

# The Acorn

February 26, 2017

## This Week's Meetings and Events

Miss a Sermon?  
No problem!

Check out past sermons by clicking on the link.

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

## "An Evening with Doug"

This Saturday, February 25 at 7:00 P.M.

820 N. Fairview Ave. Goleta.



Gill Bustamante

## 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.

**Sunday February 26**  
**Administrator on Site**  
12:00 P.M. OWL (C)  
10:00 A.M. Worship

**Monday February 27**  
**Live Oak Office Closed**  
7:00 P.M. Monday Covenant Group (C)

**Tuesday February 28**  
6:00 P.M. Board Meeting  
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

**Wednesday March 1**  
No Scheduled Events

**Thursday March 2**  
2:00 P.M. Membership (C)  
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

**Friday March 3**  
10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers (C)

**Saturday March 4**  
3:00 P.M. FUUn Team  
Senior Tea (FH)

**Sunday March 5**  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Town Hall Meeting (S)  
12:00 P.M. OWL (C)

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

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

## Upcoming Sermons

**March 5: *Shining Brighter: Becoming a Beacon of Hope and Strength in an Uncertain Time*** Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Kicking off our 2017 stewardship season, Rev. Tamara takes stock of our Live Oak community: past, present, and future.

## Children's Exploration



This week in RE we explore the color blue in our ongoing Star Wars- UU principles curricula. The youth will have a chance to explore moral decision making through interactive games as they think critically about what it means to be a force for good in the world.

OWL (Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education) youth this week will be treated to a panel of speakers representing various gender identities and sexual orientations as part of our program. Youth will get a chance to hear stories from our speakers and ask questions. Facilitated by Lora Barnett, Scott Young and Patrick Lyra (Pacific Pride Foundation)

## Social Justice News

### Upcoming Social Justice Community Events

**\*\*Tonight-Friday February 24-7-9 P.M.** The High Cost of Incarceration: Scandanavian Alternatives -Faulkner Gallery. Panel: State Senator Hannah Beth Jackson, Retired Judge George Eskin, Rick Roney and Jay Virbel.

**March 2, 12-1 P.M. RALLY AGAINST DIRTY OIL IN SANTA BARBARA:** Storke Tower lawn, UCSB

**March 6, 5:30 P.M. SB Progressive Coalition** at Casa de la Raza

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

**Support the Healthy California Act (SB 562):** Support Support California's response to the GOP plans to unravel the Affordable Care Act. Join Californians from around the state to support and celebrate the Healthy California Act *\*\*Call both your California State Senator and your State Assembly Member and urge them to cosponsor SB 562.*

\*Call Assembly member Monique Limon at 916-319-2037

\*Call Senator Hannah Beth Jackson at 916-651-4019

**Stop Big Oil from Dangerous Dumping!** The oil industry wants to get rid of their toxic waste in an outrageous way: dumping it into open, unlined pits in the Central Valley. **From these pits, dangerous chemicals in oilfield wastewater, like benzene and heavy**

## Social Justice News Continued

metals, can migrate to groundwater and soil. And they can release methane, a greenhouse gas, into the air.

The Central Valley Water Board is on track to weaken regulations and allow this dumping. But if we flood them with comments, we can stop this assault on our water and air.

[Take action now so Big Oil won't getaway with this dangerous dumping.](#)

For Your Information: 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- Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934 <https://carbajal.house.gov/contact>

## 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!

## Support Our Muslim Friends

Last Sunday night a fire broke out in the complex that houses the Islamic Center Office and Prayer Room on Ward Drive. Thankfully the fire did not start in their part of the building but appears to have been an electrical fire started in another part. It resulted in severe smoke and some water damage to the Islamic Society. We stand in solidarity with our Muslim friends as they find a new temporary facility and build their permanent Mosque over the next year. If you would like to donate in support of our friends please click on [Donate to Recover.](#)

For more information, contact Marty Jenkins



## 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.**

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**Supporting Our Members**

**Pink Pussycat Hats** After participating in a march for Planned Parenthood two weeks ago, I made some pink pussycat hats. If you'd like one, see me either before or right after service on Sunday 2/26. And if you'd like to make a \$5 donation, it will go to Planned Parenthood. Wearing a pink pussycat hat is a symbol of your support for women and for Planned Parenthood. Carolyn Chaney

**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.



**The Westmont-Ridley Tree Museum of Art** will feature an exhibition of work by Los Angeles based artist Andrea Bowers and Tijuana based artist Marcos Ramirez ERRE. Bowers and ERRE communicate their visions for social justice through art and activism. The exhibition will include work from both artists that powerfully address the U.S.-Mexico border, immigration, and activism.

January 26 – March 25, 2017 Admission is free

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

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).

Marie Arnold 2/27, Patricia Borgman 3/3,  
Michael Wittman 3/4, Hal Hill 3/4, Jim Pearson 3/5,  
Laurette Valentine 3/17, Lars Poulsen 3/22,  
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Johnson 3/27, Paris Psaros 3/29, Kristin Ingalls 3/29,  
Wendy Morgan 3/30