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January 23, 2014
Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is has it's ROOTS in the 60's, when PUC's BOOTS were made for kicking BUUty. It's all here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

SUNDAY PHOTOGRAPY NOTICE!

Photos are being taken this coming Sunday morning for marketing purposes. Our plan is to use more imagery in telling the story of our PUC community. We are beginning to document Services and use these images.

During the Service we will provide an "opt out" area along the back wall of the Hall if you do not want your picture taken. During the luncheon, we will provide "opt out" tables with white tablecloths. You can also arrange with Kim ahead of time to have photos edited if they accidentally capture your image.

Any Questions? Contact Kim at membership@pacificunitarian.org.



Music Notes

From the Music Department:



Thanks to Jessica Childress for participating in the Service last Sunday. We look forward to more of her beautiful vocals and spirit. We will kick off Black History Month with *Hope Foye* singing with our Adult and Youth Choirs. The Youth Choir meets Sundays from 11:45 until 12:15. It's a fun way for kids to learn about Unitarian principles through music.

The **BLACK AND WHITE CONCERT** is coming up soon – 7:30 PM, on **Saturday, Feb. 15**. This is an annual benefit event that features piano music by our own members and special guests. Everyone is encouraged to dress in black and white *formal* attire. Dig out that tux or sequin-studded black dress that hasn't seen the light of day for years gone by. Extravagant headgear is also encouraged.

January's Monthly Theme: Grace

This Sunday
January 26

10:30 AM Service
Wings Set Me Free
Rev. John Morehouse

Grace also calls us to go beyond our horizons. Join us as *Rev. John* offers up some possibilities.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, January 23, 2014

- 10 AM Women's Circle - L
- 10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
- 4 PM Worship Team/Soulful Sundown Mtg - V
- 6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H
- 8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

Friday, January 24, 2014

- 6 PM OWL 7-9 Overnight - L, V, CR2

Saturday, January 25, 2014

- 8 AM OWL 7-9 Overnight - L, V, CR2
- 10 AM French Conversation Grp - V
- 7 PM [Dance, Chant, Experience](#)

After the concert we treat ourselves to a potluck of exclusively black and white finger food. Remember to bring some finger food – nothing that needs a fork or other utensil. Tickets are reasonable priced at \$20/adult, but you can always give more. Kids attend for FREE.

The PUC Choir is excited about a project scheduled for the spring of next year. We will again be inviting people from the community to join us in a performance of Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*. Perhaps YOU want to get involved.

Keep Singing!

—**Severin**

Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director

Music@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry

JANUARY CALENDAR

1/24-25: OWL 7-9 Overnight

1/26: Spiritual Practices Workshop Sunday for Hobbits through YRUUs. This provides our children and youth with the opportunity to experience various spiritual practices as a way of increasing their spiritual "literacy." **Children and youth begin in the worship Service as usual today. Our Spiritual Practices Workshop will begin after they are "sung out" of the Service.**

**Our Whole Lives (OWL 7-9) YoUUth meet at 12:30 PM in CR1

**Our Whole Lives (OWL 7-9) Parents meet at 12:30 PM in the Hall

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2/2: New curricula in most Religious Education Groups begins!! We begin our winter/spring session today with our Hobbits (Kindergarten-grade 2) gaining spiritual and ethical tools to live out their UU values; Sojourners (grades 3-5) learning about self-awareness and our perceptions of others; Voyagers (grades 6-8) exploring their own UU identity; and our YRUU group (high school) participating in Leadership Development plus creating a Worship Service to share with the Congregation on March 2.

**Our Whole Lives (OWL 7-9) YoUUth meet at 12:30 PM in CR2

2/9 BUUK Group for all ages (Hobbits through Voyagers) Meet in Classroom 1 after being sung out of the Worship Service for fun, learning, and an activity based on a popular book.

**Our Whole Lives (OWL 7-9) YoUUth meet at 12:30 PM in CR2

—*Rev. Tamara*

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

[Kirtan!](#) [w/ BhakitMa] – H

Sunday, January 26, 2014

OWL Program Kickoff

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
12 PM 2nd Service Task Force - V
12:15 PM SJ Film: "I Stand Corrected" - L
12:15 PM Spirit of Life w/ Rev. John - CR1
12:30 PM _OWL 7-9 - CR2
12:30 PM OWL 7-9 Parent Class - CR3

Monday, January 27, 2014

11 AM Facilities Rental Task Force - L
5 PM [Kundalini Yoga & Meditation Class](#) – H
7 PM Men's Ministry –V

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L
7 PM Program Council – No Jan. Mtg.

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

11 AM "[The Problem of Evil](#)" Class w/ Rev. John - CR1
11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi
7:30 PM "[Introduction to Buddhism](#)" Class w/ Rev. John - CR1

Thursday, January 30, 2014

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H

Flowers for the Church

Sunday's Flowers "are to recognize the talented, dedicated, and fabulous OWL facilitator team. Thank you for volunteering your time to our PUC youth!"

Please contact the [PUC Office](#)



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

Kirtan - Indian Devotional Music Event Comes to PUC

THIS Saturday, Jan. 25

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.

GATHER THE SPIRIT

Wednesday Minister's Classes Continue

The Problem of Evil: How do we reconcile evil in our lives 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. 29; Feb. 5, 12** - Classroom 1
FEE: \$8 per session. *Each session is a stand-alone class, you may join at any time.*

[CLICK HERE to register online.](#)

Or [CLICK HERE to download Registration Form & Flyer](#)

Hospitality Ministry Seeks Washer/Dryer for PUC

The Facilities Committee is seeking a working used washer/gas dryer for the Church. This is to keep up with our thriving Hospitality Ministry's Sunday lunches and other events for which we use tablecloths, towels, etc. Please contact *Vivien Hao*, prvivien@gmail.com. Thank you.

Journey to Membership Classes Starting Up Soon

This 5-hour class is designed to explore the joys & responsibilities being a member of PUC, and is required for membership.

Offered 3 times yearly in 2 formats for 2014.

SELECT YOUR 2 SESSIONS IN 2014

2 Sundays: Noon - 3 PM *MAR 16/23 MAY 4/18 OCT 26/NOV 2*

-OR-

2 Wednesdays: 7-9:30 PM *FEB 19/26 APR 23/30 OCT 22/29*

Pick up a registration form in the PUC Office, or you can enroll online with this [google doc](#) if you have a gmail acct. Contact [Kim Gosney](#) with any questions.

to reserve your date!

Next open dates:

Most 2014 dates are OPEN!



**February's Monthly Theme:
PRAYER**

2/3: Spirit of Life, Come to Me

Rev. John Morehouse

In the last of a three part series reflecting on the hymn Spirit of Life, Rev. John considers what the Spirit of Life means to us and how we might grow from that meaning.

2/9: Think, Pray, Love

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

In the movie "Eat, Pray, Love" the main character went on a journey of the soul. Rev. Tamara examines the meaning that prayer might hold in our lives as we travel our own journeys of the soul.

2/16: How Prayer Works

Rev. John Morehouse

As part of exploration of prayer this month, Rev. John explores the power of prayer for all of us, regardless of our feelings about God.

2/23: From Feeling to Healing

Rev. John Morehouse

Part of the power of prayer lies in its healing words. What is it about feeling that helps us heal from our struggles and wounds? Rev. John guides us through the theology and psychology of emotional honesty.



**Fourth Sunday
Hospitality
Special Thanks to All of
YOU who help!**



Saturday, 2/15: PUC's Annual Black & White Party!

Sunday, 4/6: PUC's Service/Silent Auction. Contact *Barbara Paulsen* if you'd like to help!!

Candlemas 2014: Oya and the Winds of Change

What: Pagan Candlemas Ritual for Positive Change @ PUC

When: 6 PM SHARP!, **Sunday, Feb. 2.**

Join us in celebrating Candlemas! We will celebrate the Yoruba orisha Oya, and welcome the orisha Ellegua, who opens the way. We plan to ask Oya for positive change, and we will do some weather magic for the serious drought that California is experiencing. Our official groundhog mascot, Palos Verdes Pancho, will prophesy for us!

Bring a healthy snack to share. We will provide drinks both hard and soft, and ritual "cakes." Wear red, white, pink, black—think Valentine colors. Come a bit early if possible to help. We start PROMPTLY at 6 PM for this ritual--not all of our rituals start at the same time. so confirm time with us if you are not sure.

See you there!

—The Adepts of the Iseum of Isis Paedusis

Join Us for Monthly PUC Saturday Game Nights!

Come one and all to the PUC Monthly Game Night! After a few test sessions, we've got the green light and have dates for the next 4 months, so you can mark your calendars for: **Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, & May 10.**

Reminder: this is a *Saturday* night event *not* Friday (sorry for the confusion in Dec) and will be held from 5:30 - 10 PM in *either* Classroom 1 & 2, *or* in the Hall . As always, the event is for all ages (no unaccompanied children under 10 as we won't have dedicated supervision) and bring your favorite games to play or grab your chance to try out a slew of new games.

Contact [Chelsea Sites](#) or [Randy Ripley](#) to learn more information.

SOUTHLAND INTERFAITH NEWS

Friends of San Pedro Library Invite you to a showing of "G-Dog," An Inspiring Documentary about Gregory Boyle, S.J., and His Homies

2 PM, **Sunday, January 26** @ The Grand Annex, [434 West 6th](#)

Thanks to Top Chef *Vivien Hao* for a buono Italian Feast this past Sunday. And thanks to sous chefs, *Chelsea Sites, Margo Meikle, Pam Harris, J.C. Chacon, Susan Warhol, Diane Brunson & Frances Morehouse* for their excellent culinary ministrations. Next week's top chef is *Naresh Deo* with a Vegetarian Indian food feast. You won't want to miss it!



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



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, March 30**
- Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd Sun., L
- Books in Our Lives Covenant Group, 1st & 3rd Sun., 7 PM, L

Mondays

- 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, Hiatus
- Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

[Street, San Pedro](#)

Freida Lee Mock, director, screenwriter, producer, & co-founder of the American Film Foundation, won the Academy Award for documentaries in 1995 for *Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision* - about the young creator of the Vietnam Wall.

She now spotlights the work of Father Gregory Boyle and brings us up to date on Homeboy Industries.

Reservations at www.friendsspl.org & www.grandvision.org. \$10 admission fee goes to Homeboy Industries.

Around Our District and Beyond...



A UU Said That?

"Only three things are necessary in life: First, backbone; Second, backbone; Third, backbone."

—[Charles Sumner](#)

(Unitarian, lawyer, U.S. Senator, abolitionist)

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Southern Sundown, 1st Mon., 7:30 PM, H

Tuesdays

Ways & Means Cmte, 2nd Tues., 7 PM, L

Program Council, 4th Tues., 7 PM, L

Wednesdays

Beginning Yoga w/ Debi Robinson, Weds, 11 AM

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](#): 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

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

Saturdays

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



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