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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 8, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...but *THE VIEW* from PUC would never knock our Beloved Community, It just lifts it up for all to see & feel its warmth. Lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here (always) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!



From Rev. Tamara's Desk

Over the past two weeks I have held vigil with a family at the bedside of their beloved mother as she slipped from this life. Singing, comforting, reassuring, reminiscing; the days passed. She was surrounded by her family and loved ones when she slipped away peacefully: an everlasting legacy of the full and wonderful life she had lived. Sometimes, at the end of life, we realize that there is unfinished business or reconciliation that needs to be taken care of before we can be at peace. Not so for her. She had lived a full and vibrant life and in the end, I believe, was at peace and ready to leave.

Sometimes we fight to hold on because that has been our way through life. Resisting change, resisting the inexorable flow, we "rage against the dying of the light." In life, as in death, there is, of course, a place for struggle and fighting, a time for raging against a multitude of issues that deserve our utmost energy and strength. But there is also a time to let go, to exhale and relax ourselves into the flow of the universe. Both in dying itself and in everyday situations, we may find peace in the simple act of ceasing to struggle and simply allowing the current of life to carry us along. Breathe, let go, rest for awhile even as we gather strength for the next struggle.

Namaste,

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

August's Monthly Theme: *Beloved Community*

This Sunday
August 11

10:30 AM Service

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.

The Week At a Glance

Friday, August 09, 2013

7 PM GLBTQ Movie Night – V

Saturday, August 10, 2013

10 AM Temple Emet Saturday Service - H

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V [2nd & 4th Saturdays]

10 AM Ripley Pancake Breakfast - O [T&S]

6:30 PM Dinners with UU's - O [Tippet]

Sunday, August 11, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry AUGUST CALENDAR

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 CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH!

For all of you who missed the sale LAST Sunday...

The Voyagers (the Middle School-aged kids) will be continuing their annual Toberman back-to-school sale immediately after this Sunday's Service. Please support this great service tradition and 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*



Do We Need to "Shoot" YoUU?

In preparation for a new edition of the PUC Photo Directory, we need pictures of all the new individuals & families who've joined PUC in the past year, plus many others of you whose pictures have never made it into past editions. Or perhaps you're just ready for a new "closeup." (You can also send in your favorite picture of yourself(ves) and we'll use that.)

We'll have photographers on the Patio tracking you down, so please plan to come to church "Camera-Ready" if you can for the next few Sundays.

The Week At a Glance

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

Monday, August 12, 2013

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

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

1:30 PM Staff Mtg - L
6 PM Plant-Based Cooking Class
w/ Debi - K

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi
6 PM Temple Emet-Kaballah Class
-H

Thursday, August 15, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share
How - L
4:30 PM Worship Team/Soulful
Sundown Mtg - L

Flowers for the Church

*Sundays Flowers are "to celebrate
the birthday of my favorite mom:*

*Joyce Block-Miller. Happy
Birthday MOM!"*

—***Craig Block***

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

Next open dates:
Sept. 15, 29; Oct. 6



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

It is with sorrow that we
announce the death of
longtime PUC member

Judith Kazin on July 14, 2013.
Please keep her son Craig, and
the rest of their family in the light.

Longtime PUC member **Bette
Chevron** is in hospice care at
home. Please keep her in your
loving thoughts. Cards to her
home would be appreciated.

If you're a shutterbug and would like to help take pictures, please [let me know](#)..and bring your camera on Sunday!

—*Craig Block*

Who's Bringing the **SU**nday Snacks?

No one signed up to share Sunday snacks on for the next 3 weeks: 8/11, 8/18, or 8/25. Please contact Patricia Hart if you can help.

Childcare Provider Needed for Sunday Mornings

Our wonderful Sunday morning caregiver, *Elyse Doerflinger*, will be stepping down from her 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.

We Need Your **SWEAT EQUITY!**

Come join us as we start the renovation of our classrooms using volunteer sweat equity. It will be more than a year until *Growth & Reinvestment Campaign* funds are available to fully transform our classrooms to support our Religious Education and The Center for Spiritual Renewal. In the meantime, we are going to spruce up the rooms using volunteer labor to do simple things like remove cabinets that are outdated and in poor condition, repair & patch walls, paint, and generally spruce them up.

We will be starting on **Monday, August 12** and plan to work each day – Monday through Saturday from 9 AM until about 3 PM – until we have the job done. The framework to provide a daily “Clerk of the Works” to ensure our volunteers know what to do and things are done in the proper order is being put in place. Once that schedule is set, we'll post it on the PUC website and let you know it is there. In the meantime, if you have a favorite crowbar, power screwdriver, or paint brush, and some energy to supply to your church community spaces, we'd love to have your help. Details to follow – stay tuned.

—*Michelle Coppock*, Classroom Task Force

—*John Einhorn*, Facilities Committee

—*Kim Gosney*, Center for Spiritual Renewal Task Force

—*Randy Ripley*, Strategic Planning

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

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



A Universalist Said That?

"Universalists are often asked to tell where they stand. The only true answer to give to this question is that we do not stand at all; we move."

—*Lewis Beals Fisher*,
Late 19th-century Universalist theologian

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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

8/18: 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 engagement with it. *Rev. John* will discuss how we might maintain this balance.

Special Thanks to All of You who help!
Special thanks to *Top Chef Andy*

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.

New Family R.E. FACEBOOK Group Opened – Join It!

Want to know more about family events coming up at PUC? Interested in updates about our ministry for children and youth? Do you like to engage in conversations about parenting, UU spirituality, and local events? Do photos of our smiling children light up your world?

The PUC Family Religious Education Committee wants you to join our Facebook Group!

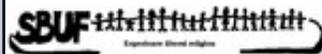
We have set up a "Closed" group on Facebook to share resources and information about PUC Family RE events. All PUC members and those involved in the RE program are welcome to join. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to request to be added to the Group.

Thanks! We'll see you online and on the hill!

—The PUC Family Religious Education Committee

Rev. Tamara, Alana, London, Roy, Greg, Tracy, Brad, Noelle

Around the District and Beyond...



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



Household Items for Sale, Priced Very LOW for Quick Sale

** Oak-type TV cabinet - nice design, excellent condition - takes 38" TV

** Computer cabinet - wood finish, holds all computer equipment and has file drawer

** Elegant wine rack Armoire - metal scrollwork finish

** Two Loveseats - beige leather (real thing) needs slip covers, beautiful design

** 3 Shelf Armoire - metal scrollwork finish, great for decorative boxes and/or plants

Many other decorator items. Contact: Yvonne 310-377-9666 or cell 310-977-0475

See more Member-to-Member news at

Kissner for last Sunday's chili feast!!!

Ushers:

Kevin Gallagher & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table:

2 OPEN POSITIONS

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

Greeters:

Peggy Tigerman & Jean Tordella

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., 7:30 PM, H

Thursdays

Women's Circle, 4th Thurs., 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

<http://www.pacificunitarian.org/members/membertomember.html>

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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

Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

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

