

The Acorn

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Social Justice Incomplete
Patrick Lyra Lanier

In our rush to welcome targeted minority populations in need (as allies and/or targeted minorities) we are too often taught a social justice language that is finger-wagging, shaming, and asociological. We often blame an individual's personhood for implicit biases that are often learned socio-culturally--and that cannot be unlearned without direct, curious, deescalated, and two-way engagement.

Join us as Patrick Lyra Lanier MA/MFTI and LGBTQ+ Outreach Advocate at Pacific Pride Foundation explores the value of robustly explored bias, of engaging in direct conversation instead of higher-than-thou social justice politics rooted in the very abuse dynamics so many targeted minorities struggle to escape each day.

This Week's Meetings and Events

Sunday January 29
10:00 A.M. Worship

Monday January 30
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday January 31
3:15 P.M. Coordinating Team Mtg.
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)
7:30 P.M. Covenant Group Facilitator Mtg. (C)

Wednesday February 1
1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting

Thursday February 2
2:00 P.M. Membership (C)
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday February 3
10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers (C)

Saturday February 4
8:30 A.M. Staff Development Day at Live Oak

Sunday February 5
10:00 A.M. Worship
3:00 P.M. Earth Centered Traditions (FH) and (Farmhouse)

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S=Sanctuary, FH=Fellowship Hall;
C=Cottage

**Miss a Sermon?
No problem!**
Check out past sermons by clicking on the link.

<http://liveoakgoleta.org/multimedia/>

Save The Date

Live Oak Auction
Movie Night
January 28
7:00 P.M.

Disco Dreams
Auction
February 11
4:00-8:00 P.M.

Upcoming Sermons

February 5: *Living Joy* Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Grounding ourselves in an attitude of joy is ultimately a revolutionary choice of mind, heart, and spirit. Today we focus on what it means to live joy as a spiritual practice in a time of stress and challenges.

February 12: *Big Picture Apocaloptimism for Challenging Times* Rev. Michael Dowd

Collectively, we are stealing ravenously from the future. How did this dysfunctional relationship to posterity come about and what, if anything, can inspire us to Active Hope in the face of climate chaos and other global-scale challenges? Rev. Dowd's pro-science prophetic message is grounded in "evidence as authority and ecology as theology."

Children's Exploration



This week in RE we continue our exploration of UU identity through the Star Wars lens. This week's lesson we begin to connect our UU seven principles to the force using *the colors of light sabers*. Each principle will be associated with a different color light saber and we will be talking about the qualities of a given color and its association with a UU principle. This week we start with RED and the first principle of the inherent worth and dignity of all people. Please encourage your children to bring their padawan headbands (extras will be on hand) and their light sabers for training at the close of the lesson.

OWL (Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education) will be starting on Friday February 3rd and run through Sunday April 2nd. Our curricula kicks off with a shared meal between parents, youth and facilitators on Friday evening February 3rd. Then the evening will be dedicated to curricula sessions related to establishing trust, building agreements for our time together and an overview of basic anatomy and physiology followed by a sleepover for the youth-chaperoned by parents. We will have curricula sessions again on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon as well. Please note that each Sunday we will be hosting the OWL classes in Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise noted) and that this is a confidential and safe space for youth. Please refrain from entering Fellowship Hall after 11:45am on Sundays.

Our Whole Lives

Sundays this winter from February to April we will once again be offering our comprehensive sexuality education program, **Our Whole Lives** (OWL) for 7th to 9th graders.

Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, **Our Whole Lives** provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social

Our Whole Lives

aspects of sexuality.

Our Whole Lives uses approaches that work. The curricula are based on the Guidelines for Comprehensive Sexuality Education produced by the National Guidelines Task Force, a group of leading health, education, and sexuality professionals assembled by the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS).

Our Whole Lives covers topics and skills that both parents and students want to have available but schools are less likely to cover. The Kaiser Family Foundation has an interesting report on this subject called "Sex Education in America: A View from Inside the Nation's Classrooms." New national surveys are challenging the convention that Americans are reluctant to have sexual health issues taught in school, the surveys show that most parents, along with educators and students themselves, would expand sex education courses and curriculum.

The Our Whole Lives Values:

- .. Self Worth
- .. Sexual Health
- .. Responsibility
- .. Justice and Inclusivity

Each level of *Our Whole Lives* Offers:

- .. Up-to-date information and honest, age-appropriate answers to all participants' questions
- .. Activities to help participants clarify values and improve decision-making skills
- .. Effective group-building to create a safe and supportive peer group
- .. Education about sexual abuse, exploitation, and harassment
- .. Opportunities to critique media messages about gender and sexuality
- .. Acceptance of diversity
- .. Encouragement to act for justice
- .. A well-designed, teacher-friendly leaders' guide
- .. Parent orientation programs that affirm parents as the primary sexuality educators of their children

Questions, or for more information, please contact Lora Barnett, Ministerial Student Intern at lora.barnett@gmail.com.

Earth-Centered Spirituality Group



Another Earth holiday is here! Join the Earth-Centered Spirituality group as we mark the lengthening days and start of Spring by celebrating Imbolc. This Celtic fire festival focuses on new growth, creativity, and healing.

Mark your calendars for our Imbolc ritual at Live Oak on **Sunday, February 5th at 3:30PM.**

For more information please contact Christina Cabeen at cbcabeen@cabeen.org or Jeanne Northsinger at 898-1085.

A Pre-Auction Item!

Orchestra seats for two people for Yuja Wang, *piano* Leonidas Kavakos, *violin* Monday February 13th 7 pm (worth \$118) Offered by Jim and Jan Ross who must be back east that evening. Call Jan Ross (805) 570-3133

Pianist Yuja Wang and violinist Leonidas Kavakos come together in one of only a select few recitals across the nation for a night of superb technical virtuosity and emotional expression. Yuja Wang, “quite simply the most dazzlingly, uncannily gifted pianist in the concert world today” (*San Francisco Chronicle*) returns with her musical insight, fresh interpretations and charismatic power. Leonidas Kavakos, recently announced as the winner of the prestigious Léonie Sonning Music Prize, is an artist of rare quality known for his superb musicianship, the integrity of his playing and his “balance of pyrotechnics and lyricism” (*The New York Times*).

Program

Janáček: Sonata, JW 7/7

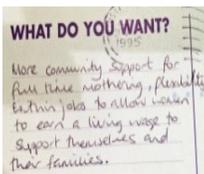
Schubert: Fantasy in C Major, D. 934

Debussy: Sonata in G Major, L. 140

Bartók: Sonata No. 1 in C-sharp Minor, Sz. 75

Subject to change

Social Justice News



Live Oak Postcard Party after the service on Sunday February 5! Write to our Congress people and tell them what you want! Kendra is helping to make this easier by supplying everything we need. Stop by the Postcard table and put your values into action!



Heart to Heart: talking about Race. Live Oakers are seeking to learn more about ourselves and the racial issues that divide our culture. **On Wednesday February 22 7-9pm** the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist community is invited to meet two long-time Santa Barbara educators and activists, Cheri Gurse and Sojourner Kincaid Rolle. Cheri and Sojourner will engage participants in a conversation about race and racism using prompts and open sharing in our sanctu-

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ary. Come and join these two wise women in this conversation!



Live Oak has been busy helping with the National Count of people experiencing homelessness. We also have been feeding people each Thursday night for the last month. Thank you to Gail Boehme, Mary Dochterman, Jane Gray, Wendy and Carter Morgan, Colleen and Lars Poulson, Sylvia Sullivan and Jan Ross. Would you like to help next time? Join our team! Contact Bea Hamlin (722-5368) or Jan Ross (jandjross@cox.net, 570-3133).

Upcoming Community Events

February 6 at 5:30 at Casa de la Raza – Progressive Coalition

FUUn Team News



MOVIE OUTING COMING SOON! The FUUn Team is planning a group viewing at a local theater of the movie “Hidden Figures”. The date and time are to be determined. Look for an email with the details in the next week or two to all who mentioned a movie interest in the FUUn team survey. If time permits we will also submit the details to the Acorn. If you have questions or would like to be added to the moviegoer list, please contact Sylvia Sullivan at 805-451-3195.

FREE - SOUPED UP Valentine’s Day SOUPER SUNDAY on Feb 12! **SOUPS! SALADS! DESSERT!**

Showering our Live Oak members and friends with love in the form of home cooked goodness, the FUUn Team has a little Valentine’s gift up our sleeves for you. Lunch is on us on Feb 12, as we host SOUPED UP SUPER SUNDAY - Two Soups AND a Salad Bar for your dining pleasure. Green salad, Pasta Salad, Lentil Salad and more.

Mark your calendars to attend the auction from 4-8 pm on Saturday Feb 11 AND to be sure to stay for lunch on Sunday, Feb. 12. We invite you to join us and share the love on this day, and may we suggest sitting with someone you don’t know very well, so that you can go home with a new friend or two? Donation jar will be out for those who feel inclined to help cover the costs of lunch, but participation is not expected.

Your FUUn Team,
Diane Green, Tekka Penteriche, Sylvia Sullivan and Liz Zok

SENIOR TEA on Saturday, March 4 from 3-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now, details coming soon

Supporting Our Members

Mary Ince has an acrylic graphite drawing in the combine 1st 2017 Exhibition of Santa Barbara Sulptors’ Guild/Abstract Collective in the Faulkner Gallery. Dates are January 3rd –January 31. Juror is Nancy Gifford, Curator, and Vice President of the Arts Funds.

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Live Oak is a liberal religious community welcoming all. Our generations join together to nurture spiritual growth and personal transformation, that we may be inspired to transform the world with love, hope, compassion and justice.

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Lost & Found

Our cup runneth over...the "Lost and Found" box in the kitchen is overflowing... with a beautiful "Port Folio Perry Ellis" long black coat, a very nice Men's Large Columbia fleece vest, assorted water bottles and assorted pairs of glasses and sun glasses. Alas, these all will be taken to a thrift shop at the end of January if they are not claimed.



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If you often purchase items through Amazon.com, please do us a favor and pick Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation as a charity you wish to support. Instead of logging into Amazon.com, login to smile.amazon.com. This is the exact same Amazon but they have a program where people can designate a charity to receive a donation PAID FOR BY AMAZON.

When you go to smile.amazon.com, you will be asked to pick a charity. You search for Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation and follow the prompts to make it your Smile charity. You do this only once. The next time you go to smile.amazon.com, it will remember that Live Oak is your charity. Just do what you normally do in Amazon and .05% of what you spend will be donated to Live Oak. You don't pay this, Amazon does! It's win win. This sounds like a small amount but it will add up so don't hesitate to do it. Any questions, just let Paul Mocker or Hal Hill know.

Happy Birthday to the following friends and members celebrating Birthdays in January!

If you have not shared your birthday month/date with us and wish to do so, please contact Liz at elazok@gmail.com.

Gil Green 1/4, Nate Clancy 1/5, Pat Johnson 1/6
Linda Hill 1/7, Colleen Poulsen 1/9, David Echols 1/11,
Jean Olsen 1/14, Jane George 1/22,
Priscilla Marchus 1/22, John Douglas 1/22,
John Sonquist 1/22, Lura Pearson 1/23, Luana Psaros 1/24,
Sally Klinkon 1/29, Lisl Auf der Heide 1/30,
Donald Martin 1/31