

# The Acorn

February 15, 2019

## This Week's Events and Meetings

### Miss a Sermon?

You can request previous sermons from the Live Oak Office!

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### Save the Date!

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
Spokane,  
Washington

June 19-23, 2019

More info coming soon!



Artist: James R Eads

### **All Will Be Well**

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

These words, included in first book in the English language known to have been written by a woman, come from Julian of Norwich, a 14th century mystic and theologian. Today we explore the theme of trust and how it may enrich our life.

#### **Sunday February 17**

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

#### **Monday February 18**

No Scheduled Events

#### **Tuesday February 19**

3:30 P.M. Committee on Ministry (C)  
6:00 P.M. Board Mtg.(FH)  
7:00 P.M. Sangha

#### **Wednesday February 20**

9:00 A.M. Coordinating Team Mtg.  
10:30 A.M. Staff Mtg.  
6:00 P.M. Adama (S)  
6:30 P.M. Council of Chairs  
7:00 P.M. Men's Connection (C)

#### **Thursday February 21**

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

#### **Friday February 22**

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

#### **Saturday February 23**

No Scheduled Events

#### **Sunday February 24**

10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Town Hall (S)

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

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## Upcoming Sermons

February 24: *Stronger Together* Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Join in the fun today as we kick off our 2019 stewardship season with the theme of *Stronger Together*! Pledge packets are available for pick up after service.

## Children's Religious Exploration

What a beautiful Intergenerational Service last week and YUM on the soup as provided by our youth, with special thanks to Jim and Melanie for making it all happen.

**3RD-7TH GRADE:** This week we continue our theme of Trust with Christina and Cecilia. This week we explore the nature of the promise... or as we know it.. "Covenant", which is a powerful word. We will look at how to build trust through covenant and how we learn to trust each other and make ourselves trustworthy.

### TEEN/COMING OF AGE

Coming of Age has a heady and big topic this week to chew on.... G-O-D. To believe or not to believe, or just not really know...THAT is the question... and it's the work of lifetimes. It is also the fourth out of six mentor meetings this week.

**CHALICE LIGHTING:** Remember, we are pre-arranging our chalice lighting so we can list our "lighters" in the Order of Service.

**TAKE CHALICE HOME:** Consider signing up your family to take the Travelling Chalice home with you for a week. There is a sign up sheet circulating on Sunday. I did it a couple of weeks ago, and it was a beautiful way to tap into our congregation's sweet energy.

### RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION CALENDAR

- **February 17:** Coming of Age Fourth mentor meeting after service
- **March 3:** Coming of Age Fieldtrip to Museum of the Holocaust
- **March 8:** Game Night with Mo & Paul-6:30 Fellowship Hall. Snacks are welcome!
- **March 24:** Coming of Age with Tai Chi Master Rich Dovgin
- **April 7&14:** Food Drive - Membership and RE to distribute/collect in the neighborhoods around Live Oak.

### THINK ABOUT IT

"I'm not upset that you lied to me, I'm upset that from now on I can't believe you."  
 "Distrust all in whom the impulse to punish is powerful." -Friedrich Nietzsche

## Half Basket

This Sunday we are donating our Half-Basket to Showers of Blessing shower truck. Showers of Blessing provides hot showers and love to people experiencing homelessness. They bring the shower trailer to seven established sites in the greater Santa Barbara area every week and provide clean towels and clean clothes for participants. They provide many volunteers the opportunity to get to know and help people without homes. Thank you for giving generously.

To Find Out More: <https://showersofblessingiv.org/>

## Joys & Sorrows

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

- Lisbeth Caccese: Her brother, Sam, had surgery on 2/7 and is experiencing complications. She and her family would appreciate healing thoughts.
- Kristin Otte: ALL at Live Oak: Wednesday night I participated in the final *Lessons of Loss* class with Reverend Tamara, Friday I enjoyed Game Night with multigenerational players and Saturday night heard one of my favorite local groups, the Cache Valley Drifters, at the concert to benefit Doctors without Walls. I feel gratitude for the rich, diverse experiences at Live Oak.



## Getting to Know UU

**Attention Newcomers:** After the service on February 17 (and every 3rd Sun.), from 11:30-12:00 in the Cottage next to the patio, the Membership Ministry will be holding a brief orientation and information session called "Getting to Know UU". This time will help answer some of your questions about Unitarian Universalism, other programs Live Oak has to offer and connect you with a few others. Please come so we can start getting to know you! Let us know if childcare will be needed ([administrator@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto:administrator@liveoakgoleta.org)). We also invite you to get a "welcome bag", nametag, and have questions answered by the Welcome Table Host, and fill out an information card so we can contact you with future newcomer events and our weekly Acorn announcements.

## Stewardship News

**PLEASE BRING YOUR CALENDARS** this Sunday February 17 and on February 24 when Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki will join the Stewardship Team to kick off our Stewardship season.

This year's Stewardship Campaign will be a series of small group gatherings in members' homes for dinners, lunches, brunches, desserts, and teas during March. We are so appreciative of the hosts and stewards for making these events happen.

After services you will have the opportunity to choose and sign up for a Stewardship event that meets your schedule. Please look for our table and join one of our Stewards and Hosts to participate in a time of sharing, fun, food, and pledging your support to Live Oak. If you cannot sign up in person, please note the times and events listed here and call Wendy Morgan ([805-683-5303](tel:805-683-5303)) who will help you find an event that works for you.

**BRING YOUR CALENDARS** Sunday and sign up soon to get the spot you want!

Pledge packets will be given out Feb. 24 and again March 3. Be sure to look for yours so we can save on postage.

In gratitude,

Your Stewardship Team

Jim Pearson, Jim Wells, Wendy and Carter Morgan, Roberta Weissglass, Jennifer Lamberts, Holly Cook and Carrie Topliffe

- **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** : Lox and bagel lunch at Ron and Wilma's, Santa Barbara, noon - 2:00 PM
- **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**: Vegetarian lasagna dinner at Jane Gray's, Santa Barbara, 6:00-8:00 PM
- **Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**: Afternoon tea at Kristin Ingalls', Santa Barbara 2-4 PM
- **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**: Thai vegetarian and meat meal at Jim Wells', Santa Barbara, 6:30PM
- **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**: Brunch at Melanie and Jim's, Goleta 10-noon
- **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**: Lunch at Roberta's, Santa Barbara, 12-2 PM
- **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**: Dinner at Teka and Paris's, Goleta 6:00 PM
- **Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**: Tapas and dessert at Sylvia Sullivan's, Goleta 6:30 PM
- **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**: Seafood paella and dessert at Susan Braden's, Goleta 6:00 PM



## PROUD Prom 2019

**CALLING LIVE OAK BAKERS!**  
**Saturday, Feb. 23!**

Live Oak UU Congregation has a proud history with PROUD Prom, an important, welcoming, safe celebratory event for 12-17 year old LGBTQ youth. By partnering with Pacific Pride Foundation and hosting Prom in 2015, 2016 and 2017, our congregation was instrumental in growing attendance from 30 to 84 attendees. Last year Decker Corporation provided their large venue and a very generous donation to enable 200 youth from 3 counties to attend!

Many of you have volunteered in many capacities to help with prom over the years. Thank you! This year we will be providing home baked cookies, brownies and Rice Krispie treats for Prom. LOTS of them! If you would like to help, please contact Liz at 805-964-5410 or [elazok@gmail.com](mailto:elazok@gmail.com). Thank you!!

If you would like to volunteer in any other capacity, please check out this link:  
[tinyurl.com/PROUDAdult](http://tinyurl.com/PROUDAdult)



## Publicity Team Forming

The Membership Ministry has been discussing how to best get the word out about events and other activities at Live Oak. Toward that end, we have compiled a spreadsheet of media contacts and specific instructions to guide LO members who are planning events. In addition, Maureen Maliszewski has volunteered to be the publicity point person, who will be available to help members with planning publicity. She would welcome one or two volunteers to help and form a publicity team.

If interested you can contact Maureen at  
[maliszewskimaureen@yahoo.com](mailto:maliszewskimaureen@yahoo.com)

## Adult Programs Schedule

- **March 13:** Looking at Privilege Together. Discussion led by Jan Ross
- **April 10: Food Choices, Vegan Lifestyle;** discussion led by Reverend Tamara (topic of April 7 sermon)
- **May 8: Prison Outreach** Affirming Prisoners' Inherent Worth and Dignity, discussion led by Holly Cook.

**Programs are held in the Sanctuary on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**

If you have questions, comments or would like to present a topic, please contact Sylvia Sullivan at [sylvia805@cox.net](mailto:sylvia805@cox.net) (805) 451-3195

**The fire pit is placed and ready for your meeting, gathering or event!**



Please contact [Clacey](#) to reserve the space.



## Social Justice News



**“Looking at Privilege Together”** Live Oak Adult Program, March 13, 7-9 pm in the sanctuary.

- **February 27: LO Social Justice Ministry Meeting**, Everyone is welcome in the Cottage! 4:30 p.m.

### Community Activities

- **February 20: LWV February Community Forum: “Santa Barbara's Foster Youth: Are We Providing What They Need to Succeed?”** 12-2 pm at Faulkner Gallery on SB Library.
- **February 21: SB Progressive Coalition**, 6-7:30 pm, 2707 State St, speaker: Tom Parker Former FBI Prosecutor & Criminal Justice Reformer.
- **February 21: Panel at UCSB, “Confronting Institutional and Systemic Racism”** with Chandan Reddy, PhD, University of Washington, and Stephen Dillon, PhD, Hampshire College. 6 pm at MultiCultural Center.

### Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action

Please help stop the destruction of the Arctic National Wildlife refuge. Donald Trump and his administration are rushing a process to sell off land in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to the highest bidder and allow oil drilling in one of the last remaining wildernesses in the United States. Recent scientific research concludes that Arctic oil and gas reserves must remain in the ground to avoid dangerous levels of global warming. We now have a window through March 13th to make our opposition to their reckless plan known -- will you join us?

[Demand the Trump regime cease this power grab and halt any discussion of drilling the refuge.](#)

### Our Members of Congress

- Dianne Feinstein - LA office 310-914-7300, Washington office 202-224-3841 [senator@feinstein.senate.gov](mailto:senator@feinstein.senate.gov).
- Kamala Harris - Sacramento 916-448-2787, Washington 202-224-3553 [senator@harris.senate.gov](mailto:senator@harris.senate.gov).
- Salud Carbajal - Congressman-24<sup>th</sup> district, Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934, Contact through his site

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## Afternoon Book Group



Monday, March 4th, 2PM in the cottage at Live Oak, we will discuss *Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear* by Elizabeth Gilbert

Balancing between soulful spirituality and cheerful pragmatism, Gilbert encourages us to uncover the "strange jewels" that are hidden within each of us and infuse our everyday lives with more mindfulness and passion. Guests are welcome.

For Information please contact Jeanne Northsinger  
805-898-1085 [jnorthsinger@gmail.com](mailto:jnorthsinger@gmail.com).

## Supporting our Members

**"Vanishing Points"** Live Oak Member Stephanie Jamgochian will has a solo art exhibit called "Vanishing Points" February 2-February 28, 2019 at the Faulkner Gallery East, 40 East Anapamu St, Santa Barbara. "Vanishing Points" will feature urban landscape paintings of Santa Barbara and areas throughout the American west. There will be a "First Thursday" Reception on Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Barbara Hodgdon** will be giving a program for the Channel City Camera Club on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Farrand Hall at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. She will be talking about and demonstrating the photography technique called **Sculpting with Light** which she has been exploring for the last 5 years.

## Happy Birthday to friends and members celebrating upcoming birthdays !



Nolan Noddings 2/18, Aileen Chambers 2/20, Marie Arnold 2/27

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