

The Acorn

December 10, 2017

This Week's Meetings and Events

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December Live Oak Event Book!

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Thanks to all of you who participated in this year's Holiday Boutique. It was a great success and we raised \$2200. It truly takes a congregation to make a successful event, and I am really grateful to all of you.

-Marie Arnold



Dear ones,

Our service for this Sunday, Dec. 10 is cancelled due to the extremely unhealthy air projected for Goleta on Sunday.

This decision was made after consulting with multiple people in multiple roles at Live Oak including the Board President and Vice President, and checking in with the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District. We encourage everyone to stay indoors during this time of very unhealthy air and remember to wear your N95 masks if you must go out.

Be well, take care, and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday December 17, at which time we will go forward with our *Twelve Days of Winter* service.

Love,
Rev. Tamara

Sunday December 10
SERVICE CANCELLED

Monday December 11
6:30 P.M. Adama Dance

Tuesday December 12
4:00 P.M. Pastoral Care(C)
6:30 P.M. Worship Ministry
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday December 13
Live Oak Office Closed Early
10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg.
7:00 P.M. The Quiet of Winter: A Contemplative Service (S)

Thursday December 14
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday December 15
10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers (C)

Saturday December 16
No Scheduled Events

Sunday December 17
10:00 A.M. Worship (S)
11:30 A.M. Getting to Know UU (C)
11:30 A.M. Town Hall Mtg.

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

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Upcoming Sermons

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: *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 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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Writing this Thursday Dec 7 with deep regret, we will be **canceling our Holiday Party tomorrow night Friday Dec 8**, of course due to the alarming conditions outside. I sure hope you are all safe and sound and able to stay indoors and off the road today.

Sunday Multi-Generational Service on Dec 10 POSTPONED until Dec. 17

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OWL Grades 4-6

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation is excited to announce that we are offering the comprehensive sexuality education program, Our Whole Lives (OWL), for 4th to 6th graders. This program begins on Jan. 14 and runs approximately two Sundays/month through the beginning of May.

Our Whole Lives equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture.

There will be a **Parent Orientation** meeting held on **Sunday, January 7, 2018** from **noon to 3:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall at Live Oak. Light refreshments will be served and childcare will be provided. (Please RSVP for childcare by Sunday, Dec 31, 2017). All legal parent(s)/guardian(s) **are required** to attend this meeting if you are interested in enrolling your youth in OWL 4-6.

OWL classes will be held **Jan 14 & 28, Feb 11 & 25, Mar 11 & 25, April 8, 15, & 29 and May 6 @ 10:00-11:30 during services.**

**Students are expected to attend every date to complete the course.*

Children's Religious Exploration

This nationally acclaimed 10 session **Our Whole Lives** program will be facilitated by Steven Lovelace and Gloria Liggett. Sign ups begin now, class size WILL be limited. Please enroll your child no later than December 20, 2017. Questions/more information, please contact Steven Lovelace, Live Oak's Director of Religious Exploration at dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org. Thank you!

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." –Helen Keller

Sharing our Joys and Sorrows

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

- * Rev Tamara: Shared that Rev. Bets Wienecke is now on Hospice. Cards are welcome but no visits or phone calls please. Next Sunday, Dec. 10, Live Oak will make a video of greetings to her.
- * Patty Borgman: Expressed sorrow is that her daughter is in the hospital for depression.
- * Carter and Wendy Morgan: Shared that Wendy's Aunt Shirley passed away at age 90. Also shared good news that their niece has a new baby.
- * Subhana Bonner: Expressed her gratitude to Live Oak and sadness in leaving in leaving Goleta, yet she is happy she will be near her son and grandson. She has found out that Carolyn Cheney drives down to Goleta monthly from near Subhana's new home and has been invited to ride with her.
- * Dee Scott: Called one of her sisters who was delighted to hear from her. It made both of them have a Happy Thanksgiving.
- * Kendra Wise: Remembered a missing a friend, Mike Wetzel, who was killed in the San Bernardino shootings on Dec. 2, 2015
- * Al Ronyecz: Shares that Marshall La Combe passed away on October 4 of this year. Marshall and Barbara were members of Live Oak for many years before moving to Oregon to be close to family. Theater was Marshall's passion and he was involved in forming the Live Oak Players theater group. Marshall was a friend to many at USSB as well as Live Oak UUC and will be missed. Cards or notes may be mailed to Barbara La Combe at 10640 S.W. Davies Rd. Unit 22, Beaverton, OR 97008.



Social Justice Ministry

A Holiday reminder: *Prayer for When You Get Confused About How To Be A Human* - Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen, Spiritual Sustenance Advisor to Standing on the Side of Love and UUA Ministry Associate for Youth and Young Adults of Color

This time of year I get confused sometimes. Because I know we need to celebrate and huddle with community by fireplaces and over cocktails and under stars. We need ugly sweaters and the sweets that so and so always makes and a reason to get off the internet and in front of each other's faces. And also ICE doesn't take a holiday break, the jails are full every time of year and all the reasons for celebrating have some history of greed and taking.

Help me to not be a person who regrets not visiting a grandparent or taking the time to call my sibling or writing my neighbor a card. Help me to not be a person who stops singing or gives up on art or gingerbread or latkes or candles or whose loved ones miss me more than they see me.

Let's remember to be humans. Humans with loved ones in prison, humans who need rent money and don't get to go home for the holidays. Humans who go to parties and work other people's parties and forget our phones at home on purpose and bring each other cookies and tea.

I visited someone in detention last week. On the anniversary of the night on the bridge at Standing Rock with the water cannons and the tear gas and rubber bullets. And then I went to work with apples, cranberries and pineapple for the jello salad. In each case, showing up as who I want to be required something from me.

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Thank you, Live Oak, for being such a generous congregation and contributing gifts to the families at CALM and holiday cards to the people who are incarcerated at this holiday season.

Community Activities

January 10, 2018: Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance

January 11: SB Progressive Alliance Meeting, Note new location: Santa Barbara Red Cross, 2707 State Street.

January 20: 2nd Women's March across the nation, watch for information about the Santa Barbara March.



The Republican Tax bill has been passed both houses, but the two versions have not yet been reconciled. There is still time to **call your Senators and tell them** to stop this bill. It throws 13 million people off health care. It benefits the wealthiest people in our country and will increase the deficit by trillions of dollars. This will necessitate cuts to many social care programs in next years' budget. Call Now!!

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Winter Solstice Celebration

Friday, December 22, 2017

6:30 PM at Live Oak

The wheel of the year turns and darkness once again reigns in the fullness of night. Join us as we celebrate and welcome the return of the light. The Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara is joining us for this Yule event.

Please RSVP to Kristin Ingalls, antkap@cox.net.



Supporting Our Members

Melanie Jacobson invites you to the **Quire of Voyces** concert to enjoy seasonal a cappella pieces, including Renaissance masterworks by Victoria and luminous settings of traditional carols. **Saturday, December 16th at 7pm** and **Sunday, December 17th at 3pm** at St. Anthony's Chapel 2300 Garden Street. \$20 General admission. \$15 Students/Seniors. Tickets available at the door and in advance at Garvin Theater Box Office SBCC West Campus (805) 965-5935 or at Chaucer's Books until Dec. 15th 3pm.



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

Dorothy Yakub 12/7, Paula Golus 12/9, Gail Hubbell 12/9, 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