

# The Acorn

January 7, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

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Artist: Brenda Shane Salzwedel

## **The Habits of Faith**

Kendra Wise

The quiet of midwinter is a traditional time to look forward with intention. Join Live Oak member Kendra Wise as she explores the power of habit and how it can be used to guide and strengthen our spiritual development.

### **Sunday January 7**

10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Town Hall  
12:00 P.M. OWL Parent Orientation

### **Monday January 8**

No Scheduled Events

### **Tuesday January 9**

4:00 P.M. Pastoral Care(C)  
6:30 P.M. Worship Ministry  
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

### **Wednesday January 10**

10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting  
6:00 P.M. Adama Dance

### **Thursday January 11**

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

### **Friday January 12**

10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers (C)  
6:30 P.M. RE Second Friday Game Night(FH)

### **Saturday January 13**

No Scheduled Events

### **Sunday January 14**

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

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

<http://liveoakgoleta.org/events-calendar/>

## Upcoming Sermons

### **January 14: *In the Name of Love* Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**

Come join us for this service celebrating the vision of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His vision remains ours to make real as we move toward the goal of the beloved community.

### **January 21: *What Can You Do About Sexual Misconduct?* Marie Arnold**

Live Oak member Marie Arnold will explore what is meant by sexual misconduct, its prevalence, the healing that is possible and what role you can play in the process of healing.

### **January 28: “...no one shall be reviled” Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**

The concept of religious tolerance is near and dear to our Unitarian Universalist hearts. In this time of increasing religious intolerance, join Rev. Tamara as she explores this important topic.

## Children's Religious Exploration

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Let's make this year of 2018 outstanding, and let the purification of that fire we survived inspire us to live and think in more positive ways. The Earth will appreciate that.

### **OUR WHOLE LIVES GRADE 4-6**

There will be a **Parent Orientation** meeting held on **Sunday, January 7, 2018** from **noon to 2:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall at Live Oak. Light refreshments will be served and childcare will be provided. All legal parent(s)/guardian(s) **are required** to attend this meeting if you are interested in enrolling your youth in OWL 4-6. (ATTN Parents, there was a deadline for additional child care if RSVP'd in Dec. I did not hear from anyone so it was not arranged. Let me know if something has changed, I will see what I can do...).

OWL classes will be held **Jan 14 & 28, Feb 11 & 25, Mar 11 & 25, April 8, 15, & 29 and May 6 @ 10:00-11:30 during services.**

*\*Students are expected to attend every date to complete the course.*

This nationally acclaimed 10 session **Our Whole Lives** program will be facilitated by Steven Lovelace and Gloria Liggett. Sign ups begin now, class size WILL be limited. Please enroll your child no later than December 20, 2017.

**Questions/more information, please contact Steven Lovelace, Live Oak's Director of Religious Exploration at [dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto:dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org). Thank you!**

Please note that previous notices have read 12:00-3:00. We should be done by 2:00.

### **LOVE CONNECTS US-SCIENCE AND RELIGION**

This is week 11 out of 16 in this curriculum. We will add another piece of art onto our wall hanging in the form of QUESTION MARKS. This week's lesson explores the relationship between faith and evidence, and the special place between Science and Religion, and how they can exist together beautifully.

## Children's Religious Exploration Continued

If we have enough Youth, there is a role play we can do that embodies social justice issues.

### RE VOLUNTEERS WINTER & SPRING

Lovely Live Oakers, please consider RE when thinking of service. What better thing can we do with our time than to be there for young people?

We are losing a couple of teachers/assistants and need to replace them. Please drop me an email if you would be willing or interested or both, in teaching and/or assisting in Religious Exploration. Thank you very much!!

## Sharing Our Joys and Sorrows

### As a community we hold all in our loving thoughts and prayers

- \* Priscilla Marchus: Expressed her sadness for her sister, Peggy, whose partner has died. Peggy's partner was Jim Brice, a long time member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto. He just had a small celebration for his 97th birthday 5 days before he died.
- \* Lars Poulsen: Shared two joys. His daughter, who is expecting, now knows that she will be having a boy to be Lars's grandson. His second joy is that he has Colleen as his wife.
- \* Alexandra Williams: Spoke of a great joy of 2017, that of coming to know Jim and Zack Wells.
- \* Carter and Wendy Morgan: Carter stated that his mother, Marty, passed peacefully a couple weeks ago and thanked all of us at Live Oak for being so warm and welcoming to her. Coming to Live Oak was the highlight of her week! Wendy commented that her niece just gave birth to a baby boy continuing the cycle of life.
- \* Barbara Hodgdon: Shared the joy of having three of her four grandchildren here for the holidays.
- \* Sue Belanger: Expressed her happiness as she announced the date of her wedding of March 10, 2018, but was sad to share that today is her last day here.
- \* Frank Thompson: Shared he enjoyed his 60th birthday party yesterday and today he turned 61. (And Carrie and Frank shared birthday cupcakes with the congregation after the service!)



## Join Rev. Tamara at Regional Assembly in Portland in 2018!!

The four districts of the UUA's Pacific Western Region will gather April 27-29 in Portland, OR for the 2018 Regional Assembly. Speakers include civil rights activist, the Rev. Dr. William Barber; Washington Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, advocate for women's, immigrant, civil, and human rights; and the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, newly elected UUA president. Programming includes workshops, worship, district meetings, and an optional social justice activity.

Discount lodging is available at the Portland DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, site of the Regional Assembly. Childcare and youth programming will be available. Registration will open by January 4. Watch the PWR website ([www.uua.org/pwr](http://www.uua.org/pwr)) for full details to be posted soon.

## Social Justice News



### Women's March Santa Barbara 2018 | Hear Our Vote

Supporting the right for women to move safely in our country and to achieve according to their dreams and abilities. Supporting all those issues that women have worked for many years to attain. Supporting equal rights and having our voices heard. We need all people to show up on January 20 at De La Guerra Plaza in Santa Barbara 11-1!! [info@womensmarchsantabarbara.com](mailto:info@womensmarchsantabarbara.com)

### Community Activities

**January 10, 2018: Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance**

**January 11: SB Progressive Alliance Meeting**, Note new location: Santa Barbara Red Cross, 2707 State Street.

**January 20: 2<sup>nd</sup> Women's March** across the nation, watch for information about the Santa Barbara March.

### 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  
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- \* Salud Carbajal- Congressman-24<sup>th</sup> district, Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934, Contact through his site

## Contemporary Israeli Dance Class for Beginners

Dancing alongside others in a circle to the rhythm of inspiring and exhilarating music has been a significant part of Jewish culture for centuries. Whether the dances originated early in the history of Israel's statehood or are from the extensive Israeli contemporary dance repertoire, the benefits of dancing with others in a circle are health enhancing, socially enriching, and spiritually uplifting.

Members of Live Oak Congregation are invited to participate in a free 4-session Contemporary Israeli Dance Class led by Arlene Raphael, who has danced for 37 years during which time she has taught Israeli dances to children and adults. Details about the dance sessions are as follows:

Dates: 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, and 2/14

Time: 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. (During the first 15 minutes, Arlene will be pushing chairs to the side to create a space for the dance floor and invites you to assist if you are able.)

Place: Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

**RSVP to Clacey Kahn by January 8, 2018. A minimum of 5 dancers will be needed to hold the class.**

Susan North Gilboa, an Israeli Folk Dance Teacher certified by the Israeli Ministry of Education/Arts, has been bringing her love of dance to children and adults for the past 36 years. Through dance and movement she teaches our culture, traditions, holidays, liturgy and the history of Israel to dancers of all ages and skill levels. Come dance with Susan and a wonderful group of dancers on Monday evenings, beginning in October, and learn not just steps of Israeli dance, but reasons behind the movements and the feelings expressed by them.

### This Week's Half Basket

This Sunday we are donating half of our collection to Food and Water Watch Santa Barbara. They work to protect Californian's water from fracking, to curtail oil drilling and to make the state's agriculture more environmentally and socially responsible. Please be generous with your response to this. Thank you for your help and caring!

To Find Out More:

<https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/state/california>

### Supporting Our Members



Marie Arnold will be participating in the Festival of Hearts a fundraising for the Friendship Center.

Marie's work will be on display from January 24 to February 8 at the Renaissance consignment store on State street by the museum.

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## Song Tree

The Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
proudly presents a

### Song Tree Concert

to Support the Work of **Direct Relief**  
to Improve the Health and Lives of People  
Affected by Poverty or Emergencies



**Tom Corbett**  
*with Mike Mullins,  
Bill Knopf, and Tom Lee*



**Saturday, February 17, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.**

at the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
820 North Fairview Avenue, Goleta

**All proceeds will be donated to Direct Relief.**

A voluntary donation of \$15 is suggested and appreciated.

Information: 805.403.2639 and at [LiveOakGoleta.org](http://LiveOakGoleta.org)

*Reservations are recommended, and can be made through [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com):  
visit the Live Oak website, above.*

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## Housemate Wanted

Elderly member of our congregation seeks housemate  
(offering large room and private bathroom) beginning  
in early January. Reasonable rent.  
Contact (805) 683-1775.



**Happy Birthday to the following 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,  
Jean Olsen 1/14, Jane George 1/22, Priscilla Marchus 1/22, John Douglas 1/22,  
Lura Pearson 1/23, Sally Klinkon 1/29, Lisl Auf der Heide 1/30, Donald Martin 1/31