

The Acorn

November 8, 2019

This Week's Events and Meetings

October Half Basket Report

10/06/19

Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network \$181.00

10/20/19

Beloved Conversations \$358.50

Sleepy Hollow Play Cancellation

We are sorry to announce that the play The Legend of Sleepy Hollow will not be performed on Friday evening November 8 at 6:30PM.



Artist: James R Eads

Reason and Reverence

Written by Rev. Craig Scott,
read by Drew Carter

Do you remember a sense of awe and enchantment from childhood, a sense of magic and possibilities in the world?

Today let's spend some time exploring the need for enchantment in our lives and how we might welcome more of it into our lives.

Friday November 8

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

Saturday November 9

9:00 A.M. Yoga (S)

Sunday November 10

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

Monday November 11

Live Oak Office Closed

5:30 P.M. Yoga (S)
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Tuesday November 12

Live Oak Office Closed

2:00 P.M. Good Relations
6:30 P.M. Worship Ministry
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday November 13

10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg.
7:00 P.M. Right Sizing Your Congregation's Operations (S)

Thursday November 14

No Scheduled Events

Friday November 15

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

Saturday November 16

9:00 A.M. Yoga (FH)

Sunday November 17

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Getting to Know UU (C)

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events-calendar/](http://liveoakgoleta.org/events-calendar/)

Upcoming Sermons

November 17: 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 come to our land and help make our country strong.

Children's Religious Exploration

THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION:

Thank you to Wendy, Rachel and Lura for their help in RE last week, bless you all!! And thank you to the worship team for including the kids in the building of the ofrenda for our congregational Dia de los Muertos ceremony!

This is our second week working with Judaism and for the Jr High and above group, we will explore the justice relationship that Judaism and Unitarian Universalism have. Our younger kids have a story and art project that gives them information about Christianity.

Remember: The last Sunday of the month is "Bring A Friend" Sunday. Our next one is Nov. 24.

GAME NIGHT FRIDAY NOV. 8, 2019

We meet the second Fri of each month (but check the Acorn to be sure)

It is for ALL ages. We start at 6:30 pm and usually ends about 9:00 but show up whenever you are able. Pick from closet full of games and ask some other folks to join you or bring your own game or join a table that has already set up a game. Sometimes everyone joins in a big group game like Pictionary or charades.

Bring snacks/drinks for yourself or to share. Sometimes people bring their dinner.

Game night is very informal and fun. Thank you Mo

RE LOOKING FOR.....

If you have any colorful throw pillow that are clean and in good shape, consider donating them to RE at Live Oak. I am making a pile of pillows in the corner for hanging out and reading. Thank you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them. About the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do." -Rob Siltanen

Souper Sunday

The weather is getting colder, and winter is approaching. Is there a better time to enjoy a bowl of warm homemade soup?! But first, let us thank Live Oak's Board of Trustees and the Coordinating Team for hosting the delicious October Souper Sunday. We really appreciate your culinary and enthusiastic efforts in making the fall kick-off soup luncheon a festive time for everyone.

Generosity begets generosity, from October's Music in the Patio, Souper Sunday to the spectacular "My Big, Fat Greek Auction".....the gifts keep on giving.

Our next luncheon is set for this Sunday, November 10, and will be hosted by the Membership Ministry. Please mark your calendars and bring your friends (visitors eat free as our wonderful guests). These luncheons continue to be a great way to build community while also supporting Live Oak's fundraising budget. Thank you so much for your continued support of this program, and of the hosting groups, by joining us each month.

Small Numbers, Infinite Possibilities Webinar Series

Live Oak will be participating in a series of seminars aimed at helping smaller congregations reach toward their greatest potential. **All Live Oak members and friends are invited** (with congregational leaders especially encouraged) to attend the series of four webinars as we learn and discuss ways to strengthen our beloved Live Oak community.

- **Right Sizing Your Congregation's Operations Nov. 13 @ 7:00 p.m. (note change of time)** Small congregations that try to be "full-service" burn out their leaders and volunteers. We will look at how we might structure our board, programs and ministries to keep our congregation nimble and effective. Especially interesting to Board members, and leaders of our programs and ministries.

Holiday Gift-Giving Opportunity

This year our recipient will be Casa Serena, a home for women who are in addiction recovery. There are approximately 25 women that are taking part in their services. We are providing them with a gift bag filled with personal items of hairbrushes, body wash, journals, colored pens, note cards, and warm socks. Casa Serena will add to these items. Many of these women have never received such generous gifts. Casa Serena is very appreciative.

Liz and I have already purchased all the items, in order for the bags to be as equal as possible. Beginning on Sunday, November 17th, you will have the opportunity to donate to these gift bags. If you wish, you can either donate the full amount of a full gift bag for \$20, or choose to pay for individual items that will be on a table for you to see. Our congregation is so very generous, and we appreciate you, no matter whether you choose to donate or just support us by helping to wrap the gifts later in early December, to be determined. Thank you for your generosity of spirit!

Wendy Morgan and Liz Z.



Social Justice News

“We need to stop just pulling people out of the river.
We need to go upstream and *find out why they're falling in.*”
-Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Clean Energy Advocates! Show up at the SB County Planning Commission November 20 at 9 am to advocate for Strauss Wind Project in Lompoc, or submit comment letters electronically to the Planning Commission Recording Secretary at dvillalo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

The recent fires have highlighted some classism/immigrant issues in Southern California that need some attention, especially from our labor advocacy organizations. Here is the story: “Why did No One Warn the Housekeepers about the Getty Fire,”

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-11-04/wildfires-immigrants-housekeepers?fbclid=IwAR0oZbrYtZK-QA4R2vbGVYnBhHZW_9N5Xx5llAhd-WeEtMMkX3c2x2XGUNY

Wendy Morgan is leading our LO Holiday Project this year, supporting Casa Serena which is a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program for women. Watch for how you can help!

Next LO Social Justice Ministry Meeting, November 20, 4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome in the Cottage!

Community Activities

- **November 14: SB Progressive Coalition**, “A Discussion on Contemporary Fascism w/Michael Powelson, CSUCI Professor of History & Raul Moreno-Campos, CSUCI Professor of Political Science, 6-7:30 pm, 2707 State St.
- **November 18: “Unpacking Your Privilege, White or Other”** Donald Proby, UCSB MultiCultural Center Lounge, 4-5 pm
- **November 18: “Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome,”** Dr. Joy DeGruy, UCSB MultiCultural Center, 6 pm
- **November 20: League of Women Voters sponsor Countdown to 100:** Women Leaders Talk Across Generations, Falkner Gallery, 12-2 pm
- **November 26: SB Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**, First United Methodist Church, 7-8 pm, 305 E. Anapamu.
- **February 12-14: Pacific Western Regional Assembly**, San Diego, CA

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Supporting our Members

Marie Arnold invites you to the La Cumbre Center for Creative Arts Grand Opening.

Tuesday November 12, 5pm-8pm
La Cumbre Plaza 110 S. Hope Ave Santa Barbara

The opening of La Cumbre Center for the Creative Arts will be unlike any other. In addition to great paintings and sculpture. a number of other arts will be well integrated into the evening. Kym Cochran and John Smith, well known for the projection/performance art installation in the State Street/101 underpass this past summer as part of "Experiment Weekend," will perform a whole new projection event. The buildings and trees of the courtyard by the galleries will be lit with images and atmospheres and moving themes creating an evening ambience to boost the creative spirit.

Priscilla Marchus invites you to the Santa Barbara Treble Clef Chorus winter concert on Sat., Dec. 14, 3 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. In addition to the whole chorus, Priscilla's quartet "Girls' Nite Out" will be singing a number, along with other soloists or small groups.

Book Group

Monday, Dec. 2nd, we will be discussing **Educated**, by Tara Westover. "With the acute insight that distinguishes all great writers, Tara Westover has crafted a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an **education** offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes, and the will to change it."

Guests are always welcome. For Information please contact Jeanne Northsinger 805-898-1085 jnorthsinger@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday to friends and members celebrating November birthdays !



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

Consider renting Live Oak for your next event! Call 805-967-7867.