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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



September 5, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...like *THE VIEW* from PUC -- The only MYSTERY here is what Rev. John will be speaking about on Sunday. Come join us on Sunday to find out!! There's always lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here (always) in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!



From Rev. Tamara's Desk

Our whole PUC community may not be aware of this but a steady stream of PUC'ers has been working VERY hard on getting the classrooms ready for our children to start their new year on **September 15!!** Your help is very welcome and needed (see below) as all the work is a labor of love and donated supplies by people like you who care and want our beloved church to look its best!

Last Saturday, as we took a lunch break from a morning of paint, paint, more paint, and electrical work, I had the pleasure of meeting one of our new members who was part of the group working hard in the heat and humidity. In our conversation he relayed a fairly common UU story saying, "I never thought I would be attending a church!" So I asked him, "What brought you to PUC?" The answer: "Another member invited me."

So simple, but therein lies one of the most effective ways for us to grow our faith community. We are so much more than just a place to go on Sunday morning: beyond just encouraging us to strive toward being better people, our Unitarian Universalist faith saves lives. The community, the learning and growing that takes place, the worship experience, the fellowship, the relationships: these weave us into a bond that holds us steady through good times and bad.

So in this month of September, as we come back together with the official start of our new year, I issue this challenge to us all: invite a friend to come with you to church. Start a conversation about our faith, about our church, about our proud liberal religious tradition that seeks to nurture our spirits and heal our world; and EVERYONE ask someone to come join us. You never know whose life you may save.

September's Monthly Theme: *Unity/Diversity*

This Sunday

September 8

10:30 AM Service

Looking Out from Here

Rev. John Morehouse

On this *Homecoming* Sunday Rev. John will explore where we might go as a spiritual community in the next few years. Please bring vials of water from your Summer travels (to places near & far, or in your mind) to share in our *Water Communion*.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, September 5, 2013

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H

7:30 PM Environmental Priorities
Network – L

Friday, September 6, 2013

7:30 PM Temple Emet Shabbat
Service – H

Saturday, September 7, 2013

8:45 AM R.E. Teacher Training –H
6 PM PUC FUUn & Games Night!
– H

Sunday, September 8, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
12 PM Family R.E. Parent
Welcome & Orientation - H

Namaste,
—Rev. Tamara
AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

P.S. [Work Party](#) from 9 AM - 4 PM this **Saturday, September 7!**
Come for a couple hours to help out!! [Childcare available!!](#)

Religious Education Matters
Family Religious Education Ministry
SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 8:45-12:30: TRAINING
WORKSHOP FOR ALL RE VOLUNTEERS. LUNCH AND
CHILDCARE PROVIDED!!**

9/8: Today is our annual Water Communion Sunday as we re-gather from summer wanderings far and near. After our time in the worship service, children and youth get to enjoy WATER FUN DAY. Dress to get wet!! Rev. Tamara is the Family RE Contact Person today. Children age six and below have free play in Classroom 3.

Family Religious Education Ministry Parent Orientation
THIS Sunday, Sept. 8 in the Hall IMMEDIATELY after the Service.
Come find out about the new year in Religious Education in a brief
20 minute meeting.

Children will continue the Water Fun Day while parents are
meeting.

9/15: First day of classes!! All groups will meet with their teaching teams after being sung out of the Worship Service for first day fun and games. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN IN R.E.

9/22: Classes as normal. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN IN R.E.

9/29: NEW this year: BUUK Group Day for all ages (Kinder through Voyagers.) Meet in Classroom 1 after being sung out of the worship service. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN IN R.E. BY TODAY!!

—Rev. Tamara
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Work It Baby! Saturday Classroom Work PARTY!

There's still a lot left to do to get our classrooms ready for R.E. classes that start a week from Sunday. And no, *The View* isn't printing last week's news. PUC still needs you. Our children will benefit. YOU will benefit. And when we're done we'll make a great first impression on folks who are "church shopping" in the fall. You are needed, whatever your skills. Please come on down and join us on this Saturday. And if you have a favorite paint brush or roller bring it along. Gary Hart is our Clerk of the Works (Big Boss) on

The Week At a Glance

12 PM Bill Ungar Drawing Class - V [T&S]
12:15 PM Green Sanctuary & Garden Discussion - L
7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp - L

Monday, September 09, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) - H
7 PM Men's Ministry -V

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

6 PM Plant-Based Cooking Class w/ Debi - K
7:30 PM Soulful Sundown Service - H

Wed., September 11, 2013

11 AM Beginning Yoga w/ Debi

Thursday, September 12, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
2 PM Staff Meeting - L
6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice - H
7 PM Finance Committee - L

Flowers for the Church

Sundays Flowers are "in memory of two great women, Linda and Joyce Knipps, who left their mark on this world."

—Bill & Marty Knipps

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

Next open dates:

Sept. 15, 29; Oct. 6; Nov. 3, 10, 17



9/11: 8 AM - 3:30 PM, **Habitat for Humanity 9/11 Interfaith Build:** reframe September 11th and join the Interfaith Community for day to build and create. Contact Tracy Blender, our Habitat for Humanity liason.

Saturday so when you get there see him for an assignment.
THERE WILL BE CHILD CARE.

NEW Saturday Game Night Here at PUC!!

Join us in PUC's Henriksen Hall to play all sorts of games for adults and kids alike. The first two dates are from 5:30 - 9 PM, **Saturday, Sept. 7 & Saturday, Oct. 5**. Please bring your own favorite board games. No kids under the age of 10 without their parents attendance. This event is FREE.

Questions? Want to help? Please contact the Gamemeisters:
[Payal Kadakia](#): 310-977-2146 or [Randy Ripley](#)

Special Thanks to All of You who help!

Hospitality News

We Had Fun ... Didn't We?

Thanks to **TOP CHEFS** *Andy Kissner, Margo Meikle, & Chelsea Sites*; aided & abetted by **SOUS CHEFS** *Deb Reynolds, Dean Curliss, Kim Go, Betty Saunders, & Gilana Goff* for cooking up a warm & welcoming pancake-bacon-sausage-frittata breakfast. WELL DONE!!!!

Introducing this year's team:

1. *ANDY Kissner* has agreeably offered to cook a large breakfast for all who join us FIRST Sunday of EACH month - ALL year! We look forward to Banana & blueberry pancakes, and lots of BACON!
2. *MARGO Meikle* can be found in boxcar #2, SECOND Sundays, cooking up 'What's on Special this Week' - EVERY Dang second Sunday of the Month - ALL year long!
3. Followed by... *VIVIEN Hao*, who plans to sponsor a THIRD Sunday Multicultural Diversity Club Luncheon - ALL Year Long!
4. *FRANCIS Morehouse* will cover any Sunday left, unless YOU are interested?????

SOUS CHEFS: *Kim Crawford, Linda Jensen, Gilana Goff, Noelle Portland, Deb Reynolds & Dean Curliss, Chelsea Sites, Val Richards, Betty Saunders, Jen Hocutt, Deb Ripley, Madeline Morehouse, Efren Cazares, AND Cheryl Sims.*

INSPIRED?? Calling all curious Top or Sous Chefs! Feed the people.

Other updates to hospitality:

A NEW sign-up canvas can be found on the Kitchen door.

KIM Gosney has created a communal Welcome Food Table in the center of the Patio for guests and visitors. We encourage our members to join us at the table specifically to welcome those visiting our community.

Also new to the menu... we will offer a glass of wine or beer (for \$3 donation) with your meal.

Bueno. Ciao!

Time to Think About Fall and Dinners w/ UU's

Our next Potluck *Dinner w/ UU's* will be at *Rachel Bruhnke's* home in San Pedro on **Saturday, Oct. 12**. This will be for families of all kinds, so it may start a little earlier than the usual 7 PM start time. Sign up at the Welcome Table on the Patio.

9/21: 9 AM - 1 PM, Public Forum:
[Action on the Climate Crisis @ PUC](#)

9/21: 9 AM - 12 PM, [HEAL THE BAY COASTAL CLEAN-UP](#)



PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

Longtime PUC member **Bette Chevron** is in hospice care at home.

Please keep her in your loving thoughts.

Bette writes: "Thanks to all the good folks at PUC for the gorgeous, exotic bouquet of flowers - c'est magnifique! And thank you all for the notes, cards, and good thoughts. They brighten my day and help me 'Hang in there!'"

—Bette Chevron

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

September's Monthly Theme: *Unity/Diversity*

9/15: Hope on the Borders
Rev. John Morehouse

All of us cross borders from time to time; age, jobs, relationships, gender, and class. Beyond the fear of change comes a new sense of understanding and purpose. Join *Rev. John* as he considers the borders we cross and what we can learn by crossing them.

Sept. 22: Imagining our Way Home

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
Countering the onslaught of news stories about the difficult state of our Union, *Rev. Tamara* explores how we can live into a more positive, hope-filled future for our country.

Sept. 29: Out of Many, One:

—Betty Saunders, Coordinator

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

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



Can We "Shoot" YouU?

In preparation for a new edition of the PUC Photo Directory, we need pictures of all the new individuals & families who've joined PUC in the past year, plus many others of you whose pictures have never made it into past editions. Or perhaps you're just ready for a new "closeup."

We'll have photographers on the Patio tracking you down, so please plan to come to church "Camera-Ready" if you can for the next few Sundays.

If you're a shutterbug and would like to help take pictures, please [let me know](#)..and bring your camera on Sunday!

—Craig Block



A Universalist Said That?

"We need to understand that religion is not a matter of . . . playthings for the Sabbath. . . It needs to be a power for good, finding daily expression in the lives of those who claim to be the children of God.

—[Ellsworth C. Reamon](#)

[Click Here](#) for Videos Related to Unitarian Universalism

Around the District and Beyond...

3rd Annual Walking the Walk:

UULM-CA Justice Leadership Summit!

The UU Legislative Ministry is sponsoring this must-attend event **November 22 - 24** at Camp de Benneville Pines. Registration is now open with early bird rates through September 15. Come build justice community, meet other justice-oriented UUs, learn the next steps on important issues and develop skills to support your congregational justice efforts!

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What Unites Us

Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John will propose a collective theology for us as a community of spiritual seekers.

Second Sunday Hospitality

Ushers:

Kevin Gallagher & Alana Garrigues

Welcome Table:

2 OPEN POSITIONS

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

Greeters:

Peggy Tigerman & Jean Tordella

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, September 29**
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), Monday, 10 AM, H
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, V
Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Tuesdays

Soulful Sundown, 1st Tues., 7:30 PM, H

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: Wed., 6:30

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[Click here for Directions](#)

Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

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PM, H

(On Summer hiatus til 8/29)

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

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

Saturdays

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

