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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 6, 2014

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...and THE VIEW from PUC is THINKing, PRAYing, & LOVing when we're talking about our journeys of the soul together (come hear what Rev. Tamara has to say on the subject this Sunday) here at PUC and in this crazy ol' world around us. It's all here in THE VIEW...

REEEEAAADD AALLL ABOUUUT IT!

### February's Monthly Theme: **PRAYER**

This Sunday

**February 9**

**10:30 AM Service**

*Think, Pray, Love*

**Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**

In the movie "Eat, Pray, Love" the main character went on a journey of the soul. Rev. Tamara examines the meaning that prayer might hold in our lives as we travel our own journeys of the soul.



### Minister's Message

#### **Love Beyond Belief!**

You may have noticed that in some of our literature we have been adding a tag line for our church: "Love Beyond Belief!" That simple statement comes from the work of the UU Theologian **Thandeka**, who believes that we can grow in ministry and spiritual depth by moving beyond our post-enlightenment boxes of what we each individually believe and embrace the faith-giving love that is at the heart of who we are.

As the phrase suggests, what really matters to us as a religious people is not that we are each entitled to our beliefs (that is really a given), but the love which informs those beliefs. Beyond our individual beliefs is a common love that seeks to save lives from the pain of loss, the bewilderment of estrangement, the poverty of class and place, and the dulling mediocrity of finding meaning in a fractured world. What matters is not our freedom to believe but what we do with what we believe.

Our love for the world is not some abstract and sentimental feeling. We practice it every week we gather in worship, with every meal we serve, with the justice we aspire to create. As we continue to engage the spiritual theme of prayer in our worship this month, keep this little phrase before you. As none other than Billy Graham once wrote: "The most eloquent prayer is through hands that heal and hearts that bless." So may our love bless the world.

*With Grace and Grit,  
—Rev. John*

### *The Week At a Glance*

#### **Thursday, February 6, 2014**

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – H

#### **Saturday, February 8, 2014**

10 AM French Conversation  
Grp-V

10 AM Social Justice Ministry -  
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5:30 PM **PUC FUUn & Games  
Night** - CR1&2

6 PM Dinners with UU's – O [@  
Block/Block-Miller]

#### **Sunday, February 9, 2014**

10 AM Childcare - CR3

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H

11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir  
Rehearsal - CR2

12 PM 2nd Service Task Force -  
H

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## Religious Education Matters

### Family Religious Education Ministry FEBRUARY CALENDAR

**2/9: BUUk Group for all ages** (Hobbits through Voyagers)  
Meet in Classroom 1 after being sung out of the Worship Service for fun, learning, and an activity based on a popular book.

\*\*OWL 7-9 YoUUth meet @ 12:30 PM in Voyager's Room

\*\*OWL 7-9 Parents meet @ 12:30-3:30 in Classroom #1

**2/16: Regular day in RE**

\*\*No OWL today!!

**2/23: Regular day in RE**

\*\*OWL 7-9 YoUUth meet @ 12:30 PM in Voyager's Room

—Rev. Tamara

[AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org)



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

## Join Us for PUC Game Night THIS Saturday!

Come one and all to the PUC Monthly Game Night **THIS Saturday night** (not Friday -- sorry for the confusion in December) which will be held from 5:30 - 10 PM in Classroom 1 & 2. As always, the event is for all ages (no unaccompanied children under 10 as we won't have dedicated supervision) and bring your favorite games to play or grab your chance to try out a slew of new games.

Contact [Chelsea Sites](#) or [Randy Ripley](#) to learn more information.

## Get Your Black & White Tickets on the Patio THIS Sunday!

PUC's annual Black & White Party -- 7:30 PM, **NEXT Saturday night, February 15**. Come hear your favorite PUC musicians (whether you knew it or not) massage the keys and pedals of our Yamaha Concert Grand Piano to produce beautiful music for us all.

Enjoy performances by PUC B & W standbys Hope Foye, Bob Monzingo, Robin Paterson, and John Reith; last year's sensation Max Kane; newbie Patricia Marks and PUC's own maestro, Dr. Severin Behnen.

. And your emcee Craig Block is such a cut-up, he's bound [and should be gagged too] to keep you in stitches in spite of his having just a wee bit of medical training!!!

*If you've never been to a Black & White Party now's the time to fix that!!*

\$20 suggested donation for adults. Children attend for free, and Childcare is available by advance arrangement through the [PUC](#)

12:15 PM Green Sanctuary Mtg - L

12:30 PM OWL 7-9 Parent Class - CR1

12:30 PM OWL 7-9 - CR2

4 PM **"Hands-On" Cooking Workshop: 'Homemade Pasta!'**

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7 PM Great Books Discussion Grp - L

### **Monday, February 10, 2014**

11 AM Facilities Rental Task Force - L, V

5 PM **Kundalini Yoga & Meditation** - H

7 PM Pledge Canvass Team - L

7 PM Men's Ministry -HIATUS

### **Tuesday, February 11, 2014**

2:15 PM Staff Meeting - L

6 PM **Ethical Eating Cooking w/ Debi: Vegetarian Winter Warming Foods** - K

7 PM Ways & Means Committee - L

7:30 PM Marianne Williamson for Congress Town Hall Meeting - H [Lease Event]

### **Wednesday, February 12, 2014**

11 AM **"The Problem of Evil"**

Class w/ Rev. John - CR1

11 AM **Beginning Yoga** w/ Debi

7:30 PM **"Introduction to Buddhism"** Class w/ Rev. John - CR1

7:30 PM Small Group for New Members - CR2

### **Thursday, February 13, 2014**

6:30 PM **PUC Choir Practice** - H

7 PM Grief, Ritual and the Soul of the World - CR1

7:30 PM Environmental Priorities Network (EPN) - L

### **Flowers for the Church**

*Sunday's Flowers are a gift from  
Noelle Portland & Amara.*

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

**Next open dates:**

**Most 2014 dates are OPEN!**

[Office.](#)

**And please remember to bring a "Black &/or White" dessert that can be eaten with fingers, not forks or spoons, to share.**

### Where Is Our New Parking Lot?

Been wondering where our repaired parking lot is? As you may recall, repairing our parking lot is part of the Growth & Reinvestment Campaign. The GRC is a 3-year campaign designed to revitalize our aging campus and to drive membership growth. Projects within the GRC were prioritized by the Congregation and the parking lot was project #3. We have a Parking Lot Task Force that has looked at parking lot priorities & feasibility (such as more environmentally friendly materials), met with multiple contractors, and we have several bids.

We are very close to being able to put a vendor on contract to repair the parking lot. In the next couple of weeks, we will begin sending out the first installment of a monthly report on GRC progress. Everyone will be able to see exactly where we are and where we are going. If you have any questions, please contact *John Einhorn*, [einchild1@verizon.net](mailto:einchild1@verizon.net) or 310-937-3134.

### Leap of Faith Team from Parker, CO to Visit in March -- Home Hospitality Needed

Last year PUC was selected to mentor a smaller congregation looking to grow. The [Prairie UU Congregation](#) of Parker, CO has been working with our church leaders to learn and grow from our experience. Needless to say, we have learned a great deal from them as well.

As part of this "Leap of Faith" program, the Prairie leadership team is coming to visit us on **March 7, 8, & 9**. *We are in need of home hospitality for two nights*. We need a total of six beds, four of the women can share rooms, the minister and Director of Faith Formation need a single room each, preferably with a private bath. If you can accommodate one or more please let [Rev. John](#) know directly.

More information about our honored guests visit will be forthcoming.

### Join Great March for Climate Action on March 1

You have a chance to be a part of history -- help kick off the Great March for Climate Action at the nearby Port of Los Angeles. Thousands will rally to demand ACTION on Climate Change on **Saturday, March 1!** Students, environmentalists, community members and leaders, and families will rally and march together! You DON'T want to miss it!

[Please CLICK HERE see the flyer.](#)

### Submit Split-Plate Nominations for 2014

During 2013, PUC members supported many organizations through our split-plate collections during the Sunday Service - when the 50% of the Sunday Service offertory collection (not including pledge payments) is given to a non-profit organization, and 50%



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

### February's Monthly Theme: PRAYER

#### 2/16: *How Prayer Works* Rev. John Morehouse

As part of exploration of prayer this month, *Rev. John* explores the power of prayer for all of us, regardless of our feelings about God.

#### 2/23: *From Feeling to Healing* Rev. John Morehouse

Part of the power of prayer lies in its healing words. What is it about feeling that helps us heal from our struggles and wounds? *Rev. John* guides us through the theology and psychology of emotional honesty.

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### *A UU Said That?*

"Truth has a right of way everywhere."

—[Theodore Parker](#)

(Unitarian, Transcendentalist, reformer, abolitionist, clergy)  
*Speeches, Addresses, and Occasional Sermons, Vol. 1* (1867) p.125

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### *Second Sunday Hospitality* Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!

Many thanks to TOP CHEF *Andy Kissner* who led our crack team of Sous Chefs in bringing us a pancakey, egg-bakey, sausagey, bacony breakfasty, brunchy after-Service feast last Sunday!!

goes to PUC. We would like to receive member nominations for 2014. The nominated organization must have a 501(c)(3) status and its activities must be aligned with the UU Principles and Purposes.

If there is an organization you would like to nominate, please pick up a Split-Plate Nomination form from Mailbox #30 in the PUC Office and return it to either *Janet Kissner* or Church Administrator *Craig Block*.

### Journey to Membership Classes Starting Up Soon

This 5-hour class is designed to explore the joys & responsibilities of being a member of PUC, and is required for membership.

Offered 3 times yearly in 2 formats for 2014.

SELECT YOUR 2 SESSIONS IN 2014

2 Sundays: Noon - 3 PM **MAR 16/23** **MAY 4/18** **OCT 26/NOV 2**

-OR-

2 Wednesdays: 7-9:30 PM **FEB 19/26** **APR 23/30** **OCT 22/29**

Pick up a registration form in the PUC Office, or you can enroll online with this [google doc](#) if you have a gmail acct. Contact [Kim Gosney](#) with any questions.

### GATHER THE SPIRIT

*Wednesday Minister's Classes Continue*

Next: **Roots of Religion**

The origin of the word 'religion' is from the Latin word *ligare*, to bind. Every human society has had its gods. In all cultures, humans pour resources into diverse and elaborate religious expressions. We will explore how and why this human longing has evidenced itself throughout all cultures.

4 Wednesdays -11AM - 12:15 PM, **FEB 19, 26, MAR 5, 12** - Classroom 1

Series of: 4 classes: \$30 \*\* Walk In:: \$8 per session.

Each session is a stand-alone class, you may join at any time.

[CLICK HERE to register online.](#)

[Or CLICK HERE to download Registration Form & Flyer](#)

### PUC's Annual Silent Auction Benefit Goes Al Fresco -- SUNDAY, APRIL 6 on the Patio!

THREE ACTION ITEMS FOR YOU:

- DONATE!

- BID!

- BRING A FRIEND!

Every year PUC members and the local community donate item(s) to PUC's Annual Silent Auction. What can YOU bring to the table?

An auction item, experience, talent, or treasure? Got unwanted gift cards left over from the holiday gifts you received? Do you have a secret talent that you might donate? Frequent any restaurants that you might approach for a gift certificate? The ideas are endless, the value unlimited! Who could you invite to join you to come to church that day for a lot of fun? Rev. John promises a fun and lively sermon to heighten the energy of this event!

**Our wishlist:**

THIS Sunday TOP CHEF *Margo Meikle* will be leading the trUUs in our delicious Food Ministrations!!

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#### Ushers:

Kevin Gallagher & Alana Garrigues

#### Welcome Table:

Lora Childers & Lee Ann Hart

#### Greeters:

Peggy Tigerman & Jean Tordella

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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

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

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

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

#### Tuesdays

Ways & Means Cmte, 2nd Tues., 7 PM, L

Program Council, 4th Tues., 7 PM, L

#### Wednesdays

[Beginning Yoga](#) w/ Debi Robinson, Wed, 11 AM

#### Thursdays

Women's Circle, 4th Thurs., 10 AM

- Lunches or dinners at your home or hosted experiences out.
- Gift certificates from local restaurants.
- Any items that you or someone you know would purchase anyway - practical items such as grocery gift cards, child care, or similar.
- Items that you can offer yourself. Piano lessons, landscaping design help, or similar.
- Donations from businesses with whom you have a personal connection or do a lot of business.
- Unwanted gift cards.
- Volunteers for all sorts of tasks.
- You and your friends on **Sunday, April 6** to bid and play!

This year, our deadline for donations to be included in the Silent Auction Catalog is **Feb. 23!**

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 party a success, we also need volunteers! Please contact **Barbara Paulsen** to get involved.

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

#### **Fridays**

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

#### **Saturdays**

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

#### **Sunday Service: 10:30 AM**

Office Hrs: Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM,

Mon. - Thurs: 11 PM - 5 PM

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