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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



September 12, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC -- looks across BORDERS just like Rev. John will this Sunday. Come join us for the HOPE he'll be speaking of!! 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!



A Message from your Board President: *It's All About the Mission*

In the covenantal tradition of Unitarian Universalism, we strive to build our religious community on a foundation of kindness, understanding, and tolerance; and to be guided by our principles in all our actions and interactions. It is in this context that we continue to respect and appreciate each other and ourselves.

Given the nature of our religion, there are many varied viewpoints, spiritual orientations, political beliefs, religious histories, and individual zeitgeists at work each Sunday. We all have ghosts in our past, chips on our shoulders, regrets in our mind, jealousy in our hearts, love in our souls, and great goals for our futures. Yes, we are human beings.

But lets remember that it's all about the Mission. "And what is that Mission?", you ask...

PUC is an inclusive liberal religious community and a Welcoming Congregation. We are committed to valuing people and encouraging their spiritual, ethical, and intellectual development. We welcome and accept people regardless of race, age, socio-economic status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, disability, or religious beliefs. We are committed to putting our Unitarian Universalist principles into practice.

Many volunteers and staff work hard each week to ensure that we welcome those visitors and members that come to our campus. We may disagree with some beliefs, but that doesn't mean we can't build strong relationships that are supportive and uplifting to all parties.

Many volunteers and staff work hard each week to encourage the spiritual, ethical, and intellectual development of our PUC family and

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This Sunday

September 15

10:30 AM Service

Hope on the Borders

Rev. John Morehouse

All of us cross borders from time to time; age, jobs, relationships, gender, and class. Beyond the fear of change comes a new sense of understanding and purpose. Join *Rev. John* as he considers the borders we cross and what we can learn by crossing them.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, September 12, 2013

6 PM Sprint to the Finish

Classroom 1,2,3

6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice - H

Friday, September 13, 2013

7 PM GLBTQ Movie Night - V

7:30 PM Temple Emet Kol Nidre

(Yom Kippur) Service - H

Saturday, September 14, 2013

8:30 AM Temple Emet Torah

Study Grp - H

9 AM Sprint to the Finish

Classroom 1,2,3

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

11 AM Temple Emet Yom Kippur

friends. If you haven't taken Kathy Rickey's Leadership Academy, or Rev. John's Buddha class, you have missed a truly encouraging educational experience.

We have films on transgender issues, workers building an even more grand organic garden, people of all ages working to renew our classrooms and our campus, one of the best Radical Hospitality programs around (Eggs, Bacon, Pancakes, Spam – and more last week), and two ministers who grace our pulpit with *Grace* galore. We are truly blessed.

So when you think about PUC, think about the Mission. It's not about making everyone happy. It's about putting our principles into practice. So, go out this week and be radical by actively demonstrating respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. That's how the service truly continues.

—Gary Hart

President, PUC Board of Trustees

Religious Education Matters Family Religious Education Ministry SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

9/15: First day of classes!! All groups will meet with their teaching teams after being sung out of the Worship Service for first day fun and games. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN IN R.E.

ALSO! First day of Youth Choir practice from 11:45-12:15 in Classroom #2. All children and youth are welcome and encouraged to join in!!

9/22: Classes as normal. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN IN R.E.

9/29: NEW this year: BUUK Group Day for all ages (Kinder through Voyagers.) Meet in Classroom 1 after being sung out of the worship service. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN IN R.E. BY TODAY!!

A big THANK YOU to the many wonderful volunteers who shared their talents with our children and youth through the summer!! We had a great time learning about peace and science; creating through scrapbooking, beading, and other crafts; writing stories and haiku; playing cooperative games, exercising, and doing yoga; working in the garden; raising money and donating school supplies to Toberman; and having FUUN!!

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

Classroom Renovation Needs YoUUr Help to *Sprint to the Finish!!*

We've made a lot of progress renovating our classrooms, but this week we are **Sprinting to the Finish** to get the classrooms in shape for the start of the Religious Education year on **THIS Sunday**,

The Week At a Glance

Service - H

6 PM Rickey: Fajitas & Sangria
Dinner - O [T&S]

Sunday, September 15, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
12:15 PM New U -- Intro to
UU/PUC - L
7 PM Books In Our Lives
Covenant Group - L

Monday, September 16, 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
7 PM Finance Committee - L

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

1 PM Pastoral Care Associates
Mtg - V
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp
- L
7 PM Board Meeting - L

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi

Thursday, September 19, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to
Share How - L
2 PM Staff Meeting - L
4:30 PM Worship Team/Soulful
Sunown Mtg - V
6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg -
O

Flowers for the Church

*Sundays Flowers are "for my
sister Amy"*

—Kim Go

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

Next open dates:

Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 15, 22, 29

September 15. Please join us to finish painting, tiling, and cleaning. We'll have Clerks of the Works on site at the following days and times:

- **Thursday, 12 Sep** **6pm-10pm**
- **Friday, 13 Sep** **None**
- **Saturday, 14 Sep** **9am-5pm**

Please help us complete this labor of love (and blood, sweat & tears).

—*John Einhorn*

Come & Join us for In & Out -- September's Interweaving Movie

7 PM This Friday, September 13 in the PUC Voyager's Room

Howard Brackett is a high school teacher in a small town in Indiana with everything going for him; a nice job, an attractive fiancé named Emily and respect from everyone.

Everything changes in one night when a former high school student of his named Cameron Drake, now a famous actor living in Hollywood, makes an acceptance speech after receiving an Academy Award for his portrayal of a homosexual army soldier and 'outs' Howard Brackett as his inspiration for his role. The media circus immediately begins as Howard desperately tries keep his life from falling apart by protesting that he is not gay and that the whole thing with Cameron's speech is a simple misunderstanding.

This 1997 comedy is full of stereotypes. Are they valid? Do they stand the test of time? Lively discussion to follow the film.

—*Brad Shreve*, for Standing on the Side of Love

The "Sr. Pow Wow" Invites You to a Film Screening: Thursday September 19 - *How to Die in Oregon*

Join us at next Thursday, Sept. 19's "Pow Wow" for a special screening of [How to Die in Oregon](#), the 2011 documentary and winner of the Grand Prize at the 27th Sundance Film Festival. The film is 107 minutes, and will be shown in the PUC Library at 11 AM. It will be followed by a discussion.

How to Die in Oregon is set in Oregon and covers the state's "Death with Dignity Act" that allows terminally ill patients to end their own life with medication prescribed by their physician. It covers the background of the Oregon law and the life of a few patients who have chosen to take their life under it. This law was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2006.

—*Joyce Block-Miller*, for the "Sr. Pow Wow to Share How"

Are you NEW to PUC?

Would you like to get to know more folks at PUC?

Please come to the next PUC Buddy Mixer (a Potluck Dinner) being graciously hosted by Michelle & Constance in RPV at 6:30 – 9:30 PM, **Saturday, September 21**.



9/21: 9 AM - 1 PM, *Public Forum: Action on the Climate Crisis* @ PUC.

Since the level of heat-trapping carbon dioxide in our atmosphere recently broke the once-unthinkable barrier of 400 parts per million for the first time in three million years, action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions has become more urgent. Because members of the Environmental Priorities Network want to preserve a world that can sustain human life, they are presenting a public forum to encourage and promote action that will deal with global climate change. The "Action on the Climate Crisis" forum will take place on **Saturday, September 21 @ PUC.**

9/21: 9 AM - 12 PM, *HEAL THE BAY COASTAL CLEAN-UP*



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

It's with great sadness that we share the news that long time PUC Member

Esther Quinn (1924-2013) passed away in the early morning of August 31.

Her sons created a website for her: www.cliftonquinn.com/esther.

She will be missed by many friends near and far.

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

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Sept. 22: *Imagining our Way Home*

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
Countering the onslaught of news stories about the difficult state of

Note: This one is an adults-only potluck dinner. We'll be in the backyard, so be sure to bring something to warm to wear. Space is limited, so *you must RSVP* to our Buddy Program Coordinator, Denise Shiozawa (denise@umeworks.com).

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:
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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



A UU Said That?

"The joy of heaven will begin as soon as we attain the character of heaven, and do its duties."

—**Theodore Parker**

(Transcendentalist, Unitarian Minister, abolitionist, reformer)

[Click Here for Videos Related to Unitarian Universalism](#)

Third Sunday Hospitality

Ushers:

Brittany (Manning) Montgomery & Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller & Betty Saunders

Greeters:

our Union, *Rev. Tamara* explores how we can live into a more positive, hope-filled future for our country.

Sept.29: Out of Many, One: What Unites Us

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John will propose a collective theology for us as a community of spiritual seekers.

Special Thanks to All of You who help!

Hospitality News

Lunch @ LOCAL 5621 was FABULOUS last Sunday!!

TOP CHEF *Margo Meikle* produced Greek coponata, ravioli, meatballs & much more to welcome in the new Church year. Thank you to the 12 singing SOUS CHEFS: *Deb Reynolds, Andy Kissner, Deb Ripley, Jen Hocutt, Linda Jenson, Marvel Burke, Gilana Goff, Kim Gosney, Noelle & Amara Portland, Chelsea Sites, & Trish Botsko.*

SMELL THAT? It's the Kane family Fall BBQ. THIS Sunday. (Special thanks to *Barry Meikle*, who fixed our Weber grill just in time!)

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), Monday, 10 AM, H

Women's Reading & Responding Grp, 3rd Mon., 11 AM, L

Louise Allison & Bill Karg

Around the District and Beyond...

3rd Annual Walking the Walk:

[UULM-CA Justice Leadership Summit!](#)

The UU Legislative Ministry is sponsoring this must-attend event **November 22 - 24** at Camp de Benneville Pines. Registration is now open with early bird rates through September 15. Come build justice community, meet other justice-oriented UUs, learn the next steps on important issues, and develop skills to support your congregational justice efforts! [CLICK HERE](#) to register/for more info.

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Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

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

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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), Thurs, 10 AM, H
Seniors Pow Wow to Share How,
3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L
PUC Choir Practice: Wed., 6:30 PM, H

(On Summer hiatus til 8/29)

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

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

Saturdays

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

