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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



August 1, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is all about our Beloved Community....Lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here (always) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

Congregational Meeting to Vote on 2013-14 Budget THIS Sunday After the Service – Please Attend or Vote Absentee

The PUC Board of Trustees recommends you vote YES on the proposed 2013-14 Budget and Funding Plan. [CLICK HERE](#) for the proposed budget and notes on the funding plan, as well as the **Absentee Ballot** and instructions for turning it in by noon on Sunday.



Minister's Message

Finding Balance

I have just returned from a long-anticipated trip to the Redwoods of Northern California. Frances and I spent time camping and hiking under those magnificent trees. Their height and girth is only part of their grandeur. Even more inspiring for me is their age. The ranger in the park we were staying in told us that the average age of these giants was eight hundred years. Eight hundred years ago they were revered by the native peoples who lived among them, long before Europeans invaded these shores - lost as our ancestors were in the dark ages. As we walked among them I tried to imagine what our world would look like eight hundred years from now. Would we even be here as a species?

What does it take for a redwood to live that long? I was told that it takes a careful balance of moisture, sunlight, and wind. The California Redwoods have survived because their habitat was largely sheltered from the intense industrialization of most of the world. Moist air not too far from the ocean, deep roots reaching far into the earth, and the natural shelter saplings get from the wind in the

August's Monthly Theme: ***Beloved Community***

This Sunday
August 4

10:30 AM Service

Balance in the Force

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John will talk about the connection of natures, human and otherwise, with the creation of a healthy community. There will be no Joys & Sorrows or children's story this week in order to make time for our important **Congregational Meeting** immediately following the Service.

The Week At a Glance

Friday, August 2, 2013

7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat
Service – H

Sunday, August 4, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services - H
12 PM Acting Associate Minister
Committee on Ministry - On
Summer Hiatus

**11:30 PM Congregational
(Budget) Mtg - H**

7 PM Books In Our Lives
Covenant Group – L

undergrowth of the giants makes it possible to live for so long.

What can we take from these gentle giants? That balance is necessary to survive. Time spent away, whether figuratively or in real space, is a good first step. Turning away from the distractions of the modern world and being in nature and with the ones we care about is what keeps our lives moist and growing.

This Sunday I will further explore our theme of balance. After the Service we will vote on our budget for this current church year. This budget, which your leadership has been working so hard on presenting, is balanced with potential and hope. It is both realistic and visionary. I hope to see many of you in church this Sunday.

Yours always,

—Rev. John

Minister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry AUGUST CALENDAR

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.

8/4: Today is our annual "Back-to-School" drive for Toberman Neighborhood Center in San Pedro led by *Greg Garcia*. Please come "shop" at our tables after service and help us donate school supplies for children in need. *Rev. Tamara* is the Family RE Contact Person today.

8/11: Beading fun for all is lead by *Vivien Hao* and friends! *London Gallagher* is the Family RE Contact Person today.

8/18: Today we help harvest crops in our sustainable garden with *Dorian Tippet* and *Carolyn Waters*. Then, while we enjoy a special treat, we will create haiku based on our garden experience with *Emily Morison*. *Rev. Tamara* is the Family RE Contact Person today. Children and youth go directly to the classroom today, NOT into service!

8/25: Come ready for some *Science Fun for Everyone* as *Andy Kissner* shares some cool science experiments. *Roy Nitzschner* is the Family RE Contact Person today.

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

TOBERMAN BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE IS THIS SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH!

Take Part in the Sale THIS Sunday, August 4.

The Voyagers (the Middle School-aged kids) will be holding their annual Toberman back-to-school sale immediately after church.

The Week At a Glance

Monday, August 5, 2013

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

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

1:30 PM Staff Mtg - L
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp
-L
6:30 PM Soulful Sundown Srvc-H

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi
6 PM Temple Emet Kaballah Class
- H
6:30 PM Stewardship - O

Thursday, August 8, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
7 PM Finance Committee -
Rescheduled to 8/15

Flowers for the Church

*Sundays Flowers are "in honor of my second son, **Douglas**, whom I lost to cancer eight years ago. He was a sunny soul!"*

—*Joyce Block-Miller*

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

Next open dates:
Sept. 15, 29; Oct. 8



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

It is with sorrow that we announce the passing of *Joyce Grace Jedlicka Bloomfield* at 10:15 AM, Friday, July 26, in the home she shared with her cherished and beloved husband *Joseph Robert Bloomfield* until his death barely two months ago. Please keep *Kim, Brenda, 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**.

Please support this great service tradition. Come prepared with cash to attend the FRE store immediately after the service.

Your contribution will pay for the school items that the kids will have purchased for Toberman families. This is a great annual event - our kids find out which supplies are needed, scour the Sunday paper for the best sales, help their parents with the shopping, and then set up shop from pricing to publicity to sales!

Afterwards, they pack it up into backpacks and deliver the school supplies to some very grateful families. What a great lesson crossing business acumen with social responsibility!

Peace and Love,

—Your PUC FRE Committee

Childcare Provider Needed for Sunday Mornings

Our wonderful Sunday morning caregiver, *Elyse Doerflinger*, will be stepping down from her Nursery and Childcare duties in September. We are beginning the search for a new main caregiver. Hours are generally from 9:30 AM-noon on Sundays, but there will be some variation and flexibility (remaining until 1:30 PM some Sundays) needed and possibility of some Saturday time available. Priority consideration will be given to those who are not members of the Congregation.

Please send names/ resumes of potential candidates who are great with children and who have appropriate experience and training to *Rev. Tamara*: AssocMinister@PacificUnitarian.org.

Try Out Soulful Sundown -- This Coming Tuesday & Each 1st Tuesday of the Month

SOULFUL SUNDOWN is a contemplative gathering on the first Tuesday evening of each month at PUC!

We are engaged with culture, inspired by the arts, sustained by the community... we aspire to be an open generous community that is re-imagining our collective and personal narratives for the present moment.

GOALS: * Create and explore a variety of spiritual forms – established and unknown * Experience the breadth of spirituality, be a catalyst for activism and encourage dialogue and understanding between people * Be generous with our knowledge and resources and welcome the knowledge and resources of others

MISSION: to create a space where art, spirituality, and community connect. Our start time varies according to seasonal sundown times, check the calendar for the specific time we start every month. We chase the sundown!

Join us for the next Soulful Sundown: 7:30 PM, **Tuesday, August 6**. The theme is :*SURRENDER*.

Plant Based Cooking Classes @ PUC

Tuesday, August 13 from 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.

pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org
or the [PUC Office](#).



A Universalist Said That?

“If we agree in love, there is no disagreement that can do us any injury,

but if we do not, no other agreement can do us any good. Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.”

—[Hosea Ballou](#), Universalist Preacher

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8/24: Tree Planting Work Party in The Nancy Hofland Memorial Food Garden at PUC.

August's Monthly Theme: *Beloved Community*

8/11: Reasons for Knocking at an Empty House
Kim Gosney

Kim Gosney, our volunteer Coordinator of Spiritual Formation, will be exploring Unitarian Universalism as we engage in the creation of new expression of religious community.

8/18: Accidental Spirits
Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John will explore how seemingly accidental encounters with others lead to a new understanding of our place in the Cosmos.

8/25: Going In, Growing Out
Rev. John Morehouse

Our calling as spiritual seekers requires us to seek both sanctuary from the world and a deep

This cooking class 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.

Please RSVP to Debi Robinson at debi@debirobinson.com

—*Debi Robinson*

PUC to Host District *Our Whole Lives* Training in October – Can You Help?

Pacific Unitarian Church is honored to have been selected as the site of an upcoming Pacific Southwest District training weekend!! We will be hosting an Our Whole Lives (OWL) Grades 7-12 Sexuality Education Training from **Friday, October 11- Sunday, October 13.**

For this weekend we need congregation members to step up and help by supplying **home hospitality**: a room (or rooms) for the trainers and participants. We will need rooms for approximately fifteen people.

I am also looking for a very reasonably priced **caterer** or someone who is willing & competent to provide six meals plus snacks to a group of 22 people (costs will be reimbursed).

I appreciate your support in advance and look forward to having a number of our own members trained in this life-affirming and life-saving program this weekend!

Please respond to Rev. Tamara:

AssocMinister@PacificUnitarian.org.

Pick Up Your Ceramic Masterpieces from PUC Retreat

All of yoUU who participated in the Camp de Benneville Pines ceramic painting activity with *Erica Sweet*, can pick up their creations from *Andy Kissner* on Sunday before and after the Service. Contact Andy directly (213-595-2093 or andykpuc@gmail.com) if you want to arrange for pick-up at other times.

Labor Day Weekend *PSWD YoUUnG AdUUIt Camp* @ de Benneville Pines

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 - 35? Are you searching for a community of other young adults to laugh with, be inspired by, worship with, or just plain spend some time with? Do you love being away from the city life, nestled in a cabin for some fancy camping? What about walking through the woods, smelling the vanilla from the pines? How about just walking in to a place and realizing that you have 30 other people who would love to chat about the latest game, social justice issues, movies, music, best places to hike, or why they are passionate about a cause?

If any of this resonates with you, I invite you to join the Pacific Southwest District Young Adult Community up the mountain at Camp de Benneville Pines over Labor Day weekend (August 30 - September 2, 2013). Registration is here - <http://tinyurl.com/pswdya2013>.

engagement with it. Rev. John will discuss how we might maintain this balance.

Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!

Special thanks to *Top Chef Andy Kissner* for once again keeping our tummies happy last Sunday!!!

First Sunday Hospitality

Ushers:

Carlos Angeles & Elizabeth Drake

Welcome Table:

Marty Gorman

Greeters:

Dennis Murray

& **OPEN POSITION**

Recurring Events

Download the [AdUUIt Program & Religious Education 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

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

Thursdays

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Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

Office Hrs: Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM, Mon. - Thurs: 11 PM - 5 PM

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

Choir Practice: Wed., 6:30 PM, H
(On Summer hiatus til 8/22)

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

