

# The Acorn

February 25, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

Miss a Sermon?

Check out past sermons by clicking on the link.

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

Live Oak Event Book!

Reserve your spots now!



<http://liveoakgoleta.org/our-community/live-oak-event-book/>

**New Office Hours**

Monday: 9-2

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 9-2

Thursday: 9-2

Friday: 9-2



*Tire Swing With A View* by Kevin Felts

**Live Oak-Your Spiritual Fitness Club**

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Join us this morning for some fun and frivolity as the Stewardship Team and Rev. Tamara kick off our Stewardship season.

**Sunday February 25**

**Admin on Site**

10:00 A.M. Worship

10:00 A.M. OWL

11:30 A.M. Town Hall (S)

**Monday February 26**

**Live Oak Office Closed**

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

**Tuesday February 27**

4:00 P.M. Facility Mtg. (C)

6:00 P.M. Board Mtg. (FH)

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

**Wednesday February 28**

9:00 A.M. Staff Mtg.

6:00 P.M. Adama (S)

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

**Thursday March 1**

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

**Friday March 2**

10:30 A.M. Hookers &

Needlers (C)

**Saturday March 3**

No Scheduled Events

**Sunday March 4**

10:00 A.M. Worship

11:30 A.M. Town Hall (S)

S=Sanctuary; FH=Fellowship

Hall, C=Cottage

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

## Upcoming Sermons

### **March 4: On Humility**

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

What do you think of when you hear someone described as “humble?” To some this quality may suggest a weakness of character, while others may see it as a strength. Join us this morning we explore what nurturing humility might mean in our lives.

### **March 11: *Divided We Fall: Race, Economics and Faith***

Evan Junker

Today Live Oak welcomes Evan Junker, Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California. Evan will be reflecting on our role as UUs in working for justice at the intersection of race and economics.

### **March 18: *Savoring Life as a Conscious Practice***

Jeanne Northsinger

Live Oak member Jeanne Northsinger, a student and practitioner of earth-centered practices, will guide us in an exploration and celebration of our capacity to experience our aliveness.

## Children's Religious Exploration

### **This Week in RE:**

Teens: Working deeper

PreTeens: OWL-This week: Puberty

Littles: On the Veranda with Grace

### **OWL THIS WEEK**

Parents, make sure the kids have read through their homework on the HomeLink. There are some topics that might be a bit surprising if not. This week is a big one!! Also hope you got to watch the other video on last week's home link, it's a really good one!

### **GOOD TO KNOW**

Our own Lura Pearson and Rebecca Jamgochian are performing in a student produced music show to benefit the victims of the January 9 mudslides in Montecito. All high schools in town are represented as well as some junior highs. Also HIGH on the talent quotient. Kenny Loggins is a key part of the artistic team and will perform that night as well. Friday March 9 at 7:00 PM at the Marjorie Luke Theatre at SB Junior High.

More info: <https://teenssingforsb.com/our-story/>

### **MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Parents at Live Oak, please have a conversation with your kids regarding the Memorial Garden. A couple of weeks ago, someone or someones clearly had a great time there, and gravel was all over the steps. Several congregants were quite upset. NO children should play in that garden so please have this conversation with them. Thank you so much.

## Children's Religious Exploration Continued

### PARKLAND LETTER WRITING

Parkland HS teacher is asking for hand written letters to welcome the students back to classes in Broward County, FL. This has been confirmed and would love our community to support these students and the remarkable work they are doing for gun legislation.

Keep your eyes open this Sunday after service, there is a letter writing campaign being organized from Live Oak.

"There is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed." -Woodrow Wilson

## Joys and Sorrows

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

- \* Jeri Moulder: Grateful for the Song Tree concert held on 2/17 in support of Direct Relief. It was a big success.
- \* Priscilla Marchus: Sorrow that a former friend of Live Oak, Joanne Austin, passed away recently. She also shared joys for the news that our former UU choir director, Katie Saxon, is pregnant and due in May, and for setting up and hearing the auditions of three excellent UCSB Music Students, to be awarded scholarships from the California Women's Chorus. Gratitude for the very generous help of John Douglas .
- \* Kristine Kelly: Joy for her nephew, Jay, who is recovering from meth addiction, has a new place, and is now employed working with children.
- \* Paul Maliszewski: Shared that he and his wife, Maureen, have been in Santa Barbara for the last year to support their daughter who recently received news that her breast cancer was in remission.
- \* Liz Zok: Asked for support for Subhana Bonner who recently moved to Oregon and was hospitalized due to allergic reactions. (Rev. T update: Subhana is much better now.)
- \* Janet Mocker: Sorrow for her cousin, Larry, who passed away from the flu at the age of 69.
- \* Steven Lovelace: Sorrow for the tragic event that unfolded in Florida on Feb 14.



## This Week's Half Basket



"**Everytown** is a movement of Americans working together to end gun violence and build safer communities. Gun violence touches every town in America. For too long, change has been thwarted by the Washington gun lobby and by leaders who refuse to take common-sense steps that will save lives.

But something is changing. More than 4 million mayors, moms, cops, teachers, survivors, gun owners, and everyday Americans have come together to make their own communities safer. Together, we are fighting for the changes that we know will save lives."  
-From the Everytown Home page

This is the group that was most active at the time of the Isla Vista shooting and continues to work toward gun safety. May we Live Oakers be generous in supporting this project.

**For More information about Everytown:** <https://everytown.org>

## A Message From Rev. Tamara

Recently Live Oak received a very kind note from the Napa Valley Unitarian Universalists congregation which included a check for \$200 for "Fire Relief." You may remember that this congregation suffered themselves in October with the fire up in Napa.

Knowing that we have been affected by the Thomas fire and then the mudflows, they sent the note and donation as an expression of their solidarity with us (as well as four other local congregations.)

In consultation with our Treasurer, Janet Mocker, as well as our Board president, Carter Morgan, we are donating the \$200 to the local volunteer group "Bucket Brigade" which has people (including some Live Oakers!!) working to help our neighbors dig out from the mudflows.

I have written a thank you note to the good people of NVUU thanking them and expressing our appreciation

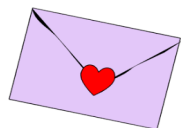
Love,  
Rev. Tamara

## Daytime Book Club



Y'all come! The first meeting of the new daytime book discussion group at Live Oak will meet Monday, March 5th at 2PM in the cottage. Everybody is welcome. For more information contact Jeanne Northsinger.  
805-898-1085 [jnorthsinger@gmail.com](mailto:jnorthsinger@gmail.com).

## Social Justice News



**Letters to the students at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fl.** Please help welcome the students back to school by writing hand-written notes to them. We will have a table with writing materials after service on Sunday.



Join us in building our Live Oak community with a discussion after the March 11 worship service. Evan Junker from the UU Justice Ministry of California will be speaking in our service and he will join us in our discussion of his topic "Race, Class and Economics."

### Community Activities

**February 25: Interfaith Benefit for La Casa de Maria** on Sunday, February, the 25<sup>th</sup> from 2.30-6 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. This event will be moderated by Radhule Weininger and Michael Kearney. There will be speakers such as Steve Jacobsen, Rabbi Arthur Gross-Schaeffer, Imam Niazi, Pravrajika Vrajaprana, and Rabbi Steve Cohen. There will be Taize Chanting by the Beatitudes with Cantor Chris Fahrenbach, Suzanne Dunn, Jeannette Love, Suzanne Malloy, Piano, Lisa DeBoer, Flute, and Anne Anderson, Cello. Concert pianist **Heena Yoon** from UCSB will play Chopin, **Noah Owens** will play guitar, **Juliet Rhode-Brown** will sing for us. There will be poems by **Teddy Macker**. We hope to see you there to celebrate La Casa de Maria Cello.

**March 1: "I am Not Your Negro,"** James Baldwin movie with discussion at Westmont College 7-9 p.m.

**March 8: SB Progressive Coalition** 6-7:30 p.m. at SB Red Cross (2707 State St)

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

Protect the Pacific Ocean! The Trump administration has released the most aggressive off-shore oil plan ever. Now through March 9 \_Comment online on [the draft plan](#). Tell that we have had enough oil spills and to remove the Pacific Ocean from the plan.

- \* 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

## In Memorium

**Vashte Walker Doublex**  
**April 20, 1927- February 5, 2018**

Dear ones,

Vashte's family contacted me to let me know that Vashte, a former member of Live Oak, recently passed away peacefully. We hold her family and friends in our loving embrace.

Love,

Rev. Tamara

Vashte Walker Doublex was born Doris Bertha Holmes on April 20, 1927 in Montreal, Canada. When she was 9 years old her family moved to York England. She survived the World War II bombing of Yorkshire as a teenager, worked as a legal secretary, and married Terry Walker, a Royal Air Force pilot. She home-birthed 4 boys before moving the family to the United States, first to Vermont, then to New Hampshire. After her youngest son died in her arms after an accident, she and her husband adopted 3 young children.

In 1972 Vashte left her marriage and earned a Masters' degree in Women's Studies from State University of NY at Buffalo. She became a fierce advocate for the empowerment of women. In 1976, while living in Provincetown, Massachusetts, her lifelong passion for creating art led her to found Womencrafts, a store which is still in operation today. She moved later to the West coast, first to the San Francisco Bay Area and then to Lavender Hill, a women's commune in rural Mendocino county.

Nearing 60, Vashte became a social worker in Ft Bragg, CA, where she advocated for the rights of elders, and fought for LGBTQ rights through her active membership in OLOC, Old Lesbians for Change. After she retired she moved to Santa Barbara to live with her life partner, Betty Shoemaker, where together they continued their Lesbian activism. They became members of the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Goleta, CA. Betty died in 2002 and in 2009 Vashte moved to Marin county, CA, to live closer to her son Jonathan Walker, her daughter-in-law Jory, and her granddaughter, Phoebe Wren.

She passed away peacefully on Monday February 5, 2018. She was predeceased in death by her son Nick (JoAnne). In addition to Jonathan and his family, she is survived by her sons Max (Mary) and Simon, by her daughters Cindy Arceneaux (Wayne) and Madeline Foley, and by 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.



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## Frank Ostaseski



Hospice of Santa Barbara Community  
Education and Engagement Series  
Presents:

Five Invitations: What the Dying Teach  
the Living, An Evening with Frank  
Ostaseski

Thursday, March 22, 2018 at The  
Marjorie Luke Theatre 7:00—9:00 P.M.

**This event is free and open to the community. All  
attendees must register prior to the event.**

[http://www.hospiceofsantabarbara.org/an-evening-  
with-frank-ostaseski/](http://www.hospiceofsantabarbara.org/an-evening-with-frank-ostaseski/)

## Honeysuckle Possums

**Coming Soon to Live Oak!! The Honeysuckle Possums**



Saturday, March 31 at 7:00PM

The Honeysuckle Possums are a high-energy,  
all-woman band, playing bluegrass, originals, and  
old-time mountain music. Their music has taken them  
all over California and they continue to gain praise for  
their beautiful vocals, carefully crafted harmonies, and  
spirited style.

Questions? [honeysucklepossums@gmail.com](mailto:honeysucklepossums@gmail.com)

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

Marie Arnold 2/27, Michael Wittman 3/4, Hal Hill 3/4, Jim Pearson 3/5,  
Laurette Valentine 3/17, Lars Poulsen 3/22, Mary Ince 3/25, Christy Harter 3/25,  
Ken Johnson 3/27, Sibyl Cabeen 3/28, Paris Psaros 3/29, Kristin Ingalls 3/29,  
Wendy Morgan 3/30

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