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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 20, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and THE VIEW from PUC is quite a VIRTUE as well - even when clouds are all I can see. Lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!



## Music Notes

### *From the Music Department:*



Well, I've left for wilds (well, not really THAT wild) of northern Wisconsin to do my yearly summer stint preparing, arranging, and performing music for shows in the big top tent at the Lake Superior Big Top

Chautauqua! I'll be back home to L.A. by the middle of August to get ready to start the new Church & Choir year. You're all invited to try out the Choir, for just one Sunday or the rest of your life. Our first practice will take place on THURSDAY (Note: new night), August 20.

I hope you enjoyed our "Choir Sunday" celebration this past Sunday. I'm so proud of both our Youth and Adult Choirs!!! I think they sound better than ever - hard work DOES pay off.

And I hope you get a chance to enjoy Staff Pianist Sam Grodin's last 2 Sunday's with us before he moves on to explore other opportunities while he pursues his graduate degree in music. He has a couple of "Musical Responses" that should rival his "Black & White Concert" performance that he's prepared to play before the Sermon on this and next Sunday.

July and most of August will feature Kevin O'Neal - who has been accompanying the Choirs on bass recently - at the keyboard for our Sunday Services. Look forward to Kevin "jazzing up" our Sundays this Summer.

Keep on singing!!!

—Severin

### June's Monthly Theme: *WISDOM*

This Sunday

**June 23**

#### Sunday Forum

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

#### 10:30 AM Service

#### **Virtues of Necessity**

#### **Rev. John Morehouse**

Rev. John will highlight the virtues necessary for cultivating wisdom.

12:15 PM

*New U: Intro to UU/PUC - L*

### *The Week At a Glance*

#### **Thursday, June 20, 2013**

7 PM Growth Plan Steering Committee – V

#### **Friday, June 21, 2013**

#### **Summer Solstice**

2 PM Social Justice Committee - L

6:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service - H

**Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director**  
[Music@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:Music@pacificunitarian.org)

## Religious Education Matters

### Family Religious Education Ministry JUNE CALENDAR

THANKS to all who answered the call for our "Share Your Talent" Summer! We now have leaders for each Sunday through the summer!! What a great line-up of fUUn is in store!

We are still in need of assistants so if you would like to help out, please come by the Family RE Table before or after the Worship Service to sign up. Come be part of our Summer FUUn!

**Please note:** 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.

#### 6/23: "Share Your Talent": Craig Block & Jared Nitzschner

Craig and Jared will share some fUUn games & activities that help build the bonds of community and reinforce our UU Values. Family RE Contact Person today is Tracy Lewis.

6/30: Challenge yourself as Kristen DeLeo leads a day of fun filled with obstacle courses, relays, circuit training, and more! Family RE Contact Person today is Rev. Tamara.

—Rev. Tamara

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### SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

\* 9:15 AM No Sunday Forums are scheduled over the Summer. The Library will be an open-talk zone before the Service

\* 12:15 PM: **New U: Intro to UU/PUC - L**

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

### Senior Pow Wow to Share How to Carry On

Our Monthly Pow Wow to Share How will continue in honor of Dr. Bob Bloomfield, our founder. As Gerry and Chuck wrote: "Dr Bob has left us and we are much diminished by his leaving." And as Reverend John wrote: "Bob's life and ministry was so profound." Although we shall miss his presence, we shall carry on as a support group on the third Thursday of each month in the PUC Library.

—Gerry and Chuck Howey,  
Joani Thompson, & Joyce Block-Miller

**CALLING ALL TOYS!!! CALLING ALL TOYS!!!**

## The Week At a Glance

7 PM Banned Book Club – O

### **Saturday, June 22, 2013**

9 AM Strategic Planning - O  
9 AM Focused Activities Summit  
– CR1  
10 AM French Conversation Grp  
– V  
2 PM Beads w/ Erica Sweet - O  
[T&S]  
6 PM Einhorn: Scotch Tasting - O  
[T&S]

### **Sunday, June 23, 2013**

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
12:15 PM The New "U": Intro to  
UU/PUC - L

### **Monday, June 24, 2013**

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

### **Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

7 PM Program Council – L

### **Wednesday, June 26, 2013**

11 AM Staff Mtg - L  
6 PM Temple Emet - Kaballah  
Class - H  
7 PM Infinity in Your Hands Grp –  
L

### **Thursday, June 27, 2013**

10 AM Women's Circle - L  
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H  
7 PM Growth Plan Steering  
Committee - V  
8 PM Environmental Coffee  
Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co.  
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## Flowers for the Church

*Sundays Flowers "are in celebration of the marriage of my beautiful daughter, Cori Medina, to the man of her dreams, Alexander Graham, Saturday June 22. Mr. and Mrs. Graham will be enjoying a lovely honeymoon at Walt Disney World. I couldn't be happier for them both."*

**To:** Our PUC Community and Friends

When the preschool leaves the PUC campus this summer they will take ALL their toys with them. To fill the void we are soliciting donations of toys for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. *If you are willing to make a donation of clean, gently used toys, please read the rest of this request carefully.* It is better to gather the right toys carefully than gather tons of toys that just aren't right.

**When:** Collecting starts NOW!!

**Where:** Bring to Reverend Tamara's office at PUC on Sunday.

**Who:** Please contact Reverend Tamara to discuss your donation.

**What:** [CLICK HERE](#) for a complete list!

## 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.



## A Universalist Said That?

"[A] comparatively small portion of scripture bears on immortal life and the great end of our course. Conduct is three-fourths of life. This present life is the great pressing concern. . . A solemn reserve is thrown over future life; the great emphasis is on the present time. This is precisely as it should be."

—[Phineas Taylor \(P.T.\) Barnum](#)

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## Plan Your Autumn Vegetable Garden Event

**Saturday, July 13, 9 - 11 AM:** *Planning Your Autumn Vegetable Garden*, hosted by Environmental Change Makers and presented by Joanne Poyourow, garden designer and author of the Vegetable Crop Rotation Wheel that guides our (pesticide-free, chemical-fertilizer free) Food Garden at PUC.

**Where:** The Community Garden of Holy Nativity, [6700 West 83<sup>rd</sup>, Westchester, Los Angeles, 90045](#). We will be car-pooling from PUC. Call Carolyn Waters, 310-863-0712 or Dorian Tippet, 310-541-6543.

**Heads-Up Garden Angels:** Our cool season gardens can potentially be THE most productive of the year ... if you plan them to be so. Start thinking about the new season when the weather is too hot to be out in the garden. [Vegetable crop rotation wheels and garden booklets](#) will be available for purchase at this event.

\$10 Suggested Donation.

—[Carolyn Waters](#)

—[Kathy Rickey](#)

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

Next open dates:

Sept. 15, 22, 29



## [PASTORAL CARE NEWS:](#)

### A Memorial Service



celebrating the life of Dr. Joseph Robert (Bob)

Bloomfield will be held at 2 PM,

**Saturday, July 13 @ PUC.**

Following the formal Service the family will host an informal, festive reception during which people can eat, drink, and share stories about our father & husband. RSVP to the

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

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

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

or the [PUC Office](#).



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Joanne Poyourow, garden designer and author of the Vegetable Crop Rotation Wheel that guides our (pesticide-free, chemical-fertilizer free) Food Garden at PUC. [CLICK HERE for more...](#)

## 7/14: [Did You Know that Japan's Fukushima Nuclear Reactor Is Being Decontaminated with Mushrooms?](#)

Mycelia change their behavior in response to the environment: When you walk through a forest, they leap up. They know you are

## IT'S EASY TO BE GREEN @ PUC: RECYCLE HERE!!

Don't forget to bring your **used-up ink & toner cartridges** for recycling (and cash for PUC); your **used batteries, light bulbs, and small electronic devices** for safe disposal and recycling; and **old eyeglasses** for re-use in Latin America; to PUC's recycling center – located just outside the kitchen door. Please bring your **expired prescription & non-prescription meds** to the PUC Office for safe disposal.

—Craig Block

## *Around the District and Beyond...*

### **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](#).

### **Mountain Desert District Emergency Relief Fund**

Colorado Springs is once again experiencing devastating wild fires. At this writing on the morning of June 17 we know that the Black Forest Fire has consumed 14,198 acres resulting the loss of two lives and 485 homes. Firefighters report that it is 65% contained this morning. This is another beautiful area of Colorado east of I-25 where the foothills of the Rockies roll into the high plains of eastern Colorado. The trauma of another devastating fire is palpable in Colorado Springs. Our Unitarian Universalist congregations are responding heroically again.

[Read more: You Can Help with Fire Recovery](#)

### **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, June 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**

there... Come learn about the amazing mycelia, 12:15 PM, **Sunday, July 14**, in the PUC Library. A Green Sanctuary program.

—Dorian Tippet

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

#### **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. Our Annual Meeting will follow the Service.

### **July's Monthly Theme:** **LIBERATION**

#### **7/7: The Soul of the Nation**

Rev. John explores the intersection between freedom and religion in this service following Independence Day. We will bless the Drake Family children during our Service.

#### **7/14: What Truth Sets Us Free?**

As we continue to consider the theme of liberation, Rev. John asks if the truth can really set us free and, more importantly, which truth?

#### **7/21: I'm Not Crazy, I'm Just a Little Unwell**

PUC Member Brad Shreve shares the history of mental health in our country, the current status, as well as his personal experiences.

#### **7/28: Where the Theology Meets the Road**

We think we know what we believe and what we hold to be true, but



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

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**Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM**

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Service*

when it comes to a crisis of illness or death, often all bets are off. Michael Eselun, popular guest speaker and Oncology Chaplain at UCLA, will share an exploration of the different ways patients' theologies intersect with such crises, and the common themes that seem to surface from the atheist or fundamentalist alike.

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

Special thanks to the *Ordways* for providing last Sunday's BBQ treats - We're gonna miss y'all!!! And if I was wearing a hat, I'd say, "Hat's Off!" to *Deb Reynolds* for prepping and putting out the repast for us all!!!

**Ushers:**

Scott Garrabrant & Joanna Hannff

**Welcome Table:**

Virginia McCulloch

**Greeters:**

Jean McDaniel & Shuja Oberoi

