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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



April 11, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi {FIRST_NAME|PUCer},

...and *THE VIEW* from PUC is GIVING & RECEIVING too -- Giving you all the PUC news and Receiving attention so that you're informed about all that's happening @ PUC. It's all right here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

April's Monthly Theme:
THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB

This Sunday

9:15 PM 2nd Sunday Forum

In Nature's Honor: Myths, Rituals, & Holidays Celebrating the Earth.

Led by Jeff Ordway

10:30 AM Service

Each Other's Keepers

Rev. John Morehouse

What does it mean to live a generous life? How can we create peace in our shared spiritual community? Rev. John will explore the nature of both asking and receiving in helping each of us to grow.

12:15 PM

12:15 PM PUC Town Hall Mtg - H

12:15 PM Green Sanctuary

"Transition Companion" - L

The Week At a Glance

Friday, April 12, 2013

7 PM CLPTC Music Night - M



From Rev. Tamara's Desk

In seminary at Claremont School of Theology, one of my oft-repeated conversations with fellow seminarians centered around the fact that Unitarian Universalism is a non-creedal faith. I would explain to them that unlike many other faith traditions, we do not have a creed, a formal and permanent statement of belief that all members must agree to. What we have and what we live is a covenantal faith. A covenant is a promise, a pledge, which at its theological core affirms the primacy of the relational nature of our faith. We promise each other as we come together in community, not just because we enjoy being together (which is important!) but also because we understand that we are part of something larger than ourselves.

In the relational theology of Unitarian Universalism we articulate a vision of a more just, peaceful, and compassionate world and we covenant to come together to move our vision toward reality. This vision is affirmed in our [seven UU principles and six sources](#). We come together in our covenantal community, making promises to each other to be in relationship, so that we can implement our vision to build the Beloved Community both here in our congregation and beyond our walls. Our religious life should not be a spectator sport but rather a verb, an action. May each of us reflect upon the covenant that we have made to be in community with one another as we work

together to move our vision of an earth more fair toward reality.

—Rev. Tamara

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Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry APRIL CALENDAR

Welcome to a great month celebrating the "Interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part!"

4/14: Stewardship Workshops

Part of living out our Unitarian Universalist commitment as part of the interdependent web is to understand ourselves as stewards: of ourselves, of the groups and organizations we believe in and belong to, and of our Earth. Today in their Religious Education groups our children and youth explore the concept of stewardship and how to live as a steward.

4/21: 1st Lesson Unit 6: Wicca/Celtic Faith for Hobbits-Voyagers.

We begin our final unit in our survey of various faiths with a lesson on Wicca/Celtic faith led by Jeff Ordway. **Faith in Action Planning Day for YRUU**

4/28: Faith in Action Day led by YRUU and advisors

Our YRUU youth lead the children in a day focusing on putting our Unitarian Universalist principles into action. Previous Faith in Action days had themes and actions relating to gardening (in November) and bullying (in February). Stay tuned for the theme of the third and final Faith in Action Day of this year.

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1ST SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

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

* 12:15: Green Sanctuary's reading of "**The Transition Companion: Making Your Community More Resilient in Uncertain Times**" by Rob Hopkins. Pick up chapter 2 at the GS Transition table on the Patio. All those interested in the environment are welcome.

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

—Kathy Rickey, Adult Religious Education

April's GLBTQ Movie: "Jeffrey"

Please join us on Friday, **April 12** at 7 PM in the PUC Library for our next GLBTQ Movie: [Jeffrey](#). In this comedy adapted from Paul

7 PM GLBTQ movie night – V [Jeffrey"]

Saturday, April 13, 2013

10 AM French Conversation Grp - V
10 AM Temple Emet Saturday Srvc - H
5 PM Tippet: Dinner & Jazz Evening - O [T&S]

Sunday, April 14, 2013

9:15 AM Forum - In Nature's Honor: Myths & Rituals Celebrating Earth - L
10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
11:45 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal - CR2
12:15 PM Monthly Town Hall Mtg - H
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary "[Transition Companion](#)" - L
7 PM Temple Emet - "End of Life Issues" Forum - H [Open to All]
7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp - L
7 PM Meditation w/ Gilana (Randy) - ON HIATUS

Monday, April 15, 2013

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, April 16, 2013

8:30 AM Aerobics - H
1 PM Pastoral Care Associates Mtg-V
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnt Grp - L
7 PM Board Meeting – L

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

11 AM Staff Mtg - L
3:30 PM Worship Team - V
6:30 PM Choir Practice - H
7 PM Facilities Committee Mtg – O

Flowers for the Church

A Month & 3/4 of Sundays...

Is it your turn?

April 14, 21; May 5, 12, 26And almost ALL of the remaining

Rudnick's off-Broadway hit play, sweet, single, and obsessive Jeffrey is disenchanted with the not-so-romantic world of safe sex and vows to become completely celibate! No sooner has he sworn off sex than he meets hunky, sensitive Steve. But just as passion starts to ignite, Steve reveals some earth-shattering information, leaving Jeffrey to choose between losing the man of his dreams - or taking on what just might be true love!

Tough Decisions Just Got Easier

Temple Emet will present a program entitled "Tough Decisions Just Got Easier" at 7 PM, Sunday evening, **April 14**, at PUC. Facilitated by Rabbi Cantor Didi, Terry Schneier, and Hillside Memorial Park & Mortuary, we will discuss healthcare powers of attorney, advance directives (which will be available at no cost) and end-of-life planning. There is no charge for this program and PUC'ers are invited to attend. Dessert and coffee will follow the program.

April 21 Workshop - From Compassion to Action: Joy, Eco-justice, & Reverence for Life

Next Sunday, after the Service and lunch, please join Rev. Earl Koteen & friends, from 12:15 – 1:45 in the Hall, for a workshop on eco-justice, compassion, and awe. We'll discuss how to prepare for ourselves and our loved ones for the changing environment and the joy and love that arises from community.

There Are Still Auction Items Available!! Visit the Table and Snap 'Em Up (And Please Settle Up & See What You Won & Who Won Yours)

There are still items that weren't snapped up at the Anniversary Party & Auction (Meals, tastings, events, lessons, services & even some cool stuff) and they're available at the Auction table on the Patio after the Service. You can also pick up your donor & buyer lists, and if you're one of the 25 who haven't settled up yet, please do so ASAP. Thank you to EVERYONE! Our total is over \$12,000!!!

Please Say, "YES!" When Asked...

Hi friends. I am **Bruce Lewis**, the General Chair of the Combined Campaign Steering Committee, and it is my honor to be working with the talent and commitment of **Frances Morehouse**, Leadership Gifts Chair; **Andy Kissner**, General Gifts Chair; **Michelle Brown-Ayers**, Publicity & Education Chair; **Laura MacMorran**, Hospitality Chair; **David Kane**, Financial Management Chair; & **Val Richards**, Continuing Campaign Chair. This dedicated group will be working with over 40 Visiting Stewards to fund our campaign goal of \$500,000

Sundays in 2013 are now available!

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

Sunday's Flowers are beautiful, but nobody signed up to bring them.



5/4: It's Time For The Peninsula-Harbor CROP HUNGER WALK Again!

The Social Justice Ministry would like to invite you to sign up to Walk with us from beautiful Point Fermin in San Pedro to raise money to fight local and global hunger at 11:00 AM on **Saturday, May 4**. If you can't walk, please donate to support the walkers. You can sign up on the Patio today after the Service.

5/16-18: Gospel in the Pines @ Camp de Benneville

Thursday, May 16 - Saturday, May 18, 2013

[CLICK HERE](#) for information!

Upcoming Services: April's Monthly Theme: THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB

4/21: A Good Time to be Alive

Rev. Earl Koteen & Rev. John Morehouse

"May you live in interesting times" is a Chinese curse, but it also may be a blessing. We are living in interesting times that call for courage, love, and faith, redefine hope, and produce joy and community. Come to learn of the joy to be found in interfaith, intergenerational, multicultural work for ecological justice.

for the Growth and Reinvestment Campaign and \$300,000 for our yearly Operating Budget over the next several months.

Please say **“YES!”** when asked to serve as a Visiting Steward. Remember that those asking are volunteers and members of PUC just as you are.

Rest assured that we will keep you informed of our progress every step of the way. If you have any questions or concerns please speak with any of the Steering Committee members.

2013 SOCIAL JUSTICE FOCUS: FIGHTING HUNGER

Our 2013 Social Justice Ministry's service objective is to fight hunger by focusing on reducing food insecurity among families and individuals that lack access to healthy foods. Food security allows fruits and vegetables to be in low-income homes on a daily basis. According to FeedingAmerica.org (2013), 1 in 6 Americans face hunger. FeedingAmerica.org also noted that good nutrition in the first three years in a child's life is critical for a child's physical and mental health that can lead to educational achievement and improved economic freedom.

By collaborating with community-based organizations to target low income families in San Pedro, Wilmington, Carson, Harbor City and Torrance, Pacific Unitarian Church, as a faith-based organization, will continue to strive to be at the forefront of change in the South Bay. Currently, the crop from our permaculture food garden is reaching families visiting the [Harbor Interfaith Shelter](#) in San Pedro.

And speaking of Hunger....

Gloria Lockhart Book Reading @ PUC

A special book reading by past CEO of the Toberman Neighborhood Center in San Pedro, Ms. Gloria Lockhart, MSW, after the Service. Gloria will be reading excerpts from her new book *Unmasking: A Woman's Journey*. *Unmasking* is a blueprint for people seeking to transform their lives and become the champions of their own story. Her book shares how she conquered barriers—channeling the courage to fuel hope, forgiveness, and healing in order to become the inspirational and motivational trailblazer she is today. Q & A and book signing after the reading. [CLICK HERE for more information.](#)

Around the District and Beyond...



[CLICK HERE](#) for the April 2013 South Bay Unitarian Fellowship newsletter.

Rev. Earl W. Koteen, a lifelong UU, is the Environmental Justice Minister for the UU Legislative Ministry of California and a board member of the UU Ministry for Earth. He lives in Berkeley and has one adult daughter on each coast.

Join Rev. Earl following the Service & lunch for a [workshop on how we might steward our precious planet](#). (See above)

4/28: The Rendering of Blessings

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John asks us to consider how we both bless and are blessed by fostering a peaceful heart.

A UU Said That?

"I have an almost complete disregard of precedent and a faith in the possibility of something better. . . I cannot afford the luxury of a closed mind."

—[Clara Barton](#)

Second Sunday

Hospitality

Special Thanks To Last Sunday's Kitchen Helpers!

TOP CHEF ORIGINATED...about a year ago when I was asked to be Hospitality Coordinator, bringing food and life to the Patio after the Service. At the same time, the Women's Federation was closing shop after over 50 YEARS of SERVICE to PUC.

Using the group's remaining funds, and some of my own, we purchased the Patio tables, chairs & tablecloths -- kicking off Patio lunches in mid-August, 2012. We now have 4 TOP CHEFs ...

Sunday Adult Religious Education Offerings

1st Sunday

9:15 PM: Faith Like a River: Themes From Our UU History
12:15 PM: Theological Academy—"Gnostic Christianity From the Inside Out." Led by Rev. John - May 5
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
12:15 PM: Book Study & Discussion: [The Transition Companion](#) by Rob Hopkins. Chapter 3. Readings provided.

3rd Sunday

9:15 AM: [Ethical Eating Study Group](#). Led by Diane Bassett - **NEW!**
12:15 PM: The New U: 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
12:15 – 1:30 PM: Leadership Academy—*The Context of Leadership* Module. Led by Kathy Rickey

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

9:15 AM: TOPIC DU JOUR: Each Forum explores a different topic agreed upon by the group.

**[CLICK HERE](#) for ALL of our
Adult Lifespan Development Offerings**

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, June 30**
Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd Sun., L
Books in Our Lives Covenant Group, 1st & 3rd Sun., 7 PM, L

Mondays

Tai Chi (Pekich), Mondays, 9:30 AM, H
Women's Reading & Responding Grp, 3rd Mon., 11 AM, L
NEW! [Kundalini Yoga w/ Aimee](#) - All are welcome, Mon., 5 PM, H
Men's Ministry, Mon., 7 PM, V
Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Wed., 6:30 PM, H

Thursdays

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

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

Saturdays

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

Andy Kissner, Margo Meikle, Vivien Hao & Francis Morehouse, plus the many volunteers who help each week.

THANK YOU to last week's volunteers: TOP CHEF Margo Meikle, aided by: Gilana Goff & daughter Jessica; Kim Go; Our youngest Chef, Sean Lewis; & joining us for the first time... Ms. Genny Burchfield. It seems to be working, because of you.

—Love, love, *Francis*

CHEFS Wanted: SIGN-UP on the CANVAS on the Kitchen door!!

Or, you can contact:

Mega Top Chef:

[Francis Morehouse](#); 310 291 3399

Ushers:

2 OPEN POSITIONS

Contact [Brad Shreve](#) if you'd like to give it a try...

Welcome Table:

2 OPEN POSITIONS

Contact [Maurice Chevalier](#) if you'd like to give it a try...

Greeters:

Peggy Tigerman & Jean Tordella

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

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