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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 15, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...but it's no ACCIDENT that *THE VIEW* from PUC is here for you each week, even if the contents are not always TRANSCENDENT. But there's always lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here (always) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!

SUNDAY TRAFFIC ALERT!

Parts of Hawthorne AND PV Dr North will be closed this Saturday & Sunday, 8/17-18 due to the [ongoing construction project](#). If you're coming up to Church from Torrance or the Harbor area, please take **Crenshaw Blvd.** all the way to Silver Spur and turn Right and then go down the hill and turn Left onto Montemalaga Drive. Traffic on PV Drive North from Malaga Cove to Silver Spur Rd. will not be affected.



A Message from your Board President: *Keep Your Eyes on the Prize*

The folk song "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize" was composed as a hymn well before World War I, and updated by civil rights activist Alice Wine in 1956. It spoke to them back then and I believe it has something to say to us at PUC today. Part of that song goes something like this:

*Paul and Silas bound in jail
Got no money for to go their bail
Keep your eyes on the prize -hold on*

To me, our prize is clear – to be able to continue the activity that PUC has always been known for. Simply put: To Help One Another. We may be bound by a budgetary crisis, but we must hold on to that vision.

*Now only thing I did was wrong
Stayin' in the wilderness too long
Keep your eyes on the prize -hold on*

August's Monthly Theme: *Beloved Community*

**This Sunday
August 18**

**10:30 AM Service
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.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, August 15, 2013

4:30 PM Worship Team/Soulful
Sundown Mtg – L

Friday, August 16, 2013

2 PM Social Justice Committee - L
6 PM Temple Emet Shabbat
Service - H
7 PM Banned Book Club – O

Saturday, August 17, 2013

9 AM PV Land Conservancy
Nursery Work Party – O [You
MUST RSVP to Dorian Tippet]
5 PM Kissner: Luau - O [T&S]

Sunday, August 18, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

We have drifted into a belief that PUC would always be here as long as we kept showing up on Sunday morning. I think we might just have lost ourselves in the wilderness a bit too long, without understanding that PUC does not exist without us, and that we have a responsibility to keep it strong and alive by doing more than just showing up.

*The only thing we did was right
Was the day we started to fight
Keep your eyes on the prize - hold on*

I believe we started on the right track several years ago when we began to fight for our future. A small group had the vision to build a strategic plan that was worth fighting for. From that plan came all the work that evolved into both the Growth & Reinvestment Project and the renewed stewardship program. From that work came our Minister's vision of the Center for Spiritual Renewal that shouts out to us – **hold on!**

*The wait is slow, and we've so far to go
Keep your eyes on the prize - hold on
When you see a family free,
It makes you dream of jubilee.*

I want to thank everyone that participated in the congregational meeting on August 4th. I am proud that each of us can feel free to stand up for what we believe. There was passion on all sides of the budget issue, and I hope we're all dreaming a bit of jubilee for us all.

And one last thing: Keep your eyes on the prize -- and hold on.

—**Gary Hart**
President, PUC Board of Trustees

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry AUGUST CALENDAR

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

The Week At a Glance

12:15 PM New U -- Intro to UU/PUC - L
7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group – L

Monday, August 19, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club- L
5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) - H
7 PM Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

1 PM Pastoral Care Associates Mtg - V
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp - L
6 PM Plant-Based Cooking Class w/ Debi - K
7 PM Board Meeting - L

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi

Thursday, August 22, 2013

10 AM Women's Circle - L
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice - H
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Flowers for the Church

Sundays Flowers are "for my grandfather, my mother's dad, who passed away 2 years ago. His wife died at a young age and he raised 6 wonderful children on his own. His life exemplified values of honesty, discipline, hard work, and kindness. He left behind 5 children and 11 grandchildren. He will always be remembered with love."

—**Payal Kadakia**

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



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 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.

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

—Craig Block

Get Involved: Planning Meeting for Upcoming Year's Sunday Hospitality

Join us for a meeting this **Sunday, August 18**, to discuss an outline of responsibility for 40 Sundays of after-Service Hospitality: **September 1, 2013 - June 1, 2014**. We'll meet in the Voyagers Room @ 12 noon.

Please forward this to anyone you know who may have an interest in helping.

COME HELP PLANT TREES IN THE GARDEN == NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. WE WILL TRAIN YOU TO USE A PICK-AXE.

Join us from from 9 AM-1 PM, **Saturday, Aug 24** in the Nancy Hofland Memorial Food Garden for an applied permaculture training and work party that will add another layer of diversity to the Garden. Under the guidance of Dr. Bill Roley and Ryan Serrano, we will construct an orchard terrace that surrounds the raised bed vegetable garden that has supplied food donations to Harbor Interfaith Food Pantry. Contouring and reuse of organic material plus fertilization and bed construction will be presented. Luncheon snacks welcome.

RSVP or just show-up. *Dorian Tippet*, 310-541-6543; *Carolyn Waters* 310-863-0712.

Promised Land Film Screening 8/24

At 6:30 PM, Saturday, August 24, Green Sanctuary Project/Transition SouthBay L.A. will screen [Promised Land](#), a feature film directed by Gus Van Sant, and starring Matt Damon, Frances McDormand, and Hal Holbrook. It is a very controversial film and warrants a serious discussion of the facts about hydraulic fracturing (Fracking).

Pot-Luck starts at 6:30 with the film starting at 8 PM at [7002 Abbottswood Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes 90275](#). Please RSVP to Doriane Tippet (310) 541-6543 and let me know what healthy food you will provide. I will be providing beverages.

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

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



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

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

August's Monthly Theme: *Beloved Community*

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.

September's Monthly Theme: *Unity*

9/1: *At Home in the Mystery* Rev. John Morehouse

9/8: *Looking Out from Here* Rev. John Morehouse

9/15: *Hope on the Borders* Rev. John Morehouse

Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!

Special thanks to *Top Chefs Margo Meikle & Andy Kissner* for last Sunday's after-Service treats!!!

Third

Ushers:

Britany Manning & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table:

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.

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



A Universalist Said That?

"The spirit of Love will be intensified to Godly proportions when reciprocal love exists between the entire human race and each of its individual members. That love must be based upon mutual respect for the differences in color, language, and worship, even as we appreciate and accept with gratitude the differences that tend to unite the male and female of all species. We do not find those differences obstacles to love."

—[George de Benneville](#)

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**Household Items for Sale,
Priced Very LOW for
Quick Sale**



Joyce Block-Miller & Betty
Saunders

Greeters:
Bill Karg

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 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

** 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

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