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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



July 3, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST\_NAME|PUCer},  
...just as *THE VIEW* from PUC certainly leans to the left, while, hopefully, bending over backward to accommodate all views, and VIEWS, that may tilt in other directions! All the PUC news that fits in print is right here in *THE VIEW* -- REEEEEAAADD AAAALLL AAAABBOUUUT IT.

**Reverend John will be away until July 17.**

If you are in need of Pastoral Care during that time, please contact **Krista Weber, Intern Minister:** [InternMin@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:InternMin@pacificunitarian.org) or let the [PUC Office](#) know.



Minister's Message

### Whose Are We?

I have just left the [General Assembly](#) of our Unitarian Universalist Association: the gathering of over a thousand UU congregations from around the world. While there I confronted the essential question of what it means to be a liberal religion. When I return in two weeks I will be exploring the depths of that question with you. Essential to understanding why we are a congregation at all is to answer the question "Whose Are We?" Our initial answer may be that we are here to grow individually into a spiritual identity. While that is certainly part of why we are a congregation, I don't think it is enough. After all, we could just as easily do that joining a meditation group. No, for me, the essential nature of being a liberal religion is to move to a deeper question: Whom do we serve? Having witnessed hundreds of life-saving experiences as part of our faith, I am

### July's Monthly Theme: **LIBERAL THEOLOGY**

This Sunday

**July 6**

**10:30 AM Service  
Community Matters**

**Nica Eaton-Guinn**

Why do we gather in this liberal religious community every week? What inspires us to keep coming here again and again? Why does showing up matter? Religious community, among its many benefits, is said to increase longevity! *Nica Eaton-Guinn* will uncover other reasons why gathering in this way matters.

A seminarian in her final year at Starr King School for the Ministry, Nica will serve as 2014-15 Intern Minister at the UU Community Church of Santa Monica.

### **The Week At a Glance**

**Friday, July 4, 2014**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

7 pm [Summer Friday Nights @ The Beach!](#) – Redondo Beach @ Av. H

convinced it is more than self-understanding. It is about serving a force far larger than ourselves.

Religious liberals tend to think of inclusion as a horizontal dimension: the more kinds of people we include in our Congregation, the more liberal we are - whether gay, straight, humanist, theist, older, younger, or what have you; the laundry list goes on and on. But horizontal thinking is not necessarily liberal. Plenty of religiously conservative congregations do a much better job welcoming people different from the status quo. The Mormon Church comes to mind.

What we really need as liberal faith is to expand our thinking vertically. How do we embrace the depth of dimension of the Holy; what some call God, others call Spirit, still others call Service. And more importantly, how are we going to serve that calling to a deeper dimension as spiritually progressive people? These are the questions I will be engaging us in the coming year.

When I return I will formally introduce our new Director of Religious Education, *Andrew Ponder Williams*. We hired Andrew, in part, to expand our understanding of whose are we. Andrew is a life long United Methodist, the son of a Methodist minister, studying theology at the Claremont School for Theology. He brings a different, more vertical, understanding to our calling as religious liberals. He brings an understanding of God that is rooted in love and service. I will be working closely with him and our intern minister Krista Weber to offer a deeper and more engaging ministry to all ages this coming church year. I hope you will join us as we answer this essential question and truly embrace what it means to liberally religious.

*With Grace and Grit,  
—Rev. John*

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## Religious Education Matters

### Family Religious Education Ministry

#### AUGUST CALENDAR

**Please note:** For the duration of the summer, children age six and below will have free play in our childcare room, while the rest of the children and youth will be together for the project or activity of the day.

"Summer is an exciting time of renewal, community, and planning for our future work together. Summer is also a time of beginnings.

I am honored and enthused to begin my work with our PUC congregation and community.

"As I meet each of you I am reminded of the incredible way a congregation resembles a beautiful mosaic, with each member contributing unique talents and perspectives. If you have never been a part of our Religious Education Ministry now is a great time to begin to share your gifts with your PUC community."

#### **Saturday, July 5, 2014**

9 AM [Blue Sky Mindfulness Training For Adults](#) - CR1

#### **Sunday, July 6, 2014**

10 AM Childcare – CR3  
10:30 AM Sunday Services  
12 PM Facetime with the Board of Trustees – L

#### **Monday, July 7, 2014**

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

#### **Tuesday, July 8, 2014**

10 AM [PUC Buddhist Meditation Group](#) - V  
6 PM Ethical Eating Cooking Class w/ Debi - K  
7 PM Ways & Means Committee – Moved to 7/15

#### **Wednesday, July 9, 2014**

[PUC All-Day Food Fundraiser - CPK @ Rolling Hills Plaza](#)  
11 AM [Beginning Yoga](#) w/ Debi

#### **Thursday, July 10, 2014**

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H  
2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L  
7 PM Social Justice Ministry - CR1  
7:30 PM [Environmental Priorities Network \(EPN\)](#) – L

**Sunday's Flowers** were graciously provided by **Janet Steinberg**

Please sign up for your turn to bring **Sunday's Flowers** on the Flower Calendar (and see your message here!) - inside the door of the PUC Office.

**Open Dates:**

**July 13, 27; August 24**



—**Andrew Ponder Williams**,  
Director of Religious Education  
[RE@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:RE@pacificunitarian.org)

7/6: Magic w/ **Marty Gorman**

7/13: Fitness for Kids w/ **Kristen DeLeo**

7/19: Family Religious Education Ministry All-Day Retreat

7/20: (TBA): **Michele Bethune**

7/27: Environmental Care w/ **Naresh Deo**

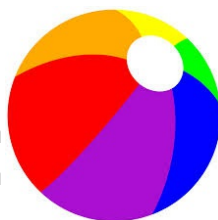


Please [CLICK HERE](#) to request to be added to the Family R.E. Facebook Group.

## Summer Friday Nights @ the Beach

### ALL SUMMER LONG!!

Bring the whole family this summer as we play in the sand and take time out to watch the sunset with reverence together.



Pack a picnic or get together for a late dinner and drinks afterwards at a local establishment.

Look for the beach balls! Every Friday night at **7 PM on Redondo Beach at Avenue H.**

## PUC Food FUUn(d)raiser @ CPK on July 9



Please mark your calendar for a **JULY 9 FUUn(d)raiser at CPK!**

Plan to join lots of other PUCers @ [California Pizza Kitchen \(Rolling Hills Plaza\)](#) on **Wednesday, July 9.**

PUC will receive 20% of your bill, anytime you eat there (or order food to go!) on 7/9. [CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer you'll need to show them. More details to come!

—Brought to you by the Little Rocks Task Force

## Go to Artwalk 7/3 with PUC's "SINGLES on the GO"

Join us at 6:15 PM, **TONIGHT, Thursday, July 3** for San Pedro's [1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Art Walk!](#) We'll gather in front of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, [390 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street](#) -- corner of Mesa and 7<sup>th</sup> St.

We'll have a guided walk to 3 studios that highlight local and visiting artists. The tour begins at 6:30 PM and takes about an hour. After the walk, we can stop for coffee, and even explore the area a bit more. ALL PARKING IS FREE AFTER 6 PM NO MATTER WHAT THE SIGNS SAY.

Please call or email **Sandy McNeil** if you're planning to join us, and leave a contact number so we'll know to expect you and how to reach you if necessary.



### PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

Longtime PUC Member

**Lenore Snodey** left this mortal coil at 8 PM, Sunday night, June 29, after a long and valiant struggle with Leukemia. Please keep Lenore's partner, Peter Landecker, and the rest of her family in the light. Plans for a Service will be announced soon.



### July's Monthly Theme: **LIBERAL THEOLOGY**

Why do we have Monthly Themes?  
[Touchstones Journal: July 2014 - Liberal Theology](#)

**7/13: TBA**

**Kim Gosney**, PUC's Director of Congregational Advancement will take to the pulpit.

**7/20: Many Names, One Spirit**

**Rev. John Morehouse**

Rev. John presents the primary theological structure of our Liberal Theology. How do we reconcile the plurality of spiritual experience with our need to create meaning? Join us as we explore together.

**7/27: Are We a Liberal Religion or a Religion of Liberals?**

**Rev. John Morehouse**

Rev. John takes up this vital question in the auction sermon won by John Einhorn and Lora Childers. Rev. John's answer may surprise you.



### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Hospitality**

**Special Thanks to All of YOU who help!**

**Ushers:**

Carlos Angeles & John



## Picnic "Dinner w/ UU's " on August 2!

Our next "Dinners w/ UU's" potluck fiesta takes place in *Rachel & Alma Bruhnke's* own community garden at their San Pedro home at 5:30 PM, **Saturday, August 2**. Kids/families are welcome.

The event will be outdoors, so bring a jacket and wear "sensible" shoes. Please RSVP to *Betty Saunders* if you'd like to join in on the fun!

## 2 Yoga Classes for You @ PUC:



### Gentle Yoga Class for All

**Wednesdays, 11 AM -12:15 PM in the Hall**

*A Class designed for all levels, shapes, and ages.*

We will focus on a gentle practice through

movement:

- To help unblock your flow of energy
- Increase your mental and physical flexibility while releasing stress and enhancing body awareness
- Poses and exercises to build strength, relieve pain and stress and improve balance

Suggested Donation: \$12/class. Taught by Debi Robinson, RYT 200

Contact Debi with any questions: [Debi@omhappy.com](mailto:Debi@omhappy.com)

## Monday Yoga & Meditation Basics Class

**Led by: Aimée Donahue, Yoga Instructor and Therapist**

*Get centered for Summer with a healthy practice for your mind, body, & spirit!*

Join us in the Hall on **Mondays from 5 - 6:30PM** for *Kundalini yoga*, a physical, mental, and spiritual discipline for developing strength, flexibility, consciousness, and character.

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!

Regular Series (10 sessions) \$170 | Walk-In \$20 per session.

**REGISTER HERE:** Find out more at [www.yogawithaim.com](http://www.yogawithaim.com).

## IT'S EASY TO BE GREEN @ PUC: RECYCLE HERE!!

Don't forget to bring your **used-up ink & toner cartridges** for

Einhorn

### Welcome Table:

Betty Saunders & Lee Ann Hart



## Around Our District and Beyond...



### A UU Said That?

"The strokes of the pen [or a keyboard - ed.]

need deliberation as much as those of the sword need swiftness."

—**Julia Ward Howe**,

(Unitarian, author, reformer)

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## Recurring Events

### Sundays

YRUU High School Group, weekly, 10:30 AM, L

Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th Sun, 12 PM, Fu Yuan Low

Restaurant - Next: **Sun, June 29**

Books in Our Lives Covenant Group, 1st & 3rd, 7 PM, L

### Mondays

Women's Reading & Responding Grp, 3rd, 11 AM, L

[Kundalini Yoga w/ Aimee](#), 5 PM, H

Board of Trustees, 1st & 3rd, 7 PM, L

Environmental Covenant Group, 1st, 7:15 PM, L

### Tuesdays

[Buddhist Meditation Grp](#), weekly, 10 AM, V

### Wednesdays

[Beginning Yoga](#) w/ Debi

recycling (and cash for PUC); your **used batteries, light bulbs, and small electronic devices** for safe disposal and recycling; and **old eyeglasses** for re-use in Latin America; to PUC's recycling center – located just outside the kitchen door. Please bring your **expired prescription & non-prescription meds** to the PUC Office for safe disposal.

—Craig Block



**Sunday Service: 10:30 AM**

Office Hrs: Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM, Mon. - Thurs: 10 PM - 5 PM  
5621 Montemalaga Drive , Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

[Click here for Directions](#)

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Robinson, weekly, 11 AM

**Thursdays**

Tai Chi (Beck), Thurs, 10 AM, H  
Seniors Pow Wow to Share How,  
3rd, 11 AM, L  
PUC Choir Practice, On Summer  
Hiatus

[Environmental Priorities Network](#), 2nd, 7:30 PM, L

**Saturdays**

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



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