

The Acorn

November 5, 2017

This Week's Meetings and Events

Miss a Sermon?

Check out past sermons by clicking on the link.

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

Reminder

November 5
Daylight Savings Time Ends!



Don't forget to set your clocks back



The Beginning of Faith **Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**

It is said that skepticism and doubt are the beginnings of faith. Today, as we welcome new members to our Live Oak community, let's explore what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist and keep the faith!

Sunday November 5

10:00 A.M. Worship

Monday November 6

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday November 7

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group Facilitators Mtg. (FH)

Wednesday November 8

No Scheduled Events

Thursday November 9

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday November 10

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

6:30 P.M. Religious Exploration Multi-Gen Game Night (FH)

Saturday November 11

No Scheduled Events

Sunday November 12

10:00 A.M. Worship (S)

11:30 A.M. Souper Sunday!

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

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

Upcoming Sermons

November 12: *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.

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.

Half Basket

This Sunday we are donating half of our collection to Santa Barbara Response Network. This organization offers "Psychological First Aid (PFA) and provides support for resilient recovery from traumatic events such as attempted or completed suicides, violent injuries and deaths, natural disasters, community crisis and other traumatic incidences." Please be generous with your response to this. Thank you for your help and caring!

To Find Out More: <https://www.sbresponsenetwork.org/services>

Children's Religious Exploration

Hope everyone's All Hallows' Eve was a beautiful thing. Our Dia De Los Muertos service last week was so moving and a visual treat, gratitude to Reverend Tamara, Gloria and Ellen for staging the ritual and that gorgeous ofrenda. Thank you to this community for sharing your beloveds with us all including my own parents. So beautiful.

THIS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

We will hear a story about "Kids Helping Kids", explore the idea a bit and then put it into an art project. By the way, our art hands last week just added a beautiful dimension to our wall hanging art piece. I am loving what this curriculum is creating in the wall hanging, it is a visual feast for the eyes, and it really radiates the good community feeling that we are exploring and putting into it. The Youth Group will be meeting with Jan Ross and Steven.

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

Gloria and Jacob will host 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. Starts at 6:30 and instead of a Potluck Dinner, we are just asking people to bring snacks to share. RE will provide lemonade.

Children's Religious Exploration Continued

HAMILTON THANK YOU

Thank you all who attended the Hamilton Singalong, it was fun and historical, and about 40 of you total enjoyed the two sing-alongs. We sang until after 10:00!!

I would love to do another sing-along, possibly after the holidays. This time it will be shorter and I think with a variety or a selection of music. If anyone would like to help select and compile this music, send me an email. Thanks again!!

REMINDERS

1. RE Paperwork- Still have not received everyone's paperwork...I have copies in RE if you want to come by before or after service
2. Pick up your Skull Rocks from two weeks ago. I brought mine home and put it in the garden. It reminds me of that beautiful service and my parents.
3. Any congregants that would like to work ever so often in Religious Exploration, email me at dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org.
4. Will be looking for volunteers as we plan events for RE including our next week's Game Night. We will be looking for volunteers to help at our Holiday Party on Friday Dec. 8 as well so stay tuned.

Souper Sunday Continues!

A BIG thanks goes out to Christina Cabeen and the wonderful covenant group which she facilitates. The members of this group very generously stepped up to host the first Souper Sunday of this year, and it was a big success. Thanks, one and all! **Our next Souper Sunday will be on November 12**, and it will be hosted by the Live Oak Membership Ministry. Mark your calendars for another tasty and nutritious meal that day after the service.

These luncheons continue to be a wonderful way to build community while also raising a few dollars for Live Oak. In fact, Souper Sundays have the potential to raise around 15% of this year's fundraising goal. Thanks for your support! If YOU would like to cook for a Souper Sunday, please contact Carter Morgan at 683-5303 or by email: morganfamily1@cox.net You will be provided with clear instructions to make this a simple event. Thanks for considering this request, and **thanks to the many individuals and groups that have stepped up in the past.**



Social Justice News



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.



Natural Climate Solutions- Read about it! https://global.nature.org/initiatives/natural-climate-solutions/natures-make-or-break-potential-for-climate-change?src=e.gp.nov2017.info_button

Warming Centers will be opening in November! 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, and serve dinner. Join our team! Contact Jan Ross (jandjross@cox.net, 570-3133.)

Community Activities

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

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action

The Republicans are done with the first phase of passing **the** Trump Tax Bill, the budget

Social Justice News Continued

resolution which gives tax breaks mainly to corporations and the wealthiest Americans. But they have a long way to go before the Trump Tax bill is signed into law. Here's what we expect to happen next:

- Release the legislative text of the Trump Tax bill on 11/1
- Hold a committee mark up in House Ways & Means the week of 11/6
- Hold a vote in the House the week of 11/13
- Hold a committee mark up in Senate Finance the week of 11/13

Hold a vote in the Senate sometime after Thanksgiving but before 12/11

Please let your Congress people know how this 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
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- * Kamala Harris- Sacramento 916-448-2787, Washington 202-224-3553
senator@harris.senate.gov.
- * Salud Carbajal- Congressman-24th district,
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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 payment 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!

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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 the Smiley's 20+ annual thanksgiving at Stowe Grove Park. Sue and Bill will bring the turkey's which we will barbecue and roast. Everyone else is asked to bring one of the following: Appetizer, main course of thanksgiving theme or dessert, Whatever you enjoy making, but you can also come with nothing. Please bring your own plates and cutlery to be environmental friendly. We will be there at 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 plan to attend and whether you are vegan, vegetarian or have special dietary considerations so we know how many turkey's to cook. You can contact us by calling 453-6219 (cell) or limeysue2@gmail.com.

Looking forward to another great Thanksgiving feast! If you have other plans enjoy the holiday!

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.



Holiday Arts Boutique



SAVE THE DATE - Holiday Arts Boutique
Saturday, December 2 and Sunday,
December 3 in the Fellowship Hall.

For questions about the how to exhibit at the Arts Boutique, please contact Jane Gray (zenigari@yahoo.com or 310.552.1704) or Marie Arnold (marie.arnold@verizon.net or 805.570.5970).