

# The Acorn

November 26, 2017

## This Week's Meetings and Events

### Sunday November 26

10:00 A.M. Worship

### Monday November 27

#### Live Oak Office Closed

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group (C)

### Tuesday November 28

3:30 P.M. Committee on Ministry (C)

4:00 P.M. Facility Mtg. (C)

6:00 P.M. Board Mtg. (FH)

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

### Wednesday November 29

10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg.

6:30 P.M. Sermon Writing Workshop (S)

### Thursday November 30

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

### Friday December 1

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

### Saturday December 2

10:00 A.M. Holiday Boutique (FH)

### Sunday December 3

10:00 A.M. Worship (S)

11:30 A.M. Town Hall (S)

11:30 A.M. Holiday Boutique (FH)

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

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## *Stand Up and Sing*

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.

## Upcoming Sermons

**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

**Peace Inside:** Inner peace will work it's way into the Thanksgiving theme of gratitude this Sunday. We will combine our energies between our groups, bring in ideas about calming ourselves down inside and learn how to appreciate the ability to do that for ourselves. Oh yes, and an art project too.

**UPDATED Winter Pageant Dec. 10 Needs**

Bless you all for responding already and I have a costume rack in my office if you need to drop off anything. **Note** We need to borrow 3-4 costume racks for the "day of" to keep stuff organized. Thank you!

**Prop/costume needs for our pageant:**

2 kimonos, free standing mirror, card table, dark colored sheet or bedspread, 2 capes, 1 white robe, orange sheet or sari, 8 white tee shirts or dresses, 4 red sashes for belts, 2 African-styled or fabric, 3-4 Indian style lamps hand held, 1 set of angel wings, 1 Roman helmet (plastic or light weight...if you have it), 3 king's robes and 3 crowns, Kinara and candles, Menorah and candles, Unity cup, light weight figures of Mary and Joseph (baby doll sized), light blue toga-ish wrap, light blue head scarf, black(dark) tunic, gold sash, three brown tee shirts, a sheep/lamb stuffed animal, shepard's staff (or representative), a red hat, 2 green tee shirts, 2 black tee shirts, 2 gray tee shirts, 1 pink tee shirt, 1 orange tee shirt. (All will be returned, either bring with names in it or lets mark it with masking tape).

## Children's Religious Exploration Continued

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](mailto:dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org). Thank you and bless you!!

**Articles, etc.** As we go into the holidays

<https://onbeing.org/blog/the-disease-of-being-busy/>

Keep 'em coming folks and thank you. Always thought provoking.

### From the DRE:

Just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to this congregation for being so welcoming to me. I have been at Live Oak now for a little over 9 months and you have collectively given me a new family and a new home. I so appreciate everyone's energy and availability, generosity of spirit and authentic good will. I love this congregation and am spending this week reflecting on the gifts of my life, and I continually find you all there. Thank you for all the blessings, and for your commitment to the Religious Exploration program. Our kids are the key for what ails us, and thank you for seeing that and putting your action in the best places. Happy Thanksgiving to you all and may Love prevail.

*"It's not happiness that brings us gratitude, it is gratitude that brings us happiness."*

-Anonymous



## Sharing Our Joys and Sorrows



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

- \* Alexandra Williams was thankful that Jim Ross and Michael Wittman have spent time with her son Aiden.
- \* Gloria Liggett was sad that the school district was closing the Open Alternative School, but joyful that somehow the school will continue either privately or as a charter school.
- \* Kendra Wise was joyful that her mother-in-law was coming down to spend time with her family.
- \* Debbie Mackie asked for healing thoughts for her brother who is in a veteran's hospital in Menlo Park.
- \* Liz Zok was joyful about the Pacific Pride Foundation's new facility and how Live Oak has supported Pacific Pride in many ways including hosting the annual prom.
- \* Phil Norvell expressed joy about his friendship with the late Bob Newcomb whose memorial service was taking place this afternoon at Valle Verde.
- \* Wendy and Carter Morgan are grateful for the opportunity to say goodbye to Wendy's 90 year old aunt in Arizona where they spent some time this week.
- \* Steven Lovelace is sending thoughts to his nephew and wife. Her father passed tragically and unexpectedly this past week.
- \* Colleen Poulsen lost her beloved pet dog Foster this past week. He died suddenly Tuesday morning. She is grateful for having known him, loved him and received his unconditional love and devotion.

## 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) 683-4390 . 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](mailto:4dianeg@cox.net) for a head count on food.

### *The Quiet of Winter: A Contemplative Service* -Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

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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](mailto:cbcabeen@cabeen.org) for details.

## Social Justice News



Thanks to all our Live Oakers who walked for peace with the Islamic Society of Santa Barbara (nearly 25) and in solidarity with Standing Rock supporting the water protectors (several Live Oakers.) It is good to be together as we express our values in our community.



## Social Justice News Continued

**Would You Like To Be A Pen Pal?** At our Social Justice Film night on October 18, we learned how important it is to communicate with immigrants who have been detained in Detention Centers (the closest is Adelanto near Victorville.) Sign up with Jan Ross ([jandjross@cox.net](mailto:jandjross@cox.net) or 570-3133) to be a part of this great program.

**Learn more about immigrants and the US system of Detention Centers at these sites:**

- \* PBS film on immigrants adjusting to life here in the US (53 min)  
<http://www.pbs.org/video/2262091142/>
- \* A Rare Look Inside a Detention Center (5 min)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfYzpUihHck>

### 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. Come see us at the table, take a tag to purchase a gift, or ask us for more information starting this Sunday, November 26th.

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)

Warming Centers are open! **Live Oak feeds homeless people at the IV Warming Center any Thursday night** when the temperature dips below 35 or it is raining. We make a main dish, salad, dessert, serve dinner and bring sack breakfast/lunches for the next day. Join our team! Contact Bea Hamlin (722-5368) or Jan Ross ([jandjross@cox.net](mailto:jandjross@cox.net), 570-3133)

### Upcoming Community Events

**December 21: Interfaith Solstice Celebration** at Trinity Episcopal Church at sundown watch for more information.



**Live Oak Unitarian  
Universalist  
Congregation**

**Live Oak Staff and  
Office Hours**

**Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**

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W 12:00-3:00 p.m.

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## 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".

### 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.

\* Thursday, November 30, 5 PM - Solvang Library

Thanks, Diane Green



### 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](mailto:elazok@gmail.com)

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