

The Acorn

November 19, 2017

**Miss a
Sermon?**

Check out past
sermons by
clicking on the
link.

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

**The Live Oak
Office**

will be closed on
Thursday, Nov. 23
and Friday,
Nov. 24.

The Acorn
deadline for this
week will be
Monday, Nov. 20.

Thanks!

**Bob Newcomb
Memorial Service**

Sunday, Nov. 19
2:00 P.M.

Valle Verde
Senior Living
Community



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.

**This Week's Meetings and
Events**

Sunday November 19

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

Monday November 20

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday November 21

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday November 22

6:00 P.M. Adama (S)
7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

Thursday November 23

Live Oak Office Closed
No Scheduled Events

Friday November 24

Live Oak Office Closed
10:30 A.M. Hookers &
Needlers (C)

Saturday November 25

No Scheduled Events

Sunday November 26

10:00 A.M. Worship (S)

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

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Sharing our Joys and Sorrows

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

- * Jeanne McGough: Shared the joy of a new granddaughter born three weeks early. She quickly flew to Eureka for the birth, but was eight hours late.
- * Wendy Morgan: Asks for a candle of strength for niece who was in the Las Vegas shooting.
- * Ron Kronenberg: Shared that Wilma is recovering from surgery and the cast limits her mobility. She would appreciate cards and visits.
- * Subhana Bonner: Asks for a candle of joy that she is moving to northern California to be near family, but also a candle of sadness to be leaving Live Oak.



Upcoming Sermons

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.

December 3: One Second Without Hope

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Dorothy Day has written "...No one has the right to sit down and feel hopeless..." But how do we discover and live with hope when hope sometimes seems so hard to find? Come to this hope filled service and (hopefully!) leave with a new sense of hope for the future.

December 10: Twelve Days of Winter

Steven Lovelace, Director of Religious Exploration, and Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki invite you to join in the fun and learning as the whole congregation participates in this very special interactive winter service! Together we will explore various holiday stories and traditions from around the world and multiple religious traditions.

December 13: The Quiet of Winter: A Contemplative Service

7:00 p.m. Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

All are welcome and invited to a special evening worship gathering with Rev. Tamara. This candlelight service in the Taizé tradition is a time for comfort, sharing, candlelight, and simple songs.

December 17: Carols, Readings, and Reflections

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Join us this morning for a time filled with carols and readings of the season. Our Live Oak Choir will sing, and our congregation will sing!

December 24: What WOULD Jesus Do?

5:00 p.m. Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Celebrate the season with carols and candlelight. Rev. Tamara invites people of all ages who seek the true meaning of Christmas to come to our very special Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Please note that there will be no morning service on this Sunday. We will have one service at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Religious Exploration

"Kindness is Key"

We have moved from "Peace" to "Kindness" this week in our "Love Connects Us" curriculum. Be kind in all you do with justice, equity and compassion with all human relations, and this week we will go there with our elementary kids, and make some paper cranes too. Youth will again be exploring social justice issues, this week through role playing. They are so theatrical so it's a perfect thing for them!!

Holiday Party Friday Dec 8

Save the date for our collaborative Holiday Party with the FUUN Team and the Men's Connection Circle. Friday evening December 8 from 5:00-9:00 we will come together to host our annual Holiday Party that will have food, ornament making and we will be putting up and trimming the tree. We will also be showing some holiday short films for the kids. I recommend coming in PJs if you want so we can be comfy.

Please RSVP to Diane of the FUUN Team at 4dianeg@cox.net for a head count on food.

Articles, etc.

If you have any articles about kids, parenting, school/education or anything parents might find illuminating, send me a link. This weeks offering is also on kids' cell phone use:

<http://deeproootsathome.com/kids-bored-entitled>

Here's another one on bullying:

<http://www.parents.com/kids/problems/bullying/bully-proof-your-child-how-to-deal-with-bullies/>. Thank you for these and keep them coming.

Winter Pageant Dec. 10 Needs

It is NOT too soon to work on the Holiday Pageant, which will be here before you know it!! (PS we are working towards the Holiday season if you didn't know LOL). You will find out more as time passes, but here are some of the props needed for this pageant, let me know if you have any of these items. (There are more, I am asking in "waves")

2 Kimonos, 2 capes, 1 white robe, 2 African-styled shirts, 1 set of angel wings, 1 Roman helmet (plastic or light weight...if you have it), 3 kings' robes and 3 crowns. All will be returned.

Will be needing some narrators as well, please let me know if you have props or you would like to be a narrator for this year's pageant.

Email me at dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org. Thank you and bless you!!

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

-Aesop

Getting to Know UU

Attention Newcomers: After the service today, Oct. 19 (and every 3rd Sun.), from 11:30-12:00 in the Cottage (next to the patio), the we will be holding a brief information session called "Getting to Know UU". This time will help answer some of your questions about Unitarian Universalism, other programs Live Oak has to offer and connect you with a few others. Please come so we can start getting to know you! Let Debbie Mackie know if childcare will be needed, (debbiemackie@cox.net or phone 805-252-1668). We also invite you to get a "welcome bag", name tag, and have questions answered by the Welcome Table Host, and fill out an information card so we can contact you with future newcomer events and our weekly Acorn announcements.

Half Basket



Our half-basket donation this week will support Goleta Head Start, our local publicly sponsored preschool designed to give children a head start in their education and to inform and support their families in getting the best for their children. We help by donating nutritious food for those families who need it.

More about the group can be found on their website at <http://www.cacsb.org/low-income-assistance/preschool-services/>

Head Start Food Donations Update

The Head Start folks wish to convey their continued appreciation of Live Oak's Sunday food donations. Their only other source is the Food Bank.

these items are especially desired:

cereal

rice

cans of tuna fish

peanut butter & jelly or jam

spaghetti sauce

pasta (all except lasagna)

beans (all except black beans)



They cannot accept expired foods. Thanks for your support - Gil Green

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 (805) 966-6461 and Kristin Otte (805) 259-9216 . Don't miss out!

Save The Date! Live Oak Holiday Events

Live Oak 2017 Holiday Boutique

Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 3, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please join us for our Holiday Boutique! Arts and craft items, knitted items, homemade "goodies", jewelry, artwork and paintings will be offered in our annual boutique. Contact Marie Arnold for more information. (805) 570-5970.

Live Oak Holiday Party

Friday, December 8, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Come join us for our multigenerational Holiday Party! There will be will food and ornament making as well as putting up and trimming the tree. We will also be showing some holiday short films for the kids. **Please RSVP** to Diane Green at 4dianeg@cox.net for a head count on food.

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Earth-Centered Traditions Winter Solstice Celebration

Friday, December 22 6:00 p.m.

We are excited to be joining with Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara to create this Yule event. Please contact Jeanne Northsinger (805) 898-1085 or Christina Cabeen, cbcabeen@cabeen.org for details.



Social Justice News



Join us at the Social Justice table after the service today and next week (11/26) to sign holiday cards for prisoners. 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.

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.

Living our Values

This holiday season we are given the opportunity to support families living through challenging times. Through our Social Justice Ministry, we have chosen 3 families from CALM (Child Abuse Listening Mediation) to shower with gifts. We have lists of items to purchase and look forward to offering these opportunities to you.

These families are challenged with difficulties of foster care, living without homes, and single-parenting. They are asking for support to make this holiday and their lives more comfortable. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to honor the worth and dignity of every person.

In the next few weeks we will have a table at Live Oak on Sundays to offer you opportunities to be part of this. Please look for our table beginning November 19.

If you would like to take on an entire family yourself, here is the website to offer your services. <http://calm4kids.org/participate/adopt-a-family/> Thank you all for your interest and involvement, in spirit or in actual giving. Lovingly, Holly Cook and Wendy Morgan (contacts for this project)

Community Activities

November 17: Public Candlelight Forum on Homeless, 5:30 pm at Unitarian Society with homeless advocacy community.

November 18: [Pacific Pride Grand Opening](#), 12:00pm-4:00pm, 608 Anacapa St, Santa Barbara

November 20: National Transgender Day of Remembrance, 6:00pm
SB County Courthouse

Social Justice News Continued

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action:



Please let your Congress people know how the new 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

Supporting Our Members

This Friday night, November 17, Carter Morgan's band, The Nombres, will be playing at Cold Spring Tavern from 6:00 - 9:00. Come join them for music, dancing, and fun. Bring friends and be ready for a good time. Who knows, maybe there will even be pumpkin-flavored beer!

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".

THE THREE BY DRAMADOGS, A THEATER COMPANY

E. Bonnie Lewis, Director & Ken Gilbert, Co-Director

A good story has the power to entertain and delight, broaden our views of self and community, and become a springboard that ignites the imagination. Using *Station Eleven* as inspiration, DramaDogs will take their audience on a theatrical journey integrating original stories, the words of Shakespeare, music, and movement to express the themes of fate, home, what we value, and the calling of the creative spirit...because survival, truly, is insufficient.

Featuring E. Bonnie Lewis, Leslie Gangl-Howe & Nita June Davanzo E.

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Supporting Our Members Cont.

* Sunday, November 19, 5 PM - Central Library

* Thursday, November 30, 5 PM - Solvang Library

Thanks, Diane Green

P.S. This Drama Dogs group put on an event for my SB-GV AAUW women's group, and it was a big hit. *Station Eleven* is the book that Santa Barbara Library picked as their book of the year.

Smiley 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!



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

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

Diane Green 11/12, Bev Troon 11/21, Sheri Scott 11/26, Lorenzo Lara 11/26,
Paula Golus 12/9, Gail Hubbell 12/9, Dorothy Yakub 12/7, Lessie Schontzler 12/16
Paul Mocker 12/19, Aletha Solter 12/21, Rev. Bets Wienecke 12/22, Clacey Kahn 12/23
Craig Garvin 12/31, Frank Thompson 12/31