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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 14, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},
...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is ABSOLUTELY examining what's happening around our community... See what we're all about here in *THE VIEW* ...REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

February's Monthly Theme: **JUSTICE**

This Sunday

9:15 PM 3rd Sunday Forum

The Multicultural Congregation.

Led by Vivien Hao - **NEW!**

10:30 AM Service

Where Do We Find Absolution?

Rev. Hannah Petrie

Religious liberals are wary of the heavy-duty theological term absolution, but it's also a universal human need, to know and feel that we are forgiven for all our foibles. If we don't get absolution from the Christ theology so many of us reject, where do we get it?

The Rev. Hannah Petrie, Associate Minister, has served Neighborhood UU Church in Pasadena for almost six years, where she oversees all social justice programs and service opportunities. A lifelong UU, she attended Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, and graduated on their centennial year, 2004. Rev. Hannah's filling in for Rev. Tamara, who's home recovering from surgery.



A Note from the Office

Administering to the Church

While you all mostly just see me on Sundays, careening around the PUC campus looking distracted, adjusting the sound system, fielding questions in the Office, or making a "terrible" pun - do you ever wonder what I do the rest of the week here at PUC?

The job of a Church Administrator is "a many splendored thing." Sometimes I see my ministry at PUC (yes, I said ministry) as being the "spider in the middle of the web" – the one who tries to know most all of what's happening in and around our Church and greater community, and bringing people together who didn't know they were working in the same direction separately...Doing the best I can to help our commUUunity to live our UU faith and put it into action in the world.

I'm usually the first point of contact at PUC for the public: I triage and pass the phone calls (10-30 per day), emails (40-100 per day) and postal mail I answer or open on to the folks who can make best use of the information or answer the question, and act on the ones that actually need my attention. Sometimes, I am the first point of contact when sad or bad news comes in. That's when I shift gears from the guy who wants to be productive and efficient and get a lot of work done, to someone who has the opportunity to listen and sympathize and do my best to help the one on the end of the other line through a difficult time – either be referring them to someone who

The Week At a Glance

Friday, February 15, 2013

7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat Srvc-H

Saturday, February 16, 2013

can help, or just by listening to their troubles.

I also publish our weekly *VIEW from PUC* newsletter and send other special notices to you all, as well as helping to publicize PUC events and news on our public Facebook Page www.Facebook.com/pacificunitarianchurch, in our private PUC Members Facebook Group (ask me, or "[Friend](#)" me to join the Group) and around our [Pacific Southwest District](#).

But wait! There's more!! I'm responsible for most of the business functions of the Church: Finances, with the help of our bookkeeper and overseen by the Finance Committee: Coordinating the scheduling of PUC meetings and events, and renting out our facilities to the public and other non-profits for the many weddings, parties, music recitals, memorials, quinciñeras, exercise classes, community group meetings, as a polling place for elections, and for Temple Emet's Services, events & classes that all take place throughout the year – which, by the way, brings in a significant amount of PUC's operating income. I also supervise our custodial/event staff and make sure we don't run out of paper: for the copier OR the restrooms, and all the other supplies that go along with that paper.

But most of all, the PUC AdMinistry is here so serve and support our staff, leaders, and all of YoUU! If you walk into the Office with a question or concern on a Sunday and I look a bit too harried to interrupt (or fearsome – even though I guarantee I don't bite!!!) please drop me an email or call the Church later and I promise I'll take care of it...usually cheerfully (Hint: I'm usually busiest just before or right after the Service).

And if you have some office skills, a spare hour or two or three per week OR per month, and a desire to share your time & talents in the AdMinistry of PUC, let me know.

Here for YoUU,
—Craig Block
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Religious Education Matters

The Hobbits, Sojourners, and Voyagers are learning about Buddhism this month, with three Activity Guides leading the way: **Peggy Nguyen, Brad Shreve, and Emily Morison**. Our YRUU youth are enjoying each other's company as they plan a Faith in Action Day on bullying for children and youth coming up on **February 24**.

2/17: Last week of Buddhism unit for Kindergarten through grade 8. YRUU finalizes plans for Faith in Action Day.

2/24: Faith in Action Day! All children and youth (Kindergarten and above) help build a better world by putting their UU faith into action!

—Rev. Tamara

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

9 AM PV Land Conservancy Nursery Work Party – O [You MUST RSVP to Dorian Tippet]

Sunday, February 17, 2013

9:15 AM Forum: UUA Statement of Conscience Issues - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
12:15 PM The Multicultural Congregation - L [Led by Vivien Hao]
7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy) - H
7 PM Books In Our Lives Covenant Group - L

Monday, February 18, 2013

President's Day - Office Closed

9:30 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
11 AM Reading & Responding Women's Book Club- L
5 PM Kundalini Yoga Class - H
7 PM Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvntt Grp - L
7 PM Board Meeting - L

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

11 AM Staff Mtg - L
3:30 PM Worship Team - L
7 PM Choir Practice - H
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg - O

Thursday, February 21, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
11 AM Seniors Pow Wow to Share How - L

Sunday's Flowers are "In Gratitude."

—The Childers Einhorn Family

Flowers for the Church

A Month & 3/4 of

Sundays...

Is it your turn?

March 24, 31; April 14, 21

May 5, 12, 19, 26And almost ALL of the remaining Sundays in 2013 are now available!

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



Pastoral Care

The Celebration of Life for PUC Member **Nancy**

Hofland, who passed away this past Monday, February 11, will be

4th SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

9:15 AM: The Multicultural Congregation. Led by Vivien Hao - **NEW!**

12:15 PM: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

[* CLICK HERE for your Month-at-a-Glance reference *](#)

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

Shades of Excitement! - West Wall Update

The electrical wiring work in preparation for installation of our motorized West Wall window shades has been completed! We expect the shades will be installed this coming week!

—John Einhorn, Facilities Chair

How Do We Become a Multicultural Congregation?

Your voice is needed! Join facilitator Constance Jackson at 9:15 AM this **Sunday, Feb. 17** (Schuder Library) in the third session about how to make PUC a more diverse and multicultural congregation. We've gotten a great start in identifying who's missing, why we came here and how we can make our congregation more welcoming to all.

Now we will start to develop a plan for our church that will allow us to better reflect the community around us. This ties in with our "Big Growth Plan" -- how can we grow with intention, purpose, and justice in mind? What can each of us do? Help us shape the future of PUC so that we can thrive and shine in an increasingly multicultural Los Angeles. Contact: Vivien Hao with questions at prvivien@gmail.com.

UUSC News

What if I told you that there was something that you could do this week to support *10 million* workers?

[Buy Behind the Kitchen Door right now](#), and help put this important book about restaurant workers' rights on the bestseller list. Then [let us know!](#)

Behind the Kitchen Door: What Every Diner Should Know About the People Who Feed Us, written by Saru Jayaraman, is not just a book. It's an opportunity for readers and activists to change the national conversation about what a truly sustainable food system is—a system where workers are paid a living wage and treated with dignity and respect. [READ MORE...](#)

—Sandy McNeil

Welcome to Our Newest Member:



Stephanie Lowe

2414 Gates Ave

held at PUC at 1 PM on **Saturday, March 2**. Please keep Nancy's family in the light.

The Pastoral Care Ministry provides a caring presence, careful listening, and spiritual and emotional support to Pacific Unitarian Church members who are experiencing times of challenge, transition, or crisis. If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Reverend John pastoralcare@pacifcunitarian.org.

—Brad Shreve for the
Pastoral Care Team

Save the Dates!

3/23: PUC Anniversary Party & Auction

Mark your calendars for this year's PUC Anniversary Party and Auction on **Saturday, March 23** at 5:30 PM! PUC's largest annual fundraising event is always lots of fun. Come join your PUC family as you eat great food, visit with old and new friends, and bid on fun and creative auction items. Looking forward to seeing you on **March 23!**

5/5-7 UU Women's Retreat @ Camp de Benneville Pines

Sign up now to pamper your inner Goddess!

This year's theme is "A Circle of Trust - Balancing Your Life".

For more information and to register, visit www.UUCAMP.org.

Upcoming Services: February's Monthly Theme: **JUSTICE**

2/24 Justice Making Rev. John Morehouse

With the tools of hope and love, a new world is possible. Rev. John will preach about the tools to healing a broken world.



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Say "Hello!" to Stephanie next time you see her!!

Around the District and Beyond...

The Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica
Presents: The 22nd Annual Ernest D. Pipes Distinguished Lecture

Opening the Heart of Compassion: BUDDHIST REFLECTIONS

Steven D. Goodman, Ph.D.

Director of Research and Core Faculty

Asian and Comparative Studies/Philosophy and Religion
Department

California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco

7:30 pm, **Saturday, March 9, 2013** • FREE ADMISSION

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PARKING: [1311 16th Street](http://1311.16th.Street) (two blocks away, between Arizona &
Santa Monica Blvd)

Big Faith No Borders

**Join our 4 western UUA Districts in making history April 26-28
as we come together in the first ever Pacific Western Regional
Assembly.**

Registration is \$165 for the weekend. There are three full day
workshop tracks, "Get Religion," "Cross Borders," and "Grow
Leaders," as well as a number of a number of shorter
workshops. Friday night's Opening Celebration includes the inspiring
challenge of our featured speaker, the Rev. Christine Robinson,
Senior Minister of First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque.

Visit the [PWWRUUA website to register](http://PWWRUUA_website_to_register) pwruua.org/pacific-western-regional-assembly-2013/. And please let [George Yenoki](http://George_Yenoki)
know if you would like to be a delegate.

Sunday Adult Religious Education Offerings

1st Sunday

9:15 PM: Faith Like a River: Themes From Our UU History

12:15 PM: Theological Academy—Judaism and the Hebrew Bible
(2 classes: 1/6/13 and 2/3/13) Led by Rev. John - **NEW!**

12:15 PM: Standing on the Side of Love Documentary Series
(1st Sunday of every odd-numbered month)

2nd Sunday

9:15 AM: In Nature's Honor: Myths, Rituals, & Holidays Celebrating
the Earth. Led by Jeff Ordway

world.

A UU Said That?

"The severest punishment suffered
by a sensitive mind, for injury
inflicted upon another, is the
consciousness of having done it."

—Hosea Ballou

(Universalist, minister)

Third Sunday Hospitality

TOP CHEF OF the week... KUDOS
go out to: David & Yoko Kane/Kelly
for veggie enchiladas, and grilled
burgers for the Secret Pals; Andy
Kissner for soup, tri tip steak &
roasted red potatoes; AND Becky
Dyer & Lee Ann Hart for the
Valentine Chocolate fountain
goodness. AND Sous Chefs:
Sean Lewis, Linnea Eades, Gilana
Goff, Madeline & Emma
Morehouse, & Zanny.
BEsT. Sunday EVER!!!

*If you'd like to help with the
Sunday feast, you can contact:*

Mega Top Chef:

[Francis Morehouse](http://Francis.Morehouse); 310 291 3399

Ushers:

Britany Manning & Carrie
Pobre

Welcome Table:

Joyce Block-Miller & Betty
Saunders

Greeters:

Bill Karg

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

12:15 PM: Book Study & Discussion: [The Transition Companion](#) by Rob Hopkins. Chapter 1. Readings provided.

3rd Sunday

9:15 AM: The Multicultural Congregation. Led by Vivien Hao - **NEW!**

12:15 PM: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

4th Sunday

9:15 AM: Reading Group: Sacred Economics: Money, Gift, and Community in an Age of Transition. Led by Rev. John - **NEW!**

12:15 – 1:30 PM: Leadership Academy—*Leadership and Community* Module. Led by Kathy Rickey - **NEW!**

5th Sunday (3/31/13, 6/30/13)

9:15 AM: Choices in a Jar – Delightful Dilemmas

Recurring Events

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 31**

Monthly Town Hall Mtg, 3rd Sun., H

Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd Sun., L

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

Meditation Circle w/ Gilana (Randy) Goff, 7 PM, All but 1st Sun

Mondays

Tai Chi (Pekich), Mondays, 9:30 AM, H

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

NEW! Yoga w/ Aimee - All are welcome, Mondays, 5 PM, H

Men's Ministry, Mon., 7 PM, V

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

Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Wed., 7 PM, H

Thursdays

Aerobics: 8:30 AM, H

Women's Circle, 4th Thursdays, 10 AM

Tai Chi (Beck), Each Thurs., 10 AM, H

Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L

Environmental Priorities Network Mtg, 1st Thurs., 7:30 PM, L

Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee Clatch. 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM, Catalina Coffee Co.

Fridays

Watercolor Workshop, 10 AM - noon, H

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

Saturdays

French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V. Call Frank Paulsen or Betty Chevron



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