREE by **Community Cinema**

No reservations required!

Episcopalian Bishop Eugene Robinson of New Hampshire has two loves: his love for God and his love for his partner, Mark. Gene Robinson is the first openly gay person to become a bishop in the historic tradition of Christendom. His consecration in 2003, to which he wore a bullet-proof vest, caused an international stir.

The film follows Robinson from small-town churches in the New Hampshire North Country to Washington's Lincoln Memorial to London's Lambeth Palace, as he calls for all to stand for equality - inspiring bishops, priests, and ordinary folk to come out from the shadows and change history.

An [ITVS Community Cinema](#) Production

## Does Monsanto Really Need Protection?

Monsanto spent \$6 million on lobbying last year, and their payoff was the "Monsanto Protection Act," which was written anonymously, passed in secret, and allows Monsanto to keep selling genetically engineered seeds (GMOs) even if a federal court says they may pose a health risk.

Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) is leading the fight to **repeal** the

### **"Dr. Bob**

Dr. Bob has left us and, and we are much diminished by his leaving.

We will not see his like again for the World has changed, and the practice of medicine has changed. Our modern doctor is required to see the patient standing before him as a problem to be solved in twenty minutes or less if he is to stay on schedule.

Dr. Bob saw the same patient as a fellow human suffering with a puzzle which he was put here to solve, and a ninety year old man who has not forgotten his organic chemistry brings powerful tools to the task."

—**Chuck & Gerry Howey**

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact **Reverend John**.

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

or the [PUC Office](#).



### **A UU Said That?**

"Every mind was made for growth, for knowledge; and its nature is sinned against when it is doomed to ignorance."

—**William Ellery Channing**  
(Unitarian, clergy)

[Click Here for Videos Related to Unitarian Universalism](#)

**Upcoming Services:**  
**June's Monthly Theme:**  
**WISDOM**

**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**

"Monsanto Protection Act" this week - and if you agree with him (or not), the Senate needs to hear from you. [Tell the Senate to Repeal the Monsanto Protection Act.](#)

### **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

#### **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:**

Kevin Gallagher & Alana Garrigues

#### **Welcome Table:**

**2 OPEN POSITIONS**

Contact [Maurice Chevalier](#) if you'd like to give it a try...

#### **Greeters:**

Peggy Tiggerman & Jean Tordella

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#### **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 YouUU who help!**

SOMethinG To CelebRatE....Over 49 Post-Service Lunches @ PUC beginning with VIVIEN HAO on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. We had four top chefs working rotating Sundays to produce consistent offerings of food and space to gather in community following our Sunday services and Religious Education. Our top chefs...*Vivien Hao, Francis Morehouse, Andy Kissner, & Margo Meikle* want to thank all of you for partaking AND participating as Sous Chefs, table setters & break down crew, and ...gracious consumers. It was a community event & as my grandson said to the Rev. each morning after 20 minutes of play time...WE HAD FUN...DIDN'T WE!?!

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**Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM**

