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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



February 13, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...even if you don't believe in the "G" word (madonna or no Madonna)
-- and *THE VIEW* from PUC is POWERFUL too -- bringing you ALL
the PUC news that fits in print each & every week whether you want
to REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT! or not.



From Rev. Tamara's Desk

The Mass Moral March last Saturday, February 8, in Raleigh, NC received very little attention in the mainstream media. On that day over 80,000 people, including a contingent of around 1,500 Unitarian Universalists from all over the United States, raised their voices as they marched to the capitol building in support of protecting and expanding voting rights and civil rights, healthcare for all, economic sustainability and other issues of civil and economic justice.

This march, although lightly covered, serves as a reminder on the part of progressives as to the power of building coalitions, committing to nonviolence, and perhaps most importantly, a growing understanding of the power of reclaiming the concept of morality as our ground. UC Berkeley professor George Lakoff has long criticized liberals (as a liberal himself) for what he believes to be a lack of understanding of their own moral system and unwillingness to inhabit the high moral ground through both reason and emotion. He argues that a clear understanding of the very different frames, or metaphors, used by conservatives and liberals is vital to the future success of the progressive agenda.

This grounding of our actions in our morals and values is the strength of our Unitarian Universalist initiative [Standing on the Side of Love](#) which has worked in the past few years to articulate and focus our movement's attention on moral issues. Through it we are encouraged to stand firm and speak from our own authentic moral position and Unitarian Universalist values if we hope to be the change we want to see in our world. We may not have been able to march in Raleigh this past week-end but the opportunities for each of us to articulate clearly and act from our moral commitment occur

February's Monthly Theme: **PRAYER**

This Sunday

February 16

10:30 AM Service

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.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, February 13, 2014

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H

7:30 PM Environmental Priorities
Network (EPN) – L

Saturday, February 15, 2014

**7:30 PM [Black & White Party](#) –
H**

Sunday, February 16, 2014

10 AM Childcare - CR3

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir
Rehearsal - CR2

12 PM 2nd Service Task Force -
H

12:15 PM "Spirit in Practice:
Buddhism & the Mind" w/ Rev.
John - CR1

3 PM SB Chamber Music Society
Concert - H [\[Simone Porter](#)

daily. Think, pray, love. Reason, emotion, action. May we strive to live our faith in all we do.

Blessings,
—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2/16: Regular day in RE

**No OWL today!!

2/23: Regular day in RE

**OWL 7-9 YoUuth meet @ 12:30 PM in Voyager's Room

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org



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

Get Your Black & White on THIS SATURDAY NITE!

PUC's annual Black & White Party -- 7:30 PM, **THIS Saturday night, February 15**. Come hear your favorite PUC musicians (whether you knew it or not) massage the keys and pedals of our Yamaha Concert Grand Piano to produce beautiful music for us all.

Enjoy performances by PUC B & W standbys *Hope Foye, Rocco Lardiere, Bob Monzingo, Robin Paterson*, and John Reith; last year's sensation *Max Kane*; B & W newcomers *Patricia Marks & Prof. Rod Oakes*; and PUC's own maestro, Dr. Severin Behnen.

. And your emcee *Craig Block* is such a cut-up, he's bound [and should be gagged too] to keep you in stitches in spite of his having just a wee bit of medical training!!!

If you've never been to a Black & White Party now's the time to fix that -- the rest of us all know what you've been missing!!

\$20 suggested donation for adults. Children attend for free, and *Childcare is available by advance arrangement through the [PUC Office](#).*

And please remember to bring a "Black &/or White" dessert that can be eaten with fingers, not forks or spoons, to share.



Join Great March for Climate Action on March 1

You have a chance to be a part of history -- help kick off the Great March for Climate Action at the nearby Port of Los Angeles. Thousands will rally to demand ACTION on Climate Change

on **Saturday, March 1!** Students, environmentalists, community members and leaders, and families will rally and march together! You DON'T want to miss it!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) see the flyer.

[Recital\]](#)

Monday, February 17, 2014

President's Day - Office Closed

11 AM Reading & Responding
Women's Book Club- L

11 AM Facilities Rental Task
Force - No Meeting Today

5 PM [Kundalini Yoga & Meditation](#)
[Class](#) – H

7 PM Men's Ministry –HIATUS

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

1 PM Pastoral Care Associates
Mtg - V

2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L

7 PM Board Meeting – L

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

11 AM "[The Roots of Religion](#)"
Class w/ Rev. John - CR1

11 AM [Beginning Yoga](#) w/ Debi
7:30 PM "[Introduction to](#)

[Buddhism](#)" Class w/ Rev. John -
CLASS HAS ENDED

Thursday, February 20, 2014

11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to
Share How - L

4 PM Worship Team/Soulful
Sundown Mtg - L

6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice - H

7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg -
O

7 PM Family R.E. Ministry Mtg. -
O

Flowers for the Church

*Sunday's Flowers are "in honor of
Dorothy Grace Highfill Armstrong ~
February 17, 1923 - February 16,
2013."*

—The Drakes

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

Next open dates:

Most 2014 dates are OPEN!



Sunday, 4/6: PUC's

PUC Buddhist Meditation Group -- Inaugural Meeting on Tuesday, 2/18

Responding to the interest of nearly a dozen people, PUC's Meditation Group sitting is slated to happen from 9:30-10:30 AM, **Tuesday, Feb. 18**. Open to all PUC Members, Friends, and Visitors. While there's no charge to attend, folk are encouraged to offer [dāna](#) in gratitude for PUC providing us space to meet in the Voyager Room. Those who want to use a cushion or pad will need to bring their own cushion, etc.



While called a "Buddhist" meditation group, this is mainly to avoid confusion with styles used in other traditions, e.g., TM, Hindu, etc. Brad Shreve and John Hocutt are acting as peer-leaders and while happy to share their knowledge and experience, neither is a formal teacher.

Questions? Contact Brad: [bdshreve\(at\)outlook.com](mailto:bdshreve@outlook.com) OR John: [jhocutt.ChE81\(at\)GTalumni.org](mailto:jhocutt.ChE81@GTalumni.org) .

Food Collection for Harbor Interfaith Services in March 2 Service

We have an exciting, creative, intergenerational Sunday Service led by our YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists - Grades 9-12) group coming up on **Sunday, March 2**. We'd like to invite you to participate and show your support by bringing *LOTS of canned and dried goods* to donate to Harbor Interfaith Services as part of our Service, and our service!

GATHER THE SPIRIT

Wednesday Minister's Classes Continue

Next: Roots of Religion

The origin of the word "religion" is from the Latin word *ligare*, to bind. Every human society has had its gods. In all cultures, humans pour resources into diverse and elaborate religious expressions. We will explore how and why this human longing has evidenced itself throughout all cultures.

4 Wednesdays -11AM - 12:15 PM, **FEB 19, 26, MAR 5, 12**

In Classroom 1

Series of: 4 classes: \$30 ** *Walk In*:: \$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](#)

PUC's Annual Silent Auction Benefit Goes AI Fresco -- SUNDAY, APRIL 6 on the Patio!

THREE ACTION ITEMS FOR YOU:

- DONATE!

- BID!

- BRING A FRIEND!

Every year PUC members and the local community donate item(s) to PUC's Annual Silent Auction. What can YOU bring to the table? An auction item, experience, talent, or treasure? Got unwanted gift

Service/Silent & Live Auction.



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

Shirley Mokren Moving

Longtime PUCer *Shirley Mokren* will be moving to a care facility in Santa Clarita in the next week. She would love a card or note sent to her current address for the next few days. The upcoming (SOON, VERY SOON) PUC Directory will have her new contact information.

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

February's Monthly Theme: PRAYER

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.



A UU Said That?

"To comfort another — to bring him your strength — takes more practice, in large part because it requires you to be more comfortable within yourself."

— [Forrest Church](#)

(Unitarian Universalist, clergy, author)

From *Love & Death: My Journey Through The Valley of The Shadow*

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

Around Our District and Beyond... [CLICK HERE](#) for the February 2014 South Bay Unitarian Fellowship Newsletter

cards left over from the holiday gifts you received? Do you have a secret talent that you might donate? Frequent any restaurants that you might approach for a gift certificate? The ideas are endless, the value unlimited! Who could you invite to join you to come to church that day for a lot of fun? Rev. John promises a fun and lively sermon to heighten the energy of this event!

Our wishlist:

- Lunches or dinners at your home or hosted experiences out.
- Gift certificates from local restaurants.
- Any items that you or someone you know would purchase anyway - practical items such as grocery gift cards, child care, or similar.
- Items that you can offer yourself. Piano lessons, landscaping design help, or similar.
- Donations from businesses with whom you have a personal connection or do a lot of business.
- Unwanted gift cards.
- Volunteers for all sorts of tasks.
- You and your friends on **Sunday, April 6** to bid and play!

This year, our deadline for donations to be included in the Silent Auction Catalog is **Feb. 23!**

In order to continue to run a thriving church EVERY donation and every dollar raised through this Silent Auction is important. This is a powerful way to fundraise for your church while bringing consumer happiness to other deal-seeking supporters of our mission.

The **AI Fresco Auction** will be held on **SUNDAY, APRIL 6**. Tables will open for bidding at 9:30 AM and run after the Sunday Service until we close.

To help make party a success, we also need volunteers! Please contact **Barbara Paulsen** to get involved.

Choir Haiku

Choir will bring you joy
 Know pleasure beyond measure
 To sing is Heaven

[The PUC Choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 6:30 PM and performs most 1st & 3rd Sundays from September through June. Try it. You'll like it....in 17 syllables or MORE!!]

—Darcy Carroll

Joyce & Craig Host Block(-Miller)bUUster "Dinners w/UUs"

Last Saturday evening, my son Craig Block and I had the pleasure of hosting a "Dinner With UU's" Pot Luck at our home. What a treat, in more ways than one!

Our 12 guests, a combination of prospective members, newer members, and "old timers," brought a selection of truly delicious dishes. The random combination of UU's proved to be a winning one. Conversation flowed non-stop from the beginning of the evening to the end. And, everyone was so helpful! An additional feature of the



**Third Sunday Hospitality
 Special Thanks to All of
 YOUU who help!**



Ushers:

Brittany Montgomery &
 Carrie Pobre

Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller &
 Val Richards

Greeters:

Louise Allison & 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, 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
- Soulful Sundown, 1st Mon., 7:30 PM, H

Tuesdays

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

evening was a tour of Craig's new "quarters" in our guest cottage adjoining the garage, replete with a Long Beach to Hollywood Hills "city lights view" and Craig's obligatory indoor disco ball light show.

You may sign up for one of these dinners (usually held on the 2nd Saturday of even-numbered months) on Sundays at the "Welcome Table" on the Patio or contact our coordinator, Betty Saunders: (310) 324-6333 / betty90502@earthlink.net anytime. You may also contact Betty if you wish to host a dinner and she can furnish you with the necessary details.

—*Joyce Block-Miller*

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Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

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Wednesdays

[Beginning Yoga](#) w/ Debi
Robinson, Wed, 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

Fridays

GBLQ Movie, 2nd Fri., Even #
months, 7 PM, L

Saturdays

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

