

# The Acorn

February 12, 2017

## This Week's Meetings and Events

**Sunday February 12**  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
Free Valentine's Day Luncheon!  
12:00 P.M. Our Whole Lives (C)

**Monday February 13**  
No Scheduled Events

**Tuesday February 14**  
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

**Wednesday February 15**  
7:00 P.M. Men's Connection  
7:15 P.M. Good Relations

**Thursday February 16**  
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

**Friday February 18**  
10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers (C)

**Saturday February 18**  
No Scheduled Events

**Sunday February 19**  
**No Owl Today**  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Getting to Know UU (C)

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

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

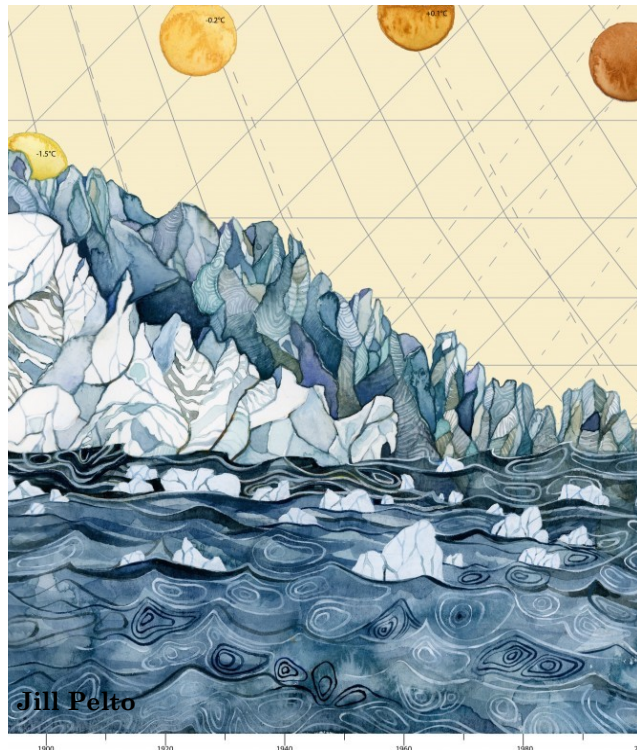
**Miss a Sermon?  
No problem!**  
Check out past sermons by clicking on the link.

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

## January Half Basket Report

**01/08/2017**  
Transition House  
\$409

**01/22/2017**  
Just Communities  
\$331



## *Big Picture Apocaloptimism for Challenging Times*

**Rev. Michael Dowd  
with guest Michael Foster**

Collectively, we are stealing ravenously from the future. How did this dysfunctional relationship to posterity come about and what, if anything, can inspire us to Active Hope in the face of climate chaos and other global-scale challenges?

Rev. Dowd's pro-science prophetic message is grounded in "evidence as authority and ecology as theology."

## Upcoming Sermons

### February 19: *Queen of Heaven* Lora Barnett

Did you know that God had a wife? Known by many names throughout ancient Mesopotamia, Her name was Asherah amongst the ancestors of the Jewish people and she was honored with cake by her devotees. Sadly, she was edited out of the Bible by later generations and thus only echoes remain. Join our ministerial student intern Lora Barnett as she explores the whispers of this ancient and beloved goddess in a text we often assume has only one God.

### February 26: *A Lenten Walk* Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Join Rev. Tamara as she explores the practice of Lent and what it might mean in our lives to observe a time of examination, reflection, and ultimately, hope.

## Children's Exploration



This week in RE, we turn our attention to the nature of the force in our Star Wars curricula. A yellow lightsaber and the yellow band on our UU principles rainbow teach us that when we learn about ourselves and one another we can grow our capacity to accept and care for each other even as we are different. The youth will be invited to explore and play with their personal energy field through breathing and mediation (learning about themselves) as well as try taking a trust walk and a trust fall (learning to trust and accept help from others- with the aide of pillows, of course!)

OWL (Our Whole Lives) will meet in the cottage from 12-3pm again this Sunday. We will be exploring the topics of gender expression and sexual orientation this week through discussion, video and interactive games. If you have questions about the OWL program, please contact Lora Barnett at [lora.barnett@gmail.com](mailto:lora.barnett@gmail.com)

## Social Justice News



**Heart to Heart: Talking about Race.** Live Oakers are seeking to learn more about ourselves and the racial issues that divide our culture. **On Wednesday February 22 7-9pm** the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist community is invited to meet two long-time Santa Barbara educators and activists who will help us explore race in our culture.



Sojourner Kincaid Rolle, JD, is a poet, cultural activist and an experienced trainer/practitioner in conflict resolution who deeply believes in “world peace through human understanding.”

Cheri Gurse, PhD in Human Development, is an educator and consultant with a focus on deepening understanding of personal development and interpersonal connections in the context of differences and social justice.

Please join us and help our congregation understand the many aspects of this complex conversation.

## Social Justice News

### Indivisibleguide.com Helping to Support our Unitarian Universalist Values By Resisting Actions of Donald Trump

To help us here at Live Oak UU Congregation in supporting our values, we may need to resist some of Donald Trump's actions and agenda. On Friday evening the group Indivisible SB held a meeting at Santa Barbara Unitarian Society. They trained us in using effective techniques to let our Congress persons and Senators know what programs we support. It was based upon the document *[Indivisible: A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda](#)* which was written by former Congressional staffers. You can download a copy of this online. We had several Live Oakers there: Holly Cook, Melanie Jacobson, Mary Johnson, and Jan Ross among others. Rev. Tamara also spent part of her week networking with other UU ministers around a constructive and unified response to Trump's agenda and urges each Live Oaker to set aside time each week to consult the *Indivisible Action Calendar*, contact your representatives, and show up as you are able for the various actions and rallies. Here are suggestions from that meeting that may help you support your values:

- Always work with your local members of Congress.
- The number of calls received help members of Congress (MoC) decide on their actions.
- Visits to local office of MoC are the best way to advocate
  - Calls to their offices are second best
  - Emails and postcards are third best
- Put your phone on speed dial to get through to MoC at busy times and keep pushing that button until a person answers (It took me about 20 minutes at a very busy time on Monday Jan30)
- When someone answers, give them your zip code and then your message ie "Please ask Senator Feinstein to vote "yes or no" on \_\_\_ for \_\_\_office".

#### **Calendars to let you know about community events of support or resistance**

Fund for Santa Barbara Community calendar:

[www.fundforsantabarbara.org/events/calendar/](http://www.fundforsantabarbara.org/events/calendar/)

Indivisibleguide.com:

[www.indivisibleguide.com/action-calendar](http://www.indivisibleguide.com/action-calendar)

[www.facebook.com/sbprogressivecoalition/](https://www.facebook.com/sbprogressivecoalition/)

#### **Our Members of Congress**

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Salud Carbajal- Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934, email on his site

## Social Justice News Continued

### Upcoming Social Justice Community Events:

#### February 13 - PFLAG Santa Barbara Chapter Meeting

7:00pm – 8:30pm Fund For Santa Barbara Offices, 26 West Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara. Parents, Families, Friends and Allies united with LGBT People to move equality forward Newcomers always welcome! A Discussion of LGBTQ & Latino Identities The stigma attached to being LGBTQ within the Latino culture can be especially difficult to navigate. In this meeting we will have a panel of people share their stories and discuss what has been helpful for them in this process.

#### February 16 8-10 pm "A Canary in the Coalmine: Muslims in Trump's America"

(UCSB), Corwin Pavillion, 494 UCEN Rd, Isla Vista. Edina Lekovic's is MPAC's Public Affairs Consultant

## An Evening With Doug

Live Oak will be hosting "An Evening with Doug" on Saturday, February 25 at 7:00 P.M.

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
820 N. Fairview Ave. Goleta.

It will be an Interfaith event and we expect to have a full house. This is an opportunity to show off Live Oak and its involvement as a part of the Interfaith Community. Live Oak Members/Friends are requested to wear their Live Oak badges and reach out and welcome those around us who are not Live Oakers.

Liz Zok (see/contact her if you would like to help) will be heading up providing refreshments for the break. We will also be providing parking attendants, greeters and ushers.

Marty Jenkins, Producer

### An Evening With Doug Is Your God too Small? The Collapse of Moral Character



Rev. Dr. Douglas Miller will introduce his new manuscript  
**"Your Jesus Is Too Small: The Collapse of Christian Character"**  
And reflect on his years as a Seminary Ethics Professor, Local Pastor and Interfaith Advocate/Leader for Social Justice

7:00 PM Saturday February 25, 2017  
Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
820 N. Fairview Ave. Goleta, CA  
(Please Carpool)

ATTENDANCE IS FREE—A free-will offering will be taken in support of Doug's Showers of Blessing

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## Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Live Oak is a liberal religious community welcoming all. Our generations join together to nurture spiritual growth and personal transformation, that we may be inspired to transform the world with love, hope, compassion and justice.

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## FUUn Team News

**FREE - SOUPED UP Valentine's Day SOUPER  
SUNDAY on Feb 12!**

**SOUPS! SALADS! DESSERT!**

Showering our Live Oak members and friends with love in the form of home cooked goodness, the FUUn Team has a little Valentine's gift up our sleeves for you. Lunch is on us on Feb 12, as we host SOUPED UP SUPER SUNDAY - Two Soups AND a Salad Bar for your dining pleasure. Green salad, Pasta Salad, Lentil Salad and more.

Mark your calendars to attend the auction from 4-8 pm on Saturday Feb 11 AND to be sure to stay for lunch on Sunday, Feb. 12. We invite you to join us and share the love on this day, and may we suggest sitting with someone you don't know very well, so that you can go home with a new friend or two? Donation jar will be out for those who feel inclined to help cover the costs of lunch, but participation is not expected.

Your FUUn Team,  
Diane Green, Teka Penteriche, Sylvia Sullivan and  
Liz Zok



**SENIOR TEA on Saturday, March 4**  
from 3-5 p.m. in the Fellowship  
Hall. Mark your calendars now, details  
coming soon

### Happy Birthday to the following friends and members celebrating Birthdays in February!

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).

Bea Hamlin 2/1, Jim Ross 2/4, David Hodgdon 2/5

Téka Penteriche 2/6, Steven Crandell 2/15

Aileen Chambers 2/20, Bob Newcomb 2/22

Marie Arnold 2/27

