

# The Acorn

January 4, 2019

This Week's Events and Meetings

Adult Programs  
Presents



"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

film about Fred Rogers (aka Mr. Rogers)

Sponsored by the FUUN team

Wednesday,  
January 9 at  
7:00 p.m.  
Live Oak  
Sanctuary



Artist: James R Eads

## One Hundred and Eighty Degrees Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

A new year and the world seems open to many possibilities. This morning, as we pause to consider options before us and our dreams of what's possible, we explore some of the potentialities holding us from achieving our dreams and hopes.

### Sunday January 6

10:00 A.M. Worship

### Monday January 7

2:00 P.M. Book Group (C)

### Tuesday January 8

11:00 A.M. Membership  
4:00 P.M. Good Relations  
6:30 P.M. Worship Ministry  
7:00 P.M. Sangha

### Wednesday January 9

10:30 A.M. Staff Mtg.  
4:00 P.M. Pastoral Care  
7:00 P.M. Adult Programs

### Thursday January 10

6:30 P.M. Lessons of Loss  
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

### Friday January 11

10:30 A.M. Hookers &  
Needlers (C)  
6:30 P.M. Game Night!

### Saturday January 12

6:30 P.M. Reserved (S)

### Sunday January 13

10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Souper Sunday

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

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## Upcoming Services

### **January 13: *Confronting the Hungry Ghosts*** Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

The numbers are staggering as public health agencies estimate that over half of the population in the United States is either struggling themselves or impacted by someone with an addiction. This morning we talk about addiction: what it is, the impact it has on lives, and the possibility of recovery.

### **January 20: *Beloved Conversations*** Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

This weekend we especially celebrate the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as the work he carried forward gains an ever-increasing relevance and urgency. Today, as we remember and honor MLK, we also learn about the program, *Beloved Conversations*, twelve Live Oak members and your minister will begin in February.

## Children's Religious Exploration

### **THIS WEEK IN RE:**

Religious Exploration welcomes the congregation back from the 18/19 Holiday Season. Thank you to Melanie and Lura for holding down the fort in RE so I could take a week off, much appreciated. May the lessons of 2018 reveal themselves and may 2019 offer that perspective.

We are starting the New Year with a curriculum that our congregation will be working on in January.... Lessons of Loss. "Lessons" explores the idea of loss for all of us, but in RE it will be especially focused on the kids of course and it will not just cover death and dying, but loss in all its forms. Moving, leaving a home, going away to college, getting a terminal diagnosis, it's all about loss or anticipation of loss. Thank you to Holly and Stephanie for taking on week one of this important exploration.

Coming of Age teens will be working through their "Road Less Travelled" lesson and will join us in Lessons of Loss in a couple of weeks.

### **GAME NIGHT: SECOND FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**

Thank you to Mo and Paul Maliszewski, for offering to host Game Night, please join them in their first one on Friday January 11 at 6:30. If you feel like bringing food or snacks to share, please do so, and since it is still dark early, feel free to come in your P.J.s. A good time will be had by all and thank you to Mo & Paul!!

### **NEED VOLUNTEERS ON THESE DATES**

Religious Exploration is needing volunteers on Sunday January 27 (one), and Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> (two volunteers). If you are available on either or both of these dates, let me know ASAP.

'Love is stronger than death even though it can't stop death from happening, but no matter how hard death tries it can't separate people from love. It can't take away our memories either. In the end, life is stronger than death.' -Anonymous

## Half Basket

In recognition of indigenous peoples, the half basket donation on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> will go to the American Indian Cultural Resource Center at UCSB. The center promotes cultural identity development and strives to empower American Indian students through their college careers. By providing resources, educational events and activities that enhance leadership skills, the center encourages the sharing of ideas and experiences. Through collaboration and networking, students, staff, faculty, and community learn important aspects of our cultures from one another. Each quarter, American Indian students are selected to receive book scholarships toward the purchase of books or supplies from the UCSB bookstore. Our half basket will go into this scholarship fund. Thank you for your generosity!

To Find Out More:

<http://eop.sa.ucsb.edu/services/cultural-resource-centers/aicrc>

## Capricorn Birthday Party!

Hi my dear friends,

Ken and I are having an impromptu open house and Big Birthday potluck at our house this Sunday after services. All Capricorns and friends are invited! If you are a Capricorn, let me know and I'll write your name on the cake! If you're not please come and help us celebrate!

Here are the details: please RSVP so I'll know how big to make the cake!

What: Open House Potluck (I'll prepare a Turkey-less roast and the cake)

When: Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00-6:00

Phone: 805-683-1809

-Pat & Ken Johnson

## Lessons of Loss For Adults

Jan. 10, Jan. 16, Jan 23, Feb. 6  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Rev. Tamara is pleased to offer a four session curriculum which will provide a forum in which adults can discuss loss, understand how we respond during times of loss, and why. We will also examine how our Unitarian Universalist theology can comfort us in times of loss and grief.

Please note that this is not a bereavement support group per se and those who are interested in finding an ongoing community in which to discuss and understand a loss would be better served by finding an ongoing bereavement support group. Our children and youth will also be participating in age appropriate *Lessons of Loss* curricula in the month of January and we will culminate this "all congregation" look at loss with a multigenerational service on February 10.

**Deadline to register is January 6**

Attendance at all sessions is expected and class size will be limited. Please contact our Administrator, [Clacey Kahn](#), to register for this opportunity.



## Social Justice News

Dear Live Oakers- There are two community events coming up this month that are particularly worth supporting. The first are the **Martin Luther King Jr Day** celebrations on January 21. Please see below for events.

The second is **"50 Years After the Santa Barbara Oil Spill: A Call to Action,"** on January 27, 3-5:30 pm with non-profit tabling from 2-3pm at the Arlington Theater. This is a free community event including Annie Leonard, Greenpeace USA Executive Director, local officials, several excellent musical performances and it is sponsored by the Community Environmental Council, Environmental Defense Center, Get Oil Out! (GOO!), UCSB Environmental Studies Department. This is a good way to work together with our community on one of our top LO social justice priorities.

- **\*\* Please consider this! Volunteers needed for the 2019 Homeless Point In Time Count,** Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 5 AM – 8:30 AM. Volunteer trainings will be held in January. Sign up on our website [www.commongroundsbc.org](http://www.commongroundsbc.org).
- **Live Oak Social Justice Ministry Meeting,** January 23, 2019 at 4:30pm. Everyone is welcome in the Cottage!
- **AERA Energy** is requesting permits to expand oil and gas production in Cat Canyon, with up to 296 new wells. The project uses steam injection to remove the heavy crude oil. The Draft Environmental Report will be reviewed by the County in Santa Maria on January 17 and will go to the Board of Supervisors soon after. Write your county supervisors ([dwilliams@countyofsb.org](mailto:dwilliams@countyofsb.org), [jwolf@countyofsb.org](mailto:jwolf@countyofsb.org), [peter.adam@countyofsb.org](mailto:peter.adam@countyofsb.org), [steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org](mailto:steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org)). Tell them to put the health of 450,000 people in Santa Barbara County ahead of the profits of Big Oil. The Cat Canyon project is a short-term play profiting a few special interests at the long-term expense of the rest of us.

### Community Activities

- **January 10: SB Progressive Coalition,** 5:30-7:00 p.m., 2707 State St
- **January 14: PFLAG SB meeting,** 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- **January 16: Homelessness and Housing panel** co-presented by League of Women Voters and SB Public Library at the Library 12-2 p.m.
- **January 19: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women's March** at De La Guerra
- **January 21: Dr. Martin Luther King Day**  
 9am Speakers and program at De La Guerra Plaza  
 10 am Unity March from De La Guerra to Arlington Theater  
 10:15-11 David Gorospe Trio –jazz and popular music in foyer of theater  
 11-12:30 Arlington Theater Program

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Arlington Theater, sponsored by Community Environmental Council, Environmental Defense Fund, Get Oil Out (GOO,) UCSB Environmental Studies Department

### Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action

**IMMIGRATION:** Let's advocate for humane, safe and just treatment for all immigrants, especially those at our southern borders asking for asylum! Check with the SB Response Network 805-699-5208 to find out how you can help!

- One way- Pen Connection. Write words of encouragement to people in Tijuana camps. Every Sunday, 2-5PM. More info: 805.570.9439.

### Our Members of Congress

- Dianne Feinstein - LA office 310-914-7300, Washington office 202-224-3841 [senator@feinstein.senate.gov](mailto:senator@feinstein.senate.gov).
- Kamala Harris - Sacramento 916-448-2787, Washington 202-224-3553 [senator@harris.senate.gov](mailto:senator@harris.senate.gov).
- Salud Carbajal - Congressman-24<sup>th</sup> district, Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934, Contact through his site

## Book Group

Afternoon Book Group

Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2PM in the cottage at Live Oak, we will discuss *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi.

Guests are welcome.

For information please contact Jeanne Northsinger  
805-898-1085 [jnorthsinger@gmail.com](mailto:jnorthsinger@gmail.com).

**Happy Birthday to friends and members celebrating upcoming birthdays !**



Gil Green 1/4, Pat Johnson 1/6 ,  
Linda Hill 1/7, Colleen Poulsen 1/9, David Echols 1/11

Consider renting Live Oak for your next event! Call 805-967-7867.