

The Acorn

November 12, 2017

This Week's Meetings and Events

Miss a Sermon?

Check out past sermons by clicking on the link.

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 12
11:30 A.M.

SOUPer Sunday!

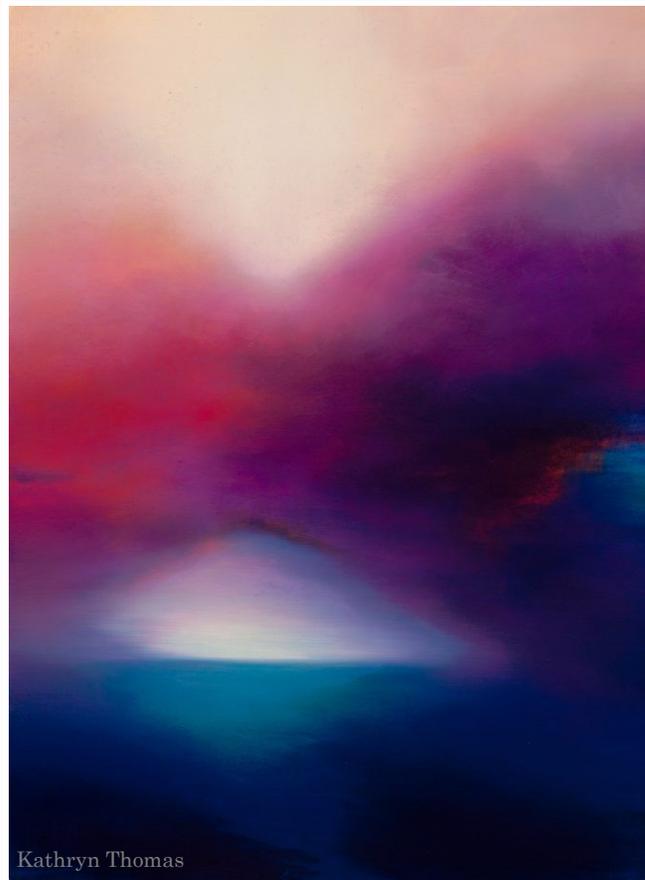
Saturday, Nov. 18
7:30 P.M.

Nathan McEuen
Concert at Live Oak

Bob Newcomb Memorial Service

2:00 P.M.

Valle Verde Senior Living Community



Kathryn Thomas

The Boy Who Wanted to Be a Bear

Jim Pearson

Through reminiscences of his brother David, who committed suicide more than forty years ago, Live Oak member Jim Pearson reflects on his loss and how it led him to greater compassion.

Sunday November 12

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

Monday November 13

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday November 14

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

Wednesday November 15

10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
1:30 P.M. Coordinating (C)
4:00 P.M. Social Justice (C)
6:00 P.M. Adama (S)
6:30 P.M. Sermon Writing Workshop (FH)
7:00 P.M. Men's Connection (C)

Thursday November 16

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday November 17

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

Saturday November 18

7:30 P.M. Live Oak Presents Nathan McEuen (S)

Sunday November 19

10:00 A.M. Worship (S)
11:30 A.M. Getting to Know UU(C)
2:00 P.M. Bob Newcomb Memorial Service (offsite)

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

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

Upcoming Sermons

November 19: *With Thanksgiving* Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

You are welcome to this service of thanksgiving for all the gifts in our lives. We especially welcome the gift of the many and varied people who have helped to make our country strong.

November 26: *Stand Up and Sing* Drew Carter

Come and join your voice in our hymn sing service. We'll sing some new songs and old favorites that will lift our spirits and get our toes tapping.

Children's Religious Exploration

Our word for the day is "PEACE". This is based on the beautiful line from the Blake Covenant, "to dwell together in peace." What a thought!! We will take some of our lead from great peacemakers like Gandhi, Dr. King, and Thoreau. We will also connect this message and their words with some popular music. Youth today are exploring ideas in Social Justice. Such a big topic!!

"All we are saying...is give peace a chance.." John Lennon 1969

RE GAME NIGHT SECOND FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10 @ 6:30-Multi Generational

Thank you to Gloria and Jacob! They will be hosting a multi generational game night as our 2nd Second Friday event. Last month's evening was so fun and successful that we just went for it again. It starts tonight (Friday Nov 10) at 6:30 and instead of a Potluck Dinner, we are just asking people to bring snacks to share. RE will provide lemonade.

ABOUT KIDS, PARENTING, ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, ETC.

Since February, I have had a few congregants share articles, websites, etc. regarding kids, and our lives with children. Some have been uplifting, some alarming and more often...informative. Thank you so much. As I do look at every one, I have decided to include these sites in my letter to parents, and in the Acorn. Here are a couple I have received recently on cell phones. Always thought provoking, even if one does not agree...

<https://www.yourmodernfamily.com/scary-truth-whats-hurting-kids/>

<https://www.common sense media.org/screen-time#>

Live Oak Event Book



NOVEMBER 2017 EDITION OF THE EVENT BOOK IS HERE. SIGN UP FOR EVENTS!

Please see the November Edition of the Event Book and reserve your spots now!

<http://liveoakgoleta.org/our-community/live-oak-event-book/>

Instructions on how to reserve your spots and pay for them is included in the Event Book. Contact your Event Book committee if you have any questions: Jane Gray, Jeri Moulder and Kristin Otte. Don't miss out!

Live Oak Office News: For the week of November 13 thru 17 the office will be open from 8-12 instead of 10-2. The Live Oak Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 & 24. The Acorn deadline for this week only will be Monday, November 20. - Thank you

Sharing our Joys and Sorrows

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

- * **Colleen Poulsen** was proud of the way the congregation showed love to John's family by supporting the memorial service and reception.
- * **Jeri Moulder** lit a candle of sorrow for her neighbor and friend, Brad Stevens, who committed suicide, leaving behind a wife and two teen sons. She and Paul will miss him.
- * **Diane Cline** lit a candle of joy for her niece, Jeannie McGough and Jeannie's husband, Duffy, who were absent for the New Member Ingathering. They got a call that their daughter was having her baby early, so they flew up to N. Calif. to be with her for the birth of their new baby girl.
- * **Liz Zok** lit a candle of appreciation for all those who supported her in the production of "Freak Out." Just under \$2300 was raised to be donated to Planned Parenthood.
- * **Ron Kronenberg** lit a candle for Wilma, who had foot surgery on Fri. and is in a cast. She would appreciate calls and cards, so as not to feel isolated.
- * **Priscilla Marchus** lit a candle of sorrow for the sudden death of Gary Cory (78), the former supervisor of the St. Frances Hospital Laboratory. He was very influential in Priscilla's career as a medical technologist, hiring her and supporting her for over 25 years. He was a man of high ideals, always pleasant, highly respected, like a big brother to her. She feels very lucky to have had such a great work environment. Susan Braden was also one of the 10 former coworkers who attended his memorial.

Mobility Limited Parking Spots



It was brought to our Facilities Team that several people have difficulty walking up the slope or stairs, so we have designated parking spaces in the upper parking lot, near the entrance reserved for people with *limited mobility*. We also request that people who do not have problems walking or using the stairs to use the lower parking spaces or street parking. We appreciate your understanding and let us know of any other improvements are needed.

With gratitude from your Facilities Team: Michael, Clacey, Jeri, Wilma, Eric and Larry.

Social Justice News



Join us at the Social Justice table after service to sign holiday cards for prisoners on November 19 and 26. We will sign just our first names and the cards will be sent through The Church of the Larger Fellowship office to help prisoners know they are not forgotten at this time.

Join Marty, Jan and Bea working at Habitat for Humanity on November 18 with people from other faith traditions. For information call Marty Jenkins 964-2550.



On Saturday, November 18 at 7:30 P.M. Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation presents Nathan McEuen in a Song Tree Concert event for the benefit of the Santa Barbara Environmental Defense Center.

With a lifetime of touring, and over 100 songs to his credit, Nathan's heritage, passion for writing, prodigious skill and engaging presence are clearly evident in his performances.

Admission is by donation (suggested \$15) at the door. All profits will be donated to the [Environmental Defense Center](#). Reservations may be made through Eventbrite.com: Click [here](#) to make reservations. Click on the Register button to make your reservation.

This Song Tree concert is sponsored by the Social Justice Ministry of the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation. For more information about Nathan McEuen please visit: <http://liveoakgoleta.org/our-community/activities-and-events/>

The Social Justice Ministry passed a Policy of Peaceful Presence at its October meeting. This will help us all work peacefully together at community events. Here is the text:

Live Oak Social Justice Ministry members strongly support "showing up" in our community to show our support, encouragement and promotion for social justice actions or to express our dismay, anger or sadness at actions that break the connections between us.

Live Oak UU Congregation holds the value of peaceful presence at rallies, vigils, marches, etc. We will not use violence to further our values.

Community Activities

November 13: SB Progressive Coalition, 6-7:30 pm La Casa de la Raza, 601 East Montecito St., topic: Political reform.

November 15: League of Women Voters Community Forum 12-2PM Santa Barbara Public Library, Faulkner Gallery topic: "Immigration 2017: Update on what is happening in Santa Barbara County."

Social Justice News Continued

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action

 **Please continue to watch the progress** of the tax bills. The House tax bill is moving forward and the Senate is releasing another version. With the election results, there is pressure by some law makers to pass a tax bill, and we all need to be responsive to what that bill will contain!

Please let your Congress people know how each tax bill will affect you and your opinion about how to vote on it!

Our Members of Congress

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

Live Oak Sangha Tea Ceremony



Join us November 14 at 7-8:30 pm. We will offer our usual meditation practice and our tea ceremony to celebrate the thirteen years of our sangha at Live Oak.

For additional information please call or email Jan Ross, (805-570-3133, jandjross@cox.net.)

Supporting Our Members

Priscilla Marchus invites you to the Santa Barbara Treble Clef Chorus "Season of Celebration" Concert on Sat., Dec. 9, 4 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 909 N. La Cumbre Rd. (at the corner of Foothill).

The concert, directed by Katie Saxon in the sanctuary, is free, and there will be light refreshments and raffles afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Our latest scholarship recipient will be featured, as well as other soloists and Priscilla's quartet, "Girls' Nite Out".

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



Marty Jenkins 11/4,
Diane Green 11/12, Bev Troon 11/21
Sheri Scott 11/26, Lorenzo Lara 11/26

Live Oak Thanksgiving Invite!

You are invited to Sue and Bill Smiley's 20+ annual Thanksgiving at Stow Grove Park. We will bring the turkeys which we barbecue and roast, as well as paella. Everyone else is asked to bring one of the following: appetizer, Thanksgiving themed main course or a dessert. Whatever you enjoy making! You can come with nothing. In order to be environmentally friendly we are asking that you bring your own plates and cutlery. We will be there from noon until everyone leaves or when it is dark, whichever comes first. In case of rain we will move to Live Oak in Goleta. Please let us know if you are planning to attend, how many are in your party (family and friends are welcome!) and if any of you are vegan, vegetarian or have special dietary considerations so we know how many turkeys to cook. You can contact us by calling 453-6219 (cell) or e-mailing limeysue2@gmail.com.

Looking forward to another great Thanksgiving feast!

Holiday Arts Boutique



*HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
2017*

*Please join us for our
Holiday Boutique at the
Live Oak U.U.*

*Congregation
820 North Fairview
Goleta, CA 93117*

Arts and craft items, knitted items, homemade "goodies", jewelry, artwork, and paintings will be offered in our annual Boutique.

**Saturday December 2 10a.m to 1p.m.
Sunday December 3 11:30a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Contact person:
Marie Arnold (805-570-5970)

Earth Centered Spirituality Group



Winter Solstice Celebration!
Mark your calendars! Friday, December 22,
2017 6:30 PM at Live Oak.

We are excited to be joining with Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara to create this Yule event. You are invited to the planning meeting on Sunday, November 12th. Please contact Jeanne Northsinger 898-1085 or Christina Cabeen, cbcabeen@cabeen.org for details.