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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



December 19, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is full of PEACE, Angels, or NO Angels....Find out all about how to bring more PEACE into our world - as we let our light shine like a beacon on this cold, dark Hill. It's all here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!



Krista's Corner

That Time of the Year...

Hello Everyone! For those of you I haven't met yet, I'm Krista Weber and it's my pleasure to serve as your part-time ministerial intern, a position I assumed in September and will continue into June 2015. Over the past few months I've witnessed the incredible love and dedication that goes into sustaining and growing this community by staff and congregants alike. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to spend this time with all of you and I'm deeply grateful for the warm and enthusiastic welcome I've received!

A few weeks ago, I joined in a Healing Service for Inner Peace, but now, as we approach the Winter Solstice this weekend, I can't help but think the shorter days create a sometimes-panicked sense that we're running out of time as the daylight dwindles away. We're also approaching Christmas and the New Year, leaving many of us feeling the rush and urgency to "get things done." Maybe it's a big project at work, end of semester class finals, holiday shopping and decorating, or item to finish from last year's to-do list. I certainly see and feel the urgency every time I get in my car! All this busyness can sometimes leave us feeling isolated and alone, especially if the holidays bring up feelings of sadness. Put it all together and it can make maintaining a sense of inner peace very challenging!

However, this is traditionally a time for slowing down, and connecting with loved ones as a way of finding peace. Let the darkness draw us together as I invite you to slow down and join us for our special [Holiday Party this Saturday afternoon](#) and our [Candlelight Christmas Eve Service](#). Join with our community and experience the joy and peace that come from taking the time to be together.

December's Monthly Theme: Peace

This Sunday

December 22

10:30 AM Service

Angels of Peace

Rev. John Morehouse

Where does peace come from?

Rev. John shares stories of peace in this darkest time of the year.



5 PM, Tues, December 24 **Christmas Eve Service:** **The First Christmas Carol**

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
Celebrate the season with carols and candlelight. **Rev. Tamara** invites people of all ages who seek the true meaning of Christmas to come to our very special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 PM.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, December 19, 2013

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) - H

7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg -
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7 PM Family R.E. Ministry Mtg. -
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7:30 PM [One Voice LA](#) - O [Help pack food & gifts for the needy in Santa Monica]

I look forward to getting to know you all better at these festive holiday gatherings and over the weeks and months to come!

With Love,

—*Krista Weber*, Student Minister

Religious Education Matters
Family Religious Education Ministry
DECEMBER CALENDAR

12/22: Religious Education Volunteer Break

Free Play Day for ages six and under. Ages seven and older please attend the worship service.

Tuesday, 12/24: The First Christmas Carol

Celebrate the season with carols and candlelight. Rev. Tamara invites people of all ages who seek the true meaning of Christmas to come to our very special Christmas Eve candlelight Service at 5 PM

12/29: Religious Education Volunteer Break

Free Play Day for ages six and under. Ages seven and older please attend the Worship Service.

—*Rev. Tamara*

AssocMinister@pacifunitarian.org



Please [CLICK HERE](#) to request to be added to the R.E. Family Facebook Group.



**Join Us for
The PUC Holiday Party!**

1:30 PM – 4 PM, Saturday, December 21

Schedule:

- * 1:30 PM: Mingle & Tree Decorating!
- * 2 PM: Guess Who... Is Playing Santa! (kids welcome!!!)
- * 2:30 PM: Holiday Story-telling!
- * 3 PM: Holiday Sing-Along w/ Severin!
- * 3:30 PM: Cider & Cookies!

Winter Solstice Celebration @ PUC December 22

Our Winter Solstice ritual will take place at 5:30 PM on **Sunday, Dec. 22**. It will be an Egyptian-based ritual welcoming the birth of Horus and featuring a guided visualization to meet the Sun Goddess, Isis.

We will also commemorate the Fellowship of Isis Founder Lady Olivia Robertson, and after the ritual, give a prize for best UGLY XMAS SWEATER, so wear yours! We start ON TIME, and please bring a healthy potluck dish to share; beverages provided.

Women, men, and young people welcome! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. RSVP to 310-371-0274.

Friday, December 20, 2013

7 PM Banned Book Club - O
7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Service - H

Saturday, December 21, 2013

Winter Solstice

1:30 PM [PUC Holiday Party](#) - H

Sunday, December 22, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
12:15 PM Intern Minister Committee - V
6 PM Pagan Winter Solstice Ritual - H

Monday, December 23, 2013

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

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

5 PM [Candlelight Christmas Eve Service](#) - H

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 26, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
10 AM Women's Circle - L
6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) - No Practice this Week
8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Flowers for the Church

Sunday's Flowers are "are to wish a happy holiday season to our PUC family."

—*The Kissner Family*

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

Next open dates:

Almost all 2014 dates are OPEN!

REIKI COURSE & HEALING EVENT @ PUC

Thurs., Jan. 2; Sat., Jan. 4; & Sun. Jan. 5

► Free Intro: **Thu Jan 2 @ 7PM**

Reiki 1: **Sa Jan 4 @ 10 AM-4PM**

Reiki 2: **Su Jan 5 @ 12:30-6:30PM**

Space Is Limited. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. Register Online Today @ CreateMeaning.org - look for current South Bay offerings.

Which of One These Bodies Are YoUU?

This is a story about four people: **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure **Somebody** would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but **Nobody** did it.

Somebody got upset about that because it was **Everybody's** job, **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when actually **Nobody** asked **Anybody**.

Wanna be an **AWESOMEBODY!** Contact [Leadership Development](#) (Kathy Rickey, Judy Shaffer, & Maurice Chevalier) & let them know what YoUU'd like to do to help make our community better & stronger!

GATHER THE SPIRIT

Wednesday Minister's Classes Continues

The Problem of Evil: How do we reconcile evil in our lives and with religious understandings of a loving God? Rev. John will explore the various philosophical understandings of evil and the solutions to this deep problem.

11AM-12:15 PM, **Wednesdays, Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12.**

[CLICK HERE](#) for upcoming offerings.

Make the Holidays Special By Helping Harbor Interfaith Services Help Others in Need

This holiday season please consider making a special effort to bring canned and dry goods to Church for Harbor Interfaith Services. Items needed are groceries; toiletries, such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine products, bath soap, and deodorant; and household goods, such as pots, pans, and silverware. Please drop your donations in the baskets as you enter the Hall for Sunday's Service.

What an excellent way to share the gift of giving throughout the year. We hope for the number of donations to increase substantially, as it has in the past. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the complete Harbor Interfaith wish list.

Try Our Monday Yoga & Meditation Basics Class

Get ready for the New Year with a healthy practice for your mind, body, & spirit! Join us in the Hall on **Mondays from 5 - 6:30PM** for



Saturday, 12/21: [PUC Member Holiday Party, 1:30 PM](#)

Saturday, 1/25: Kirtan - Indian Devotional Music Comes to South Bay

You're all invited to experience an uplifting journey of sound at an evening of Kirtan, 7:30 PM, **Saturday, January 25** at Create Meaning—South Bay LA, the new center for spiritual renewal at PUC. The event is free and open to the public. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Contact: Kim Gosney (310) 504-4919 kim@createmeaning.org.

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December's Monthly Theme: Peace

12/29: Making Peace With Our Past

Krista Weber, Student Minister
As we approach the end of the year and begin to prepare for the new year, student minister **Krista Weber** will explore the ways we deal with what has happened in our past, and how we can work to move into the future with more peace in our hearts, minds, and actions.

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Fourth Sunday Hospitality

Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!

Thank you to our TOP CHEF Vivien Hao, who guided a kitchen full of holiday elves to create a full lunch on our Patio at PUC. Sous chefs, Jeanne Wilson, Peggy Tigerman, Krista Weber, Mary Palmer, Susan Warhol, Linda Warrick & Betty Saunders.
CHEERS to YOU ALL

Kundalini yoga, a physical, mental, and spiritual discipline for developing strength, flexibility, consciousness, and character. Led by: *Aimée Donahue, Yoga Instructor and Therapist* www.yogawithaimée.com.

Join us as we move with relaxing music to calm the mind while keeping the body healthy and youthful. Tap into your body's innate inner healing power! There is a suggested donation per class.

Around Our District and Beyond...



[Happy Holidays from our UU United Nations Office!](#)



UU Holiday SHOPPING – Choose Compassionate Consumption

▶ UUSC holiday cards are HERE!!! See Sandy McNeil on the Patio on Sunday; Call her; or [EMAIL HER](#) to get yours before they're all gone.

▶ If you like to sit at home in your jammies and shop for justice, this is for you! Go to <http://shop.uusc.org>

for great Holiday ideas. The proceeds are used to fund humanitarian causes around the world and at home. This is what UU's do best: serving others.

—*Sandy McNeil*, UUSC Ministry



A UU Said That?

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter."

—*e. e. cummings*

(Edwin Estlin Cummings - Unitarian Universalist, poet, painter)

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"My name is Sloane Powers and I am a member of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Thousand Oaks. I was accepted into a month long program in

Torrance to become certified in teaching English as a second language and I am looking for a place to stay during that month.

I don't know anyone in that area and I am inquiring as to whether there might be someone from your congregation that I could rent a room from. I would need a place to sleep and be able to prepare my own meals. My program runs from January 6 through Jan 31. I would only need a place to stay Mondays through Thursdays during those dates (4 weeks total) as I would be going home on the weekends.

Please let me know if anyone could accommodate me. I would greatly appreciate it.

—*Sloane Powers*,
sloanepowers@live.com

Next week Naresh Deo will return to cook and share with us his own style of a compassion meal. We hope you will join us.

Ushers:

Scott Garrabrant & Joanna Hannff

Welcome Table:

2 OPEN POSITIONS

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

Greeters:

Jean McDaniel & Shuja Oberoi

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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, December 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
[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
Soulful Sundown, 1st Mon., 7:30 PM, H

Tuesdays

Ways & Means Cmte, 2nd Tues., 7 PM, L
Program Council, 4th Tues., 7 PM, L

Thursdays

Women's Circle, 4th Thurs., 10 AM
Tai Chi (Beck), Thurs, 10 AM, H
Seniors Pow Wow to Share How,

[Submit your posting request](#)

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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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3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L
[PUC Choir Practice](#): Thurs., 6:30
PM, H

Environmental Priorities Network
Mtg, 2nd 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

