

# The Acorn

February 19, 2017

## This Week's Meetings and Events

**Sunday February 19**  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Getting to Know UU (C)

**Monday February 20**  
No Scheduled Events

**Tuesday February 21**  
4:00 P.M. Facility Mtg. (C)  
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

**Wednesday February 22**  
1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting  
5:00 P.M. Social Justice (C)  
7:00 P.M. Heart to Heart(S)

**Thursday February 23**  
9:00 A.M. Thursday Covenant Group (C)  
2:30 P.M. Committee on Ministry (C)  
7:00 P.M. Eve Book Group  
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

**Friday February 24**  
10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers (C)

**Saturday February 25**  
Worship Team Retreat  
7:00 P.M. An Evening with Doug (S)

**Sunday February 26**  
**Administrator on Site**  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
<http://liveoakgoleta.org/events-calendar/>

S=Sanctuary, FH=Fellowship Hall;

Miss a Sermon?  
No problem!

Check out past sermons by clicking on the link.

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

**Heart to Heart: Talking about Race**

**February 22  
7-9 P.M.**

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.



David Hostetler

## *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.

## Getting to Know UU

**Attention Newcomers:** After the service today, February 19 (and every 3rd Sun.), from 11:30-12:00 in the Cottage (next to the patio), the Membership Ministry will be holding a brief 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 Priscilla Marchus know if childcare will be needed, ([pmarchus1@cox.net](mailto:pmarchus1@cox.net) or phone 805-967-4009). 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.

## Upcoming Sermons

**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 the youth continue to explore the colors of lightsabers in relationship with our UU principles. This week we will be exploring our UU principle of a free and responsible search for truth and meaning via green lightsabers. Green is the color at the center of the rainbow and calls us to remember that we are to live in integrity with ourselves as we seek to make meaning of our own life and the world we share with all others. Our RE hosts are Melanie Jacobsen and Jim Pearson.

OWL (Our Whole Lives) is not meeting this weekend but will resume next Sunday with a speaker panel hosted by the Pacific Pride Foundation.

## 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

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this complex conversation.

### **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**

Dianne Feinstein- LA office 310-914-7300, Washington office 202-224-3841  
[senator@feinstein.senate.gov](mailto:senator@feinstein.senate.gov).

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Kamala Harris- Sacramento 916-448-2787, Washington 202-224-3553  
[senator@harris.senate.gov](mailto:senator@harris.senate.gov).

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

### Upcoming Social Justice Community Events

**February 18, 11am – 1pm United We Stand** De La Guerra Plaza. Please join the Santa Barbara community on President's Day Weekend to express yourself and make your voice heard! Whether it's for immigrants rights, voting rights, women's rights, LGBTQ rights, the protection of wildlife, or can't pick just 1 issue, protest all of Trump's dangerous policies, maybe celebrate a former President, whatever the peaceful cause/issue, you are welcome.

**February 18, 1:30pm – 3:30pm SB Progressive Coalition** LA CASA DE LA RAZA, 601 E Montecito St, SB

### **Santa Barbara – February 21, 2017**

**What:** "#Stand with PP" Rally with Congressman Salud Carbajal

**When:** Tuesday, 2/21 @ 4pm

**Where:** Sunken Gardens (SB Courthouse), 1100 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara 93101

### **WEAR YOUR PINK ON FEB. 21!**

Come out and thank Congressman Carbajal for being a champion for reproductive health care and rights, and make sure he knows you stand with Planned Parenthood!

Planned Parenthood is FIGHTING BACK in February. As you may know, Congressional recess will be February 18 - 26. This is the single most important recess in Planned Parenthood's history -- we have to show up strong and make sure members of Congress hear from us and our supporters. This will likely be the last time they are home before Congress votes on legislation to defund and shut down Planned Parenthood health centers.

Bring your friends, bring your signs\*, bring your pink! \*No signs on sticks permitted at the Government Center.

Visit [www.istandwithpp.org](http://www.istandwithpp.org) to learn more ways you can take action!

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/398898447134156/>

## An Evening With Doug

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

### Requests of Live Oakers

- Please arrive at 6:45 PM
- John Douglas Mini Concert
- Park Starting Far Side of Fairview
- Wear Live Oak Name Badges – We are all Hosts
- Follow Ushers Guidance – Front Rows first – move into middle of rows first

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

## FUUn Team News



**Senior Tea**

You are invited to a Senior Tea on Saturday March 4th  
3:00 to 5:00 PM at Live Oak's Fellowship Hall  
Scones, tarts, cookies, tea sandwiches, strawberries...

RSVP by March 1st  
Téka (805) 968-8887 or Diane Green: (805) 845-4988

Let us know if you'll need transportation  
Hats & gloves optional!

## 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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## Big Picture Inspiration for Chaotic Times

FREE Program: “**Faithful to the Future: Big Picture Inspiration for Chaotic Times**”, with [Rev. Michael Dowd](#): **Wed., March 8th, 7pm - 8:30pm, Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**, 820 N Fairview Ave, Goleta, CA 93117 / <http://liveoakgoleta.org>

**A 5-page (2,500 word) essay that expresses the heart of Rev. Dowd’s pro-science, pro-future prophetic message can be found here:**

<http://thegreatstory.org/dowd-2016-oneing-essay.pdf>

Child care will be provided.

This program, geared for adults and teens, builds on Rev. Dowd’s [two TEDx talks](#) and material in his bridge-building book, *Thank God for Evolution: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World*, which was endorsed by [6 Nobel Prize-winning scientists](#) and by religious leaders across the spectrum.

We each have experienced times of trouble that threaten to overwhelm our individual lives. In such times, a vision of possibility is essential. The same holds for the punctuations in history when whole societies face troubles of an immense and uncharted variety. Truly, we here and now have arrived at such a time. Humans, unwittingly, have become a planetary force. We are changing, irreversibly, the very climate of our world. Henceforth, any actions we take as individuals and societies will be done in the new light of climate change. What vision will carry us forward through such times and inspire us to work together? How shall we frame the need to shed our business-as-usual outlook on life and take on a new vision of possibility that can unite us as a species in joyful self-sacrifice and service? What vision will charge us with a sense of heroic purpose that the future is, indeed, calling us to greatness?

FURTHER INFO: Science and religion are not enemies; indeed, they must work together if humanity is to survive the 21st century. Given our impact on Earth’s climate, the seas, and other species, humanity is about to experience what could be called *The Great Reckoning*. The good news is that this will also be *The Great Homecoming*: the prodigal species coming home to Reality. This presentation will focus on 6 points of agreement held in common by tens of millions of religious and non-religious people across the globe — and how to stay deeply inspired in the face of changing climate and other large-scale challenges.

**Rev. Michael Dowd** is bestselling eco-theologian and pro-science prophetic voice whose [work has been featured](#) in *The New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Discover*, and on television nationally. Michael and his science writer / evolutionary educator wife, [Connie Barlow](#), have spoken to more than 2,000 groups throughout North America since 2002,

including some 500 UU churches. Their work has been featured on the cover of the UU WORLD twice, in [1997](#) and again in [2006](#).

Michael has delivered [two TEDx talks](#) and a program at the United Nations. He has also conducted an acclaimed online conversation series: “[The Future Is Calling Us to Greatness](#).” **Dowd’s great joy is sharing a science-based message of inspiration about our sacred responsibility to future generations.**

## 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.

## Contact Us

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## Supporting Our Members

**Aletha Solter** will lead a 4-hour workshop for parents in Santa Barbara on Saturday, February 25, sponsored by the Center for Lifelong Learning. The topic is "Discipline without punishment or rewards." Click here for more information:

<http://www.awareparenting.com/disciplineworkshop.pdf>

**Mary Ince** is exhibiting some of her work in two different venues. The Distinctive Art Gallery at 1331 State Street in the same block as the Arlington Theater. And, at the Channing Peake Gallery in the County Building, 105 E. Anapamu St., 1st Floor, SB (corner of Anapamu and Anacapa). Both will continue until the end of the month.



## Live Oak Auction News

Thanks to all of you we made over \$12k the night of the auction. If you did not have a chance to sign up for some of the fantastic events that will take place during the year, you will have the opportunity to do so this coming Sunday February 19th after service. Marie Arnold will have the bidding sheets for events still available. Don't miss out.

### 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

