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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



March 6, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

... but *THE VIEW* from PUC NEVER SURRENDERS...even when we're "letting go," upon which Rev. John will expound on Sunday. It's all here for you (almost) EVERY week of the year - whether you REEEEEAAADD AAAALLL AAAABBBBOUUUT IT or not.

And don't forget that **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** begins **THIS Sunday, March 9 @ 2 AM** - Be sure to set your **CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR** before you go to bed so that you won't be the one(s) who gets to Church just as the Service is ending!!



Minister's Message

The Wheel of Change: Campus Improvements

Look at us! So many of us have come together to improve the standard of living of our PUC community. Your Facilities Committee, along with your Facilities Manager, Mike Mariani, are proud to make note of the reality in the making here at our Church.

The psychologist Dan Ariely has done experiments with people to see what it is that gives life meaning. What he found is what he calls "the meaningful condition"; when a group of people are building something with purpose, happiness follows. However, happiness only follows if they are acknowledged for their work, otherwise we become subject to the "Sisyphean condition"; building something that is not acknowledged, or worse yet, discounted, leads to a hopelessness much like Sisyphus pushing the rock up the hill, only to have it roll down again. [CLICK HERE for Dan's TED talk.](#)

Last July our tenant preschool closed its doors after 27 years due to the retirement of Director Carla Emerson. The leaders of the Church embarked on a bold experiment to reclaim the space for our own children, and design a Center for Spiritual Renewal as part of the UUA's [CreateMeaning.Org](#) initiative. After decades as a preschool our space was in desperate need of a makeover. Our Growth and Reinvestment Campaign money was prioritized for other projects, so many volunteers from your Church gave their time,

March's Monthly Theme:
SURRENDER

This Sunday

March 9

10:30 AM Service

Maybe You Should Drive
Rev. John Morehouse

As we continue to explore the theme of sacrifice, Rev. John explores why letting go is not only challenging but spiritually necessary. Please join us.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, March 06, 2014

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H

Friday, March 7, 2014

7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat
Service – H

Saturday, March 8, 2014

8 AM Leap of Faith Visit -
CR1,2,3
10 AM French Conversation Grp
– V [2nd & 4th Sats.]
5:30 PM PUC FUUn & Games
Night – CR1 & 2

Sunday, March 9, 2014

SPRING FORWARD!
Daylight Saving Time Begins
10 AM Childcare - CR3
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir

talent, and treasure to remaking our campus in order to create meaningful conditions here at PUC.

We gratefully acknowledge these contributions to our community from July, 2013 to present. Here are some (not all) of what collectively we have accomplished together to raise the standard of living at PUC.

Generously donated by members:

- Old ceiling removal; paint for classrooms ceilings & walls \$1,200
 - New paint sprayer \$400
 - New floor Tile to match the old \$1,800
 - Removed Sinks and Toilets \$700
 - New equipment for nursery and preschool \$3,000
 - Shelves, clocks, lighting, new folding tables, & carpets \$1,500
 - New electric wiring throughout the Center \$3,300
 - New outdoor lighting \$800
 - Three new gardens and shed removal \$500
 - Exterior painting of classroom, & kick plates \$2,900
 - Upgrade to sound system \$700
 - Patio heaters \$1,500
 - Street banners \$200
 - New routers for wifi on campus \$200
 - Bamboo floor in Minister's Office \$1,500
 - A new Handbuilt butcher block table (priceless)
 - New Joy and Concern Candle Vessel \$250
 - New flower baskets \$350
 - Retaining walls with pads on east wall for storage \$600
 - Outdoor solar lighting & cart overhauls for kitchen \$250
- Total donated by individual members of our Congregation.....\$21,650**

We are all moving the wheel of change towards our promise as a beacon of light and hope.

—**YOUR Facilities Team:** Mike Mariani, Facilities Manager;
Comiittee members: *Bruce Lewis, Vivien Hao, & Frances Morehouse;*
& dedicated volunteers *Noel Hammond & Bob Monzingo.*

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry
MARCH CALENDAR

Church is one of the few places left in American society that encourage connections between people of all ages. Our Secret Pals Program is a great way to foster these intergenerational connections and meet someone new. In this program, notes are exchanged for two weeks with a “revealing” luncheon on the third and final week. Sign-up at the Religious Education table on March 2 and 9; Program runs March 16, 23, and 30.

3/9: “Regular” Day in RE

**Secret Pal Program Sign-Ups

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

- Rehearsal - H
- 12 PM 2nd Service Task Force - CR2
- 12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - L
- [Discuss 4/2 Field Trip to Theodore Payne Foundation Gardens. Contact **Betty Saunders.**]
- 12:30 PM "Worship Arts Class" w/ Rev. John - CR1
- 12:30 PM OWL 7-9 - V
- 7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp - L

Monday, March 10, 2014

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

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

- 9:30 AM PUC Buddhist Meditation Group - V
- 2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L
- 6 PM “[Ethical Eating Cooking w/ Debi](#): Indian Vegetarian” - K
- 7 PM Ways & Means Committee – L

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

- 11 AM [The Roots of Religion](#)” Class w/ Rev. John - CR1
- 11 AM [Beginning Yoga](#) w/ Debi
- 7:30 PM Small Group for New Members - CR2

Sunday's Flowers are provided by Michelle Bethune

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

Open Dates:

March 23, & 30

April 13 & 27



Wednesday, 4/2: A tour of Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers & Native Plants. Contact **Betty Saunders.**

Religious Education Matters

3/16: "Regular" day in RE

**Secret Pal Program begins!

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

3/23: Celebration Sunday Canvass Kick-Off. All children and youth (Pixies and older) begin in this very special service. Children will be sung out to classes a bit later today.

**Secret Pal Program week 2!

**OWL 7-9 group meets 12:30-4:30

**OWL Parents group meets 12:30-3:30

3/30: "Regular" day in RE.

**OWL "Graduation" Day *IN* Service

**Secret Pal "Revealing" Picnic *AFTER* Service

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org



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

SSSSHHHHHHH - It's Time for Secret Pals Again!

Hey kids, parents, & all fans of personal connection - It's almost time for Secret Pals! If you dig multigenerational mystery and intrigue, consider the annual **RE Secret Pals Program**. Secret Pals is a three-week fun-filled epistolary exchange where kids and adults send letters and drawings back and forth and get to know someone new in the Congregation.

It's a great way for kids to meet grown-ups who aren't their parents or teachers, and for grown-ups to meet our youngest UUs. It's a guessing game to I.D. the secret pal until a special Revealing Luncheon (free food & games!) on Sunday, **March 30**. Always a highlight of the year! **Sign-up on the Patio March 2 & 9**. Secret Pals will then run **March 16, 23, & 30** this year. Thank you!!

—Alana Garrigues

RE Committee Chair

PUC's AI Fresco Auction FUUn(d)raiser Is Only One Month Away: **SUNDAY, APRIL 6 on the Patio!**

- **DONATE!**

- **BID!**

- **BRING A FRIEND!**

Forgot something you wanted to offer for the Auction? There's still time to have it included in the "Addendum" (or even, mayhaps, the Catalog). Contact [Craig](#) in the PUC Office, or Barbara Paulsen if you're able to provide/wangle:

- **MORE MEALS** -- Either home-cooked or hosted at restaurants.
- **MORE SERVICES or LESSONS** that YOU can offer yourself: i.e., Handyman Services, Computer Consulting/Tutoring, & Gardening/Landscaping by your Newsletter Editor hisself!!
- **MORE ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS** -- Tickets/Passes for

Sunday, 4/6: PUC's Service/Silent & Live Auction

Sunday, 4/22: The [St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble](#) LIVE In Concert @ PUC

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March's Monthly Theme: SURRENDER

3/16: TBA

Kim Gosney

Topic: TBA

3/23: Offering a Place at the Table

Rev. John Morehouse

This will be a special Service to kick off our Annual Pledge Drive. Join us at 10.30 AM for a special breakfast in the Hall followed by *Rev. John* preaching and our Stewardship Team presenting our vision for next year.

3/30: Anybody Got a Match?

Rev. John Morehouse

Unitarians and Universalists were once martyred for their faith. What would we be persecuted for today? What would we sacrifice our lives for? Join us as *Rev. John* offers a few ideas worth burning about.

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First Sunday Hospitality

Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!

LOCAL 5621 reporting in to THANK Top Chef **ANDY KISSNER** aided by the enthusiastic **MARGO**

MEIKLE for 1st Sunday pancake/sausage/tofu brunch.

Welcome new Sous Chefs Kimberly Pratto-Storr (& daughter Naomi), & Ann Sanburg.

Here's an open INVITE to everyone to step in for 30 minutes to help - or sign up on the Kitchen door where Top Chefs are listed. This Sunday...Mike Bechtol &

Plays, Concerts, Operas, Movies, Sporting Events, Lectures, Museum Outings...the sky's the limit!!!

- **Solicit others or take out an ad for your business, or just for fUUn, in the Auction Catalog.** Contact [Kevin](#) or [London](#)

Gallagher to arrange a business card-sized ad or larger:

- Business card (2" h x 4" w) - B&W: \$40 / Color: \$60
- Half page (3.5 " h x 4" w) - B&W: \$60/ Color: \$90
- Full page (7.5" h x 4" w) - B&W: \$100/ Color: \$140

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 the party a success, we also need volunteers to help out before, during, and after the auction! Please contact **Barbara Paulsen** to get involved.

Where Is Our New Parking Lot? Part II

Been wondering where our repaired parking lot is? As you may recall, repairing our parking lot is part of the Growth & Reinvestment Campaign. The GRC is a 3-year campaign designed to revitalize our aging campus and to drive membership growth. Projects within the GRC were prioritized by the Congregation and the parking lot was project #3. The Parking Lot Task Force met with two contractors in the last week to reacquaint us with their capabilities and ask for updated bids.

By Saturday, March 8, the team is expecting to have three updated bids in hand and will select a contractor. The goal is to have the parking lot finished by the end of March. Actual date will depend on the available schedule for the chosen contractor. We expect the work to take two days during which the parking lot will be closed to traffic. We'll communicate the construction dates once we have them. If you have any questions, please contact *John Einhorn*, einchild1@verizon.net or 310-937-3134.

PUC's DREAM GLEAN TEAM!

TUESDAYS: 11:30 AM-1:30 PM @ TORRANCE FARMERS MARKET

PUC is partnering with [FOOD FORWARD](#) to rescue unsold produce from being discarded, celebrate abundance, collect donations from farmers, & distribute the produce to local food pantries. You'll provide boxes to farmers & then collect the filled boxes of unsold fresh produce. You'll weigh donations & local 501.c.3 non-profits will pick up boxes of healthy food! Benefits: Learn about food justice, meet new friends, introduce fellow volunteers to PUC and UUism, shop at the market, community engagement, & get some fresh air (and food)!

[RSVP to join the PUC Volunteer Glean Team!](#) Volunteers are asked to commit to the entire shift. Dress in comfortable clothes for the outdoors. Be able to lift up to 40 pounds. Provide your own transportation. Required Age Minimum (with Adult): 12. Minimum Age Solo: 16+.

Trish Botsko will be cooking an authentic Nawlins Mardi Gras lunch and you won't have to travel to Louie Bottega for a beignet! Hope to see you 'round the crawdads!!

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Ushers:

Kevin Gallagher & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table:

Lora Childers & Lee Ann Hart

Greeters:

Peggy Tigerman & Jean Tordella

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Around Our District and Beyond...



[CLICK HERE](#) for the March 2014 South Bay Unitarian Fellowship newsletter.

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

Issue Areas Addressed: Hunger & Homelessness, Health & Wellness. Population Served: Families; Homeless; Low-income Communities. This is a growing volunteer possibility for us! We can't wait to see you at the Market! Contact Kim (kim@createmeaning.org) to learn how to sign up! It's easy, gratifying and FUN!



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

We announce with great sadness the death of **Rev. Tamara's** mother, **Eleanor Casanova**. A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life will be held at PUC at 10:30 AM on **Saturday, April 5**.

Lori Geittmann continues her recovery from the removal of part of one of her legs that was causing her great pain. She is continuing physical therapy & rehab and **has been moved to Rm. #138-A** at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. Visitors are welcome.

Shirley Mokren has moved to a skilled care facility in Santa Clarita, where she'll be close to family members. Cards, letters and visits are very welcome:

Shirley Mokren
Summerhill Villas
24431 Lyons Ave., #284
Santa Clarita, CA 91321
661.388.0777

A Celebration of Life for **Marian Jones** is still pending. A date and time will be announced soon.

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

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Love Beyond Belief!
Sunday Service: 10:30 AM
[Click here for Directions](#)



Buddhist Meditation Group,
weekly, 9:30 AM, V
Ways & Means Cmte, 2nd Tues., 7
PM, L
Program Council, 4th Tues., 7 PM,
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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

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