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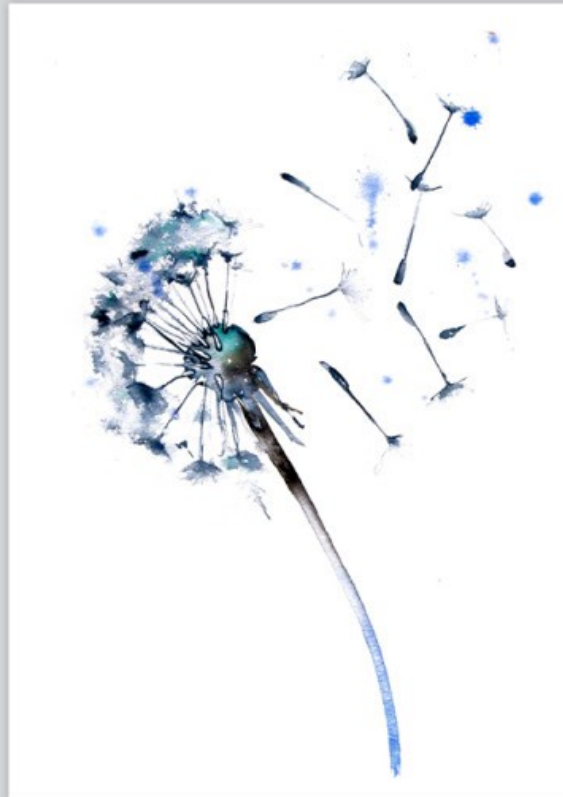
FUUn First Friday Movie

Jan. 5 7:00 P.M.

[MIDNIGHT IN PARIS](#)

This is a 2011 romantic comedy set in Paris. It's about a young man's great love for a city, Paris, and the illusion people have that a life different from theirs would be much better, starring Owen Wilson. Rotten Tomatoes Score 93%

December 31, 2017



Turning of the Year

Live Oak Worship Ministry

In recognition of the New Year, we seek to our lighten our load by setting aside those things we no longer need, and embracing that which we wish to treasure. Join us for a ritual of letting go.

This Week's Meetings and Events

Sunday December 31

10:00 A.M. Worship

Monday January 1

Live Oak Office Closed

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday January 2

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

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

Wednesday January 3

6:00 P.M. Adama Dance

6:30 P.M. Covenant Group

7:00 P.M. Good Relations

Thursday January 4

2:00 P.M. Membership (C)

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday January 5

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

Saturday January 6

No Scheduled Events

Sunday January 7

10:00 A.M. Worship

11:30 A.M. Town Hall

11:30 A.M. OWL Parent Orientation

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

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Upcoming Sermons

January 7: *The Habits of Faith* Kendra Wise

The quiet of midwinter is a traditional time to look forward with intention. Join Live Oak member Kendra Wise as she explores the power of habit and how it can be used to guide and strengthen our spiritual development.

Minister's Discretionary Fund

The Minister's Discretionary Fund at Live Oak is used by the Minister to further the mission and ministries of our congregation. This fund is used to respond confidentially to requests for assistance from Live Oak members and others in the community. At times, funds are used for purposes which contribute to the overall mission of Live Oak.

It is our practice to offer congregants the opportunity to contribute to the Minister's Discretionary Fund during our Christmas Eve offertory. We will provide this opportunity again at our December 24th service but also welcome contributions designated to this account by those unable to be with us at our Christmas Eve service.

Please note that this year part of the offering will be used to directly aid those who have suffered due to the Thomas Fire.

-Thank you for your generosity!!

Children's Religious Exploration

Another year, another holiday.... It's not just "death and taxes" that we can always depend on. We will all talk about this holiday season for a long time I predict. May you all be healthy and wise because of it. This week, I will be off, so join Melanie and Marie in Religious Exploration. The exploration of the week will be "Pressing the Restart", which is perfect for New Year's Eve. RE will explore ideas of intention and renewal with a fun activity.

Two reminders going into 2018:

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 4-6 begins January 14.

Our RE Second Friday Multi-Generational Game Night hosted by Jacob and Gloria, will be Friday January 12, from 6:30-9:00 in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite game and some snacks to share!!

May this New Year herald in renewal for our land and our collective cultural thought process. Both seem to be in need of inspiration and rebirth.

Join Rev. Tamara at Regional Assembly in Portland in 2018!!

The four districts of the UUA's Pacific Western Region will gather April 27-29 in Portland, OR for the 2018 Regional Assembly. Speakers include civil rights activist, the Rev. Dr. William Barber; Washington Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, advocate for women's, immigrant, civil, and human rights; and the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, newly elected UUA president. Programming includes workshops, worship, district meetings, and an optional social justice activity.

Discount lodging is available at the Portland DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, site of the Regional Assembly. Childcare and youth programming will be available. Registration will open by January 4. Watch the PWR website (www.uua.org/pwr) for full details to be posted soon.

Social Justice News

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.

Contemporary Israeli Dance Class for Beginners

Dancing alongside others in a circle to the rhythm of inspiring and exhilarating music has been a significant part of Jewish culture for centuries. Whether the dances originated early in the history of Israel's statehood or are from the extensive Israeli contemporary dance repertoire, the benefits of dancing with others in a circle are health enhancing, socially enriching, and spiritually uplifting.

Members of Live Oak Congregation are invited to participate in a free 4-session Contemporary Israeli Dance Class led by Arlene Raphael, who has danced for 37 years during which time she has taught Israeli dances to children and adults.

Details about the dance sessions are as follows:

Dates: 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, and 2/14

Time: 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

Place: Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

(During the first 15 minutes, Arlene will be pushing chairs to the side to create a space for the dance floor and invites you to assist if you are able.)

**Live Oak Unitarian
Universalist
Congregation**

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

Craig Garvin 12/31, Frank Thompson
12/31, Gil Green 1/4,
Pat Johnson 1/6 , Linda Hill 1/7
Colleen Poulsen 1/9, David Echols
1/11, Jean Olsen 1/14, Jane George
1/22, Priscilla Marchus 1/22, John
Douglas 1/22, Lura Pearson 1/23,
Sally Klinkon 1/29
Lisl Auf der Heide 1/30,
Donald Martin 1/31

Contemporary Israeli Dance Cont.

RSVP to Clacey Kahn by January 5, 2018. A minimum of 5 dancers will be needed to hold the class.

Susan North Gilboa, an Israeli Folk Dance Teacher certified by the Israeli Ministry of Education/Arts, has been bringing her love of dance to children and adults for the past 36 years. Through dance and movement she teaches our culture, traditions, holidays, liturgy and the history of Israel to dancers of all ages and skill levels.

Come dance with Susan and a wonderful group of dancers on Monday evenings, beginning in October, and learn not just steps of Israeli dance, but reasons behind the movements and the feelings expressed by them.

PFLAG

(parents, families, friends and allies united with LGBT people) Santa Barbara Chapter

Next Meeting: Monday, January 8, 7:00pm – Family Support Essential for LGBTQ Well Being: Original AND Chosen

Family acceptance is essential for the health and well of the LGBTQ person as they struggle with the coming out process and establishing their authentic identity. The consequences of rejection are well documented and correlated directly with increased physical and mental difficulties: low self-esteem, depression, suicide, poor achievement and all forms of addiction. Our panel will share personal stories of hope and transformation and help us understand what is helpful and what isn't. There will be time for discussion and support.

Meeting Location: First United Methodist 305 E Anapamu St. at Garden – Enter parking off of Garden St behind church.

Help Wanted

Elderly member of our congregation seeks housemate (offering large room and private bathroom) beginning in early January. Contact (805) 683-1775.