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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 13, 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 AAAABBBBOOUUUT IT *or not*.



### From Rev. Tamara's Desk *On Death*

Thank you, my dear PUC community, for your love, cards, hugs, food, tears, flowers, and multiple expressions of kindness and caring in the past week and a half since my mom's death. It has meant so much to me and to my family to be held in compassion and love as we walk this difficult path that all of us, at various times in our lives, must walk in some shape and form.

Our faith community holds us well in these times of challenge and sorrow. Some have asked me how I can cope with this great sorrow as a UU atheist, as someone who has no belief in heaven or afterlife or God. Death is but a natural part of life itself and life, memory, and love are ultimately stronger than death and hate.

Death reminds us to remain open to the mystery and wonder of our lives and to live each moment with appreciation of the great beauty and love that surrounds us.

Death reminds us to be aware that we are connected in a caring community of faith, and that our faith connects us to the broader world gives a sense of place and comfort.

Death reminds us that life is short, and acknowledging this makes life all the more sweet and precious and treasured. Knowing we will die encourages us to live the best we can before we die.

Death reminds us that we live on after death through the love we create, the lives we touch, the good we do in the world in the world. The life we have lived creates the most meaningful kind of immortality.

With gratitude for this beloved community and for our faith that supports us in good times and bad.

### March's Monthly Theme: *SURRENDER*

This Sunday

**March 16**

**10:30 AM Service  
Surrendering to  
Metamorphoses**

**Kim Gosney**

A bird's eye view of Ovid's great work *Metamorphoses*, and how it can take PUC higher!

### *The Week At a Glance*

#### **Thursday, March 13, 2014**

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H  
7:30 PM Environmental Priorities Network (EPN) – L

#### **Friday, March 14, 2014**

7 PM Interweaving (GLBTQ)  
Movie Night – L

#### **Saturday, March 15, 2014**

10 AM Financial Planning for Non-Traditional Couples & Families - CR1

#### **Sunday, March 16, 2014**

10 AM Childcare - CR3  
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - H  
12 PM 2nd Service Task Force - CR2

Namaste,  
—Rev. Tamara  
[AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org)

## 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. *Secret Pals* runs March 16, 23, & 30.

#### 3/16: “Regular” day in RE

\*\*Secret Pal Program begins!  
\*\*OWL 7-9 YoUUth meet @ 12:30 PM in Voyagers 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 in Voyagers Room  
\*\*OWL Parents group meets 12:30-3:30 in

#### 3/30: “Regular” day in RE.

\*\*OWL “Graduation” Day IN Service  
\*\*Secret Pal “Revealing” Picnic AFTER Service

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

## PUC's AI Fresco Auction FUUn(d)raiser Is Coming Soon: 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 hissful!
- **MORE ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS** -- Tickets/Passes for 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](#)

12 PM Journey To Membership B  
- CR1  
12:30 PM OWL 7-9 - V  
12:30 PM “Worship Arts” Class -  
L  
3 PM SB Chamber Music Society  
Concert - H [[Pantoum Trio](#)]

#### Monday, March 17, 2014

11 AM Facilities Rental Task  
Force - V  
10:30 AM Reading & Responding  
Women's Book Club- L  
5 PM [Kundalini Yoga & Meditation  
Class](#) - H

#### Tuesday, March 18, 2014

9:30 AM PUC Buddhist  
Meditation Group - V  
1 PM Pastoral Care Assoc. Mtg -  
V  
2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L  
7 PM Board Meeting - L

#### Wednesday, March 19, 2014

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

#### Thursday, March 20, 2014

**Spring Equinox**  
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H  
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 Family R.E. Ministry Mtg. -  
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7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg -  
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*Sunday's Flowers are "to  
wish 'Happy Birthday!', to  
my love: Barry Meikle."*

—Margo Meikle

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

**Open Dates:**

**March 30  
& May 4, 11, 18, & 25**

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.

### **WORSHIP ARTS CLASS -- Sundays, March 9, 16, 23 & 30**

This class will explore the theory of worship, liturgical practice, ritual, and practice in preparation. Participants will be invited to write an opening that they might deliver during a future Worship Service. Participants will also be invited to participate in other aspects of the Worship Service including worship design.

These classes are free of charge and held **SUNDAYS 12:15-1:15 PM**. *Childcare provided. Schedule subject to change.*

### **JIM SCOTT IN CONCERT APRIL 5, 2014**

#### ***An Evening of Music Honoring Pete Seeger***

Jim Scott, legendary jazz and folk guitarist, vocalist, and composer, makes a rare Southern California concert appearance at 7 PM on **Saturday, April 5, 2014** at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica (UUCSM)

[1260 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404](http://126018thStreetSantaMonicaCA90404)

Jim honors his late friend Pete Seeger this evening with music filled with social justice themes which will inspire people of all ages and generations. Mr. Scott was a member of the Paul Winter Consort and has played with Tracy Chapman, 10,000 Maniacs, and Joan Baez.

Tickets are \$20.00 at [Chaliceoak.org](http://Chaliceoak.org); **May be pre-ordered** through Dale Osborne [dale@chaliceoak.org](mailto:dale@chaliceoak.org) (he'll need name and number of tickets for order confirmations); **or at the door**. (Seating is limited so ordering early is advised.)

The concert will assist Chalice Oak Foundation, a national social justice project incubator helping diverse community members start local social justice projects. [CLICK HERE for more information about Chalice Oak Foundation](#),

### **The Russians Are Coming...Back to PUC!**

This always popular Vocal Ensemble will be performing at PUC at 12:30 PM on **Sunday, April 20**. The vocal quartet's repertoire encompasses a wide variety of styles - from ancient Russian chants and folk songs, Western European chorals, secular compositions, as well as modern composers and transpositions of popular melodies.

The performance will begin at 12:30 PM in PUC's Henriksen Hall. As this is Easter Sunday their music will be especially appropriate so



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

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

**Sunday, 4/20:** The [St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble](#) LIVE In Concert @ PUC

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### **March's Monthly Theme: SURRENDER**

**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 You who help!**

Hats Off or BEADS ON... Thank you to **Mike Bechtol, Trish Botsko, & son Chris** for a True Nawlins Mardi Gras luncheon complete with host of beads. Our Sous Chefs for the day: **Lee Ann Hart, Linda Jenson, Val Richards & Linda Fell**.

bring your family and friends. As usual, lunch will be available on the Patio between the Service and their concert. Suggested donation of \$20 at the door.

## Permaculture Garden News

### April 2 Theodore Payne Foundation Tour

PUC's Green Sanctuary crew invites you on a tour of the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers & Native Plants  
10459 Tuxford St.  
Sun Valley, CA. 913532  
818.768.1802

We already have 4 cars organized for the **Wednesday, April 2** trip.

Carpools leave the PUC parking lot at 9:30 AM.

Focus is on the seed room, harvesting, storage, tools, & techniques. After our bag lunch, we'll get the Big Picture and a tour of the demonstration gardens. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Betty Saunders 310.324.6333

[Betty90502@earthlink.net](mailto:Betty90502@earthlink.net) or Carolyn 310.863.0712, or Bryan.

**In our Garden:** Notice the arbor blanked by new Passion Fruit vines. This week Bryan and Claire delivered cool season harvest to Harbor Interfaith Shelter. Planned for June is the dedication of Nancy Hofland's Memorial bench.

## Caregiver Needed

**Gloria & Will Nussbaum's** son **Paul** is looking for a caregiver to cover one 48-hour shift/week. Please contact Gloria at (310) 534-3350 if you're interested, or know someone who is.



### PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

"A time of Joy and Sadness. My son, **Barney**, died Sunday Mar 9, 2014. He was 64, and he'd had ALS ("Lou Gehrig's disease") for the past 6 years. His ordeal is over. Our sadness is overflowing with love. He leaves a wife, son, daughter, and 2 grandchildren, along with 1 sister and 2 brothers. I thank you for your love and concern. I feel it all around me." —**Mariann Mueck**

A Circle of Remembrance for longtime PUCer **Marian Jones** will be led by Rev. John in the PUC Library at 11:30 AM on **Saturday, March 22**. All who knew this amazing woman are invited to attend

**Lori Geittmann** continues her therapy at Driftwood Rehab, [4109 Emerald St., Torrance, CA 90503](http://www.driftwoodrehab.com), Rm #2. Please call 310-793-3000 before visiting. Cards 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:  
Summerhill Villas, 24431 Lyons Ave., #284, Santa Clarita, CA 91321  
661.388.0777

**Georgia Ferderber** has moved to a small care facility in No. California so she could be near her daughter and son, Julie & Larry.

Next week...Top Chef **Margo Meikle** is planning an Irish Lunch that could attract those leprechauns! Join us for all but the blarney...

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### Ushers:

Brittany Montgomery &  
Carrie Pobre

### Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller &  
Betty Saunders

### Greeters:

Louise Allison & Bill Karg

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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, 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  
Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L  
Soulful Sundown, 1st Mon., 7:30 PM, H

### Tuesdays

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

### Wednesdays

[Beginning Yoga](#) w/ Debi

5805 San Carlos Way, Pleasanton CA 94566-7756.

Robinson, Wed, 11 AM

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for **Rev. Tamara's** mother, **Eleanor Casanova**, will be held at PUC at 10:30 AM on **Saturday, April 5.**

**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

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

**Fridays**

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

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**Sunday Service: 10:30 AM**

5621 Montemalaga Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275  
Office Hrs: Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM, Mon. - Thurs: 11 PM - 5 PM

**Saturdays**

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

[Click here for Directions](#)

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