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* Please send requests for a Sunday announcement to: Gary Hart garylhart@gmail.com



July 18, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi PUCer,

Minister's Message

Stand For Justice

I was appalled by the "not guilty" verdict for the shooting death of Trayvon Martin by George Zimmerman. The failure to convict a vigilante proves that our work to undo systemic racism in this country is far from over. George Zimmerman was able to avoid justice by claiming self defense as he shot Martin, an unarmed 17 year old African American boy. Zimmerman's defense focused largely on Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law which allows for lethal self defense should one feel threatened inside or outside your home. I was outraged at the initial failure of the police to investigate Martin's death, outraged at their job of collecting evidence, outraged over a system of jury selection that allows so many peremptory challenges, outraged that we have armed civilians and call it legal.



[As Taquiena Boston, the director of Multicultural Growth & Witness at the Unitarian Universalist Association put it:](#)

Trayvon Martin was a youth. George Zimmerman was an adult male. Trayvon Martin was on foot. George Zimmerman was following Trayvon in a vehicle. Trayvon Martin was unarmed. George Zimmerman had a gun.

If Zimmerman thought Trayvon Martin posed a potential threat, why didn't he remain in his vehicle and follow law enforcement's instructions?

Trayvon was a victim of Florida's bad laws. He was a victim

July's Monthly Theme: *Liberation*

This Sunday

10:30 a.m. Service

*I'm not Crazy,
I'm Just a Little Unwell*

Brad Shreve

PUC member and author of award winning blog, [How is Bradley](#), shares the history of mental health in our country, the current status, as well as his personal experiences. This Sunday there will be a Split-Plate for donations to [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#).

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, July 29, 2013

4:30 pm Worship Team / Souful

Sundown Meeting - L

Friday, July 19, 2013

2 pm Social Justice Committee - L

6 pm Temple Emet Shabbat Svc - H

Saturday, July 20, 2013

3 pm Buddy Mixer - Beach

of a society that criminalizes dark skin, criminalizes poverty, and criminalizes youth. This criminalization of youth and young adult males of color is a mindset that has been linked to institutional racism and white supremacy—a mindset that frames youth of color as criminal and dangerous. How do we transcend this negative frame and see the humanity of our young people?

As "technically correct" as this verdict may have been from a legal standpoint, it is morally reprehensible from our religious standpoint. When institutions such as the courts support racism we, as religious liberals, have a responsibility to take a stand. I plan to lend my support to the "*Movement to End the New Jim Crow*."

Let us work for love and justice by building this movement. I will be leading a discussion on the book by this name this fall and inviting us to get more involved in [racial justice making](#).

Let's stand OUR ground for Justice!
Rev. John

Leadership Notes: Social Justice Film Series

[See Social Justice schedule and film details here.](#)

Please mark your calendar to come to the following screenings at PUC:

- Aug. 23, 7 pm - *Trans* with Panel Discussion following
- Sept. 1, 12:15 pm - *Trans* (film only)
- Sept. 15, 12:15 pm - *I Stand Corrected*
- Nov. 9, 7:30 pm - *A Place At The Table* with Panel Discussion
- Nov. 10, 12:15 pm - *A Place At The Table* (film only)



—Constance Jackson

Religious Education Ministry

July Family RE Calendar

We are still in need of assistants for our *Share Your Talent* Summer! 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

Sunday, July 21, 2013

10:30 am Sunday Services-H
12:15 pm New U - Intro to UU/PUC - L
12:15 pm Green Sanctuary: Homeopathic Remedies Workshop - CR1
2 pm Rickey: Wine & Food Pairing - O [T&S]
7 pm Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

Monday, July 22, 2013

10 am Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
5 pm Kundalini Yoga Class - H
7 pm Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

8:30 am Aerobics - H
2:30 pm Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp -L
6:30 pm Stewardship - L

Wednesday, October 03, 2013

1:30 pm NO STAFF MTG TODAY
7 pm Program Council - L

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

11 am Beginning Yoga w/ Debi
6 pm Temple Emet - Kaballah Class - H



Plant Based Cooking Classes Tuesday, August 13, 6 - 8 pm

(then every 2nd Tuesday of the month) \$25

Looking for ways to eat healthier by incorporating more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains into your diet? Then join us to learn some yummy recipes. This cooking class by Debi Robinson will feature vegetables, whole foods, and a plant-based cuisine with instruction and some hands on learning. All levels of food knowledge or cooking ability are welcome. We'll be emphasizing organic seasonal and local ingredients purchased at our local Farmer's Markets so we can learn to eat the freshest healthiest foods available. [More information here.](#) RSVP to debi@debirobinson.com.

of the day.

7/21: Do you like to go treasure hunting?

Today *Alana Garrigues* will lead us in digging for buried treasures as we live out our stewardship to our church by cleaning out drawers and cupboards in the classrooms. *Rev. Tamara* is the Family RE Contact Person today.

7/28: Feel like you're at summer camp and get crafty with *Melissa* today as we make a surprise craft. *Noelle Portland* is the Family RE Contact Person today.

- Rev. Tamara

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This Sunday's Adult RE Programming

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

7/21: Homeopathic Remedies with Jolie Dekleva at 12:15 PM, in the Classroom 1. A Green Sanctuary program.

PUC Architect Featured in Hammer Museum Show through Sept. 8

Photos of a newly-built Pacific Unitarian Church by Julius Schulman are featured in "A. Quincy Jones: Building for Better Living" -- the first major museum retrospective of PUC's Los Angeles-based architect's work. [Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming Service

July's Monthly Theme:
LIBERATION

7/28: Where the Theology Meets the Road

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

Recurring Events

Download the [AdUUIt Programs Flyer](#).

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, September 29
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

Community Church New Orleans Update

We wanted to be in touch with all of you who played such an important role in our recovery, to let you know that we are thriving and very grateful that you gave us this opportunity. You all really set a standard for helping after a disaster, and we want you to know that we have not forgotten - and will not forget. [Click here to read update.](#)

We hope your summer is a good one and would love to have news of your congregations as well.

*All the best for New Orleans,
— Suzy*

Will There Be Snacks?

As of Wednesday, no one has signed up to bring snacks on Sunday for the following weeks: 7/21, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25 (pending).



There are snacks being served only on 8/4 and 8/18 as of now. Please contact [Patricia Hart](#) (310) 658-1074 if you want more than coffee or tea after services.



If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please send Reverend John an email via pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org or contact the [church office](#) at (310) 378-9449.



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Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

Office Hours: Sundays: 9 am - 3 pm, Mon. - Thurs: 10 am - 4 pm

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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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



Check out the [Member-to-Member password-protected section of our website](#), or [submit your article for posting](#) to connect with other PUC members for things such as:

- Looking to buy a car?
- Sell your furniture?
- Looking for a hiking buddy?

